

Nixon to Enter Hospital Monday

Long Beach

Former President Nixon will check into a hospital in this seaside city Monday for treatment of phlebitis that has painfully swollen his left leg, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Mr. Nixon will stay in a private room on the sixth floor of Memorial Hospital Medical Center of Long Beach, the spokesman said.

Hospital officials said they had no idea how long Mr. Nixon will be hospitalized.

Though the phlebitis has created two blood clots in his leg, which could be fatal if either broke free and lodged in his heart or lungs, the former President reportedly had fought against hospitalization.

Dr. John C. Lungren, Mr.

Nixon's longtime physician, will make an announcement after Mr. Nixon's arrival and will make daily reports on his condition, the spokesman said.

Lungren had no immediate comment to newsmen.

It was not immediately known if Mr. Nixon's wife, Pat, or any family members would stay with him. A spokesman at Mr. Nixon's villa in San Clemente would say only that the former chief executive "planned to enter a hospital early next week for treatment of his phlebitis."

In resisting his doctors' efforts to hospitalize him, Mr. Nixon reportedly said, "If I go into the hospital, I'll never come out alive."

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