

# Nixon Is Sure He Has Hay Fever

## Washington

President Nixon told reporters yesterday he is suffering "my usual bout" of hay fever. His doctor said it was not hay fever, but he was tired of arguing with the President about it.

Mr. Nixon said his symptoms were similar to an allergy he said was called "walnuts" in California. His physician, Dr. Walter Tkach, said he had never heard of "walnuts."

"I'm not going to argue with him any more," Tkach said. "In all the years I've known him, he's never been known to have hay fever."

As a few reporters and photographers were admitted to the oval office for the

start of a meeting by Mr. Nixon with some Congressmen on trade legislation, the President remarked:

"The press is always interested in presidential health. If my eyes are swollen . . . I'm having my usual bout with hay fever.

"It starts about the fifth of September and lasts till around the third of October. I don't get it in the spring.

"It hits me in the eyes. They say take shots. But I find the shots are worse than the hay fever."

The President did not say who "they" were who recommended shots. His doctors have insisted he does not have any allergies.

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