

7 Governors Under Examination

As a result of news stories to the effect that the IRS is investigating the Income Tax Returns of at least 15 Democratic governors, the IRS National Office in Washington checked with its 58 District Offices to determine whether such examinations were, in fact, being conducted.

Reports received from such District Offices indicate that the income tax returns of seven governors are currently under examination. Of this number, four are Republicans and three are Democrats.

The IRS has not initiated any examination program or drive to examine governors' returns. In each instance, the governors' returns under examination by the IRS were selected for audit under regular IRS selection procedures.

The IRS expects to audit about 1.6 million returns in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973. Audits are conducted for the purpose of insuring that the taxpayers involved have correct-

ly applied the law and regulations in determining the tax.

Consistent with the statutory prohibitions against disclosure, IRS will not make public the identity of a person being audited or investigated by the Service, or the status of any such audit or investigation, except as such items become matters of public record through normal judicial process or as may be necessary in connection with investigative inquiries.