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**Newsman
Says Nixon
Cursed Him**

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct 3 (UPI)—A news photographer for the Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram said today that former President Nixon cursed him when he attempted to shoot a picture of Mr. Nixon coming out of a laboratory in a wheelchair.

Kent Henderson had stationed himself at the entrance to the Long Beach memorial hospital nuclear medicine department. He said he waited in the corridor for about two hours until Mr. Nixon appeared this morning. When Mr. Nixon saw him, Henderson said, the former President's face "contorted with anger."

He said Mr. Nixon shouted at him: "You goddam son of a bitch."

City editor Lee Craig said Henderson was so startled that he neglected to shoot the picture. Mr. Nixon was wheeled immediately back into the laboratory and apparently returned to his room by another route.

The former President will be released from the hospital Friday if diagnostic tests continue to show no signs of complications, his physician, Dr. John Lungren, said today.

Mr. Nixon is expected to return to his San Clemente estate for a prolonged convalescence of one to three months in recovering from phlebitis.