

Korff Reports Nixon Plans No Public Role at Present

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Feb. 9—Rabbi Baruch Korff said today that former President Richard M. Nixon, in view of his poor "physical and emotional health," had no intention at present of seeking either Republican party chores or foreign policy assignments.

In a morning news conference at the San Clemente Inn, Rabbi Korff said that Mr. Nixon had authorized him to make this statement in response to one by Senator Barry Goldwater, Republican Arizona, that Mr. Nixon was interested in becoming Ambassador to China or a spokesman for the Republican party.

"Senator Goldwater meant well, but the President has no such aspirations. He does not contemplate anything in view of his health," Rabbi Korff said as he left the Nixon estate after a four-day visit.

Rabbi Korff said that Mr. Nixon had been "visibly annoyed" by a statement from Charles W. Colson, a former White House counsel and Watergate defendant, that Mr. Nixon, as President, had considered Henry A. Kissinger "unstable" and thought that Gerald R. Ford would need at least two years before he could administer the country effectively.

'Lonely, Troubled Man'

The rabbi, who emphasized that he was generally repeating only "in essence" what Mr. Nixon had told them during his stay, said that the former President had, however, empowered him to make a second, direct statement on his behalf, in support of President Ford.

"I have nothing but love and admiration for Jerry Ford," Rabbi Korff quoted Mr. Nixon as saying.

The Rabbi also quoted the former President as saying that he would not have selected Mr. Kissinger to head the National Security Council or appointed him Secretary of State if he had thought Mr. Kissinger "unstable."

Rabbi Korff described Mr. Nixon as "a lonely, troubled

man," who is sometimes "at a low ebb emotionally" and given to periods of "inertia, sadness and depression." He also said Mr. Nixon expressed "no bitterness" over what the rabbi called the unfair treatment he had received from some members of Congress.

The rabbi, a long-time supporter of Mr. Nixon, who heads a fund to pay his legal fees, said he had asked the former President to walk with him on the cliffs above the San Clemente beach today for the benefit of reporters, but that Mr. Nixon had refused. Rabbi Korff said Mr. Nixon intended to remain in seclusion because, "physically and emotionally, he is unable to" appear in public. "The trauma still lingers on."

(The six-month transition period, provided by law to help former Presidents "adjust to the life of a private citizen" ended for Mr. Nixon at noon today, sharply reducing his staff and other Government-funded prerequisites.)

St. Lucia Gets Appeal

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Feb. 9 (UPI)—The 100,000 inhabitants of this small, underdeveloped Caribbean island have been asked to help defray the legal expenses of former President Nixon.

The appeal, published in the island's bi-weekly newspaper, The Voice, was signed by Rabbi Korff. It referred to the "judicial coup d'état of President Nixon and the continuous hostility toward the former President being fermented by a large and influential segment of the American media."

Farewell Party

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Feb. 9 (AP)—Rabbi Korff said today that he did not attend a party given by Mr. Nixon last night for his departing staff.

Some of those present said the former President was tan, walked without a limp and seemed to enjoy especially the "roasting" of his military aide, Col. Jack Brennan.