

President Jovial as He Enters Hospital for Check-Up



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The President and Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton yesterday at Walter Reed Army Hospital

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 27—President Eisenhower entered Walter Reed Army Hospital here today for the comprehensive physical check-up he

had promised voters he would undergo before election. In excellent spirit as he greeted physicians and nurses on his entry into the hospital at 2:30 this afternoon, the President

appeared confident his physicians would find him in good shape. He planned to spend the night in the hospital's

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Presidential suite and will leave for the White House some time tomorrow afternoon. James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, has promised to make public late tomorrow afternoon the findings from the physical examination. Still in doubt, however, is whether the physicians participating in the examinations will submit to questioning by newspaper men at that time.

Correspondents pressed Mr. Hagerty today to arrange a news conference with the doctors. They wanted particularly to question Dr. Paul Dudley White, Boston heart specialist who attended the President at the time of his heart attack in Denver in September, 1955, and Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, commander of Walter Reed Hospital, who performed the ileitis operation on General Eisenhower last June.

"I will speak with the doctors about a news conference tomorrow morning," Mr. Hagerty said at the hospital this afternoon. "They will have to be the ones to decide whether they'll meet with the press."

The physical examination that he is to undergo this week-end is in line with a promise the President made at his weekly news conference on Aug. 9.

At that time, he said that he would have another thorough physical examination before Nov. 6. In the meantime, he promised to let the public know whether at any time he thought himself physically "unfit" to serve a second term. His last thorough check-up was on May 10 to 12, when his condition was reported "good."

New Rumors on Health

In his recent campaign speeches the President has made a point of assuring audiences that he is "feeling fine." Despite these assurances, he has been the object of numerous rumors concerning his health. White House aides said today they were confident that the examination this week-end would set such rumors at rest.

At the White House this morning, Mr. Hagerty described as "just a lot of nonsense," a report that General Eisenhower was suffering from iritis, an eye infection that sometimes leads to blindness.

"There are a lot of these rumors going around all over the country," Mr. Hagerty said. "All of them are baseless. I don't know who is starting them but I know who isn't. I know the White House isn't and I know the President's doctors aren't."

Immediately after he entered the hospital, General Eisenhower was taken to the X-ray division, where he underwent X-rays of his heart, chest and abdomen. He moved from there to a thorough examination of his eyes.

Col. William L. Spaulding, eye specialist at the hospital found that the slight injury to the President's left eye had cleared almost entirely, according to Mr. Hagerty. It occurred when he got two pieces of confetti lodged in his eye during a motorcade to the airport in Portland, Ore., on Oct. 18.

This was the only result of any of the examinations that were made public today.

Mr. Hagerty revealed that some of the testing as far as the President's physical condition was concerned began two days ago at the White House. Col. James Fairchild, who looks after the President's teeth, completed a two-day dental examination of General Eisenhower yesterday.

Blood Tests Under Way

Blood chemistry tests were started at the White House at 7 o'clock this morning and will be continued during his stay at Walter Reed.

The team of doctors taking part in the physical examinations is made up of four distinguished civilian and four military physicians. In addition to General Heaton and Dr. White, they are Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, the President's personal physician; Col. Thomas W. Mattingly, chief cardiologist at Walter Reed; Col. Myron E. Pollock, chief cardiologist at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, where the President went after his heart attack; Dr. Isidor Ravdin, Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and two consultants at Walter Reed, Dr. Brian Blades and Dr. John Lyons.

The skies were overcast and a light mist filled the air as the President left the White House in his limousine for the hospital shortly after 2 P. M. He was accompanied by General Snyder.

No motorcycle escort accompanied the Presidential car and few persons along the streets recognized the President. The White House cars followed the same route that the President traveled by ambulance last June 8, when he was rushed to Walter Reed to undergo surgery for ileitis.

About fifty ambulatory hospital patients and a score of off-duty nurses were on hand to cheer the President as his car drew up at the entrance to the X-ray division of the hospital.

Dressed in a brown suit, brown hat, white shirt and brown tie, the President stepped from his car and grinned at the cheering spectators. Photographers asked him to stand with General Heaton, who greeted him.

"You'd think this was the first time I'd ever been to this place," the President said with a laugh as he and General Heaton complied.

As he reached the top of the steps, the photographers asked him to turn around and wave.

"No, I won't wave today," General Eisenhower said, but he did turn around and grin for the photographers.

Mrs. Eisenhower did not accompany her husband to the hospital. The President may have other callers in the three-room suite he occupies but there are no scheduled appointments on the calendar.