Labor's 'Bad Manner's

'Nixon Cool at Hostility'

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The White House insisted yesterday that President Nixon was not angry or upset at the hostile treatment he got at the AFL-CIO convention.

A top Republican called the reception "crude and insulting."

"He was not surprised at the reaction," said acting press secretary Gerald Warren.

"He was cool. He completely understood he was going into hostile territory."

Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said that Nixon was "calm and unruffled."

Back to Washington

After the speech in Miami Beach, Fla., Nixon cut off his weekend in Florida and returned to Washington.

Many observers believed that Nixon was shocked and miffed at the reception he got.

The White House tried to play down the surprise element of Nixon's return to Washington, insisting that he had left his departure time undetermined.

'Nervous'

But the decision caught the staff at his Key Biscayne, Fla., compound, the Secret Service and reporters by surprise. They had been told that Nixon would remain in Florida until Sunday morning.

White House aides Peter Flanigan and Charles Colson assembled about 100 persons, including some cabinet officers, to welcome Nixon's helicopter when it touched down on the South Lawn.

The White House said it had received more than 1000 telegrams congratulating Nixon for his "straight from the shoulder" speech.

House Republican leader Gerald Ford of Michigan said:

"I am amazed by the crude and insulting actions of some labor leaders, particularly George Meany, toward the President at the AFL-CIO convention. It was a shocking display of bad manners."

Nixon was given the silent treatment while he spoke.

But there were ripples of scornful laughter from the 2000 labor officials and wives when Nixon pronounced his 90-day freeze "a remarkable success" and even more derisive howls when he told them that they could ask their wives who go to the grocery store for an opinion.