

# Nixon May Spend Holiday in D. C.

Washington

After days of debate at the White House over whether President Nixon would go to Florida by train, boat, bus or plane, it now seems that he may not go at all.

He said yesterday he may stay here and "freeze," which could mean that he will go to Camp David, Md., for a few days after celebrating Christmas with his family at the White House.

One thing is certain: He will not fly the Spirit of '76, the four-engine jet that uses some 2000 gallons of fuel an hour, for a holiday trip to Florida. He firmly ruled out use of the big plane for such

a trip, aides said.

During a meeting with energy czar William E. Simon, the President turned to photographers and said: "You all are going to stay up here with me and freeze. Somebody has got to set an example and it's got to be me."

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said no decision has been made about a presidential trip to Florida, but he noted that there is a "tremendous work load in the closing days" of a congressional session.

"I'm staying loose," Warren said when asked about his plans. In recent days, he

has said the President wanted to go to Florida the day after Christmas for a week or ten days.

Last week, it appeared that the President had decided to go to Florida by train. So many difficulties were discovered in putting a train together to accommodate him and his staff and in providing security that the idea was abandoned.

Early in the week it seemed that the decision had been made in favor of a small plane, either a Convair or a Jet Star, neither of which uses as much fuel as the Spirit of '76.

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