

Nixon's Bedroom Gets Redecorated

Washington

President Nixon's White House bedroom has been redecorated and he has an early 19th Century antique bed, it was disclosed yesterday.

The redecorating was a surprise for the President, worked on by his wife, Pat, and White House curator Clement Conger, and done while the Nixons were in California.

The first time Mr. Nixon saw the new light-blue bedroom with the antique canopy bed was in the early hours of last Saturday, when he returned from a two-week stay in California.

"The room is so beautiful we'll have to show it to tourists," the President told Conger. Mr. Nixon said, "It looks like a museum room."

'RESTFUL'

The President's bedroom, previously in red, white and blue decor, is now decorated with the walls in a medium shade of blue described by Conger as "very restful." It has an Oriental rug in shades of red, green and blue with matching tobacco plant print draperies and a matching green and white print bedspread.

The antique bed from the period of 1800 to 1810 was bought at auction in Detroit from a great collection of Americana, Conger said. It

is a double bed of what he described as "very modest proportions" and has a small canopy.

REPRODUCTION

Mr. Nixon previously had a four-poster bed, without a canopy, that was a reproduction and the walls were white.

The redecoration had been under way for several months, Conger said, and Mrs. Nixon "wanted it to be a surprise" for the President.

There are some new paintings on the walls, too. Over the mantel of the fireplace that Mr. Nixon likes to keep burning, there is a Federal period looking glass.

The paintings include a scene of a lake in the Adirondacks by Jasper Cropsey, a recent White House gift acquisition, and two Chinese prints in original sandalwood frames that show Admiral Perry's fleet in the harbors of Hong Kong and Macao after they were refused admission to Japan.

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