

Agnew, Now 55, Found in Good Spirits

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP) — Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who became 55 years old today, has spent the last month sorting out the remnants of his aborted political career. Friends have found him in good spirits but say they have no idea what, if any, plans he has for his future.

Tomorrow will mark one month since Mr. Agnew resigned his office and pleaded no contest to a charge of evading \$13,551 in Federal income tax in 1967. He was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to three years' unsupervised probation.

Since then Mr. Agnew has worked at settling the affairs of his Vice-Presidency and arranging his papers for the National Archives. Several staff members have stayed on to aid him.

They work every day in a renovated Federalist-style townhouse across the street for the White House. The office space was made available by the White House, and a White House spokesman said Mr. Agnew would need the quarters for from four to six months.

Associates say Mr. Agnew's mood is good.

Entertains His Staff

"He had his whole staff out to his house last Saturday night for a buffet dinner and he was just amazing," one friend said. "He looked fit. He was calm and strong as ever."

But Mr. Agnew's departure from office and the resolution of the Justice Department's case against him did not end the troubles of the former Vice President, who has no job and no known income. His problems include the following:

¶The Baltimore County Bar Association is studying the possibility of disciplinary action, which could lead to disbarment, based on his Federal felony conviction.

¶Prosecutors in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County are deciding whether to begin their own investigations.

¶Bills are increasing in the wake of his legal trouble. A defense fund set up under the Chicago insurance official, W.

Clement Stone, will probably not raise enough; to pay Mr. Agnew's legal costs.

¶Money is needed to pay for his home in Kenwood, Md., a Washington suburb. He bought the home two years ago, reportedly for \$190,000, with a down payment of \$30,000. His mortgage would still be over \$150,000, and he has not put the house up for sale.

¶The Internal Revenue Service is believed to be auditing Mr. Agnew's back tax returns with an eye to collecting what could be tens of thousands of dollars in back taxes.

Staff Kept on Payroll

Meanwhile, the Senate passed by voice vote today a resolution to keep four members of the Agnew staff on the Senate payroll for another month.

When Mr. Agnew resigned, the Senate voted to keep his staff on the payroll for 30 days, as it does when a Senator resigns.

When the second extension came up today, the Republican leader, Hugh Scott, said the employes would be paid only as long as they were fulfilling duties in the office that Mr. Agnew maintained in connec-

tion with his duties as president of the Senate.

He indicated they would be kept on until Representative Gerald R. Ford, Republican of Michigan, was confirmed as Mr. Agnew's successor.