

# Nixon Expects to Fly to Paris For Pompidou Service Saturday

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WASHINGTON, April 3—Administration officials said today that President Nixon expected to fly to Paris to attend a memorial service on Saturday for President Georges Pompidou, who died yesterday.

Mr. Nixon might stay on to meet the leading contenders for the French presidency, the officials added, perhaps with the idea of easing the strains that have developed in United States 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 de Gaulle in 1970, he stayed on to confer at length with Mr. Pompidou, the successor.

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

## Future Trips Discussed

Had all gone well in what he termed the "Year of Europe" in United States 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 Amer-

ican 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, the White House spokesman, Gerald L. Warren, said: "The President plans to go to the Soviet Union and he plans to go this year."

Mr. Warren was responding to questioning about what foreign trips Mr. Nixon would make if he faced impeachment proceedings. He said that Mr. Nixon also hoped to go to Western Europe this year, but added that the trip "depends on the decisions the European community makes."

The President's Moscow trip, to complete negotiations of an American-Soviet pact to limit strategic nuclear weapons, is tentatively set for June. No new date has been set for the Western Europe trip since Mr. Nixon announced on March 15 that he had canceled plans to fly to Brussels this month.

The Western Europe visit now depends entirely on what the European Common Market members propose for strengthening trans-Atlantic ties, especially in terms of systematizing consultations between the United States and the European Nine.