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# Styling The Head Of State

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President Nixon's hair is easy to cut, but Henry A. Kissinger's?

It's a problem because it's so curly, their barber confided. "First I have to shampoo it, then cut it with scissors. Then I use a razor to blend the hair, and the hot air blower to dry and style it.

"That gives it a curly but smooth look. There, look how smooth it looks in the photograph."

Milton Pitts, who has been clipping the presidential hair for four and a half years, pointed to a photograph of Mr. Nixon with his secretary of state. "I gave them both haircuts yesterday."

Mr. Nixon's haircuts — once a week, "never any longer than 10 days" — take about 20 minutes. During that time the President is quite congenial, Pitts says, and "talks to me quite a bit, but usually in generalities and never about politics."

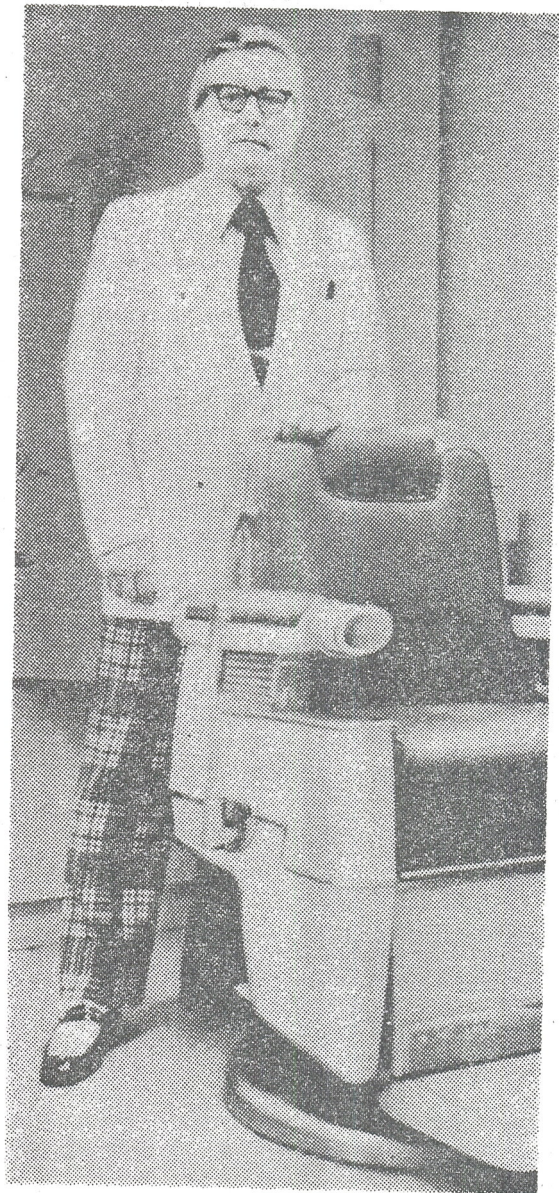
From his vantage point, Pitts sees no physical change in the President despite the rigors of his office and the troubles of his administration.

"I've never seen a person under the pressure he's under so relaxed," he said. "I see no change in the President."

Pitts spends each Tuesday and Thursday manning the one - chair barbershop in the White House West Wing, trimming, clipping and styling the hair of the President, Cabinet members and top White House aides.

Pitts, a 58 - year - old native of Greenville, S.C., also runs a barber shop in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel a few blocks from the White House. He charges \$4 for a straight haircut and \$8.50 for the kind of hair styling he does on Mr. Nixon and Kissinger.

"The White House is an interesting place to work," he said. "I never met anyone there I



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BARBER MILTON PITTS  
'He talks to me quite a bit'

didn't like." He said one of his favorite customers was former presidential domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman, now under indictment on a variety of charges in the Watergate coverup.

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