

# Nixon's Mideast Journey

Washington

President Nixon is now contemplating a tour of the Middle East starting the weekend of June 8-9, in addition to a major trip to the Soviet Union the week of June 24, White House officials confirmed yesterday.

The prospective itinerary would take Mr. Nixon to Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and possibly Iran.

This schedule would include the three primary antagonists in the Arab-Israeli war last October — Israel, Egypt and Syria — now covered by the military disengagement plans negotiated by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, plus two of the major oil powers in the region, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Final decisions on the President's travel await discussions with Kissinger. The Secretary is scheduled to meet with President Nixon

at a 9 a.m. White House breakfast today, a few hours after Kissinger's return from an exhausting 33 days of Middle East diplomacy.

White House press spokes-

man Gerald Warren said the specific dates for President Nixon's trip to the Soviet Union will be announced "very soon." Warren said the President met for more

than an hour yesterday afternoon with Vice President Gerald L. Ford primarily to discuss the new Middle East accord.

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