

Ziegler Insists Nixon's In Charge

Washington

President Nixon conferred with Algeria's President Houari Boumedienne yesterday in what White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler said was part of an increasing tempo of diplomatic activity that Mr. Nixon meant to pursue regardless of impeachment pressures.

Under questioning, Ziegler said the President would ignore suggestions he curtail such activities and cancel plans for a trip to Moscow in late June until the impeachment issue had been resolved.

"We totally reject the suggestion," Ziegler said.

"The events of the past year show that the President is very much in charge of his job and very much in control of the government, also in the foreign policy areas."

Ziegler cited Mr. Nixon's meetings last week with world leaders who had gathered in Paris to pay homage to the late President Georges Pompidou as well as the conference with Boumedienne and today's scheduled meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko as evidence of Mr. Nixon's leadership.

In Boumedienne, Mr. Nixon was confronting one of the most militant leaders of

the Arab world. His oil-producing nation followed a hard line on the Arab oil embargo and, at the United Nations Wednesday, he urged the underdeveloped countries to take full control of all the raw materials they possess.

Ziegler said Mr. Nixon and Boumedienne conferred more than one hour on Middle East problems and world economic questions. He said Mr. Nixon explained his views on how to "build peace in the world and a stable economic order."

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger sat in on the talks.

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