

President Back From Brief Talks

Washington

President Nixon returned yesterday from a sudden summit in Paris, his aides saying that the world leaders he met still view him as a key force in the quest for global stability.

Especially bolstered, according to White House officials, were hopes for Mr. Nixon's upcoming trip to the Soviet Union, with some progress already recorded on the issue of nuclear controls.

Mr. Nixon's jet landed at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Washington at 12:25 p.m. PDT. The President immediately took off by helicopter for the Camp David presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains. He is expected to return to the White House today.

Mr. Nixon had gone to the French capital to attend a memorial service for Georges Pompidou, the French president, who died last Tuesday.

While there, Mr. Nixon met with the leaders of seven nations also in Paris for the Pompidou memorial.

According to presidential chief of staff, General Alexander Haig, the meetings did not cover the Watergate scandal or President Nixon's domestic problems. However, it was apparent that the administration was

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trying to indicate Mr. Nixon's important role in world affairs as a buttress against moves for impeachment.

"It was very evident that European leaders and world leaders with whom the President met," Haig told reporters on the flight back from Paris, "continue to look to the United States and President Nixon as an essential factor in the realization of the continuing effort to develop a structure for a stable international environment."

Mr. Nixon spent yesterday morning meeting separately with Soviet President Nico-

lai Podgorny and Japanese Premier Kakeui Tanaka. Saturday, Mr. Nixon saw officials from Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, Denmark and France.

During the Podgorny meeting, Haig said that great progress was made on the matter of nuclear arms limitations.

Haig said that "both sides have set the preliminary stages for finite and real ac-

complishments during Summit III," when Mr. Nixon is in Moscow.

Neither Haig nor Ronald L. Ziegler, President Nixon's press spokesman, would provide any substance to support the claim of expected major accomplishments during the June meeting.

On other matters, Haig said Tanaka renewed an invitation for President Nixon to visit Japan. The American leader said he hopes to do so sometime this year.

Haig and Ziegler did not rule out the possibility of another Nixon trip to Western Europe before the Moscow summit, provided there is substantive progress in developing new cooperation and consultation within the Atlantic Alliance.

An inability to move toward declarations outlining such new relationships resulted in a general deterioration over the past year in U.S.-European relations and the postponement of a Nixon trip this month to allied countries.

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