

REALTY MEN HAIL NIXON AS HE VOWS TO REMAIN ON JOB

President Talks to Friendly
Audience as He Continues
Watergate Counterattack

PLANS 5-DAY TRIP SOUTH

Further Meetings Held With
Congressional Republicans
in Drive for Credibility

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—

An audience of more than 4,000 real estate executives cheered and applauded today as President Nixon told them he was "not going to walk away" from his job until he completed it.

Continuing his latest Watergate counterattack in a hastily scheduled speech to the convention here of the National Association of Realtors, Mr. Nixon was clearly on friendly ground. He was cheered when he entered the ballroom at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, he was cheered when he left, and he received a 45-second standing ovation when he restated his unvarying theme of the last week.

"As far as the President of the United States is concerned, he has not violated his trust and he isn't going to violate his trust now," he said.

Gatherings Continued

Before and after his speech, the President met with delegations of Congressional Republicans, continuing a series of such gatherings that is also part of his intensive new campaign to restore credibility to his Presidency.

The White House announced, meantime, that Mr. Nixon would leave tomorrow for a five-day trip to the South. The trip will include a speech, a question-and-answer session with newspaper executives and a meeting with Republican Governors.

Presidential aides made it clear that all of Mr. Nixon's appearances had been carefully chosen in an effort to show him in the best light.

Decision to Appear

They said, for example, that the President's visit to the realtors was scheduled after an appearance was made earlier this week by Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Ash promises that Mr. Nixon would stay on the job were warmly received, so the President decided to go to the convention himself.

The meeting with the editors, which will take place Saturday evening at an Associated Press Managing Editor session at Disney World near Orlando, Fla., will subject Mr. Nixon to questioning about Watergate, but the White House anticipates easier questions than the Washington press corps might ask.

The President's speech on Sunday at a 90th birthday celebration for former Representative Carl M. Vinson in Macon, Ga., will take place in an area

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where Mr. Nixon is extremely popular.

The meeting in Memphis or Tuesday with the Republican Governors is part of Mr. Nixon effort to rebuild his bridges to his party, as are the meetings with Congressmen. Except for one gathering with Southern Democrats, who in a sense constitute part of the Nixon coalition, all the Congressional visitors at the White House this week have been Republicans.

To emphasize the President's concern with another crisis of the moment, involving energy, the White House announced that the cruising speed of the President's jet, Spirit of '76, had been reduced for the trip this week. The craft will fly at 475 miles an hour instead of 525 miles an hour.

According to the deputy Presidential press secretary, Gerald L. Warren, the reduction will cut the big Boeing 707's hourly consumption of jet fuel from 2,200 gallons to 2,000, a saving of 9 per cent.

Mr. Warren also said that Mr. Nixon had ordered that no spare Presidential plane should be taken along for emergencies, as is the White House practice.

Limousines to Go South

However, the Presidential helicopters will fly to Key Biscayne, Fla., for Mr. Nixon's use there, and his limousine will be flown south in another plane. In addition, the President's desire to spend each night at his Florida residence, rather than stopping over in Orlando, or Macon, will add more than 1,000 miles to his five-day total of 2,765.

Presidential travel could be compared, Mr. Warren said in a rare resort to simile, to tak-

ing a teaspoon from Lake Michigan. If everyone slows down, "there will be fewer teaspoons taken out of Lake Michigan and the lake won't go dry," he said.

The energy crisis was one of the major themes touched upon by Mr. Nixon in his speech to the real estate men. Standing before an immense American Flag depicted in colored lights and gesturing broadly with both arms, he promised to sign the Alaska pipeline bill tomorrow as one way to ease the energy pinch and decried what he termed "fatuous" opposition that had delayed the bill.

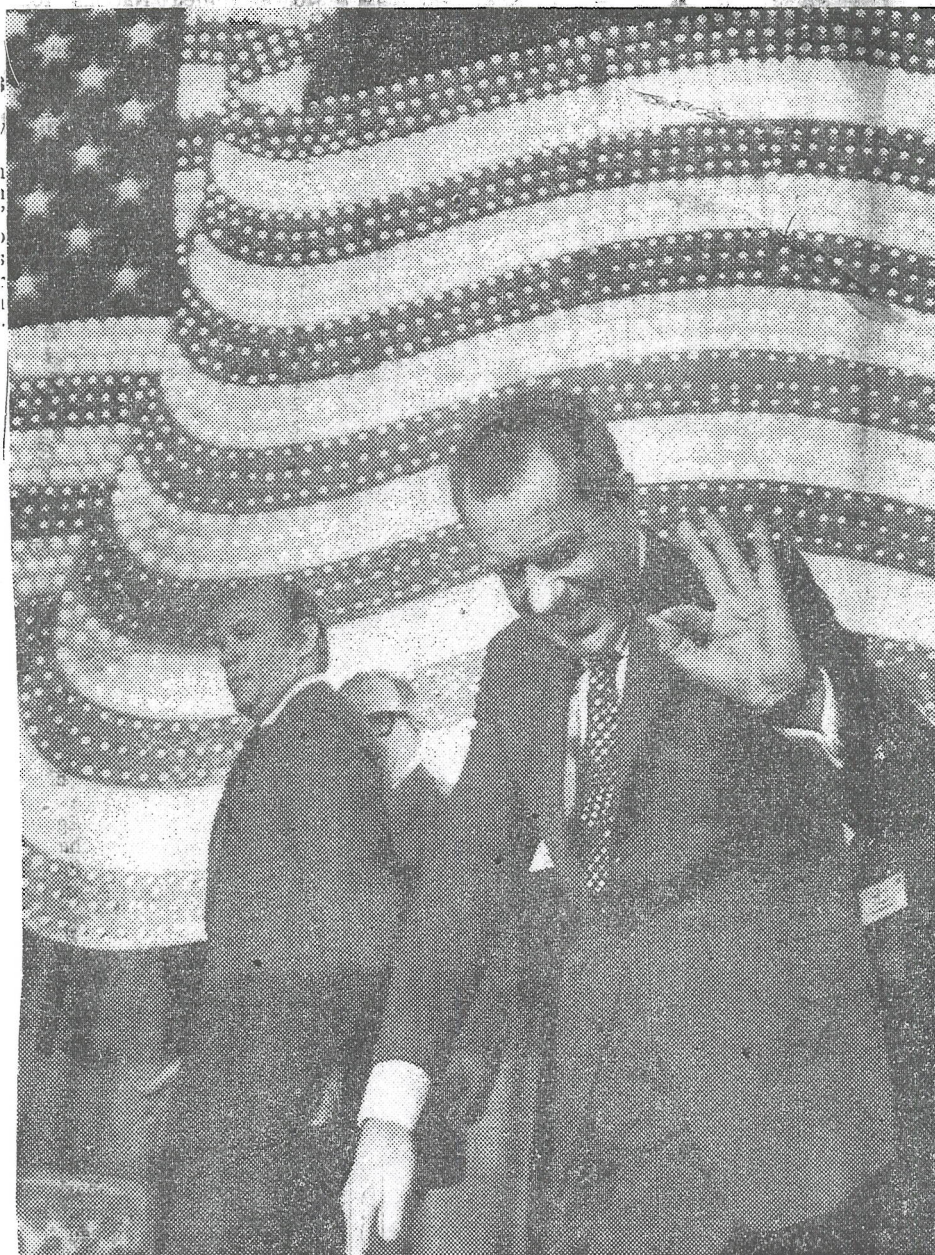
Calls for More Coal

To meet his goal of American energy self-sufficiency by 1980, the President again called for rapid exploitation of coal and Western states' oil-shale reserves and for development of nuclear power. He also repeated his plea for an end to regulation of natural gas prices.

For the rest, except for the few references to the Watergate scandals at the end, Mr. Nixon's speech was a discussion of what he termed his Administration's economic and foreign policy successes, and a series of tributes to real estate people.

"I believe in America and I believe in America's real estate," he declared.

With no apparent irony, he told the executives that his entire holdings consisted of two houses in California and one in Florida—no stocks, no bonds, no other investments. The purchase and maintenance of two of those houses has been one of the major topics of controversy in the Watergate episode.



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President Nixon responding to cheers yesterday at realtors' convention in Washington