

## Notes on People

# Added Presidential

President Nixon said yesterday that he was a member of the sneezing minority — those Americans afflicted this time of year with hay fever. Mr. Nixon disclosed his irritation as he was having his picture taken before a meeting with members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Hay fever, the President said, was the reason that "my eyes look swollen." He said that, "It hits me in the eyes" and causes him to "sneeze a little."

Mr. Nixon said the affliction strikes him annually on Sept. 5 and persists until the first of October. For relief, Mr. Nixon said, he cruises on the Potomac River aboard the Navy yacht, Sequoia. Of recommended medication, he added, "I find the shots are worse than the hay fever."

However, Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said he had told Mr. Nixon repeatedly that his trouble was not hay fever. "I'm not going to argue with him any more," Dr. Tkach said. "In all the years I've known him, he's never been known to have hay fever."

Dr. Tkach also said the President had described the trouble to him as an affliction known in California as "walnuts." Dr. Tkach said he never heard of walnuts, the alleged allergy.



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The President yesterday