

How Agnew Got the

Washington

Spiro Agnew, who now spends quiet days sorting through the records of his turbulent past, received the bad news about his future yesterday morning while working in the government-owned Jackson place townhouse he has occupied since resigning the vice presidency last October 10.

The former vice president, undoubtedly the most famous graduate of the University of Baltimore Law

School, was told of the special three-judge panel's recommendation that he be disbarred by Leon Pierson, a Baltimore attorney.

Pierson is one of two lawyers Agnew hired to represent him in the disbarment proceeding brought last November by the Maryland Bar Association after Agnew pleaded no contest to a single count of income tax evasion and resigned as vice president.

Asked if Agnew seemed

disappointed by the panel's decision, Pierson said: "I frankly didn't sense anything" about the former vice president's reaction.

Pierson said the telephone conversation was "very brief," only long enough for Pierson to tell Agnew of the panel's recommendation and for Agnew to authorize Pierson to appeal the adverse ruling.

A reporter who attempted to interview Agnew at his office was told that "Mr. Ag-

new isn't making any comments" on the decision or his probable disbarment, which will be decided ultimately by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

A glimpse into the Agnew office at 716 Jackson place N.W. was provided by an aide, Susan Sittnick, who said "we have no titles over here as such" but was special assistant for administration when Agnew was vice president.

Mrs. Sittnick said that Ag-

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new's staff of 57 has been reduced to six, that the franking privilege for free mail given the former vice president by Congress after Agnew's resignation has now expired, and that the remaining employees are paid by the government.

"Right now, we're working with hundreds of boxes (of Agnew's vice presidential papers) trying to put them in order," Mrs. Sittnick said.

Many of these papers will

ultimately end up in the National archives — although Mrs. Sittnick said none has been sent there yet and the staff expects to work at Jackson place for another two or three months.

A Secret Service spokesman said yesterday that Agnew still is guarded by a detachment of Secret Service agents and is provided a government car for his personal use.

The spokesmen speculated that the Secret Service prot-

ection will end in another three months — that is, six months after Agnew's resignation.

Because Agnew has refused to grant interviews since leaving office, the former vice president's personal life and feelings about his ordeal are a mystery, his comings and goings unknown except for the few times he has been spotted having dinner in a favorite Baltimore restaurant — Sabatino's — or meeting with

his good friend, entertainer Frank Sinatra.

Also, because he is no longer a public servant on the federal payroll, Agnew has no press secretary to answer questions.

Several of Agnew's friends from the days when he was Baltimore county executive said yesterday that they have seen him, but refused to discuss any aspect of his personal life.

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