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Mostly cloudy, warm, and windy today. Intermittent showers and thundershowers Wednesday and Thursday. High today 87°; low tonite 75°; high tomorrow 84°.

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Shock follows surgery; Nixon's condition critical

LONG BEACH (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon is in critical condition today after lapsing into shock for three hours and experiencing internal bleeding following surgery for phlebitis.

"The doctors are fighting for that man's life," hospital spokesman Norman Nager told newsmen Tuesday night. He said later he didn't mean the statement to carry the seriousness it denoted.

But a source close to the situation later confided, "I know the doctors are worried" about Nixon's chances of survival.

In a statement read by Nager, Dr. John C. Lungren said a team of physicians administered "counter-shock measures for three hours until a stable vascular circulation condition was once again restored" late Tuesday.

He added, "The patient is still considered critical."

Lungren said Nixon, 61, was under round-the-clock care by a team of specially trained intensive care nurses and that Dr. Eldon B.

Hickman, the cardiovascular specialist who performed the operation, would spend the night near Nixon.

Nixon's wife, Pat, was with Nixon after the surgery. A Nixon aide described her as "strained and trying to keep herself up during these difficult times."

Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters remained with the former president until late Tuesday night and then went to the Nixon's seaside villa at San Clemente, 50 miles south of Long Beach, so the former president could have "undisturbed rest," said a Nixon aide.

A White House spokesman sent word that President Ford was praying for Nixon.

Lungren said Nixon's pulse rate had increased and he had a slight fever. He said Nixon was receiving medication intravenously.

Twelve hours earlier, surgeons had attached a plastic clip—resembling a clothespin with teeth—to a vein in Nixon's groin to control a newly discovered blood clot resulting from the phlebitis in his left leg. The jaw-like clip allows blood to flow, but impedes the movement of life-threatening clots to the heart and lungs.

In Memphis, Tenn., Dr. Robert M. Miles, inventor of the surgical clip used in Nixon's operation, said that post-operative hemorrhage is infrequent and patient shock is rare in that type of surgery.

A five-man medical team participated in the hour-long operation which started at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday. After the operation—described as relatively simple—doctors told a news conference that the former president executive was "doing well."

Hickman, an assistant professor of surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine, called the operation "uneventful" and said, "Mr. Nixon is doing well . . . recovering in the normal manner."

But just over six hours later, Nixon slipped into vascular shock which arrested the circulation of his blood for three hours before doctors and nurses were able to "stabilize" his condition.

Lungren said the complication was probably caused by "some retro-peritoneal bleeding secondary to anticoagulation therapy." Retro-peritoneal bleeding means bleeding behind the membrane that surrounds the abdomen.

Pot search leads to Corps evictions

By JUDY BAGGETT

On Sept. 8, John Chappelle, ex-Corps Commander, and several members of the Corps staff used pass keys to enter the rooms of five juniors and searched for marijuana.

"We found nothing at all," said Skip Gray, First Wing Commander.

The cadets were questioned at the time of entrance into the rooms, throughout the evening and the next day, said Chip Utterback, First Group Commander. The cadets were put under the Aggie Code of Honor while being questioned. This code states that an Aggie's word is his bond. They admitted to using marijuana, he said.

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When a cadet is under contract, he signs a form stating he will not use narcotics, Utterback said.

"An investigation took place, then a hearing," said John Hawtrey, the cadets' lawyer. "It is a contract dispute. They may or may not have breached the agreement."

The Trigon, military personnel on campus, is investigating the incident. The Headquarters of Air University in Montgomery, Ala. will make the final decision.

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Death penalty to be reviewed

Supreme Court to rule again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to take another look at the death penalty, including arguments that it is unconstitutional under any circumstances.

The court will review the case of North Carolina man condemned to death for a fatal shooting that followed an argument over a \$10 bill during a dice game.

It will be the first death penalty case the court has heard since June 29, 1972, when it held that capital punishment laws then on the books were unconstitutional.

In some of its actions Tuesday, the court:

- Agreed to consider whether bar associations may draw up and enforce schedules of lawyers' fees without violating federal antitrust laws.

- Upheeld black-lung regulations which coal mine operators said would cost billions of dollars.

The death penalty case involves Jesse Thurman Fowler, who was convicted of killing John Griffin July 1, 1973, in Wake County, N.C.

A decision on it could affect the fate of more than 100 persons in the United States now on death row.

The cases of seven men sen-

tenced under this ruling were appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Although the court's action Tuesday directly involves only Fowler, who is black, a decision even on the narrowest grounds would presumably affect all the men sentenced under the state supreme court ruling.

Before it was passed, however, Fowler and 30 other men were condemned under an interpretation by the North Carolina Supreme Court of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. The state court said the decision merely invalidated the portion of the North Carolina law which made the death penalty optional with the jury, rather than mandatory.

The Legal Defense Fund lawyers, however, presented their case in much broader terms also.

Ford said Sawhill, too, "will be offered a first-class assignment in this administration."

Sawhill said later he did not know what new job Ford has in mind for him.

Ford has placed Morton in charge of energy policy, appointing him chairman of the new Cabinet-level Energy Resources Council.

"He ought to have the right, with my approval, to make changes, and that is why we made the changes," Ford said in explaining Sawhill's departure.

In an interview Monday, Sawhill stuck by his support of energy conservation and said: "If there are others in the administration who feel that I can't really be effective in my job because I've taken these positions, then maybe I should leave."

Following Ford's announcements in an impromptu news conference, the White House released a letter from Sawhill to the President, dated Oct. 25, in which Sawhill wrote that his tasks at FEA "are complete, and I feel that the time has come for me to move on to new responsibilities."

Sawhill told his staff Tuesday morning of his resignation and said he had met with the President last Friday.

Sawhill has had the job only since last April, when William E. Simon left it to become Treasury secretary.

A letter from President Ford accepting Sawhill's resignation indicated that Gibson would take over next Jan. 1 and Sawhill would stay on the job until then.

Gibson, 52, has made his career in various aspects of maritime trade.

He has advocated saving gasoline by increasing the proportion of "very small cars"—two-seaters getting 35 miles per gallon or more.



Delays decision

Bentsen would like to run

By JIM CRAWLEY

Bentsen spoke during a Political Forum Noon Series program Tuesday.

Later, Bentsen said, ". . . I don't expect to make a decision until early next year, as to whether I'll run or not."

"People expect action, they don't

said "I don't think we can stomach any bigots here, either."

Returning to the economy, Bentsen maintained that if the balance of trade was not kept level the nation's economy would "go to pot" — so we'll have to keep up exports.

The senator stated that mandatory wage and price control should be unnecessary. But an improved Cost of Living Council, with full-time members and subpoena power is necessary.

Furthermore, Bentsen said that voluntary controls can't keep inflation and the energy crisis to a minimum.

The cattle industry was discussed by the Texas senator. He concluded that he would urge a curb on imports and "try to get the price over to the consumer so that some of the profit will be eaten up."

On tax reform, the Political Forum speaker urged a tax relief to the medium income family. He stated that President Ford's tax surcharge could be detrimental to many persons hurt by inflation.

Upon one question, Bentsen was angered when asked if he was a racist, because he voted against mandatory busing. Bentsen, replying

Morton seeks removal

Ford drops Sawhill from energy position

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford announced Tuesday he is dropping Federal Energy Administrator John C. Sawhill, an outspoken advocate of energy conservation, at the request of Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton.

Ford said there were no "major policy differences" involved—just "some differences in approach or technique."

But a spokesman for Friends of the Earth, a citizen environment group, called Sawhill's removal "appalling . . . kowtowing to special interests," and said it "signals the end for a tough regulatory energy conservation program which could have reduced our dependence on foreign oil and helped to promote a clean environment."

Ford said he would nominate Andrew E. Gibson, a former assistant secretary of Commerce and former head of the Federal Maritime Administration, to replace Sawhill.

At the same time, Ford announced the appointment of Robert Seamans, a former secretary of the Air Force and deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency, to head the new Energy Research and Development Agency.

And he named former astronaut Bill Anders, now a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, to become chairman of the new Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

With the AEC being split into the two new groups, Ford said the present AEC chairman, Dixy Lee Ray, will be named assistant secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Matters.



WOLF PEN CREEK again threatened to flood the Monaco Apartments in Monday's heavy rains. The flood which occurred last September rose to within a foot of the bottom of the first floor windows. (Photo by Steve Krauss)