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(second foreign trip this month)**

Nixon leaves for Brussels and Moscow/ Travel plans, as reported by WXP:

25 Jun - WX to Brussels *

27 Jun - Brussels to Moscow (will also visit Brezhnev at his vacation home on the Black Sea, and spend part of a day in Minsk on way back to Moscow).

29 Jun - Drive to Star City outside Moscow for tour of Soviet space headquarters and meeting with American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts training for Apollo-Soyuz joint docking mission scheduled for next year.

3 Jul - Return to WX; nationwide television speech same evening.

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* for meeting 26 Jun with NATO government leaders and signing of new Atlantic declaration (agreed to last week by NATO foreign ministers in Ottawa)

** Had returned from Middle East 19 Jun.

Nixon (physical, mental health) - "In his public appearances [in Brussels], as on his Middle East tour, Mr. Nixon's face appeared heavy and mask-like in unguarded moments. At an airport reception [today], he seemed to rush through a long reception line, saying only 'yes-yes, yes-yes' at every introduction."

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