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Agnew Assured by Nixon He'll Get Expanded Role



SPIRO T. AGNEW Talks with chief.

NEW YORK (UPI)—President-elect Richard M. Nixon met with Spiro T. Agnew Wednesday for the first time in nearly three weeks and assured him he would play an "expanded role" in the new administration.

Agnew said newspaper reports that he was disappointed at not being asked to take a more active role in government planning were "not true." "I have talked with Mr. Nixon at least every other day," Agnew said. "I am exhilarated rather than dismayed at the enlarged scope of the vice president's duties."

Agnew said he would spend about half his time between now and the inauguration Jan. 20 helping to screen Cabinet appointments and planning government programs. Agnew said that while details of his duties would be disclosed later by Nixon, he could say generally that "I will have primary liaison responsibilities with the state governors" and "will have duties in foreign relations also."

Whistles Way to Free Phone Calls

Blind Student May Be Disconnected From School

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Blind college student Joe Engressia whistled his way past long distance circuit and placed free calls across the nation until he was found out by telephone officials.

Engressia, who said he is equipped with perfect pitch, said he found he could place calls by whistling varying series of a precise tone over the receiver. The tone can vary only 3 per cent, plus or minus, from 2,600 cycles per second.

He was called before the dean of men and told he would be "allowed to withdraw" for the rest of the quarter or face suspension. Said the Whistler: "I don't want to withdraw. I've got between an 'A' and 'B' average."

He said he would whistle the area code. If it were 213, for instance, he would whistle rapidly twice, pause, whistle once, pause, then twice again—all at 2,600 cycles. Then he would whistle the seven-digit local number in the same manner.

Conflict of Interest Brakes Applied

Health Planners Set Vote Rules

The Ventura County Area Health Planning Committee has applied the brakes to possible conflict of interest votes by adding a section to its rules which will govern the conditions under which members will vote.

"There is a considerable public voice expressing dissatisfaction with the work of this committee in our community based upon accusations that individual members have on occasion voted on proposals at a time when they were intimately connected with an institution which could suffer a direct financial loss if the proposal were given a go-ahead by the committee," Gallagher said.

"If I don't know my own mind nobody else is going to make it up for me," she said. "I still believe in honor among men and any member is privileged to abstain from voting when he feels he should."

Gallagher said the rule might never be invoked but there could be occasions when a member was not sure whether or not he should vote. He is entitled to have his position clarified with the help of other members before votes are taken.

Four Death Sentences Overtaken

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The California Supreme Court Wednesday overturned the sentences of four inmates of San Quentin's Death Row.

"The rule provides that where a member does not conclude for himself that such direct conflict exists, such member may obtain a ruling by majority vote of the others present on his qualification. Similarly, any member may challenge the right to vote on a particular issue to any other member."

"This is just another form of manipulation" was Mrs. McKenzie's comment before the vote was taken.

Rehearing Denied on Phone Rates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The state Public Utilities Commission denied Wednesday a rehearing on its telephone rate decision.

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low Price. Includes cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Atlanta, etc.

Criticism of Report 'Without Foundation'

Medi-Cal Arrests Due

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Criticism of an attorney general's report saying the Medi-Cal program is being bailed of \$8 million annually is "without foundation," his office said Wednesday.

In the original report O'Brien had said no indictments were sought because records in the \$800 million program are such poor shape this would be difficult and costly.

O'Brien said the president of the Southern California Dental Association challenged the statement that 11 dentists received a total of nearly \$1 million in medical fees in 1967, saying they were not individual practitioners.

Advertisement for Angela Buena Vista Center, featuring a logo with a wheel and text: TELEFLORIST FREE DELIVERY 644-3232

Home Furniture Co. advertisement for a recliner chair. Text: MERRY CHRISTMAS DAD and a Merry Christmas it will be when Dad relaxes in this handsome 3-position recliner by Berkline... \$69. Includes a picture of the chair and a logo for Master Charge.

Mills Jewelers advertisement for a Christmas Sale. Text: 57 Years, SAVE 25% to 40%, No Payments 'Til Next Year! Features various jewelry items like diamond rings, watches, and pearls with prices.