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Ping Pong Suit On China Eyed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Interior Department has denied a permit for the Nationalist Chinese ping pong team to stage a protest game in front of the White House, but U.S. sponsors say they will take the matter to the courts.

Fundamentalist minister Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J., said today his attorneys will file suit in U.S. District Court here in an attempt to force the government to allow the match as a protest of President Nixon's China policy.

McIntire and his International Council of Churches requested the permit for a match on the White House sidewalk Sept. 9 as a show of support for the Nationalist Chinese and in opposition to President Nixon's planned trip to Peking. McIntire said they also oppose the Administration's plan to vote for admission of China to the United Nations.

The Nationalist Chinese team, which McIntire says is the best in Asia, has been on a 30-day tour playing various local U.S. teams.

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Dr. Carl McIntire, the politically conservative fundamentalist preacher, is infuriated with President Nixon for refusing to welcome Nationalist China's table tennis team when it visits Washington this month. Dr. McIntire invited the team as a protest against the President's planned visit to Communist China, which he likened to "Roosevelt shaking hands with Hitler." Spurned by Mr. Nixon, Dr. McIntire now wants to set up a Ping-Pong table for the Taiwan team in front of the White House but the National Park Service has vetoed that. He said he would appeal the turndown in Federal court.

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