

Nixon Relaxes in Md. After Session on Budget

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President Nixon relaxed at his Camp David mountaintop retreat yesterday after conferring with his military advisers on proposals for a record defense budget next year.

It was the President's first weekend in three weeks away from the White House, where he has remained to set an example to the American people to spend more time at home during the fuel crisis.

Mr. Nixon and his wife traveled by car to the camp.

Before leaving Washington, the President met for two hours at breakfast with Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to discuss the forthcoming Pentagon budget.

Administration officials reported earlier that the President was preparing to seek a \$5 billion increase in defense spending which, if approved, would raise the appropriation to a record \$84 billion.

Defense officials maintain the increase is needed to cover soaring costs of military equipment and ammunition, rising fuel prices and rebuilding of equipment.

Mr. Nixon signed a bill restoring federal trust status to the Menominee Indian tribe near Green Bay, Wis. In a statement, he said the legislation was a "clear reversal of a policy which was wrong—the policy of terminating Indian tribal status."

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said Mr. Nixon still has 32 bills before him and was expecting 21 more measures passed by Congress in the final rush for adjournment.

Mr. Nixon was expected to return to the White House tonight or Monday for a family Christmas celebration. It was still uncertain aides said, whether he would go to Key Biscayne, Fla., for a vacation through the first of the year.