

Nixon Wants Close Congressional Ties

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday that President Nixon told him in "strong terms" he is seeking closer cooperation between the White House and Congress.

"I think he means it," Mansfield told reporters, adding that he and other congressional leaders were "prepared to meet him half way and more and bring about this partnership."

The Montana senator said he and the President discussed relation between the White House and Congress during a trip Friday to Pek-

in, Ill., where Nixon also extended an olive branch to Congress in a speech to dedicate the cornerstone of a center named for the late Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill.

Mansfield said he expected the improvement to become apparent soon after Nixon concludes his summit talks with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev this week.

"I anticipate that after the Brezhnev visit there will be closer and better relations between the White House and the Senate and the entire Congress," Mansfield added.