

Nixon Back In Hospital For Phlebitis

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 23 (UPI) — Former President Nixon was admitted to Long Beach Hospital tonight. His doctor ordered him re-hospitalized, saying Mr. Nixon's home treatment appeared to be "inadequate" and a matter for concern.

Later, doctors said surgery might be necessary.

Mr. Nixon's recurring phlebitis condition has led to serious blockages of circulation in his left leg, Dr. John Lungren said, and the "oral anti-coagulation treatment has been inadequate."

Mr. Nixon has been taking anti-coagulation drugs at home in San Clemente since he was released from an 11-day hospital stay Oct. 4.

"This inadequacy . . . has been a concern and reached the point where I was beginning to feel he was showing a paradoxical effect—that is, an inability to properly anti-coagulate with oral medication," the physician said.

Mr. Nixon needs the anticoagulation to prevent the phlebitis, a vein inflammation, from forming blood clots that can be fatal.

The clots could drift through his system, possibly lodging in heart or lung vessels, blocking circulation and causing death.

The doctor said a "venogram" showed "defects or blockages of blood vessels," which could be caused by clots in the veins of the lower left leg, with near total occlusion, or blockage of blood flow, in the deep system of the thigh.

Mr. Nixon, wearing a gray suit and limping slightly reported to the hospital at about 6:10 p.m. (PDT). He apparently made the 50-mile trip from his home by car, without any member of his family accompanying him.