

**Rockefeller Undisturbed
By White House Tapes**

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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y., July 17—Governor Rockefeller, an occasional visitor to the White House, said today he did not think it unusual that President Nixon had a network of secret tape recorders to take down conversations he had with visitors.

"I've assumed that always," he said, "with every President."

The Governor added that he did not think it's unusual" with Presidents or other public officials. But he said he did not have such a system in his own offices.

Pressed for comment on whether he might resent having been recorded by the President, Mr. Rockefeller indicated he did not but declined further comment.

Talking to the State Broadcasters Association, the Governor treated the Watergate scandal in broad terms, as he has done for several months. He said it was evidence of the need for a moral re-awakening that went beyond the Republican party to the country at large.

"Maybe this is like the Old Testament," he said. "It was visited upon us and maybe we're going to benefit from it."

**G.O.P. Committee, Facing
Deficit, to Cut Staff 25%**

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UPI) — The Republican National Committee, facing a \$1-million deficit because of shrinking day a 25 per cent cut in its contributions, announced to-staff.

Robert R. Rousek, a committee spokesman said the national chairman George Bush, was voluntarily taking a 10 per cent cut in his \$42,500 annual salary. Some other top officials will take similar voluntary pay cuts, he said.

The retrenchment was caused by a decline in major contributions during the first six months of the year, Mr. Rousek said. He said small donations—\$100 and less—were coming in faster than last year.

"But the financial people have projected that if we continued to spend at the current rate, we would be short \$1-million by the end of the year" he said.

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