

Nixon Visits in N.H.;

Weekending in Maine

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — President Nixon flew today to New Hampshire, site of next year's first-in-the-nation presidential preference primary, for a quickie visit as part of a leisurely New England weekend.

The President's schedule called for stops totaling two-hours, 25 - minutes in New Hampshire, first at the airport in Manchester then at the Greenbrier Nursing Home at Nashua which has won federal recognition for its care of aged patients.

On To Maine

Nixon flies on to Maine to spend the rest of the weekend off the coast.

At least one of the political signs awaiting Nixon in New Hampshire was adverse. The state's biggest newspaper, the Manchester Union Leader, which has been a long-time supporter of Nixon, announced today it would support someone else for president in 1972.

The reason, Publisher William Loeb said in an editorial, is that the newspaper considers Nixon's planned visit to Peking and "the change in policy toward Red China to be immoral, indecent, insane and fraught with danger for the survival of the United States.

First in Nation

The President has not announced he will seek reelection next year, but his aides said it was fairly cer-

tain his name would be on the ballot of the March 7, 1972, New Hampshire presidential primary — first in the nation.

Potential challengers of the President also planned New Hampshire stops. Republican Congressman Paul R. McCloskey of San Mateo, Calif., who opposes Nixon's Vietnam war policies, said he would open his campaign headquarters at Concord, N.H., Monday.

Democratic presidential hopefuls Sen. George McGovern and Birch Bayh planned to show up for a Democratic picnic at Hollis Sunday.

After returning to Manchester, Nixon planned to fly to Bangor, Maine, and then to Minot Island in Penobscot Bay.

To Return Sunday

The 22-acre resort island is owned by Jack J. Dreyfus Jr. of New York, head of the Dreyfus Mutual Fund. The island has an eight-bedroom house, a 10-room cottage, a boat house, a tennis court, and a putting green.

Traveling with the President were Mrs. Nixon and their son-in-law and daughter, Ens. and Mrs. David Eisenhower.

Nixon planned to return to Washington Sunday.

Paper Breaks With Nixon

MANCHESTER (N.H.) — (UPI) — President Nixon had nothing but kind words, today for New Hampshire's largest newspaper, the Manchester Union Leader and its publisher, William Loeb, a former supporter.

The Union Leader said in an editorial signed by Loeb today that it would endorse someone else for President in 1972 because of Nixon's planned visit to mainland China.

The editorial entitled "A Sad Good-bye to an Old Friend," noted that the Union Leader was the first

newspaper to endorse Nixon in 1968 and had supported him "for a long, long time."

Shortly after arriving at Manchester Airport for the brief New Hampshire stop the President talked with Union Leader photographer Chris Goudas.

"Tell Bill I always appreciate his outspoken editorials," Nixon told Goudas.

The photographer asked, "did you see the one today?"

"Yes, he really took us on," Nixon replied.

The President told Goudas he still considered the Union Leader "one of the best newspapers in the country."