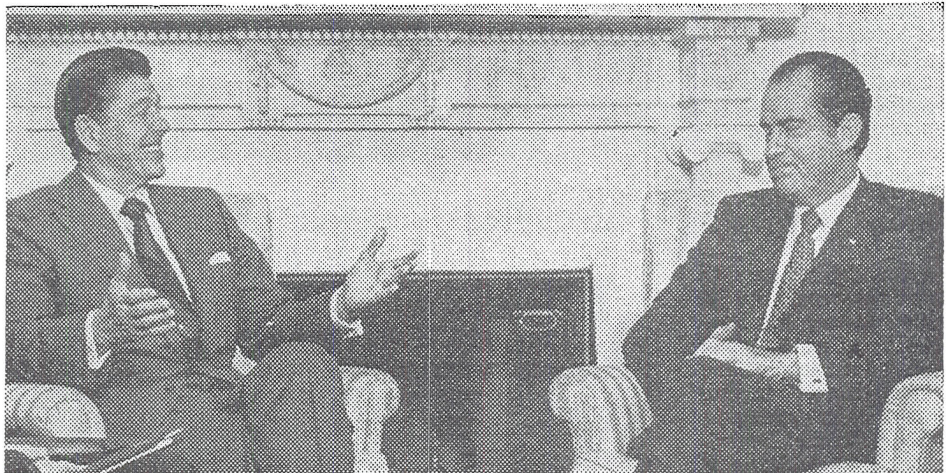




DURING LULL: Mr. Nixon, alone in office at noon, studying papers before start of next appointment.



WITH FOOTBALLERS: President Nixon receiving gift from Nebraska team members



LAST MEETING OF THE DAY: The President with Gov. Ronald Reagan of California

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Nixon's World Pays a Call at White House

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—President Nixon had breakfast today with the Rev. Billy Graham, dinner with Republican Governors and in between found time to greet, salute and be photographed with astronauts, Boy Scouts, Nebraska football stars and Gov. Ronald Reagan.

It was, in sum, a day in which Mr. Nixon's world—at least that part of the public world with which he feels most comfortable—came to the White House en masse.

The President's public schedule, as opposed to his unannounced meetings, in which the real business of Government is transacted, usually includes a sprinkling of ordinary as well as exceptional citizens whom he deems deserving of special recognition.

Tomorrow at noon, for instance, he will chat with Pearl Bailey, the singer, who is this year's recipient of the Heart of the Year Award from the American Heart Association.

Mr. Nixon's Orbit

But not in recent memory has a single day brought into Mr. Nixon's orbit so many of the ingredients in American society to which he attaches importance and that he invokes in his public speeches: old-fashioned

values in Mr. Graham's case, the manly competitiveness of the gridiron, the technological prowess of the astronauts, the organized volunteerism of the Boy Scouts.

As for Mr. Reagan, the President has always admired political talent and in this case especially so since the Governor has now agreed to put his special talents to work for Mr. Nixon in the coming political year.

Mr. Nixon's day began early, in the company of 3,100 Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, businessmen and Government leaders gathered for the annual National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

'Thinks of Those Children'

He listened as Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, read from the Old Testament, and as Mr. Graham read from the New. Then the President spoke himself of the promise and problems inherent in his forthcoming trip to China and his hopes that his guests would join him in attempting to build "a new structure of peace in the world."

"Do it because we fear to die," he said, "but do it also because we think of those children—black children, yellow children, white children, brown children. Let us leave the world one in which they can have what we have never

had, a full generation of peace."

After a series of private meetings with his staff, Mr. Nixon reappeared in late morning with the astronauts of Apollo 15, fresh from a 16-day goodwill mission to Poland and Yugoslavia following an earlier mission to five other European countries.

Mr. Nixon received a brief report on the mission and thanked the astronauts for their ambassadorial efforts.

Then he ushered in a half-dozen members of the University of Nebraska's national championship football squad, who had been waiting with their coach, Bob Devaney, and Senator Rowan L. Hruska, Republican of Nebraska, outside the Oval Office.

As usual, Mr. Nixon seemed well briefed. He is an avid fan, and though he apologized for not being able to watch the team in person, he knew each of the players by position.

Players Praised

There was the usual exchange of gifts: For the President, a huge Styrofoam model of the state of Nebraska, covered with carnations and decorated with a football, and for the players, a blue leather folder with a piece of parchment inside attesting to their national ranking.

Mr. Nixon seemed to be in

excellent spirits, bantering with the players and praising them not only for achievement but also for perseverance.

If hope was Mr. Nixon's theme at breakfast, and character his theme with the players, he spoke of involvement with the Boy Scouts, who were celebrating their 62d anniversary and presented Mr. Nixon with a series of sterling medals created by Norman Rockwell and depicting Scouts in various acts of bravery, cleanliness, reverence and courtesy.

After lunch, it was less fun, more work. Mr. Reagan, accompanied by Gov. Dan Evans of Washington, brought news of the damage inflicted on the West Coast by the dock strike, and the Republican Governors, munching their beef Wellington tonight in the State Dining Room, brought reminders of the long political season ahead.

But Mr. Nixon had had consolation enough to tide him through. He had been prayed for at breakfast, surrounded by cheerful Scouts and handsome astronauts, and a card from the Nebraska players had read: "Best wishes to the number one in Washington."

That's the sort of uncluttered music a President, from time to time, likes and needs to hear.