

'Won't Play War Politics'

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LOS ANGELES — President Nixon, ignoring speculation about a possible pre-election, Vietnam peace break, assured California Republicans today he'll not "play politics" with the war or do anything that would lead to a tax increase.

Following his return to Washington early this evening, the President will dine with Henry Kissinger and receive a first-hand report from his national security adviser on this week's talks with Hanoi negotiators in Paris.

The White House would neither confirm nor deny a published report that a Vietnam cease-fire was imminent but pointedly suggested that newsmen give it little credence.

No Hint Dropped

If Nixon was tempted to drop any kind of hint about the progress of the Paris talks, he resisted it in all his public utterances through a day that began early yesterday morning in New York and ended for him early this morning in Los Angeles.

But it is in fund-raising speech at Los Angeles — a gala dinner that raised a record \$1,755,000 for the presidential reelection campaign — the president repeated his determination to end the Vietnam conflict "without staining the honor of America."

Outside the Century-Plaza Hotel, where the Nixons dined with some 1500 persons who paid \$1000 a plate for the privilege, a chanting, fence-pounding crowd of some 10,000 young anti-war, anti-Nixon protesters staged a demonstration that lasted

about eight hours.

The display was non-violent and avoided direct confrontations, and did not prevent the black tie diners from reaching their objective or interfere with a youth-for-Nixon poolside reception on the other side of the hotel.

As he had before, the President urged his listeners to work to give him "four more years" in office. But he said he did not want that period just to "stand on a record" but to produce what he hoped would be four of the "best years in America."

Speaking of the Vietnam war and his efforts to make the south Vietnamese self-sufficient, so American forces could pull out, Nixon said: "We have not played politics as we might . . . we're not going to play politics with it now. We are going to end the war."

His administration could have blamed the conflict on his predecessors, he said.

The campaigning president denounced Democrat George McGovern's defense-reduction proposals — without naming McGovern.

"The day that the President of the United States represents the second strongest nation in the world, they (China or Russia) wouldn't be interested in talking to us, and we will never let that happen."

Then turning to domestic matters, and taxes in particular, Nixon said: "I intend to make no promises and I intend certainly to approve no bills that would lead to a tax increase for the American people."