

President Has Full Day Of Visiting in Houston

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At the end of his two-day Texas visit, President Nixon yesterday strongly defended his policies of cooperation with the Soviet Union and hailed the joint space project scheduled for next year.

The President spoke before several thousand persons at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center here after inspecting the Apollo-Soyuz test project and greeting American astronauts and Soviet engineers and technicians.

Despite political and ideological differences, Russian and American objectives in many areas are the same, the President said.

Working together, he said, these "two great people" may find the "spark" that opens doors to new advances that they would not find working separately.

"Let us have the states-

manship to see that we work together, not separately," the President said as he defended detente.

He also vigorously applauded the American space program and urged the ground and air crews here to "always look out to the unknown, take any risk, make any sacrifices, and never be discouraged because sometimes you may fail."

Tuesday night, the President reasserted his intention to stay in office as he spoke before the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters as part of a new campaign to win public support in his battle with Congress.

Early yesterday, the President left his hotel for a walk in downtown Houston, stopping once to have a cup of coffee.

Then he returned to his

hotel for a breakfast with 75 Texas leaders presided over by John B. Connally, a former Nixon administration treasury secretary and former Texas governor.

According to one person who attended the private meeting, Connally praised the President's leadership role in the U.S. Mr. Nixon responded with a 45-minute speech devoted entirely to foreign policy, making no mention of Watergate or other domestic issues, it was said.

After his tour of the space center, the President returned to Washington.

While at the space center, Mr. Nixon presented Distinguished Service Medals to Skylab Four crewmen Gerald P. Carr, Edward G. Gibson and William R. Pogue and invited them to spend a weekend with their wives at Camp David, Md.

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