Nixon's Itinerary For Mideast Trip

Washington

President Nixon, seeking to "consolidate what has been achieved on the road to peace," will visit five Middle East nations beginning next week, the White House announced yesterday.

Mr. Nixon will be the first American President to travel to the Middle East since Franwlin D. Roosevelt attended the Cairo conference during World War II.

The President will leave Washington Monday for Salzburg, Austria, where he will rest for a day. From there he will travel to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Israel and Jordan, returning to this country on June 18.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Nixon and by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

White House deputy press secretary Gerald Warren emphasized that the President's travels will not be a "good will trip" but a working tour in which the United States will press forward with its diplomatic initiatives to help build a permanent peace between Israel and the Arab states.

Warren declined, however, to speculate on whether the United States and Syria would resume formal relations during the President's visit to Damascus.

Relations between the United States and Egypt,

which also were severed in 1967, were formally resumed earlier this year.

Mr. Nixon will be in Egypt June 12-14 and will meet with President Anwar Sadat. June 14 and 15 he will visit Saudi Arabia, where he will confer with King Faisal.

On June 15-16 he will be in Syria for talks with President Hafez Assad, He will meet with the new prime minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, and other Israeli leaders on June 16 and 17.

On June 17 and 18 he will be in Jordan to confer with King Hussein before flying home.

A little more than a week later, on June 27, he will leave for a meeting with Soviet leaders in Moscow.

New York Times