

President to Visit Canada; 'Would Like to Go to Japan'

Trudeau's Invitation Accepted for Next Spring—U.S. Move to Conciliate 2 Major Trading Partners Seen

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 30—President Nixon will visit Canada next spring and "would like to go to Japan," the Western White House announced today.

The announcement by Ronald L. Ziegler, the President's press secretary, represented the latest effort by the Nixon Administration to adopt a conciliatory tone toward the two largest trading partners of the United States and the two allies most severely affected by Mr. Nixon's new economic policy.

No date was set for the visit to Canada, which was also announced by the Government of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Ottawa. Mr. Ziegler said that the President's desire to travel to Japan "sometime in the future" had not yet been translated into a firm commitment.

The White House would not say whether the trip to Canada or the possible visit to Japan might precede Mr. Nixon's jour-

ney to China. The President is scheduled to visit Peking sometime before May and the outcome of sensitive diplomatic negotiations on that journey is expected to dictate the timing of any foreign travels he undertakes.

Mr. Ziegler said that the President had decided against traveling to Iran this fall for the celebration of the 2500th anniversary of the founding of the Persian empire. Instead, the White House announced, Vice President Agnew will represent the United States at the celebration in Persepolis, the seat of the empire founded by Cyrus the Great.

Representatives of some 60 nations will take part in the celebration between Oct. 13 and 18. Among them will be Nikolai V. Podgorny, President of the Soviet Union. Mr. Ziegler said that the Vice President's itinerary would be announced

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later, leading to speculation that he would travel elsewhere on the way to and from Iran.

Mr. Ziegler said that Mr. Nixon had accepted "in principle" an invitation to visit Canada that was extended by Mr. Trudeau when he was in Washington in March, 1969, and that "it has now been agreed that the President will visit Canada sometime next spring."

He noted speculation that the Japanese Government, headed by Premier Eisaku Sato, was preparing to issue a formal invitation to Mr. Nixon to return the two visits the Japanese leader made to Washington in 1969 and 1970. Mr. Ziegler said that although no decision to accept such an offer had been made, "I would leave you with the thought the President would like to go to Japan sometime."

Japanese officials have expressed irritation that they had no more than a few minutes' notice of President Nixon's two major international moves of recent weeks, his announcement last month that he would go to Peking and his order on Aug. 15 imposing a 10 per cent surcharge on dutiable imports and suspending a pledge to redeem foreign-held dollars in gold. The diplomatic and trade maneuvers have had a major impact on Japan, worsening already strained relations between Tokyo and Washington.

Canadians Seek Exemption

Canadian trade officials have also been upset by the President's dollar diplomacy, arguing that their nation's exports should be exempt from the surcharge because of the integration of the Canadian and American economies. Some 69 per cent of Canada's exports come to the United States, and Mr. Trudeau's Government has estimated that at least one-fourth of these will be subject to the surcharge.

Mr. Nixon announced 10 days ago that he would fly to Anchorage on Sept. 26 to welcome

Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako when their plane stops in Alaska for refueling on a trip to Europe. It will be the first stop on the first foreign journey ever undertaken by a reigning Japanese Emperor and will mark the first meeting in history between an incumbent American President and a Japanese Emperor.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower planned to visit Tokyo during a Far Eastern tour in 1960. But the trip came at a time of political crisis in Japan over renewal of the security treaty with the United States and the Japanese withdrew the invitation with apologies after a leftist mob surrounded an auto carrying Mr. Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, forcing his rescue by helicopter.

Mr. Nixon visited Japan a number of times before he became President.