

# Nixon to Lose Funds, Staff,

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On Sunday former President Nixon's standard of living will drop considerably.

The ex-President will lose a substantial amount of federal funds, staff and office space as well as company-loaned automobiles that have been available to him during the six-month transition period since his Aug. 9 resignation.

Federal officials yesterday could not determine the amount of government funds spent so far on Nixon's behalf since his resignation, but it is likely to be well above \$500,000 for his first six months out of office. The government had reported spending \$367,000 to support Nixon and his staff during the first three months.

After Sunday, Nixon will continue to receive his \$60,000-a-year presidential pension and a specially appropriated \$45,000 for staff salaries and office expenses through June 30.

However, on Sunday the former President's staff will shrink from 12 persons to five, who no longer will be receiving federal salaries.

Former press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler is leaving for the lecture circuit. Rabbi Baruch Korff, Nixon's friend and fund-raiser, said yesterday the ex-President "wanted very much to retain Mr. Ziegler but he doesn't have the funds."

With the end of the official transition period at midnight Saturday, Nixon's staff also will be reduced through the loss of six other aides who have been detailed to him from govern-

ment agencies. Chrysler Corp. will take back 12 cars it has made available to Nixon and his staff.

Nixon will also lose offices provided at the U.S. Coast Guard complex near his home, Casa Pacifica, in San Clemente, Calif., though some space will still be provided by the government. Federal maintenance will stop for his San Clemente residence and the one on Key Biscayne, Fla., which he is trying to sell.

A General Accounting Office spokesman said yesterday that the agency has had two auditors at San Clemente to examine government spending there, as requested by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Nixon and his departing aides plan a small farewell party this weekend.

One of those about to leave the ex-President said, "for all of us who were in the White House and went through the last months, a door is shutting on our lives, both emotionally and professionally. It's wrenching, too, to think that the former President, who has so few friends, will have so few people around him."

Korff, interviewed by telephone shortly before he was to visit Nixon, said the former President's mood "is toward adjustment and that history will vindicate him." He said Nixon, recovering after nearly fatal surgery to correct a phlebitis condition, favors his left leg and has fallen occasionally while walking around his property.

Congress last year cut \$350,000 requested for the

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ex-President's expenses to a \$200,000 appropriation—\$100,000 that can only be spent before Sunday plus \$45,000 for expenses for the rest of this fiscal year and \$55,000 toward 11 months of his \$60,000-a-year pension.

A Senate Appropriations Committee aide said yesterday that as of Jan. 24 Nixon had committed himself to spending \$57,000 of the \$100,000 allotment that expires this weekend.

However, the federal government has acknowledged spending much more on the former President's behalf. Roy L. Ash, outgoing director of the Office of Management and Budget, has said that in the three months between Aug. 9 and Nov. 9 \$367,000 in federal funds was spent to support Nixon.

The \$367,000 included

\$107,000 in staff salaries, \$47,000 in staff living expenses, \$83,000 for storage of Nixon papers, \$52,000 for maintaining his San Clemente residence, \$23,540 for maintaining his Key Biscayne residence, and \$30,000 for courier flights and communications.

Federal officials said yesterday that many of these expenses are not chargeable against the \$100,000 expense fund voted Nixon for the period up to Sunday, which helps explain why he recently had only obligated \$57,000 of that fund.

Not counted in the \$367,000 is \$126,000 that a White House official said the government has incurred in additional Coast Guard expenses.

Also not included is an undisclosed amount for a

Secret Service contingent that will guard Nixon the rest of his life. About 30 Secret Service agents are estimated presently to share the round-the-clock duty.

Nixon still has large legal and medical bills to pay and has been unsuccessful so far in selling his Key Biscayne home. "The upkeep is really draining him," Rabbi Korff said of the cost of maintaining homes in Florida and California.

Korff said that his "President Nixon Justice Committee" has paid about \$175,000 in legal bills for Nixon but still faces \$100,000 in unpaid bills and expects the ex-President's legal expenses ultimately to reach close to \$500,000. He said Nixon, who had no hospital insurance, has paid \$23,500

in medical bills, but still owes \$11,000.

However, Nixon can expect considerable income from the sale of his memoirs, having authorized a New York literary agent to negotiate the sale of a planned book for at least \$2 million.

Remaining on Nixon's staff will be Rose Mary Woods, his longtime secretary who has been paid \$36,000; Frank Gannon, a former White House speechwriter being paid \$35,500, and three secretaries, Nora Vandersonnen, JoAnn Miller and Marjorie Acker.

Next fiscal year the Former Presidents Act will provide \$96,000 to help Nixon pay for his staff and other expenses in addition to his pension.

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