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In Kweilin, Mr. Nixon shared a toast with Hsiao Kwang, vice chairman of the revolutionary committee of Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region

Ambulance Is Trailing Nixon

Kweilin, China

Former President Nixon, occasionally limping and looking fatigued, is being attended by a Chinese specialist from Peking and followed by an ambulance during his tour of southern China.

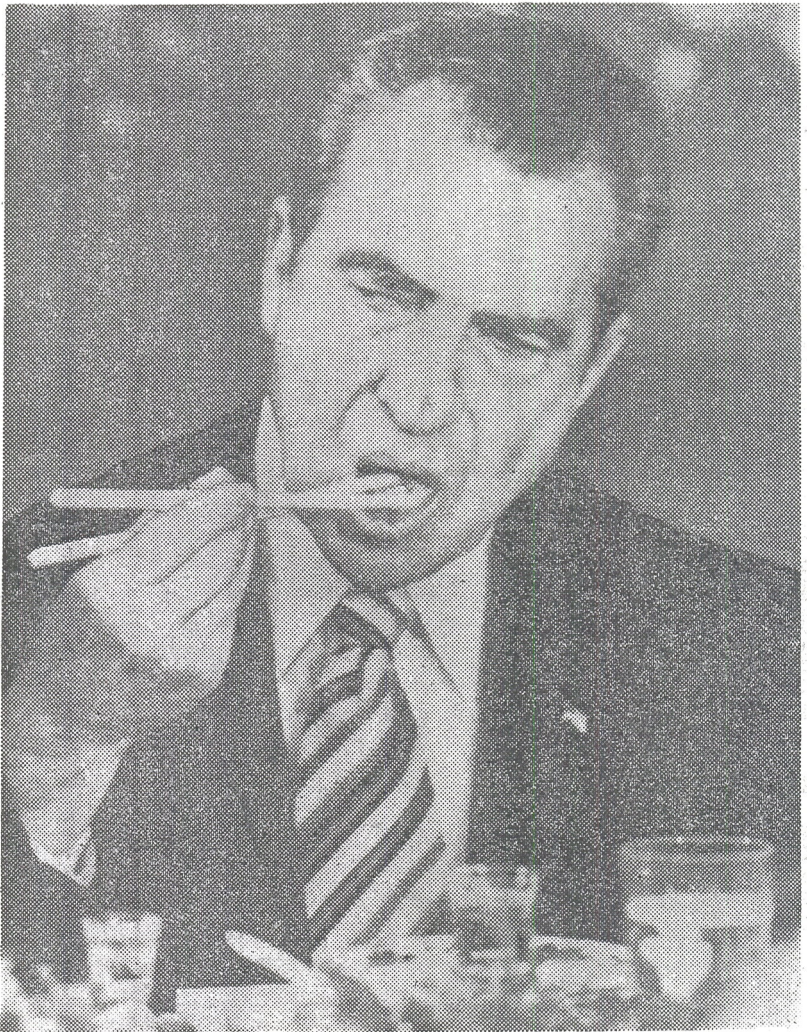
The Chinese have been obviously concerned about the health of Mr. Nixon, who has suffered from phlebitis for several years.

Mr. Nixon from time to time has shown signs of exhaustion. He appeared fatigued Thursday night at a song and dance show following a seven-hour boat cruise down the scenic Li river.

The Chinese assigned Dr. Shang Teh-ting, a heart and cardiovascular specialist from the Fu Wai hospital in Peking, to accompany Mr. Nixon on the Kweilin-Canton legs of his trip.

A white van with a red cross on the side has followed the Nixon entourage everywhere in Kweilin. No such ambulance was seen during Mr. Nixon's days in Peking.

Robert Dunn, a medical corpsman, accompanied Mr. Nixon and checked his blood pressure frequently and administered anti-coagulant pills. Dunn also carried oxygen on Mr. Nixon's sightseeing trips.



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The former President dined at a banquet in Kweilin

During the cruise Dunn gave Mr. Nixon one of the anti-coagulant pills. Mr. Nixon dropped the pill and had to get up to find it and disappeared in a bad mood for a few minutes.

Medical authorities said Mr. Nixon's left leg is still swollen and he can stand for only an hour or so at a time and then he must sit with his leg in a horizontal position.

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