

Nixon in great pain, may need surgery

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Richard M. Nixon was reported on Thursday to be depressed and in heavy pain as his doctor weighed whether surgery is needed to combat the former president's phlebitis.

Dr. John C. Lungren said the decision on whether Nixon will need surgery will depend on whether hospital-administered anticoagulant drugs are successful in treating the inflamed veins which have painfully swollen Nixon's left leg.

In phlebitis surgery, the inflamed veins are often tied off. "He came in last night for tests and didn't expect to stay," a source close to Nixon said. "They told him it was a very dangerous situation, and when they told him this he became very depressed and grumpy."

"Yesterday he was in very bad

spirits. The clot situation is worse than they thought. He has having heavy pain. Unfortunately, he was working constantly at home on his book and papers, so at least he'll get a rest here."

The source said allegations that Nixon may be using his illness to keep from testifying at the Watergate cover-up trial "really doesn't bother him at all. He doesn't care what people say."

"The thing he is really worried about now is his health," the source said.

The blood-clotting could threaten Nixon's life. A clot in his leg could break loose, travel through the bloodstream and lodge in his heart.

Nixon's hospitalization was unexpected. Lungren had maintained to newsmen that Nixon was doing well.

In a written statement Thursday, Lungren said Nixon was undergoing tests to determine if the former president is "in the small group of paradoxical cases, i.e., people for whom anticoagulation cannot be maintained by drugs." Lungren said Nixon was taking drugs orally and by injection to build up his anticoagulant level to prevent more blood clots from forming.

Lungren said Nixon was admitted after three hours of diagnostic tests showed "defects or blockages of blood vessels" which could be caused by phlebitis-induced clots in the lower left leg. There was "near total occlusion, or blockage, of blood flow in the deep system of the thing," the doctor added. Lungren said there were new or old clots in the left thigh.

Anticoagulants prevent the formation of new clots but have little ability to dissolve existing clots.

Nixon is secluded in a room on the top floor of Memorial Hospital Medical Center, 25 miles south of Los Angeles.

A hospital spokesman said if non-surgical treatment is successful in checking the phlebitis, Nixon may be able to leave the hospital late Friday or on Saturday.

After Nixon left the hospital Oct.

14 following 12 days of treatment, Lungren said the lung clot had disappeared naturally and that the phlebitis had responded well to treatment.

Lungren said before Nixon's discharge that it would be at least a month and possibly as long as three months before the former president could travel without endangering his health.

Quake Strikes Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An earthquake registering six degrees on the Richter scale struck southern Mexico Thursday night but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, the Mexican seismological office said.

A spokesman said the quake was recorded here at 8:07 p.m. EDT with an epicenter located about 180 miles south of Mexico City. The quake was not felt in the Mexican capital.

"It was probably felt severely in the State of Chiapas," the spokesman said.

Chiapas is Mexico's southernmost state on the border with Guatemala.

The Fuego volcano in Guatemala across the border was in its 15th day of an eruption Thursday but the spokesman declined to speculate on whether the tremor may have been linked to the eruption.

The Richter scale measures the ground's movement in an earthquake. A quake that measures six on the scale is considered severe, and one that measures seven can cause widespread damage. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 registered 8.3 on the scale.

Navy jet solves fuel tank problem

DENTON, Tex. (AP) — A Navy T33 jet jettisoned Wednesday its two external fuel tanks which fell without incident on a farm east of here, a Dallas Naval Air Station spokesman said.

The plane landed at a nearby private airfield, after dropping the wing tanks, because of a malfunctioning power supply, the spokesman said.

The two officers on board were identified as Marine Maj. James T. Golden of Denver, Colo. and Edward Kent of Carrollton, Tex.

The spokesman said the tanks, which contained fuel, landed in a field without burning.

Correction

The Battalion erroneously reported that Joe Vincent of Dallas was one of 48 students nominated for the "Who's Who." His name is Joe Vincent Hughes.

Campus briefs

GI Bill serves coeds

A&M is in the transition to a fully coed institution, even among the veterans it serves under the GI Bill.

About "four or five" female veterans are attending TAMU under the GI Bill program, report local representatives of the Veterans Administration regional office in Waco.

TAMU is serving approximately 1,000 veterans on the GI Bill through vet reps Paton Butler and Henry Vander Cruyssen. Their office is in Hart Hall.

The vet reps say women comprise

1.9 percent of the total U.S. veteran population. Of those, nearly one-fifth are Vietnam era veterans.

Nearly 12,000 have entered civilian life from military duties during the last year.

Of the 551,000 female U.S. veterans, there are 303,000 from the World War II era; 74,000 from Korea; 14,000 from World War I and Spanish-American War. 57,000 served between the Korean and Vietnam wars.

By age the largest grouping (128,000) has an average age of 50-54 years.

Rescue contest slated

The student body has been challenged to an "Egg-mergency Rescue Contest" at 9 a.m. November 2 by the local student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The purpose of the contest is for a team of up to four people to "design and build a device to lower a critically injured patient down the face of a perilous cliff at night, in the shortest amount of time, for the smallest monetary outlay."

In reality this means getting a

fresh USDA extra-large egg into a six-foot circle from the third floor of the Zachry Engineering Center without looking and without breaking the egg. And, as an additional handicap, a team can only spend \$1 for materials. Gifts and junk will be itemized at new value.

The winning team pockets the dollar entry fees from the competition with a guaranteed \$20 minimum.

Penalties of 1/100 second are levied for every cent over \$1 that is spent for materials.

GSC positions open

Two vacant positions have arisen within the Graduate Student Council.

Representatives from the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design and from Veterinary

Medicine are needed. The Veterinary Medicine representative must be enrolled in the graduate college.

Interested graduate students can arrange interviews for the post by calling Marianne Hamm, president, at 845-1411 or 822-1226.

Hotel open for SMU

The Travel Committee said there are hotel accommodations available at the Downtowner Motor Inn in Fort Worth for the SMU game.

The hotel is willing to bus stu-

dents from the hotel to the parade and to the game.

For more information contact the Travel Committee in the Student Programs Office at the MSC or Pat Wilkinson at 693-2687.

Applications being accepted

Applications are being accepted for chairman of the Host and Fashion Committee.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday. Interviews will begin Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Interested students can pick up an application in the Student Programs Office, MSC.

More applications being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for Cabinet Aides in the Student Y Association.

Anyone interested should pick up an application in the Student Programs Office, room 216 of the MSC. They are available until Oct. 28.

Fellowships available for women

Two fellowships are available for woman doctorate candidates. The candidates must have completed all the doctorate requirements, except for the dissertation, by Jan. 2, 1975 to be eligible for the American Association of University Women fellowships.

Applications must be received by Nov. 15. Requests for information and applications should be made by Nov. 1 at the AAUW Fellowship Office, 2401 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington, D. C. 20037.

Information can be obtained locally through Edna Smith at 846-5826 or the Office of the Dean of the Graduate College.

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