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Digitized from Box 39 of the Sheila Weidenfeld Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library Betty And Pat: Quite A Contrast

Hardcore Morris County Republicans, who turn out year after year to greet visiting GOP dignitaries and who remember accurately all the details and nuances of each personality, were struck this week

by a marked differences between the First Lady who was Patricia Nixon and the current First Lady Betty Ford.

Mrs. Nixon traveled the campaign trail in 1972 un-

re rs,

fashionably dressed woman who played ner

She smiled warmly looked everyone in the eve



vice president.

MORRIS COUNTY DAILY Record 5/3.1. laughed and replied, "Doesn't every woman?" Ou side the mansion, some one in the crowd called ou "How are you feeling Betty?" referring to her su

husband two years ago, when he

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(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM) THE NIGHT LETTER

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Sheila - MI 6:47 P.M

July 8, 1976

Mrs. Richard M. Nixon c/o Long Beach Memorial Hospital Long Beach, California

Dear Pat,

Jerry and I are deeply saddened and concerned by your urgent hospitalization.

Our prayer is for your prompt recovery and for the continuation of your strength and courage which have inspired us and so many others. We join Americans across the country in asking God's blessing for you and your family.

With love, as always,

BETTY FORD

CONTACT: Liz O'Neill, X 2520

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Good morning, Nancy... and good morning, America.

Another chilling chapter in the Watergate saga... added this time by former President Nixon's current chief of staff in San Clemente... John V. Brennan... According to Mr. Brennan... and as quoted in the current issue of PEOPLE magazine... Mrs. Nixon was reading Woodward and Bernstein's book... THE FINAL DAYS... on the day she suffered her stroke.. even though members of the Nixon staff had tried to keep the book away from here. Says Mr. Brennan: "After Watergate... she was in great health. She believed in her husband. But on the day of her stroke... her blood pressure was incredibly high. I don't know if this was the cause... but she HAD been reading the book." Obviously.. the Woodstein tale continues to take its toll...

Actor Rod Steiger... in intensive care

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care yesterday at Daniel Freeman
Hospital in the Los Angeles suburb
city of Inglewood... following a
coronary by-pass operation there
Saturday. Rod... described as
stable and alert by officials of
the hospital... the same medical
center selected by Oscar winner
Walter Matthau for his open heart
surgery earlier this summer...

From Our Time Heals All Wounds Department... handsome Omar Sharif planning his first return trip to Egypt in 12 years... for a charity function... at the express invitation of ... Mrs. Anwar Sadat... the wife of the president. 12 years ago... while filming LAWRENCE OF ARABIA... Omar was allegedly advised he'd do well to avoid Egypt if he wanted stardom and moneydom in American films... Possible reason... many of his film friends were Jewish ... But the hatchet's been buried... as he learned at a White House dinner

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several months ago... when Mrs.

Sadat invited him back.. personally.

Joan Plowright... Lord Laurence
Olivier's wife... who hasn't been
seen on screen since A TASTE OF
HONEY... snagging the sweet role of
the young man's mother in EQUUS...
opposite...

Richard Burton. Burton's flock of females in the film now includes

Joan...

young Jenny Agutter of LOGAN'S RUN as the boy's girlfriend... and... Eileen Atkins as the femme psychiatrist.

The...

Israeli government... not entirely altruistic in its announced intention to provide technical assistance to only one of the eight projected pictures about the Israeli raid on Entebbe... According to the Los Angeles Israeli consulate... the government is going to charge the producers it picks to make the movie

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for that assistance... and in addition... is asking for a percentage share of the feature film. As a result... the Israeli consulate officer admits... it's very likely that the government will pick the picture with the most potential for profit... which doesn really sound kosher to me.

Until next time... keep thinking good thoughts.

This is Rona Barrett in Hollywood.

The Weather

Today—Mostly sunny, high in mid to upper 80s, low in 60s. Chance of rain 10 per cent today, near zero tonight. Saturday—Sunny, high near 90. Yesterday — 3 p.m. AQI, 46; Temp. range, 85-66. Details, Page C2.



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Patricia Nixon Hospitalized After Stroke

By George Lardner Jr. and Joel Kotkin Washington Post Staff Writers

LONG BEACH, Calif., July 8—Patricia Nixon, wife of the former President, was hospitalized in serious ondition here today after suffering a "moderate troke" them. too soon to gauge

"I think she will walk, but it may not be normally," Mosier said, saying she had

S. Nixon Suffers A'Moderate Stroke'

STROKE, From A1

check on Mrs. Nixon's con-

The Nixon office in San Clemente said that she had "never been hospitalized before for anything like this." Her daughter, Julie, wrote recently that she had been a healthy, vigorous First Lady who missed only two events during 5½ years of almost daily public activity.

A Nixon family friend, who asked not to be identified, said, however, that "very recently, it's safe to

forgeries and blocked their sale and publication.

"They were totally and absolutely a complete fraud," the Nixon associate said.

He also denounced as an other example of "petty harassment" Nixon's disbarment in New York today by the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

News of the disbarment was first broadcast in California around 9 a.m., after Mrs. Nixon was stricken.

The former President was



PATRICIA NIXON
... slight speech impediment

fund-raiser for Ren Charles

Disbarment Of Nixon Is Ordered

NIXON, From A1

into the offices of Dr. Lewis Fielding, a psychiatrist who had treated Daniel Ellsberg.

• "Improperly concealed and encouraged others to conceal evidence relating to unlawful activities of members of his staff and of the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

• "Improperly engaged in conduct which he knew or should have known would interfere with the legal defense of Daniel Ellsberg."

The justices said, "The power of the court to disci-

PAT NIXON

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (AP) -- PAT NIXON WALKED ON HER OWN TODAY WHILE NURSES STOOD BY AND WATCHED, ONE WEEK AFTER SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED WITH A PARTIALLY PARALYZING STROKE, OFFICIALS AT LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SAID.

DR. BERNARD J. MICHELA, THE HOSPITAL'S REHABILITATION DIRECTOR, SAID THE FORMER FIRST LADY'S STEPS ARE A "MOST SIGNIFICANT SIGN OF

IMPROVEMENT.

A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN SAID MRS. NIXON'S DOCTORS ''REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT SHE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF MAKING A TOTAL OR NEAR TOTAL RECOVERY IN

THREE TO FOUR MONTHS."

THE 64-YEAR-OLD MRS. NIXON ENTERED THE HOSPITAL JULY 8 AFTER SUFFERING THE STROKE THE DAY BEFORE AT THE NIXONS' SAN CLEMENTE ESTATE. DOCTORS SAID THE STROKE PARTIALLY PARALYZED MUSCLES ON HER LEFT SIDE AND LEFT HER WITH A SLIGHTLY SLURRED SPEECH.

SHE IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL ON MONDAY AT THE EARLIEST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, BUT SHE MAY REMAIN HOSPITALIZED LONGER, DEPENDING ON HER RESPONSE TO THERAPY.

MRS. NIXON IS UNDERGOING THERAPY -- BRIEF WALKS AND STANDING EXERCISES -- TWICE EACH DAY FOR 20-MINUTE PERIODS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE SESSIONS WILL BE LENGTHENED AS MRS. NIXON'S STRENGTH GROWS.

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UP-125 (PAT)

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (UPI) -- PATRICIA NIXON, WIFE OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT, SUFFERED A STROKE AT HER HOME IN SAN CLEMENTE AND WAS HOSPITALIZED HERE THURSDAY, NIXON'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED.

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(DISCOUNT RATES)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS TODAY ANNOUNCED A CHANGE IN THE RATES POSTED FOR THEIR CONSOLIDATED DISCOUNT NOTES. THE NEW RATE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: 30-59 DAYS, 5.35 PER CENT; 60-89 DAYS, 5.35; 90-179 DAYS, 5.35, AND 180-270 DAYS, 5.55.
THE FOUR PRIMARY DEALERS FOR THE NOTES ARE DISCOUNT CORP. OF NEW

YORK, THE FIRST BOSTON CORP., AUBREY G. LANSTON & CO., INC., AND WM.

E. POLLOCK & CO., INC.

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PAT NIXON LEAD

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CALIF. (AP) -- FORMER FIRST LADY PAT NIXON REMAINED IN LONG BEACH, SERIOUS CONDITION TODAY AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE THAT LEFT HER PARTIALLY PARALYZED. DOCTORS SAID THE OUTLOOK FOR HER WAS "MORE OPTIMISTIC" BUT THE "NEXT 48 HOURS WILL BE CRITICAL."

DR. JOHN C. LUNGREN, THE NIXON FAMILY PHYSICIAN, SAID MRS. NIXON

SPENT AN UNEVENTFUL NIGHT AND HER BLOOD PRESSURE HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER A "SLIGHT ELEVATION" OVERNIGHT. HOWEVER, HE SAID MRS. NIXON WAS STILL IN A "LIFE-THREATENING STAGE" AND WOULD REMAIN SO FOR THE NEXT IWO OR THREE DAYS.

LUNGREN SAID MRS. NIXON UNDERWENT A BATTERY OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS DURING THE NIGHT THAT INDICATED HER BRAIN WAVES WERE "WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS, "AS WERE THE PARTIAL RESULTS OF A SPINAL FLUID TEST.

AT A MIDMORNING MEDICAL BRIEFING, LUNGREN SAID MRS. NIXON IS STILL SUFFERING FROM A SLURRING OF THE SPEECH AND HER LEFT SIDE IS STILL WEAK. HE SAID SHE WAS ABLE TO WALK WITH ASSISTANCE.

THE PHYSICIAN SAID SHE APPARENTLY HAD SUFFERED A SMALL HEMORRHAGE OF THE RIGHT CEREBRAL CORTEX OF THE BRAIN. HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK SHE WAS STILL HEMORRHAGING.

EARLIER, NEUROLOGIST DR. JOHN MOSIER SAID MRS. NIXON WOULD PROBABLY K AGAIN, BUT ADDED, "SHE MAY NOT WALK NORMALLY." PRESSURES IN WALK AGAIN, BUT ADDED, "SHE MAY NOT WALK NORMALLY." PRESSURE LIFE "CERTAINLY COULD HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR" HER ILLNESS, MOSIER SAID.
A STROKE CAN BE CAUSED BY A CLOT OR HEMORRHAGE. IT CAN CAUSE

PARALYSIS AND SPEECH SLURRING, OR IN SEVERE CASES, DEATH.

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R CALIF. (AP) -- MRS. RICHARD NIXON WAS TO BE RELEASED MRS. NIXON TODAY FROM LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HAS BEEN RECOVERING FROM A PARTIALLY PARALYZING STROKE, HER DOCTORS SAY. THE PHYSICIANS SAID SHE WILL CONTINUE A REHABILITATION PROGRAM AT

HOME . FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND THE COUPLE'S DAUGHTERS, JULIE LEISENHOWER AND TRICIA COX, ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE HOSPITAL AT 10 A.M. PDT WHEN MRS. NIXON IS TO BE RELEASED.

MRS. NIXON, 64, WAS HOSPITALIZED JULY 8 AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON AT THE NIXON'S SAN CLEMENTE ESTATE.

THE STROKE WEAKENED HER LEFT SIDE AND IMPAIRED HER SPEECH. WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF HER HOSPITALIZATION, HOWEVER, MRS. NIXON HAD BEGUN PHYSICAL THERAPY.

HOSPITAL SPOKESWOMAN KAREN KRANTZ SAID THURSDAY THAT MRS. NIXON CAN INOW WALK UP STAIRS, COMB HER HAIR AND PERFORM OTHER DAILY TASKS.

SHE SAID THE FORMER FIRST LADY WILL CONTINUE OCCUPATIONAL AND REHABILITATION THERAPY DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN HER LEFT LEG.

DR. JOHN LUNGREN, THE NIXON FAMILY'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, SAID HE EXPECTS MRS. NIXON TO FULLY RECOVER WITHIN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

By GLADWIN HILL

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Condition 'Serious But Stable'

Stroke Partially Paralyzes Pat Nixon

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Doctors kept an overnight vigil on former First Lady Pat Nixon, partially paralyzed on her left side from a stroke and in "serious but stable condition."

Mrs. Nixon was reported resting comfortably after visits with her two daughters last night, but neurologist Dr. John Mosier said she is far from being out of danger.

"If the stroke doesn't get any worse, she's not going to die. If it



medication, hospital spokesmen said.

Her seventh-floor private room in an eight-room cardiac unit at the giant medical center is just down the hall from the room where Nixon recovered from his bout with phlebitis.

IN EACH ROOM a private nurse remains on duty around the clock, and three staff doctors are on duty at

Pat Nixon Tries Walking, Standing Therapy

(UPI) - Pat Nixon, partially paralyzed by a stroke. is steadily improving and has been graduated from simple arm and leg therapy to walking and standing at least once a day.

Che began arm and lag

strengthening exercises at her bedside Monday with the aid of a physical therapist. Yesterday, standing and walking once or twice a day was added to her treatment, said Dr. John Lungren, the Nixons' personal physician.

Mrs. Nixon move her arm week to 10 days. or leg or resisting Mrs. Nixon's movements. This is to help rebuild muscle four months of therapy to

achieve "significant recovstrength, he said. The spokesman said ery," he noted. would no further Mrs. Nixon, 64, suffered medical briefings until the the stroke last Wednesday.

therapist either helping estimated would be in a

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65% of ENQUIRER Readers Select Pat Nixon As Their Favorite First Lady Among the Last 7

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