

Nixon's Sunday -- Signing Bills, Watching Football

San Clemente

President Nixon signed seven pieces of legislation into law yesterday, then took time out to watch the professional football playoff games on television.

Aides said the president spent a portion of the morning in the study of his ocean-side villa, studying the more than 30 bills still awaiting his action.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, following Mr. Nixon's example, flew on a commercial airliner from Washington to Los Angeles last night to report to the President on Middle East negotiations.

Newsmen were not allowed near the plane and Kissinger left immediately by car for Mr. Nixon's home here.

Among the bills signed by Mr. Nixon were measures to:

- Defer until July 1, 1975, the implementation of a fee schedule for families of children enrolled in the Headstart program whose income exceeds the poverty level.

- Allow federal prisoners to be released for up to 30 days to visit specific places because of deaths in the family, need for medical services or for rehabilitation.

- Authorize the payment of educational assistance benefits to veterans during periods of school closings based on an executive order or an emergency situation.

- Clear the way for construction of a new dam on the Snake river in southeastern Idaho to replace the American Falls Dam, which was built in 1929.

- Name the lake to be created by the Buchanan Dam on the Chowchilla river in California for H. V. Eastman, secretary-manager of the Chowchilla Water District for 20 years until his death in 1972.

Among the most important measures still awaiting Mr. Nixon's OK were those to boost social security benefits by 11 per cent, to consolidate seven financially ailing northeastern railroads and to provide appropriations of \$73.7 billion for defense and \$5.8 billion for foreign aid.

Mr. Nixon and close advisers, including press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler and White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr., also were preparing the State of the Union address and federal budget the President will send to Capitol Hill toward the end of the next month.

In other action yesterday, the White House said Mr. Nixon had issued executive orders exempting Lawrence Quincy Mumford, librarian

of Congress, and Whitney Gilliland, vice chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, from mandatory retirement at age 70.

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