

## Annual Examination

# Nixon to Get Health Check

### Washington

President Nixon is scheduled to have his physical examination at Bethesda Naval Medical Center around mid-December, the White House physician said yesterday.

In response to questions raised about the President's health, Dr. Walter Tkach said in a telephone interview that Mr. Nixon is "well — except at times I think he's tired."

Tkach said that the 60-year-old Mr. Nixon has no health problems whatsoever.

Since coming to office, Mr. Nixon has gone into the hospital for a complete physical toward the end of

every year and always has emerged with excellent reports, except for Tkach's chronic complaint that the President doesn't get enough exercise.

And Tkach said he is especially unhappy about that situation now because Mr. Nixon intends to spend more time at home to set an example for conserving fuel during the energy shortage.

He said staying at the White House in Washington will limit Mr. Nixon's chances for walking and swimming.

Mr. Nixon eliminated the White House swimming pool to set up a press room.

A number of questions

have been raised about Mr. Nixon's health lately since he emphasized in his November 6 energy speech to the nation that he had no intention of resigning and said: "As long as I am physically able, I am going to continue to work 16 to 18 hours a day" carrying on the duties of office.

Mr. Nixon's only illness in office was an attack of viral pneumonia, which hospitalized him for ten days in July.

Asked about a published report that Mr. Nixon was coughing blood before that hospital stay, Tkach said there is "no truth whatsoever" to that report.

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\* "Physically able" - Nixon uses this term again in appearance before AP Managing Editors, 17 Nov, the first nationally televised appearance following this one on energy crisis, also nationally televised.