

A Nixon Album

As a boy in tiny Yorba Linda, Calif., Richard Nixon listened to the whistles of the locomotives that passed through town once a day and dreamed of faraway places. The dream was typical of American boyhoods, but the determined Nixon made it all come true. His restless ambition lifted him from genteel poverty and propelled him through college and law school on hard-won scholarships. Then it took him to Washington and later, as the most powerful man in the world, to Russia and even the Great Wall of China. Finally, it brought him back to California in disgrace. Richard Nixon played a central role in many of the great events of the postwar era, and probably no public figure aroused stronger feelings among his fellow Americans. On these pages, a Nixon album of the highlights of his remarkable and troubled career.



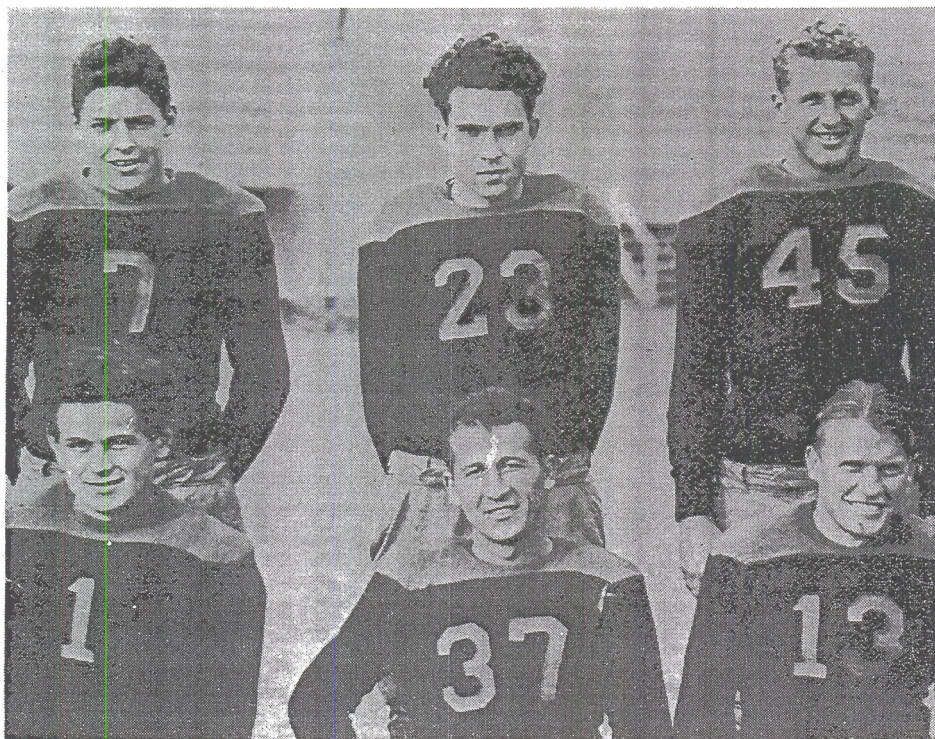
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Upward bound: Richard, 4, perches atop a stepladder



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As a young violinist



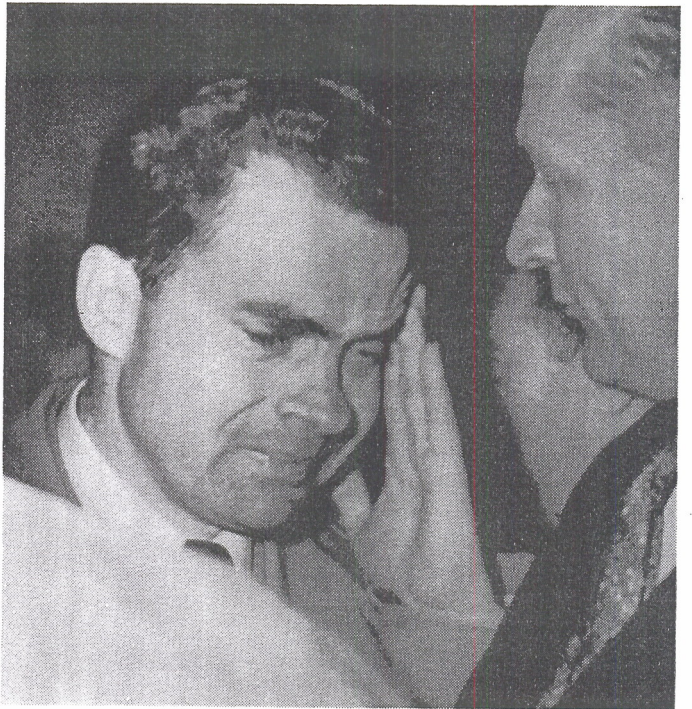
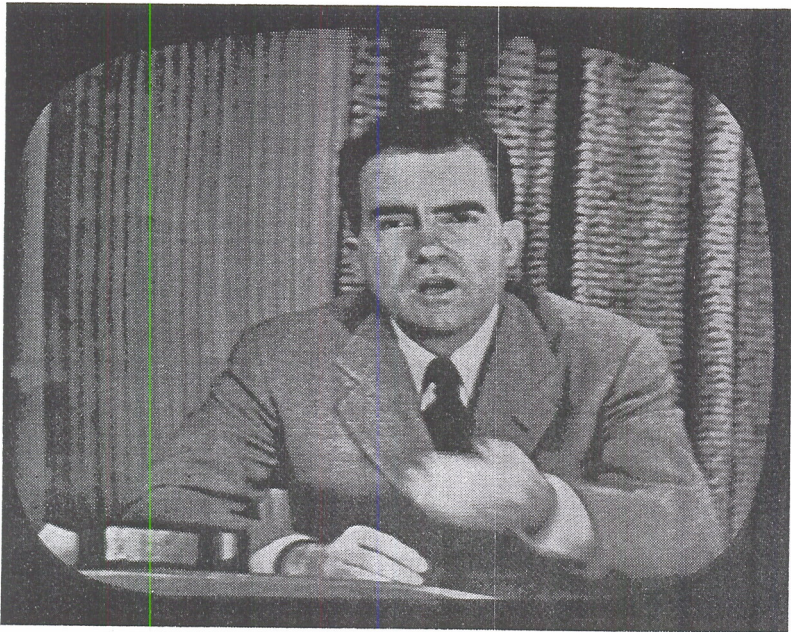
Good sport: At Whittier College, tackle Nixon (No. 23) warmed the bench



Lieutenant Commander Nixon, 1945

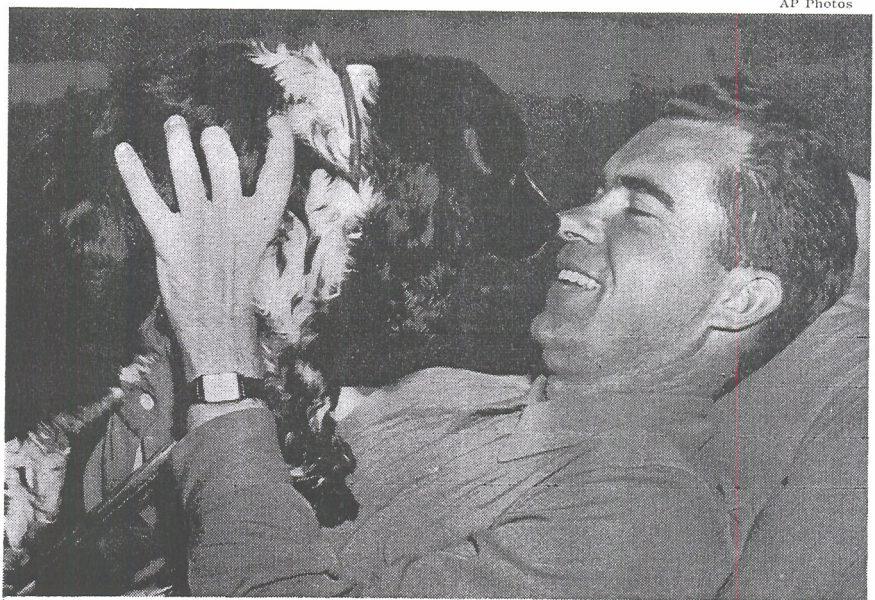


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THE EARLY YEARS: Richard Nixon made his national reputation as a Communist-hunter; at top left, he examines microfilm evidence that had been hidden in a pumpkin on Whittaker Chambers's farm. His exploits in pursuing former State Department official Alger Hiss led to his nomination for Vice President on the Eisenhower ticket in 1952. But controversy over an \$18,235 expense fund nearly caused his downfall. Nixon saved his career with the celebrated "Checkers speech" on television, which made the family dog a household name. Once the ordeal was over, Nixon sobbed in relief on the shoulder of Sen. William Knowland.





CONFRONTATIONS: Debate was the Nixon style. In 1960, he squared off with John F. Kennedy on television; above, Nixon and JFK chat after going off the air. During a visit to Moscow as Vice President in 1959, he became embroiled in the famous "kitchen debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev. Actions were louder than words in Caracas when a mob attacked Nixon's car. In 1962, after losing in California, he quit politics, declaring: "You won't have Nixon to kick around any more." But six years later he made his comeback.



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Inauguration: Chief Justice Earl Warren swears in Nixon on Jan. 20, 1969, as Mrs. Nixon and LBJ look on



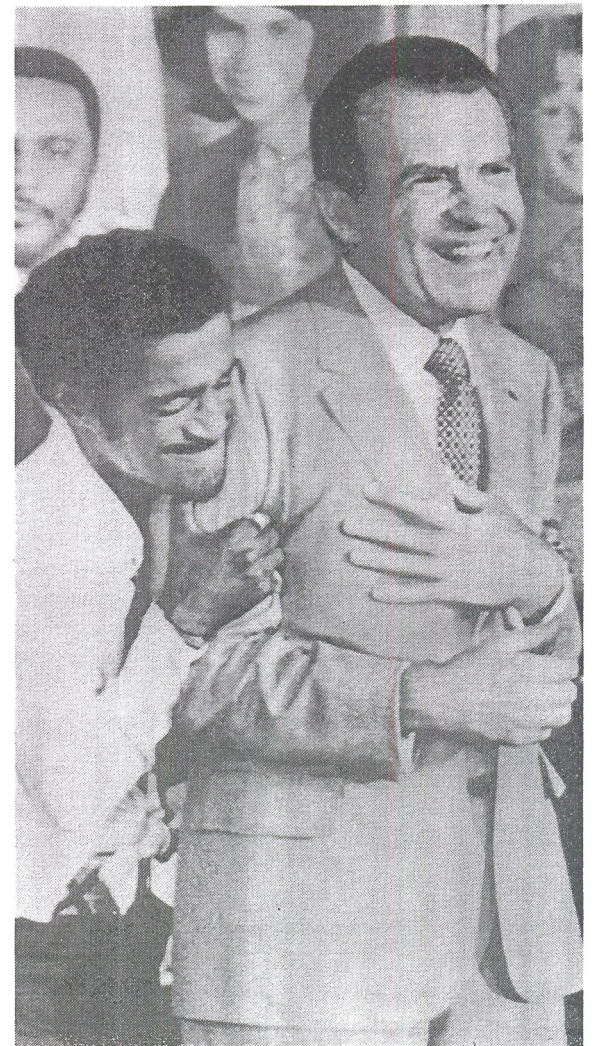
Battleground: Early in his first term, President Nixon visits South Vietnam and chats with GIs

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Partners: Nixon and Spiro Agnew accept renomination in 1972; two years later, both had fallen in disgrace

In the clutch: At a 1972 rally, Nixon is hugged by one of his celebrity supporters, Sammy Davis Jr.





Ruritania: White House guards line up in their new ceremonial uniforms in 1970

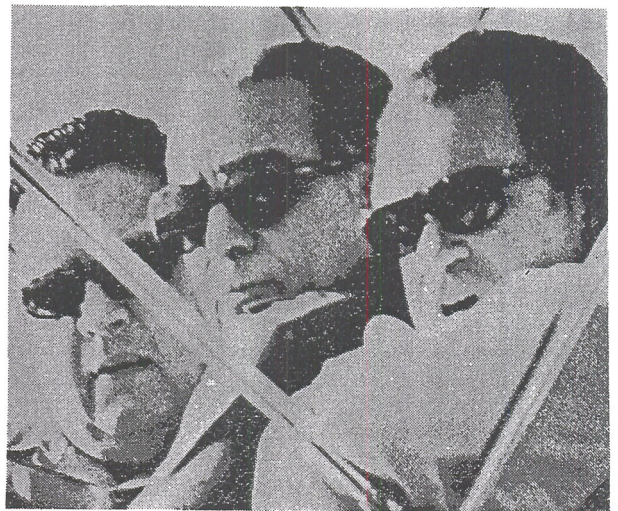


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High Style: In one of the warmest moments of his Presidency, Nixon escorts daughter Tricia to her 1971 White House wedding



Milestone: The Nixons and Secretary of State William Rogers go sightseeing on the Great Wall of China in February 1972



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At ease: Nixon cruising with wealthy pals Robert Abplanalp and Bebe Rebozo