

Services for Pompidou

Nixon Plans a Paris Trip

Washington

Administration officials said yesterday that President Nixon expects to fly to Paris to attend a memorial service on Saturday for

President Georges Pompidou, who died Tuesday.

Mr. Nixon might stay on to meet the leading contenders for the French presidency, the officials added, per-

haps with the idea of easing the strains that have developed in U.S. relations with France, mainly over issues involving the Common Market.

These officials pointed out that when Mr. Nixon flew to France for the funeral of President Charles de Gaulle in 1970, he stayed on to confer at length with Pompidou, the successor.

The meeting then was the beginning of a marked improvement in French-American ties that continued until last winter, the officials said.

Had all gone well in what he termed the "year of Europe" in U.S. foreign policy, Mr. Nixon might have been journeying to Western Europe this week anyway to sign documents reaffirming a general sense of purpose among the Atlantic nations. That project has been stalled, in the American view, principally because of the refusal of the French government to take part in a declaration of Atlantic "partnership."

In discussing Mr. Nixon's travels, White House spokesman Gerald L. Warren said: "The President plans to go to the Soviet Union and he plans to go this year."

Warren spoke in response

to questioning about what Mr. Nixon would do in terms of foreign trips if he faced impeachment proceedings. He said Mr. Nixon also hopes to go to Western Europe this year, but said that the trip depends on the decisions the Common Market makes.

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