

Nixon's Income Taxes

Washington

A White House official said yesterday that President Nixon has paid federal income taxes during each year he has been in office.

The official, who refused to allow use of his name, said Mr. Nixon had specifically forbidden Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren from discussing his income taxes.

Warren refused Tuesday and Wednesday to answer questions about whether the President paid any income taxes in 1970 and 1971, saying, "that's a personal matter and I'm just not going to discuss it."

The Baltimore Sun and the New York Times reported Mr. Nixon apparently paid no income taxes in 1970 — and possibly in 1971 — because his deductions for interest, real estate taxes and donation of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives exceeded his annual salary of \$200,000.

The reports were based in part on figures disclosed in a recent White House report on Mr. Nixon's purchase of properties in Florida and California.

When the question of whether he paid taxes came up, Mr. Nixon reportedly told aides that "things have gone far enough" and that White House spokesmen were "simply not to respond to different theories" based on his possible tax deductions.

The official who spoke out yesterday said Mr. Nixon "did pay federal income taxes but is not going to have officials address the subject from the White House."

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