

CBS Radio (8 a.m.)

The State Department has already denied reports that former President Nixon had been encouraged to go to China this time by the U.S. government. However, Mr. Nixon's strong backer, Baruch Korff, said it again today - that Mr. Nixon went to China reluctantly, and the State Department saw it as the chance to get an assessment of the political ferment believed perking in Peking these days. Rabbi Korff restated his interpretation of the Nixon visit at a news conference this morning in Washington.

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CBS Radio (10 a.m.)

Douglas Edwards: Rabbi Baruch Korff, confidant and fund-raiser for former President Nixon, says Mr. Nixon was not in good enough physical or emotional shape to go on his current China trip, but the State Department encouraged and urged him to do so. The State Department says that's not so and that Mr. Nixon is travelling as a private citizen.

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KPFA News (12 noon)

Richard Nixon is in China, and there's already a brouhaha about one of the things he said. During a toast at a welcoming banquet Nixon said it was naive to believe that the mere signing of a statement of principles, or diplomatic conference, will bring instant and lasting peace. He didn't mention any specific conference or statement but it is believed that he was referring to the Helsinki conference which resulted in the signing by leaders of 35 nations, including Russia and the United States, of a document calling for non-interference in any nation's affairs. The Chinese were hostile to that agreement and it is believed that he -- or some people are saying -- that Mr. Nixon made that toast and referred to the Helsinki conference, not by name, in order to repay the Chinese for their hospitality and generosity in inviting him.

Because of all those rumors Mike Mansfield, Senate majority leader, has come out in favor of Mr. Nixon's visit to China, saying that he thinks that it will keep U.S.-Chinese contacts alive, and he assumes that Nixon will report to the State Department on his return. On the other hand, George Meany, the president of the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Relations, AFL-CIO, today cautioned Nixon for criticizing U.S. foreign policy abroad. Mr. Meany said, "We have a discredited ex-President of the United States travelling thousands of miles outside the country to criticize our foreign policy, which is something I don't think anyone should do." Newspaper publisher William Loeb said last night that he hopes the Chinese keep Mr. Nixon. Mr. Loeb is the publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader. He said he backed Nixon in '68 and again in '72 but he's now disillusioned because of events in the second term. One of those events of his second term continues to bear fruit.

Mr. Nixon is still fighting for his papers and tapes.

↓ Rabbi Baruch Korff, who has been trying to raise \$220,000, announced that he is resigning from the President Nixon Justice Fund because he can no longer carry the burdens, but he's convinced the money will be raised by the end of March. A three-judge court recently ruled against Nixon and the fight is being carried to the Supreme Court.

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