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THURMONT, Md. AP - The traumatic confrontation between President Nixon and AFL-CIO President George Meany has produced an invitation to Nixon from the Teamsters Union which promises he would "be afforded the sincerest respect and courtesies."

The bid from the Teamsters came in a telegram from the union president, Frank Fitzsimmons, in a telegram the administration made public with the Teamster chief's approval.

De Van Shumway, the administration's deputy director of communications, said Nixon had received more than 1,000 telegrams in the first 24 hours after his appearance Friday before a coolly hostile AFL-CIO convention Miami Beach.

"Believe me when I say every telegram has been in support of the President," Shumway said in a telephone interview.

Nixon and members of his family moved to their Camp David retreat near here at midday Saturday for a weekend stay.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary said Nixon personally took a number of congratulatory telephone calls before leaving the White House.

The chief executive received far less than the customary courtesies when he appeared at the AFL-CIO convention and, after making an impromptu speech, was mingling with delegates when Meany abruptly gavelled in the meeting to order. Some newsmen who were near the President thought he was shocked, and perhaps angered, by the unexpected gesture.

Shumway said Nixon was invited by Fitzsimmons to attend any one of a number of Teamster conferences to discuss the workings of the Pay Board on which Fitzsimmons and Meany serve.

Shumway said Fitzsimmons wrote:

"I want to assure you that as President of the United States and the office you represent will be afforded the sincerest respect and courtesies that you and your office deserve."

The communications aide said Mrs. Lou Gehring, widow of the baseball great of more than three decades ago, sent Nixon a wire in which she praised him for "admirable courage toward the rudeness of Mr. Meany."

The administration obviously is hopeful that Nixon will emerge a clear winner in his increasingly acrimonious dispute with Meany and other leaders in the AFL-CIO.

In effect, administration spokesmen are helping to keep the controversy alive, evidently hopeful of encouraging an anti-Meany

response from the public.

Nixon flew to Camp David with wife Pat, daughter and son-in-law Julie and David Eisenhower and Florida neighbor C. G. "Bebe" Rebozo.

Rebozo flew back to Washington with Nixon shortly after the President's appearance at the AFL-CIO convention. Warren said the unexpected return to the capital was in no way connected with the chilly reception Nixon received from the labor federation delegates and Meany.

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