Nixon's New Problem

Long Beach

Former President Nixon has experienced unusual surges of high blood pressure but his lungs are on the mend, his physician reported yesterday.

A medical bulletin reported that during a conversa-

tion with an unidentified visitor Monday Mr. Nixon's blood pressure shot up to 180 over 95. Normally, it is 120 over 70 or 80, according to Dr. John C. Lungren.

The former chief executive should be able to go home from the hospital late

this week, nevertheless, provided tests show no new blood clotting in his lungs.

Mr. Nixon's lungs will be scanned in a nuclear medicine test to see whether his lung trouble — a touch of pneumonia and partial collapse — has been caused by

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a "possible fresh pulmonary embolus" or clot, Lungren said.

X-rays taken yesterday at Long Beach Memorial Hospital showed improvement in the right lung where he had pneumonitis and collapse of air sacs.

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