

Sammy's Pain

Los Angeles

Sammy Davis Jr. says his endorsement of President Nixon in the 1972 presidential campaign has caused him great pain and that he is very disappointed in the President's social programs.

Davis, who was photographed hugging the President at the 1972 Republican convention in Miami, said he was strongly criticized by blacks and liberals for his endorsement.

"Everybody jumped on my back and I had to deal with it alone. Only my wife and a few close friends know what happened. It was like open heart surgery with no novocaine or anesthesia of any kind," he said by telephone from a Reno nightclub where he is appearing.

"I'm not disappointed that I endorsed him," Davis, a Democrat said during the weekend. "But I'm sorry there haven't been more things done for the poor whites, the blacks and the disenfranchised.

"I thought if I could be there I could be of some assistance to generate some goodness in terms of keeping him informed."

Davis said he hopes the President will yet develop a good social program.

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SAMMY DAVIS AND MR. NIXON IN 1972
Now Davis says he's disappointed