

Nixon Will Visit Canada, Maybe Japan

San Clemente

President Nixon will visit Canada next spring and would like to go to Japan "sometime in the future," the Western White House announced yesterday.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Mr. Nixon and Canada's prime minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, agreed in principle to a presidential visit to the neighboring country more than two years ago. He said the two governments now have agreed upon a springtime trip. However, the exact timing and the locale for the visit here are yet to be determined.

The White House would not say whether the trip to Canada or the possible visit to Japan might precede Mr. Nixon's journey to China.

The President is scheduled to visit Peking sometime before May and the outcome of sensitive diplomatic negotiations on that journey is expected to dictate the timing of any foreign travels he undertakes.

Japanese Foreign Ministry sources were quoted Sunday as saying that Japan plans to invite the President for a state visit early next year.

In volunteering that Mr. Nixon would like to visit Japan, Ziegler emphasized "there's no date set" and, in fact, there has been no definite decision that such a journey will be undertaken.

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