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White House Police Losing 'Palace-Guard' Headgear



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White House policemen wear regular duty cap and, at right, the ceremonial headwear that is to be dropped from use.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UPI) — Those Prussian-style helmets that helped give White House policemen a new "palace guard" look have been scrapped.

The White House said today that the policemen complained the hats were too tight and uncomfortable. Privately, some of the guards indicated that their discomfort also came from the snickers that greeted the unveiling of their new ceremonial uniforms late last month.

The high-peaked, black vinyl helmets, which cost \$10 apiece for the 100 policemen wearing them, will be replaced by regulation blue caps with white slipcovers when the new uniforms are worn for the second time next Tuesday, for the visit of President Pompidou of France.