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**A Federal Annuity  
Missed by Agnew  
By Only 3 Months**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 — Spiro T. Agnew failed by three months to become eligible for a civil service annuity that would have been worth about \$15,000 a year to him once he reached the age of 62 years.

Had the 54-year-old Mr. Agnew remained in office as Vice President until Jan. 20, he would have completed the minimum five years of service eligibility required for civil service pensions.

Mr. Agnew's plea of no contest to the charge of evading 1967 income taxes had nothing to do with his failure to qualify for an annuity. Under the law, conviction for a criminal offense does not bar a government official or employee from an annuity unless it involved treason, espionage or other grave offenses concerning national security.

Had Mr. Agnew completed five years of Federal service, he could have added to it his approximately five years of military service for a total of 10 years for annuity computation purposes. But military service cannot be counted for a civil service pension unless the official or employe first acquires the five years of civilian Government service.

However, Mr. Agnew can get a refund of the civil service retirement contributions he made while Vice President. This will amount to about \$22,000.