

## Japan Plans to Invite Nixon

Japan is ready to invite President Nixon to come to Tokyo for a state visit sometime early next year, Foreign Ministry sources said today.

It would be the first trip by an American president to Japan. It also would be the first effort by an American president to visit the country since rioting Japanese students forced the Japanese government to cancel an invitation to President Eisenhower in 1960.

Government sources said the formal invitation would be issued by Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda, when he goes to Washington September 9-10 for the United States-Japan Joint Economic Conference.

The object would be to

ease the growing friction that has risen between Japan and the United States due to trade and economic disputes.

White House Press Secre-

tary Ronald Ziegler said Saturday Nixon would like to visit Japan "at some point but no date has been finalized."

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