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A Surprise

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Birthday Party

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Richard M. Nixon, reported earlier as having spent a quiet 62nd birthday last Thursday, actually was feted at a surprise birthday party at his San Clemente estate, one of the participants said last night.

"We joked and had a lot of fun," said writer Victor Lasky, adding that a Nixon friend, Robert Abplanalp, originated the idea for the party.

Those attending included Lasky, Abplanalp, Charles G. Rebozo, also a friend of Mr. Nixon; William Griffin, an attorney for Abplanalp; and Sol Mandel, a Miami restaurateur.

"It was a big surprise to him. He didn't know we were coming," Lasky said.

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