



Children walk on the beach in front of "La Casa Pacifica," the closely guarded home of former President Nixon in San Clemente, Calif.

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Year Later,

Nixon Keeps His Silence

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 8 (AP)—On the first anniversary of his resignation, former President Nixon showed no signs of breaking the silence which he has maintained for one year.

The unlisted phone number at his seaside compound, usually answered as "President Nixon's office," was answered today by a recording announcing the number had been disconnected.

At the Nixon estate, staff members began arriving on schedule in the gray overcast early morning, and it appeared to be just another work day for them—and for the man who lives behind closely guarded stone walls writing the story of his life.

All summer long tourists have made the pilgrimage down the "Avenida del Presidente" as far as a stone fence and a sign reading, "No Sights, Beyond This Point." But those who came today were not aware it was a special day—the anniversary of his announcement he was resigning from the nation's highest office. He formally resigned Aug. 9, 1974.

"Is it a year already?" several said. "It doesn't seem like it."

It was just a year since Nixon, plagued by the Watergate scandal, told Americans on national television that he was resigning the presidency—the first chief executive to do so in the nation's history.

The next day, after a tearful farewell to Washington, he came home to his native Orange County, Calif.