

# Doctors Say Nixon Well

## Washington

President Nixon's doctors reported yesterday he now is "essentially a well man" and that his mood is "very good" as he looks forward to leaving his hospital suite tomorrow.

A mid-afternoon medical report said Mr. Nixon "walked briskly to the elevator" to get a final chest X-ray and added: "The pneumonia appears completely resolved and he continues to show progressive improvement."

Mr. Nixon's personal physician Air Force Major General Walter R. Tkach, told reporters:

"The chest congestion is cleared completely and his temperature has remained normal . . . The physical findings now are essentially normal. The President will no longer require chest ther-

apy, and the antibiotics have been stopped."

Tkach expressed particular satisfaction that Mr. Nixon carried out a very full schedule of appointments on Tuesday "without any untoward effects."

Yesterday, however, Mr. Nixon confined himself to handling paper work and holding brief meetings with staff chief General Alexander M. Haig Jr. and press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler.

Hospitalized last Thursday with what was diagnosed as viral pneumonia, Mr. Nixon is due to leave Bethesda Naval Hospital tomorrow morning and fly to Camp David, Md., for a weekend of rest.

Tkach said Mr. Nixon wanted to get out of the hospital today, but at his doctors' urging agreed to wait another day.

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