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**NIXON MAY NEED SURGERY** for phlebitis, his physician said.

Dr. John Lungren said surgery "is a real possibility" if the former President doesn't respond properly to anticoagulants given by injection and orally in Long Beach, Calif., Memorial Hospital. Nixon was readmitted late Wednesday after blood clots in his left leg didn't respond well to oral anticoagulants alone during the 19 days since his first hospital stay. A source close to Nixon said he was "in very bad spirits" and having "heavy pain" when he returned to the hospital.

*Allegations that Nixon might be using his illness to keep from testifying at the Watergate cover-up trial "really don't bother him at all. He doesn't care what people say," according to the source.*

Judge John Sirica warned prosecution and defense lawyers about arguments and wisecracks, saying he wasn't going to let the Watergate trial assume "a carnival atmosphere." At another point he rebuked the defense for unrelenting assaults on John Dean's credibility, reminding them that was a matter for the jury to decide. "I don't think anyone is trying to paint (Dean) as a lily-white angel," Sirica said.

*Sirica also commented, with the jury absent, that it was too bad John Mitchell didn't just throw out the people who were allegedly planning political espionage in Mitchell's office in early 1972.*

With defense questioning of Dean nearly completed, the prosecution indicated it would next call E. Howard Hunt, who, like Dean, has been convicted in connection with Watergate. The prosecutors asked that Hunt be called as a "court witness" so they wouldn't have to vouch for his credibility and so both sides could cross examine him.

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