

From column by Betty Beale:

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in ceremony he may even lose his swinging image —
and heaven forbid that.

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Newswise, this has been one wow of a Washington summer. The Senate Watergate hearings had barely recessed when Vice President Agnew landed on the griddle. And to spark the story of the investigation of Agnew finances, someone started a rumor that Judy Agnew was at Bethesda Naval Hospital having her face lifted while the Vice President was in Palm Springs last weekend playing golf with Sinatra.

But the fact of the matter is, Judy was with her husband at Palm Springs. And, anyhow, she doesn't need a face lifting. She has, you might say, the most unruffled brow in Washington.

Even in face of the damage to her husband's reputation and future caused by the Maryland investigation, she shows no tension at all. She is so relaxed her associates "have been amazed — because no one wants to go through this sort of thing." Yet Judy is so close to her husband, more often than not when he is playing golf, she is walking the course with him. He may ride in a golf cart but she goes along on foot for the exercise.

The possibility of previous financial hanky-panky in

Maryland has struck Agnew associates, who have known him since his country executive days, as rather unlikely.

"Look at his lifestyle and his family's lifestyle," said one of them. "There's simply no hint this man is a big spender. In fact, just the opposite — he's very modest. If he has any money it's certainly invisible. He has a huge mortgage on his house and none of the family has ever lived it up. All the children live in small abodes and none of the Agnews has ever entered the Washington social life."

As for the money the government has spent on their new house in Kenwood, according to this associate, "The big money on the Agnew house was unequivocally spent on digging up the area to put in underground wiring for lights which the Secret Service required for protection."

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The most unusual Republican in town may be Jerome Schuman, the professor of law at Georgetown University who has written a letter to President Nixon citing chapter and verse the slander laws the President could invoke against malicious accusations re Watergate.

Now 35, Jerome earned his doctorate of laws at Yale University on a scholarship although he didn't even learn to read until he was about 12. He was a black migratory farm laborer like his father before him. Last week he gave a party in his house — which was formerly the Israeli Embassy — in honor of the Dean of Tennessee Law School and Mrs. Kenneth Pemmiger. Presidential assistants Bryce Harlow and Leonard Garment were there lending credence to the rumor that Schuman is slated for a biggie post.