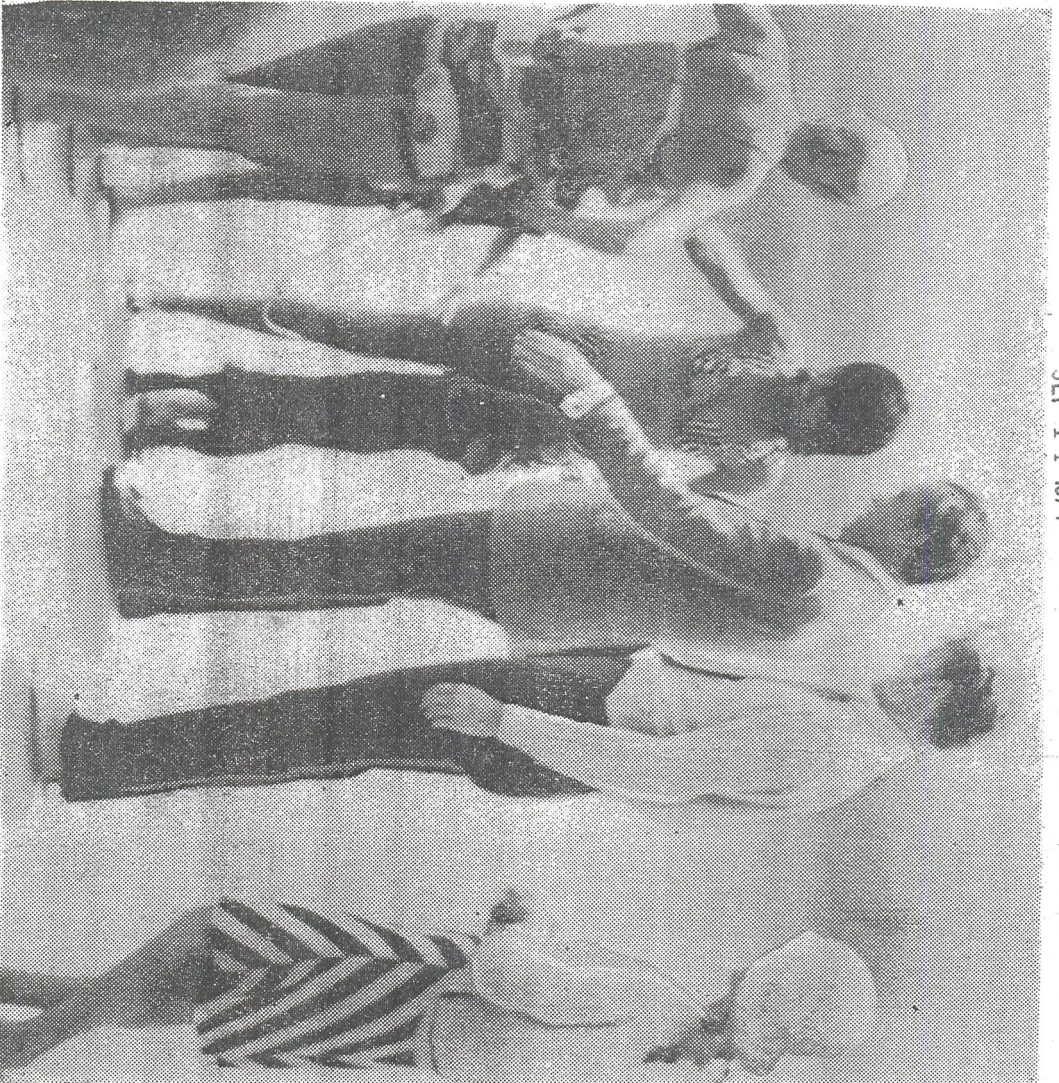


The State of Nixon's Health



A student camping in the area took this photo of former President Nixon on the beach near Ventura on August 14 when a party including Mr. Nixon's daughter, Tricia Cox (right) and son-in-law Edward Cox (behind Mr. Nixon) stopped to picnic there.

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San Clemente

Former President Nixon has a new and painful blood clot in his left leg and is suffering from "severe strain and physical fatigue," his doctor said yesterday.

But Mr. Nixon is "mentally alert" and hospitalization has been ruled out at Mr.

Nixon's request, the doctor. Air Force Major General Walter Tkach, said in a statement that a Nixon aide relayed to newsmen by telephone.

The statement did not say how serious the clot is, and the aide refused to call the former White House doctor to the telephone.

Mr. Nixon has been suffering from phlebitis, an inflammation of a vein, for several months. The ailment created the first clot.

"There is a new venous clot in the former President's upper left leg," Tkach said.

"I have found the former President to be suffering

from severe strain and physical fatigue, but he is mentally alert and has been working at his office at home each day.

"The leg is swollen and painful. The clot from the earlier phlebitis, which is still present, causes the for-

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Mr. Nixon smiled for amateur photographer at beach outing on August 14

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mer President periodic pain.

"Serious consideration was given to hospitalization, but it has been ruled out at this time based on former President Nixon's wishes.

"The former President will continue to receive medication and will be under doctor's care, and an evaluation will be made on a weekly basis by Dr. Lundgren and myself."

Dr. John Lundgren is a Long Beach internist with a specialty in cardiology who has been the Nixons' family doctor for many years. Tkach said he had examined Mr. Nixon yesterday morning after arriving here from Washington and had consult-

ed with Lundgren, who examined the former President Tuesday in Palm Springs. 10 SEP

Lundgren also was not available to newsmen.

A Washington source said the purpose of Tkach's trip was to "determine on the scene whether he (Nixon) should hospitalized."

Mr. Nixon's son-in-law, David Eisenhower, said Thursday that the blood clot had moved above the knee and caused Mr. Nixon's leg to swell twice its normal size. 11 SEP

Mr. Nixon and his wife, Pat, returned to San Clemente by helicopter Thursday night after a five-day stay at the Palm Springs estate of



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DR. WALTER TKACH
He reported new clot

Walter H. Annenberg, ambassador to Great Britain and a longtime friend of Mr. Nixon.

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