

Ford's lawyers request papers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lawyers for President Ford and the Watergate Special Prosecutor yesterday disclosed a proposed agreement to make Richard M. Nixon's White House tapes and papers available for criminal investigations without subpoena.

In a joint motion filed in U.S. district court, the lawyers asked that investigators be allowed to make a general review of the materials and directly examine all items relating to current criminal investigations.

A spokesman for the Special Prosecutor's Office said the agreement would afford almost total access to the tapes and papers, would eliminate court subpoena fights and would virtually assure the materials would not be transferred to Nixon in California any time soon.

Although Nixon — because of Ford's pardon — is immune from prosecution for any wrongdoing, the special prosecutor's office is investigating possible illegal actions of others in a number of areas relating to the Nixon White House.

Ford's press secretary, Ron Nessen, said the proposed agreement to expand access to the materials was made because Ford felt "the due administration of justice and the public interest require that the special prosecutor have prompt and effective use of those presidential materials of the Nixon administration now located in the White House complex that are relevant and important to ongoing criminal investigations and prosecutions within the special prosecutor's jurisdiction."

Ford signed the agreement Friday, Nessen said.

Under a temporary injunction by U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey, Nixon's tapes and papers may not be moved nor anyone given access to them — except under proper subpoena — until their ownership and custody is judicially determined.

White House lawyer Philip Buchen

and Special Prosecutor Henry S. Ruth Jr. asked Richey for a hearing on their motion no later than Wednesday.

The motion was filed in a suit originally brought by Nixon to require government compliance with a controversial agreement with the government's General Services Administration Sept. 6. It gave Nixon ownership of the materials under joint custody with the government for five years and providing for their destruction.

In a related development five members of Congress filed suit in federal district court to keep the Nixon White House tapes and papers intact while Congress completes work on pending legislation to nullify the GSA agreement.

Signing the petition were Sens. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., and Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., and Reps. John Brademas, D-Ind., and Wayne Hays, D-Ohio.

Fall '75 proposed for first TAP home

The Academic Development Committee for a Thematic Academic Program Center has recommended that Fall Term 1975 be the target date for the first TAP offering.

A TAP center would consist of a residence for both students and faculty on campus in which an integrated group of courses would be offered each term. Robert Dunham, vice president for undergraduate studies, has not commented on the committee's report, but Paul Holtzman, committee chairman, said Dunham seems interested in TAP.

A main problem with getting the program off the ground thus far has been finding an available residence on campus to house the center. A center planned for this past

summer would have been in two on-campus fraternities. The plans for the center failed because of a lack of student interest.

It is now up to the University administration to arrange TAP housing, negotiate its faculty and propose potential TAP themes and course combinations.

The program would enroll 50 to 80 students per term. Each student would earn 12 credits with three four-credit courses.

A minimum of 40 students was needed for the summer program but only 20 applied. Ed Pitts, coordinator for the summer pilot program, said that the program probably failed because many students couldn't participate during the summer. Pitts also said many

students may not have found the theme — "Involuntary Conservation — Resource Management and the Future of Man" — to be relevant to their majors, and that advertising for the program was insufficient.

Besides the problem of the housing shortage on campus, there would be the additional problem of students getting out of their dorm or apartment contract for the term the program was offered and then finding housing for them again after that term.

These housing problems wouldn't exist if the program was offered Summer Term, but because the summer pilot program failed, Pitts said the next program has been proposed for Fall Term.

Long strike may hurt economy

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A nationwide coal strike lasting more than two weeks could have a devastating effect on the U.S. economy, putting hundreds of thousands of nonstriking workers out of jobs and crippling steel, auto and power production.

But the nation's railroads, which depend on shipment of coal for 10 per cent of their total revenue, were expected to feel the impact immediately and most severely. One industry association estimated railroads would lose \$21 million a week.

The Penn Central, the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads posted notices of layoffs in advance of the scheduled start of the strike today.

The 120,000 miners represented by the United Mine Workers produce about 70 per cent of the nation's coal supplies. Most of the remaining 30 per cent is produced by small Western mines, many of which are non-union.

The Big Three automakers, with 68,200 workers on indefinite layoffs because of sagging sales, said even more workers will be thrown out of work if

the coal strike goes beyond two weeks.

"A lack of steel could cause us to begin curtailing some of our assembly operations in a few weeks, long before our own supply of coal is exhausted," said a spokesman for General Motors. "It wouldn't be long before we would have to shut down all of our plants."

Spokesman for GM, Ford and Chrysler said the auto industry has a two-month supply of coal on hand, but would be crippled when the steel and energy industries run out of coal — in less than two weeks for major steel producers.

Bethlehem Steel Corp. said its production would have to be curtailed within two or three days of a strike. United States Steel Corp., the nation's largest, said it was taking steps to stretch its small stockpile of coal.

The federal Office of Emergency Preparedness has estimated that a prolonged coal strike could put 600,000 to one million persons out of work nationwide.

In other economic developments:

- The cut in crude oil prices by three Arab

nations was not likely to produce lower prices at the consumer level because the Arab states also raised taxes and royalties paid by oil companies. Venezuela also is considering higher taxes to cut into oil company profits, a Caracas newspaper said. Oil companies would have to pass these higher taxes on to consumers, an oil company source said.

—The sale of an additional 200,000 tons of wheat to Egypt will not in itself drive up the price of wheat products in the United States, according to James J. Naive, a grain specialist for the Department of Agriculture. The department anticipated such a sale in its 1975 export projections of one billion to 1.1 billion bushels, and Naive said the Egyptian deal will be "hardly noticeable" on domestic food prices.

—Corporation profits have peaked and are beginning to fall as the economy gets deeper into a recession, First National City Bank of New York reported. The bank's economists predicted production cutbacks and heavier unemployment in months to come.

Nixon may return home soon

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Richard Nixon will be discharged from the hospital this week to begin convalescence at home if post surgery lung problems respond to treatment, his physician said yesterday.

A medical bulletin by Dr. John Lungren said the former President was on a "serious list and his condition continues to improve."

Lungren said Nixon was back on a regular diet, up and about in his room as much as his weak condition permitted and that oral anticoagulant treatment to combat blood clotting had been resumed.

"Special blood studies are being conducted this week," he said.

Followup studies on the status of his lungs also are in the process of being developed. Depending on a favorable outcome of these studies we are hopeful that he can be discharged from Memorial (Hospital) some time this week.

The 61-year-old former chief executive is expected to go to his San Clemente home from the hospital and any such examination presumably would be conducted there.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica announced at the Watergate coverup trial last week that he hoped to appoint a special panel of three doctors to examine Nixon and to give their opinion as to whether it was possible for him to give testimony.

Vet's Day date debated

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

The overwhelming majority of the states, 41 of them, celebrated Veteran's Day yesterday two weeks after the federal holiday was officially observed Oct. 28.

The failure of most of the states to go along with the October date resulted for the most part from the reluctance of veterans' organizations to shift from Nov. 11, formerly called Armistice Day, which honored the nation's war dead.

Before the Korean War the holiday applied specifically to men killed in World War I and World War II. In 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day and made it apply to Americans killed in all wars.


Later Congress changed the date to the fourth Monday in October, so Americans would have a three-day holiday weekend each year. The American Legion says, however, 41 states have chosen to keep the day Nov. 11 whether it falls on a Monday or not.

In New York City few people turned out yesterday to watch as American Legionnaires, police officers and Boy and Girl Scouts marched down New York's Fifth Avenue.

The parade was disrupted briefly when a small group of Vietnam Veterans Against the War tried to join the marchers. However, police on horses quickly dispersed the group.

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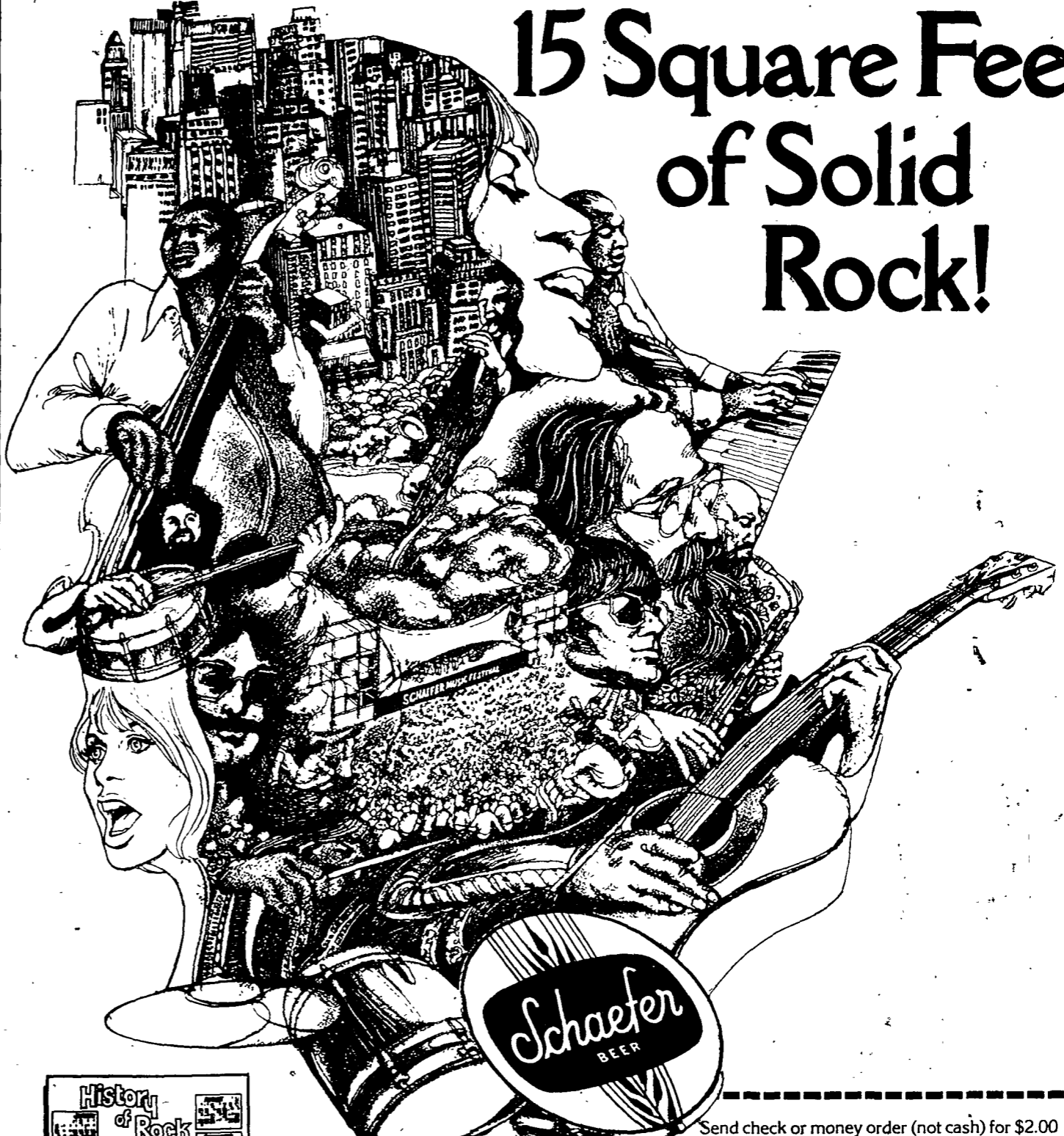
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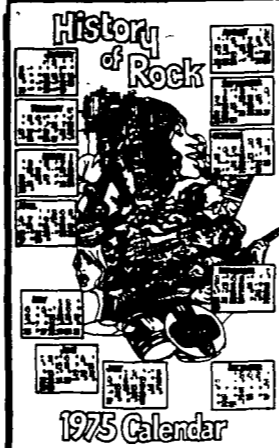
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