

Nixon, on Stopover in Hawaii, Spends Day of Study and Rest

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HONOLULU, Feb. 18—President Nixon spent most of the day in Hawaii today studying papers on China as he and Mrs. Nixon and their party rested in preparation for the next stage of their 11,500-mile flight from Washington to Peking.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the Presidential press secretary, told newsmen that one topic the President would discuss with Chinese leaders next week was whether an "ongoing communications belt" could be established between Washington and Peking.

Asked if the President had in mind a "hot line" such as the link between Moscow and Washington, Mr. Ziegler said he did not want to speculate on what means of communication might be employed. He

said that the President had used the word "belt" in conferring with Congressional leaders yesterday before leaving Washington.

But he pointed out, as has the President, that diplomatic relations with Peking were not envisioned at this time.

On arriving last night at the Kaneohe Marine Air Station,

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on the northern shore of the Hawaiian island of Oahu, Mr. Nixon said he was going to soak up some sun while here. But early-morning rain and clouds prevented that.

Mr. Nixon, who resumes his journey tomorrow, chose to stay over two nights in Hawaii so as to overcome the effects of the time difference involved in crossing so many time zones on the way to Peking.

The President flies on to Guam tomorrow for an overnight stay before proceeding to Shanghai and Peking, where he is scheduled to arrive at 11:40 A.M. Monday (10:40 P.M. Sunday, New York time.)

Mr. Nixon's schedule during his five days in Peking next week and subsequent one-day stops in Hangchow and Shanghai has been left flexible to allow the maximum time for talks.

There is no firm indication yet where the President will meet Mao Tse-tung. It could be in Peking soon after his arrival, but there has been speculation that the two would meet in Hangchow, where the chairman of the Chinese Communist party has a villa.

Mr. Nixon has indicated that

there will be no detailed formal agenda for his talks with the Chinese leaders but that the discussions will be geared largely to an attempt to find out how the Chinese feel about affairs in general and to explain to them his thinking on how United States policy is likely to evolve over the next few years, particularly in the Pacific.

Only after some get-acquainted time, it appears, is there likely to be an exchange of policy views on specific issues such as the war in Indochina, nuclear arms, relationships with the Soviet Union and Japan, the Chinese Nationalist Government on Taiwan, which is still recognized as a sovereign regime by the United States, and the whole range of economic and trade questions.

The President remained in high spirits as he neared the moment of entering China for the specific purpose of trying to open a dialogue with Mr. Mao and Premier Chou En-lai and thus thaw more than 20 years of frigid relationships between Washington and Peking.

Stopover in Anchorage

HONOLULU, Feb. 18 (AP)—The White House today announced a change in the closing phase of the Presidential

itinerary. On the return flight, Mr. Ziegler said, the President plans to spend the night of Feb. 27 at Anchorage, Alaska, after crossing the international date line instead of proceeding directly to Washington.

The return to Washington is scheduled for the evening of Feb. 28—apparently in time for a live television broadcast in prime viewing hours.

The next day, Mr. Ziegler said, Mr. Nixon will report on his journey to Congressional leaders.

The President, who was up at 7 A.M. today to continue his studying in preparation for talks in China, also conferred during the day with his principal foreign policy advisers, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Henry A. Kissinger, his special assistant for national security.

It was understood that there would be no written exchanges with the Chinese, but that all business would be conducted orally.

It is expected that the President will hold his most serious talks with Premier Chou En-lai.

The Nixons are staying at the Kaneohe base in a 17-room hilltop house overlooking the Pacific borrowed from Brig. Gen. Victor Armstrong, a Marine brigade commander.