

(28 Mar 75) AMP

① - See entry 10 Oct 76, Butterfield, intv'd by Mike Wallace (Butterfield believes he was fired as a result of a "Nixon mandate," relayed through Haig to Ford.)

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Dean, who said 15 Mar he was ending his lecture tour (see entry that date) because his fees were becoming the issue, is scheduled to speak 16 Apr at Georgia State University, Atlanta; fee, \$3,000. Spokesman for his booking agency, the American Program Bureau, says Dean's statement then (NYT:) "merely ended a segment of the tour, with a hiatus to allow Mr. Dean to work on his book."

Today, at the university, there is apparently a protest by a coalition of civil liberties groups which says the student government should "sponsor the victims, not the architects, of Watergate. Speakers' chairman, Marshall Trawick, disagrees.

NYT 29 Mar 75, Notes on People

Judge Charles R. Richey, in a brief order, has disqualified himself from any future court hearings and rulings in lawsuits concerning Nixon tapes and documents. Richey gives no explanation for his withdrawal and says he will have no comment on it. He had previously refused to take himself out of such cases, when asked to do so by Nixon's lawyers.

"A three-judge court - of which Richey was a member - has since met and is currently considering whether it should consider the constitutionality of a recently passed law concerning the tapes and documents." The use of the past tense suggests Richey is no longer a member of the three-judge panel; however, there is no mention of the appointment of another judge, if Richey is no longer a member.

WXP 2 Apr 75 [no attribution]

Butterfield speaks on FAA, Commonwealth Club, San Francisco. Either before or after the speech "Butterfield ... told newsmen it is 'well known' that his departure from the Ford administration has been in the planning stage since last fall." Story says that in the speech he did not comment on the details of his resignation, but quotes him as saying (apparently in the speech): "Perhaps some day, the FAA administrator, the federal regulator for safety, will serve for a fixed term rather than at the pleasure of the president."

SFC 29 Mar 75, Jack Viets

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Korff says Nixon's legal bills so far amount to \$297,294.60, that Nixon's lawyers estimate the total bill, barring any unforeseen new legal action, will be between \$350,000 and \$400,000; of this, \$145,000 has been paid off by public contributions. Korff says he made a payment yesterday of \$25,000, from such contributions; he hopes to pay \$55,000 next month, to be raised by fund-raising appearances in Dallas; expects to pay the full \$350,000 to \$400,000 before Labor Day. Story is datelined WK.

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Nixon (legal bills) - See entry, Korff says

Nixon (Kissinger) - From column by William Safire on Kissinger: "Mr. Nixon privately and loyally informs friends (in refreshingly strong handwriting) that he is distressed by attacks on Henry by his former colleagues."

NYT 27 Mar 75, William Safire - filed Ford Ad

Kissinger - See entry, Nixon (kissinger).

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Nixon (television?) - See entry, same heading, 26 Mar.

WXP attributes the following statements, made today (presumably in WX, since story carries no dateline), to someone described as "a business associate of Richard M. Nixon" and "the California source," who declines to be quoted by name:

Nixon "is not at all interested" in submitting to a television interview "either now or in the foreseeable future.... He's just not listening to any offers at this time.... Actually, nobody with any authority ever talked to the networks or anybody else, so it would be a little strong to say Mr. Nixon told them to 'lay off.' It never even got that far." Story says "this source" points out that Nixon is currently writing his memoirs and is bound by an exclusive contract with Irving P. Lazar, (WXP:) "the West Coast agent," in all such matters.

Story says that when CBS sent Robert Pierpoint to San Clemente to interview Ziegler,*ABC feared he might obtain an intv with Nixon and sent its own crew. On the afternoon of 8 Feb this crew found Korff walking back to his hotel from the Nixon compound and an unidentified ABC newsman "reportedly" asked Korff if he could arrange an intv with Nixon. Korff says today that "I told him the only way I would try to arrange an interview would be if ABC paid \$250,000 for the Justice Fund," and that he subsequently received two calls "from the newsman's superiors in New York," but that "nothing came of them." Says he never told Nixon of these conversations.

William Sheehan, ABC News president, said yesterday he had rejected (WXP:) "a deal offered by ... Korff ... last February." News executives at CBS and NBC say today they had never been approached by (WXP:) "anyone in Nixon circles."

WXP 29 Mar 75, John Carmody

* By inference, this would have been the weekend of 8-9 Feb. An intv with Ziegler ~~was~~ televised 13 Feb was by NBC.

** Earlier mention of possible Nixon appearance on television (entry 9 Jan 75) involves Lazar. See entry 19 Jul 75, same heading.