Nixon Doctor Sees No Surgery Need

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LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 27 rest. —Surgery is not needed now for former President Richard M. Nixon because the phlebitis in this left leg and the blood clotin this left leg are "responding" in the blood clotin the phlebitis of the source of the sou LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 27 rest. satisfactorily" to anticoagulant therapy, Mr. NIxon's chief phy-sician said here today.

his right lung are "responding statisfactorily" to anticoagulant therapy, Mr. Nixon's chief phy-sician said here today. "The blood thinning process Ianticoagulation drug therapy is proceeding in an orderly fashion," Dr. John C. Lungren, who heads a team of doctors treating Mr. Nixon, said in a bulletin issued by the Memorial Hospital Medical Center of Long Beach where the former President is a patient. Dr. Lungren, a specialist in internal medicine, said his de-cision to continue to treat Mr. Nixon medically with drugs was based on "routine" consul-tations with two Long Beach vascular (blood vessel) sur-geons, Dr. Seibert C. Pearson and Dr. Eldon B. Hickman, The two surgeons share an office a -few steps from Memorial Hospits' Medical Center and are menbers of the faculty of California at Los 'Angeles School of Medi-cine." Two Drugs Prescribed

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"Folowing consultation, it "Folowing consultation, it was our combined opinion that therewas no indication for any change in the current course of theapy," Dr. Lungren said in his ulletin. Earlier, Dr. Lun-gren, sid he had prescribed two aricoagulant drugs, hep-arin byvein and coumadin by mouth, o minimize the chance of othe clots forming in Mr. Nixon's ody. Dr. Ingren's bulletin did not say hen the two surgeons I had exained Mr. Nixon. Pre-I sumably,he consultation was of held aftea blood clot was dis-

leg had gone down, primarily pulmonary vessel. as a result of four days of bed

His Reluctance Cited

The surgical consultation sought by Dr. Lungren was re-garded by other physicians as routine in a case like Mr. Nixon's.

Specialists in internal medi-Specialists in internal medi-cine often ask surgical col-leagues for an evaluation early in a patient's hospitalization. Thus, by following a patient's progress together, doctors from both disciplines can best agree when primary treatment fails and surgery is needed.

Surgery Termed Adjunct

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Anticoagulation with heparin became the accepted treatment for phlebitis as a result of pion-eering studies by Swedish doc-tors and Dr. Charles H. Best, who earlier had been a co-dis-coverer of insulin, and Dr. G. D. W. Murray in Toronto in the late nineteen-thirties.