

Nixon Will

Attend

NATO Talks

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The White House announced yesterday that President Nixon will meet NATO heads of government in Brussels on June 26 to discuss his visit to Moscow that starts the next day.

The announcement was in reply to an invitation earlier in the day from Joseph Luns, secretary general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to the U.S. and the other 14 countries in the alliance.

In his announcement Luns said he was acting on a suggestion from President Nixon. (NO DATE)

Mr. Nixon is now in Saudi Arabia on the latest stage of his Middle East tour.

The announcement said the heads of government will be accompanied by their foreign ministers. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is expected to attend with Mr. Nixon.

Luns' announcement said the meeting will also discuss "other matters of common interest."

These are expected to include the signing of a new statement of principles by the 15 member governments in the alliance. The statement is due to be agreed upon and published at a NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Ottawa next week.

Officials in Brussels said only small differences in the text remain to be settled.

Diplomats have been working on the agreement since April, 1973. In a speech at that time Kissinger proposed that a "new Atlantic charter" be issued on the 25th anniversary of NATO. The anniversary was in April of this year.

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