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Former President Nixon, plagued by phlebitis, blood clots, pneumonia and other post-operative complications, yesterday spent the second anniversary of his triumphant re-election victory in the somber atmospherical property in the som ry in the somber atmosphere of his hospital room.

In his regular medical bul-

letin, Dr. John C. Lungren reported that /Mr. Nixon "continued to improve."

There was no indication of whether Mr. Nixon made any note of his landslide win over Senator . George McGovern two years before.

The former President was

in the ninth day of his recovery from cardiovascular shock, which he suffered after surgery to block blood clots from breaking off and moving into his heart or lungs.

He is being treated at Memorial Hospital Medical Center here.

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