

# Two Free Drinks For the 'Courtesy'

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When President Nixon's friend Bebe Rebozo flew from Washington to Miami recently, he was given unusual VIP treatment by Eastern Airlines.

A White House limousine was allowed to drive to his plane on the field. An Eastern representative was waiting to carry his bag on board and to try and find him space in the first-class compartment.

Since there were no vacant seats, the other passengers were asked if someone would give Rebozo a seat and move back to coach. The businessmen-types refused. A woman traveling alone finally agreed. For her "courtesy," an airline spokesman says, she was given two free drinks.

The incident came to light last week from another passenger who was irked at seeing a private citizen get such special service merely because he has a friend in the White House.

Allowing a car to drive onto the field is something the Federal Aviation Administration discourages now because of tightened hijacking security. Restrictions are relaxed only on request of the Secret Service or the FBI.

The arrangements for Rebozo were made by the Secret Service, according to a spokesman for Eastern.

"They have never done it before that I can recall," said Gene Cox, a customer's representative who takes care of VIPs. "We assumed it was done this time because both Rebozo and Tricia Nixon Cox came to the airport at the same time. The President's daughter was catching a shuttle to New York.

A Secret Service spokesman denied that they had any "involvement" in making VIP arrangements for Rebozo.

"If Eastern Airlines did something for him, that was their decision," the agent said. "They did it for him as a guest of Mrs. Cox."

## Delayed Fatherhood

Fatherhood for King Timahoe, President Nixon's Irish setter, is going to have to wait.

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VIP, From D1

The First Family had hoped there would be at least one puppy around the White House this Christmas and had asked the breeder of King Timahoe to find him a mate worthy of his championship blood lines.

The breeder, E. Irving Eldredge of Middleburg, Va., has been looking at likely candidates. But he has heard nothing from the White House on the subject in recent weeks.

"I assume it is going to have to wait until the President doesn't have so much on his mind," Eldredge says. The President himself watches over King Timahoe's welfare, according to Eldredge. Decisions about the dog are not delegated.

## Honored Enemies

Until they found themselves on the Victor Reuthers' Christmas card list, a number of prominent Washingtonians did not realize they were on the White House "enemies" list.

Reuther, retiring as director of the International Affairs Department, United Auto Workers, was honored at a dinner given last year by the Americans for Democratic Action.

Everyone whose name appeared on that invitation as a sponsor was added to the list of "opponents" of President Nixon in a White House memorandum dated May 16, 1972.

It was an honor, the Reuthers wrote their friends, comparable to being named to the Queen's Honors List in Great Britain at year's end.

"May we be among the first to offer our warmest congratulations," they added. "May the New Year see the Nixon's Honor List grow!"

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