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Earlier story by Nan Robertson (NYTimes 19 Sep), already sent you, implied that Mrs. Nixon's tenseness at Chicago press conference 18 Sep was due to questions about Watergate. Am sending the attached - in the interest of accuracy, and fairness - because it indicates her tension was caused by other questions also.

Mrs. Nixon, on 7-State Tour, Shuns Politics

by Nan Robertson
Special to The New York Times

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[Mrs. Nixon, on a six-day campaign trip which began 18 Sep] made no speeches - "remarks" would be a better word - mentioned the accomplishments of her husband's Administration just once, gave no interviews, held one impromptu news conference at the very beginning that she lived to regret and did not repeat, and never, never talked politics.

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Only once on this long journey was Mrs. Nixon forced to tackle, or at least parry, the issues. At a "press coffee" in Chicago that turned into a press conference, she turned tense and anxious as she was asked about the war, abortion, amnesty, the Watergate bugging, equal rights, Martha Mitchell's woes and other thorny topics.

It was, everyone who has followed Mrs. Nixon for years agreed, the toughest grilling she has ever undergone. Her discomfort was obvious. So was her relief when a reporter asked the type of question that has usually been her lot: "Mrs. Nixon, how do you keep your vitality?"

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