

Nixon's Publisher Discusses His Client

Los Angeles

Richard M. Nixon's publisher flew here this week for a pre-publication meeting with the author, but he said the reclusive ex-President will take no part in talk show and store promotions for the book, which is to be published in six weeks.

"He's not going to go on tour or go to department stores and sign autographs. He's not going to do anything like that," said Harold Roth, president of Grosset and Dunlap, which will publish the massive Nixon book titled simply: "Memoirs."

In one of his first interviews about the book and its author, Roth spoke of the extreme security precautions — "a bit less than for the atomic bomb" — which surround the book's printing.

With publication set for May 15, the publisher is determined to prevent early leaks of the contents, which have been sold for serialization to the New York Times.

"The printer has had experience dealing with confidential material — not only with books but with corporate reports," said Roth.

The publisher, careful not to reveal too much, dropped these few tidbits about the secret project:

- There are no plans for a sequel because "this book covers everything. It goes from birth to the time he left the White House."

- Roughly one-third of the book is devoted to the Watergate scandal, but the author has no delusions that it will change his public image.

Roth has met with Nixon periodically at the offices once known as The Western White House but has never been invited into the Nixon home. He describes the mood at the compound as "really isolated, out of it, not too many people calling."

"The impression I kept getting was of Napoleon at St. Helena," said Roth. "Those who felt he should be punished would be very pleased."

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