

Nixon's Europe Trip Cloudy

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The timing of President Nixon's projected trip to Europe, tentatively scheduled for October or November, is now uncertain, and it is possible the visit may be put off until February or later, administration officials said yesterday.

They emphasized, however, that no decisions have been made and that the trip still could take place this year. There was some speculation that if the President does not go to Europe in 1973 he may visit Japan or Africa.

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald L. Warren said the administration is reviewing the draft declaration of the European foreign ministers, which was delivered to Washington this week and contains an invitation to the President to visit Europe.

The draft was in response to a call in April by Henry A. Kissinger, who is to be sworn in today as Secretary of State, for a new Atlantic charter which would set forth new goals and policies for the Atlantic community. The proposed charter and the presidential trip are part of the President's "Year of Europe" policy.

Kissinger is scheduled to confer in New York next week

with Danish Foreign Minister K. B. Anderson on the draft document from the foreign ministers. A decision with respect to the President's travels may be made shortly thereafter.

In a dispatch from Copenhagen, United Press International yesterday quoted Danish diplomats as saying they doubted reports that the President would call off the trip.

UPI quoted one source in Denmark as saying the matter should be clarified when Anderson and Kissinger confer in New York.

At a news conference in San Clemente Aug. 23, Kissinger said that "the decision as to the timing will be made" following the meeting of European foreign ministers.

"We would expect that when the President goes to Europe it will be for a significant substantive result and not simply on a grand tour," Kissinger said.

American officials are continuing to negotiate with the Europeans on the "substantive" issues involved, and the President does not want to make a commitment on the visit until his negotiators have worked out the most favorable possible agreements.

Kissinger is expected to fly

to China next month for a visit originally set for last month.

Another complicating factor is the President's desire to stay in Washington until after Congress adjourns. While Congress is shooting for an Oct. 15 adjournment, few observers expect it to wind up its affairs for the year until sometime in November.

By that time, the President will be heavily involved in preparing for next year's State of the Union and budget messages.