

Notes on People

MAR 13 1976

NYTimes

Nixon Loses a Tree He Got From China

A 15-inch dwarf fruit tree brought back from China by Richard M. Nixon last month has been confiscated by Department of Agriculture inspectors, who say he will not get it back. The tree is believed to be flowering cherry or apricot, which department officials said were banned completely, unlike bonsai, or nonfruit miniatures. On his first trip to China, Mr. Nixon brought back eight miniature trees that, according to the department, were never inspected. "You just don't go and shake down the President's plane," said Eugene M. Farkas of the department's inspection service, adding that things are different now that Mr. Nixon is a private citizen.

LAURIE JOHNSTON

See also WXPost 12 Mar 76, Maxine Cheshire;
SFC 13 Mar 76