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Kissinger Confers on Mideast

Nixon Meets Press Tonight

President Nixon canceled plans for an address to the nation last night and announced that instead he will hold a televised news conference at 9 o'clock tonight.

The decision was made after he returned from an overnight stay at Camp David, Md., and during a two-hour meeting with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on the Middle East, deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said.

The President and Kissinger have been

in touch with leaders of the major powers" and with those involved in the Middle East war, Warren said. Mr. Nixon held "extensive" meetings Tuesday and Wednesday on the cease-fire agreement, Warren said.

The President will meet with Democratic and Republican congressional leaders at 8:30 this morning when he and Kissinger will report on the Middle East.

Tonight's press conference will be held in the East Room and carried on television and radio.