

Ford Pleased by Nixon Disclosure

Washington

Vice President Gerald R. Ford said yesterday President Nixon's "total disclosure" of his personal fi-

nances should satisfy "any reasonable member of Congress" and the American people that he has done nothing illegal.

But, Ford said, "I am sure there will be Americans who will feel there should have been a larger tax."

He said questions of impropriety should be eased by the President's decision to turn over to the government his San Clemente, Calif., home.

Also, he said, Mr. Nixon will be helped by letting a Senate-House committee decide whether he paid the proper amount of taxes.

The vice president made the comments in his first radio-television panel interview since being sworn in, appearing on ABC's "Issue and Answers."

Answering questions, Ford said: "I have no intention of running for public office" in 1976. I don't know how emphatically I can say it than I've said before."

In a copyrighted interview in U.S. News & World Report released yesterday, Ford said that if for any reason he became president before 1976 he would not be a candidate for that office in 1976. He added that Republican party leaders might see it differently.

But Ford said he believed

the American people would be suspicious of his actions and motives as vice president if he allowed himself to be considered a candidate for the presidency.

In another interview, with Representative Barber Conable, (Rep-N.Y.) Ford said Mr. Nixon has "specifically asked me to carry on as best I can, as effectively as I can the attempt to heal the rift between Congress and the White House."

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