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Nixon shies from Yalta

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MOSCOW — President Nixon has canceled plans to visit the Crimean resort of Yalta when he comes to the Soviet Union next Thursday, American sources said yesterday.

They said the reasons for the cancellation were political that Nixon did not want to give his political enemies in the United States an opportunity to say that he had come to Yalta for a new "sellout."

Yalta, a Black Sea resort, was the site of the 1945 Big Three conference involving President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin.

Afterward many persons in the United States, notably including Nixon, accused Roosevelt of having sold out American interests in agreements with Stalin on the division of postwar Germany, the control of Eastern Europe and other issues.

American sources said the Soviets originally proposed that Nixon go to Yalta and perhaps stay at the Livadiya Palace, site of the 1945 conference.

But they said the White House advance party that arrived here Thursday informed the Soviets that Yalta was not acceptable.

In Washington a White House official said Nixon would visit the Black Sea resort of Oreanda, where his host Leonid Brezhnev has a dacha.

He also said that Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, would probably be the President's only other stop in the Soviet Union outside of Oreanda and Moscow.