

Congressmen Pay State Income Tax

Washington

All 43 of California's congressmen pay state income taxes and so do both the state's U.S. senators. Many of them believe President Nixon should pay them, too.

Mr. Nixon disclosed over the weekend he paid no California income taxes from 1969 through 1972, even though he lists his San Clemente home as his voting residence. White House aides said his domicile — as distinct from his voting residence — is in the District of Columbia.

But because district law exempts federal elected officials from taxes, the President has paid no state taxes of any kind since 1968.

A White House spokesman later said he knew of no plans for Mr. Nixon to pay his back California taxes.

Representative Lionel Van Deerlin, a Democrat from California, said of the situation:

"I think either he should or I shouldn't? Our position is exactly the same."

Van Deerlin was one of the California congressmen who responded to a UPI survey. Nineteen members of the delegation said Mr. Nixon should be paying California taxes. Seven said he should not. The rest could not be reached or had no opinion.

All members of the delegation who could be reached and aides to the others said Monday they pay state income taxes and will continue to do so.

Responses from the California legislators ranged from Democrat Robert L. Leggett's "I think we've got another ground for impeachment" to Republican Andrew J. Hinshaw's opinion that the President is specifically excluded from California taxes.

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