

PRESIDENT PLANS FOR 'GRAND TOUR' OF EUROPE IN FALL

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His Itinerary Is Expected
to Include Germany, Italy,
France and Britain
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WASHINGTON, April 15—President Nixon said today that he planned to make "a grand tour" of Europe—the first foreign trip of his second term—this fall.

Speaking with newsmen after the Sunday morning worship service at the White House, Mr. Nixon also said that he intended to meet with President Pompidou before going to Europe, but that a time and place had not yet been decided upon.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said later that Mr. Nixon would probably visit Britain, France, Italy and West Germany, all of whose leaders would have met with Mr. Nixon before then.

[Premier Giulio Andreotti of Italy, on the eve of his arrival in Washington for talks with President Nixon, says that Italy and the United States are linked by "a friendship of peoples that no event can jeopardize." Page 7.]

Trip Mentioned Before

The exact itinerary of Mr. Nixon's European tour has not been worked out, and it was presumed that other countries other than those mentioned would be included.

Mr. Nixon said at a news conference on March 15 that he had been urged by the National Security Council to make a trip to Europe "because of our interest in NATO" as well as to visit other places such as Latin America, Africa, and Japan. He said then that there was a possibility of a trip this summer or late spring, but his conversation with newsmen today seemed to rule out foreign travel until the fall.

Administration officials have said that they expected that Leonid M. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party leader, to visit in June, in return for Mr. Nixon's Soviet trip last May. Details for the Brezhnev visit have not been worked out, and no announcement has been made.

Mr. Nixon, who traveled

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widely during his first term in office — including two trips to Western Europe—had reportedly planned to visit Europe soon after his second term began on Jan. 20, to dramatize his intention to make 1973 "The Year of Europe."

But according to Administration officials, the President changed his mind about an early visit to Europe as the result of the strong criticism from many European capitals of the American bombing of Hanoi last December.

Mr. Nixon—according to his aides—was angered at what he regarded as a lack of understanding by his allies and decided to let considerable time elapse before going to Europe.

He did decide, however, to maintain his dialogue with European leaders by inviting them, one by one, to visit him.

In February, he received Prime Minister Heath of Britain. On Tuesday and Wednesday he will meet with Premier Andreotti at the White House, and on May 1 and 2, with Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany.

On his European trip, Mr. Nixon can be expected to devote considerable attention to trade and monetary problems and to the need for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to remain united and strong in a period of improved relations with the Soviet bloc.

On Friday Mr. Nixon disclosed that he was sending Secretary of State William P. Rogers on a trip to South America soon—possibly next month.