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NIXON PLANS VISIT TO WESTCHESTER

Will Tour 10 Communities There Monday and Meet New England Leaders

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The White House announced today that President Nixon would pay a second political visit to New York State next week amid other signs that his campaign — a rather placid affair so far — would soon pick up momentum.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, announced at his morning briefing that, while the President had not finally decided on his exact schedule in the three weeks remaining in the campaign, he would visit communities in Westchester County next Monday. 23 OCT

Mr. Nixon will also meet with Republican leaders from New England and other Eastern states at Governor Rockefeller's Tarrytown estate and end the day with a rally at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale.

Meanwhile, John B. Connally, the former Secretary of the Treasury who has undertaken the task of winning Regular Democrats to Mr. Nixon's cause, announced at a news conference that he would address the nation for one-half hour beginning at 7:30 Friday night on two television networks—the National Broadcasting Company and the American Broadcasting Company.

Will Speak on Issues

Mr. Connally said "there's too much attention being paid to the side shows" and promised to address himself to "issues." Presumably, he intends to focus on the economy, if only because Mr. Nixon's opponent, Senator George McGovern, will deliver a 30-minute speech on the subject three hours later over the A.B.C. network.

Mr. Connally said that he did not believe that such matters as the alleged Republican espionage campaign against the Democrats went "to the heart of the issue in this campaign," and he described the Watergate bugging episode as reprehensible but not unique in political history.

Asked whether he thought "corruption" in Mr. Nixon's Administration was any worse than it was during the tenure of Lyndon B. Johnson, Mr. Connally's political mentor, the Texas Democrat replied with a smile: "I wouldn't want to give any administration in my lifetime a seal of purity."

Mr. Nixon did some cultivating of Democrats himself today. At a meeting with 34 foreign labor leaders here to observe the American political process, the President asserted that a "strong" and "free" labor movement was "essential if we are going to have free governments in this country or the world."

Sees Bond on Vietnam

Though never regarded either by himself or by the labor movement as a staunch supporter of labor, Mr. Nixon has moved this year to win labor support through a variety of strategies. One of these has been to repeat at every turn the bond he senses between himself and some labor leaders on the Vietnam issue, a bond he alluded to again today.

"The leaders of our free trade union movement are devoted to the survival of freedom and to the growth of freedom all over the world," he said.

Mr. Nixon's only formal appearance outside Washington this week will be in Philadelphia on Friday when he signs the revenue-sharing bill at Independence Hall. The idea was suggested to the President by Frank L. Rizzo, the Democratic Mayor of Philadelphia who is supporting Mr. Nixon. 20 OCT

Asked to explain the connection between Independence Hall and revenue sharing, Mr. Ziegler replied, "Well, I think we have a very historic piece of legislation to sign."

*See Bruce Biossat (Frederick Post, 13 Oct 72, filed POWs): original schedule called for campaigning to begin 14-15 Oct, revised schedule called for campaigning to begin 18-22 Oct. See memo filed with transcript KPFA News Headlines 26 Oct 72, filed POWs. French mission in Hanoi bombed 11 Oct 72.