

Sunday Drive



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President Nixon changed cars to join his family during a drive near San Clemente

Nixon Urges Privacy for POWs

San Clemente

President Nixon said yesterday that Americans should respect the privacy of returning American prisoners of war.

"After what they've been through, they deserve some time to themselves," Mr. Nixon said as he stood outside the Palisades United Methodist church in Capistrano Beach, where he attended worship services.

When asked the about the POWs, the President said he was "not planning to do anything to officially greet them." He said he wanted them to have an opportunity "to talk to their families first without having anyone trying to exploit them."

"I hope members of the press respect that, too," the President added. "Let's let them get back, when they can meet officials and newsmen."

"If they want to see anyone" after they are reunited with their families, Mr. Nixon said, "we'll be available."

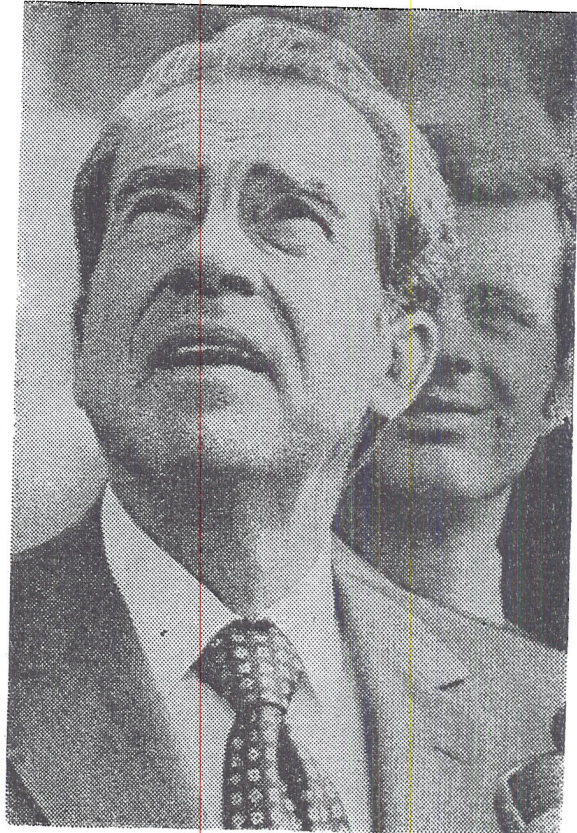
Mr. Nixon harked backed to the time after World War II when he returned from overseas. "You don't want cameras and VIPs around," he said. "You just want to see your wife."

The President talked with reporters after listening to prayers for permanent peace at the church services in the small, modernistic chapel.

The minister, Dr. Ray H. Firth, prayed that the President be given "strength, courage and insight so that peace may be a reality."

The President drove to the services in a heavy rain, and the shoulders of his blue coat were drenched after he walked from his limousine to the church.

But the sun was shining brightly when he came out and he went for a 90-minute drive with his family along the freeway and into



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PRESIDENT CHECKED THE WEATHER
Church services in Capistrano Beach

Praeulo Canyon. His friend C. G. (Bebe) Reboza did the driving.

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