

# Vice President Holds Military Reins Briefly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (Reuters) — For nearly two hours this morning the "black box" that links the commander in chief of the United States with his forces was in the hands of the Vice President.

Normally, only the President has authority to order mobilization of United States forces, including deployment of nuclear warheads. But Richard M. Nixon flew from the White House to a villa near at 10 A.M. He "be- hind the black box" of communications codes that would allow him to get in touch with active military com- manders.

And until 12:30 P.M., when Vice President Ford was sworn in as President, control of the military was shifted to the No. 2 man in Government.

Several hundred people were strung in the familiar "V" shape. Some were seated, but once again waved and smiled from the ramp just before disappearing inside. The engines whined and then screamed and then roared as the plane turned on the tarmac and began moving slowly away from the waving group along the ramp fence.

# Nixon, Welcomed on Coast, Pledges to Work for Peace

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 9 — Richard M. Nixon, his hard-won Presidency lost, came here today to "the wonderful climate of California" to live in a villa overlooking the Pacific, where he promised to work for world peace.

A crowd of well-wishers and the curious greeted Mr. Nixon at El Toro Marine Air Base where he spoke from a balcony overlooking the final 14 miles.

He had no Washington in the President's, but in the Spirit of his friend's order he passed somewhere near San Clemente, his resignation became effective at noon Eastern daylight time. When his plane landed at 11:40 A.M. Pacific daylight time, Mr. Nixon was the nation's only living former President.

A crowd of 5,000 welcomed him as scattered applause when the plane approached. Mr. Nixon had asked that ordinary citizens be admitted at the base, which has been closed temporarily on most previous Presidential tours.

me to say very simply this," Mr. Nixon said. "Having con- sidered one task does not mean that we will just sit and enjoy this marvelous California climate and do nothing."

It seemed that Mr. Nixon had not prepared any remarks, but he said that of all the messages he received as President "the one that meant the most came from here in California."

The crowd shouted and applauded. He spoke of "this great plane that took us to China, to Russia on two occasions, to the Midwest, to a great spirit of the world for 200 years ago, and something in the greater than to just do something for ourselves. We came into the world as a haven of opportunity for all people. We came into the world to make a better nation, in which there is more freedom, more opportunity for all people, respect for all people, peace and order."

He added that "America came into the world 200 years ago for the purpose of making the whole world closer to the dream of peace."

# Nixon Does Not Listen To Address by Ford

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UPI) — The Presidential Air Force Spirit of '76, when 13 miles southwest of Johnston, Calif., on Aug. 9, 1976, as the plane took off for San Clemente, Calif., on the 38th President of the United States.

Mr. Nixon was at his desk in the private compartment at the time and Mrs. Nixon was in the next compartment. She said she did not hear his address over the radio but Mr. Nixon did not speak.

The Coxes later told Mr. Nixon about the broadcast and the President's reaction of Mr. Nixon.