

WXPost DEC 29 1973
**Proxmire Hails
Nixon's Choice
Of Airplanes**

United Press International

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said yesterday President Nixon "should mothball Air Force One and travel commercial airlines on all his trips to San Clemente or Key Biscayne."

Proxmire said Mr. Nixon's use of a commercial plane Wednesday was "a good example in saving fuel. He added, "Why shouldn't this President and future Presidents travel this economical way, energy shortage or no energy shortage? What this country needs is a President who lives as much like taxpaying citizens as possible."

The General Accounting Office released figures Thursday to Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) estimating that a presidential round trip to San Clemente in Air Force One consumes more than 71,000 gallons of fuel. A round trip to Key Biscayne uses 30,000 gallons.