

President Relaxes In Florida

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President Nixon spent this Independence Day relaxing at his home here following a strenuous round of talks in the Soviet Union.

The President did not reach here until after midnight following his televised address to the nation Wednesday night at Loring Air Force Base in northern Maine.

Aides gave conflicting reports on the state of his recovery from an attack of phlebitis in his left leg, which he first noticed shortly before he began his Middle East trip on June 10.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler has said twice in the last two days that the condition has resolved itself and that the President is "fine."

But Alexander M. Haig Jr., White House staff chief, told reporters en route here that the phlebitis condition is a continuing one and that the President needs a rest.

"The President is feeling fine," Haig said. "His leg is all right. It is a persistent situation and he is continuing with it. The situation is under control. He really needs a break and rest in Florida."

Reporters noticed no sign of discomfort when the President landed in Maine or when he landed here. The President slept some on the flight from Moscow to Maine, but except for that rest he put in what amounted to a 24-hour day, reaching here almost exactly 24 hours after he arose in Moscow.

Ziegler declined to permit reporters to interview Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician.

Haig, who said the President and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger were pleased by the "success" of the summit, noted that "many" critics were saying beforehand that the President should not make the trip. Although Haig did not mention anyone by name, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) charged that the President might make a deal detrimental to the country to try to divert

attention from the impeachment investigation.

But Haig said that "from the moment we arrived" in Moscow it was clear that the meeting "was as important, far more important to them than to us."

Domestic business was transacted every day the President was away, Haig said. He said he held regular meetings with the President on domestic matters and that on Sunday Mr. Nixon signed 10 bills while at Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev's villa near Yalta.