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**A FUND-RAISING CURB
PUT ON NIXON GROUP**

MIAMI, March 6. (UPI)—Officials of the Florida Secretary of State's office have ordered the Nixon Historical Association to halt fund solicitation to buy former President Richard M. Nixon's two Key Biscayne homes until the project is properly registered and approved by the state.

However, the fund solicitors will not be penalized because they acted "unknowingly," Mort Arno, an investigator working for the Secretary of State's License division said.

"I ordered the group to stop soliciting or accepting money until it receives a certificate of registration, Mr. Arno said.

The order may delay mailing of letters this month seeking contributions from former Nixon backers in the United States and three foreign countries, Ronald Fairchild of Jacksonville, attorney for the association, said.

John Leatherwood, executive director of the the association, said that several Miami area businessmen had donated \$9,000 as "seed money" to get the project under way. He declined to identify them but said they were "interested in the future of the Nixon properties."