

Nixon Says He'll Speak But He Won't Run

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Former President Richard Nixon, interviewed yesterday on radio, said he doesn't plan "partisan political activity," but that he will continue to speak out on public policy.

Nixon was contacted at his San Clemente home by WNWS talk show host Stan Major.

The former president, who was back in California after a Sunday speech in Hyden, Ky., answered the telephone himself when Major placed the call, a radio station spokesman said.

"What I plan to do is not to participate, of course, in any partisan political activity, but when I think the occasion requires it, where I think it can be helpful, I will continue to make statements both publicly and privately about policies I think the United States should follow if we are to preserve our own freedom, the freedom of others and above all to preserve that freedom in a world in which we have peace," Nixon said.

Asked about his recently published memoirs, Nixon said that not only is the book selling, but that he's considering writing several other books.

"I spent 3½ years writing that," he said of "RN: The Memoirs of Richard Nixon."

"I wrote a million and a half words, and I have three more books presently under consideration. I'm just determining which one to write. They will be books about the future, not about the past."

On Monday Nixon telephoned C. Allen Muncy, Leslie county judge-executive, to thank him for the "wonderful reception" he got last weekend in Kentucky. Muncy said he found Nixon to be "still sharp as a tack."

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