

Nixon Will Light Tree

Washington

President Nixon will press a button tomorrow to light the national Christmas tree behind the White House — but it will be 90 per cent dimmer than last year.

In the past two years, Mr. Nixon left the lighting ceremony to his vice president, Spiro T. Agnew.

The 42-foot, 40-year-old blue spruce was planted permanently on the Ellipse, between the White House

and the Washington Monument, in mid-October.

Its only lighted ornament will be a 36-inch wide snowflake, but 8 spotlights will illuminate the other decorations.

Last year 9000 lights on the main tree consumed 75,000 watts of power, and lights on the 57 smaller trees representing the states and territories consumed 50,000 watts.

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