

USC will get infamous White House Tapes

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Former Pres. Richard Nixon announced Sunday that he will donate materials accumulated during his public career, including the so-called White House tapes, to a Presidential Library to be established at the University of Southern California.

Tentative plans for the Richard Nixon Presidential Library were reached over the weekend at a meeting between Nixon and his wife Pat and several members of the USC Board of Trustees at the Palm Springs estate of Walter Annenberg, the former ambassador to Great Britain.

A key section of the agreement provides that materials collected in the library will be available for public study by scholars and other researchers. A statement released by Nixon said the only restrictions on public availability would be for "materials involving United States foreign policy and national security."

The agreement is contingent on several factors, among them a law that requires that all materials from the Nixon Administration be retained in Washington. The constitutionality of that legislation is now under challenge. A spokesman for USC said plans for the library will proceed on the assumption that all of the Nixon materials eventually will be available.

Nixon's statement said that if the law preventing the transfer of the Presidential materials is declared invalid,

he will ask the Administrator of General Services to eliminate the provision of an agreement last year that the White House tape recordings would be destroyed after his death.

Nixon said he shares the view of other recent presi-

dents that "the materials of the Constitutional office holder, although by tradition his own property and possession, nevertheless are imbued with a public trust and should be preserved and made publicly available under terms consistent with the protection of the rights of others."

The library also would include papers and other materials accumulated during Nixon's career as a congressman, senator and vice president.

USC officials said funds for the library would be raised through private donations. After the library is built it would be deeded to the U.S. government, which would maintain and staff the facility. That is the same arrangement used for the Lyndon Johnson Presidential library at the University of Texas.

The agreement noted that the Nixon library at the USC campus near the downtown section might not have room for a large amount of Presidential memorabilia. If not, arrangements would be made for their public display at another location. That might be Whittier College, Nixon's alma mater in his hometown, about 15 miles east of USC.

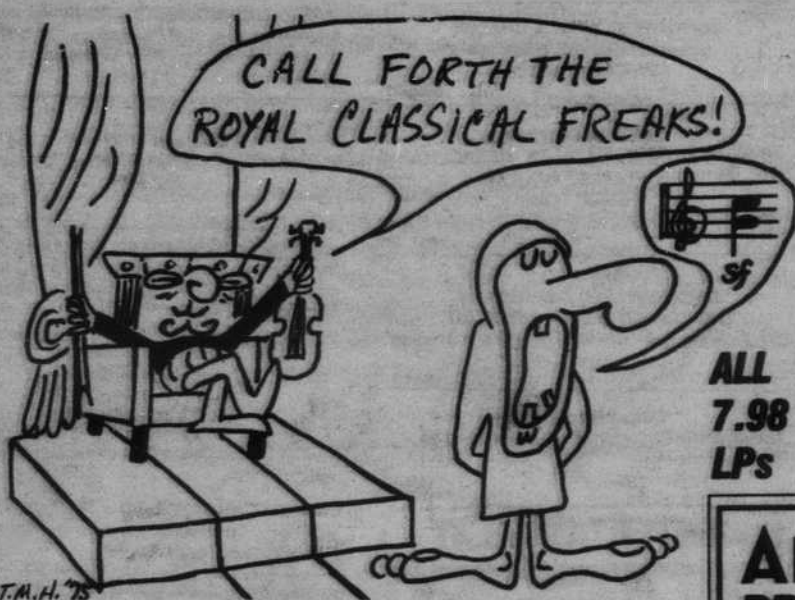
Whittier College already owns several tape-recorded interviews with Nixon acquaintances compiled in a special oral history project.

Nixon had IRS help

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Top Internal Revenue Service officials ordered the removal of former Pres. Richard M. Nixon's name from agency indexes in 1973 to cover up for him, a former IRS auditor charged Sunday.

In a copyrighted story in the *Sunday Bulletin*, Ralph LaCross said that he participated in a process of "burning off" Nixon's name from microfilmed indexes, making it impossible for anyone within the IRS to locate Nixon's tax returns.

The *Bulletin* said IRS officials admitted Nixon's name had been removed but said it was done for security reasons in the wake of news leaks regarding Nixon's taxes.

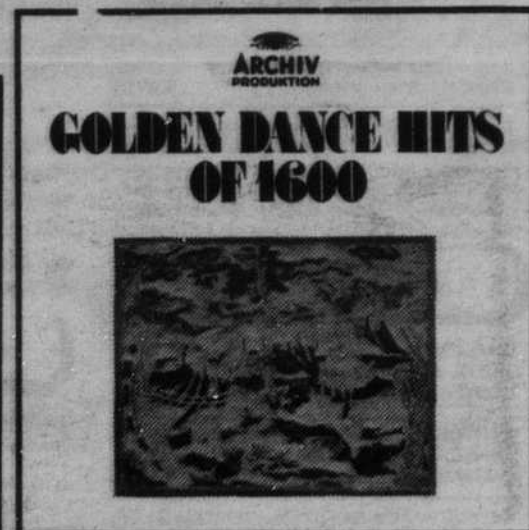
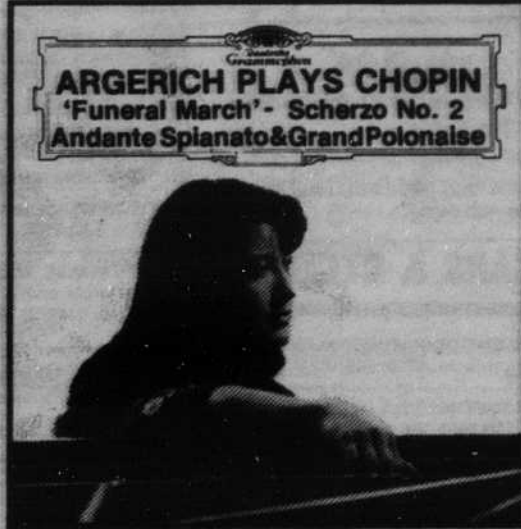
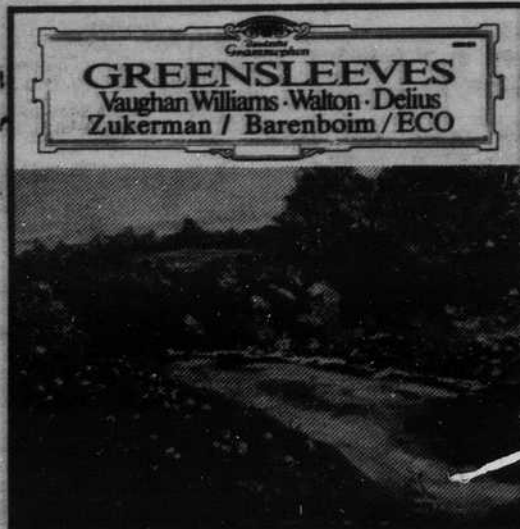
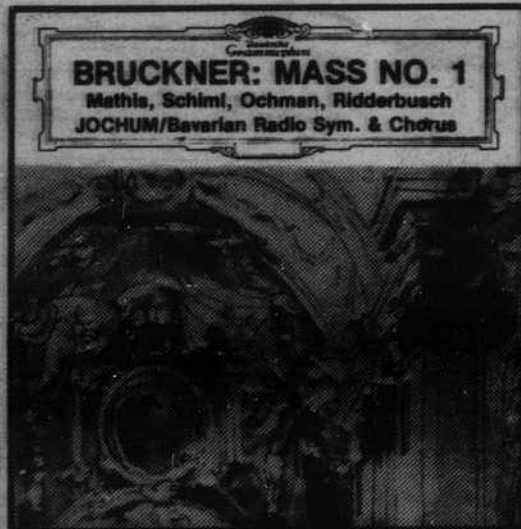


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