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This fountain on the White House north portico isn't lighted any more

Nixon Cools It Down And Turns It Off

Washington

The White House turned down its heat and ordered the lighting curtailed yesterday as President Nixon and his family personally joined in the nationwide effort to conserve energy.

Press secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President does not plan to reduce his travel, but that his big jet airplane will fly at slower speeds to conserve fuel.

It is expected that Christmas lighting at the White House will be greatly reduced.

The thermostats in the ex-

ecutive mansion and White House offices, including the President's Oval Office, were set at 68 degrees. The afternoon reading in Mr. Nixon's office showed the temperature at 65 degrees, a spokesman reported.

Ziegler sported a pale blue sweater as he worked in the White House with its reduced temperatures.

The White House ordered its \$10,000 exterior 56,000-watt floodlighting for nighttime illumination of the President's house turned off at 10 p.m. from now on.

The only all-night exterior

lighting at the White House will be for security and to illuminate the American flag that has been flying 24 hours a day over the White House since Mr. Nixon's orders in 1970.

The White House also announced that the lighting on all federal buildings and monuments in the nation's capital will be reduced 50 per cent and that night exterior lighting will be turned off at 10 p.m. Normally most monuments and buildings are illuminated until midnight; the White House throughout the night.

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