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Nixon Invited Into Retirement

A newly organized group of senior citizens has invited President Nixon "to join us in retirement come January, 1973."

The group, the Northern California Senior Americans for McGovern-Shriver, said in a statement to newsmen yesterday at Glide Memorial Church:

"Mr. Nixon will retire someday but not into instant poverty as the worker does the day his paycheck ceases."

Taking Credit

The Rev. Edward Peet, spokesman and president of the California Legislative Council for Older Americans, said Nixon was taking credit for a 20 percent increase in Social Security benefits millions of Americans will get beginning Oct. 3.

"Don't you believe a word of it," he said. "Richard M. Nixon and his administration fought that 20 percent every step of the way. His plan called for 5 percent."

Peet said Nixon signed the increased benefits into law "the last minute of the last day of June because it was a 'rider' on a debt ceiling bill he could not possibly veto."

Peet's Applause

A number of older citizens attended the combined news



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Rev. Edward L. Peet and Mrs. Isabel Van Frank

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conference and meeting and applauded when Peet said:

George McGovern's record is 100 percent for our older Americans."

The conference included Mrs. Isabel Van Frank, selected "California Senior Citizen of the year by the 1971 White House Conference on Aging"; Mrs. Francis J. Rigney Sr., "lifelong registered Republican" named San Francisco coordinator of the new McGovern unit; and Charles Drasnin, president of the East

Bay Council for Senior Citizens Groups.

Sen. Church Did It

On the Social Security increase, Mrs. Rigney said, "If Senator Church had not pushed the 20 percent we would have got five percent."

Drasnin, retired member of Ship Clerks Local No. 34, ILWU, said that "20 million elderly throughout this country can be a force. We will mobilize our forces with the young."

Mrs. Van Frank was

named co-president of the group. The Rev. William Baird of Palo Alto, director of Northern Californians Against Oppressive Legislation, introduced the speakers.