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A California Holiday for The Nixons

Washington

President Nixon left the cold, snowy capital yesterday afternoon on a Thanksgiving journey to California.

Cold rain, which succeeded snow, was falling. Mr. Nixon was accompanied by his wife and a group of aides.

The Nixons plan to spend Thanksgiving day in their oceanfront home at San Clemente, Calif.

The President is to participate Saturday in dedication ceremonies for a 140-bed hospital in Palm Desert, Calif., the core of a planned Eisenhower Medical Center.

Mr. Nixon may return to Washington by Sunday night.

Associated Press

Kissinger's Son Drops A Secret -- Maybe

San Clemente

A 10-year-old boy with a friend in high places told reporters yesterday that President Nixon's trip to Peking is scheduled for next March.

Shocked-looking White House officials, with no woodshed handy, sent him to the back of the presidential plane instead.

The statement came from David Kissinger, son of key presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, aboard the presidential plane as the Nixon party flew to the western White House to spend the Thanksgiving weekend.

A reporter had asked Kissinger whether the White House, which has not yet revealed the date of the presidential trip to China, was ready to announce the date.

"He's going in March," piped up David, who was with his father.

Presidential press secretary Ronald Zeigler rolled his eyes and shook his head in amazement. Kissinger chided his son and sent him scurrying to a back compartment, with Ziegler following.

Moments later David reappeared and told reporters:

"Mr. Zeigler told me to say I heard that the President was going in March on the radio."

Reporters who witnessed the scene said the White House aides "looked ready to faint."

Mr. Nixon has promised to announce the date before next Wednesday. There have been reports from responsible sources recently that the visit will take place in March or April.

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Kissinger Son ML

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. AP - The 10-year-old son of presidential adviser Henry Kissinger says president Nixon is going to Peking in March, but White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler suggested the youngster's report not be taken seriously.

David Kissinger let that date slip in a joking exchange with his dad and reporters aboard the presidential plane en route to California.

"He's going in March," young David blurted Wednesday night when a reporter asked whether the White House was ready to announce the date for the unprecedented trip to mainland China.

Ziegler told reporters: "If you take that guidance, you'll be wrong."

Kissinger banished his son to the front of the plane, away from the eyes and ears of reporters.

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