

# A Tense 10 Minutes as Happy Crowd Presses In

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## Warsaw

President Nixon arrived in Warsaw yesterday and succeeded in reaching the Polish people despite official attempts to avoid the kind of emotional welcome he received on his 1959 visit here.

He did so an hour after his arrival by switching from a closed Polish limousine to his own open car and then stepping into a crowd that needed only this presidential initiative to come alive.

For a long ten minutes that finally became harrowing for security officials Mr. Nixon shook hands, exchanged greetings and eventually sought to escape a good-natured throng chant-

ing "Nix-on, Nix-on" and singing "Sto Lat" (may you live a hundred years).

## ACCLAIM

For Mr. Nixon, nearing the end of a 13-day visit to four countries, the brief Polish visit must have evoked warm memories. He was acclaimed here 13 years ago as the first high-ranking western official to visit Communist eastern Europe.

But his ride yesterday afternoon into the city from Okecie airport, where he received the same diplomatically proper reception as his first visit, was greeted without much enthusiasm by medium-sized crowds.

Polish party members had been told to stay home and watch the arrival on televi-

sion. Flags had been placed along the route only two hours before Mr. Nixon's plane touched down. There had been no publicity of either the route or the schedule.

After a brief tour of the city's reconstructed old town, Mr. Nixon placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The tomb stands at the edge of vast Victory Square and the nearly 20,000 Polish spectators surged toward the motorcade as it began to move away. Mr. Nixon stepped out and greeted the crowd as the "Nix-on" chant gained momentum.

## SECURITY

Policemen doubled and tripled their ranks against the pressing throng. The Presi-

dent, surrounded by Polish and American security agents, reached to grasp outstretched arms. They made contact and the lines broke.

"Sto Lat, Sto Lat," they shouted. A woman fell and a child cried. Photographers found themselves crushed against the stalled motorcade. A White House correspondent said it was the most "bruising" crowd that he had ever experienced, although a good natured one.

Mr. Nixon moved to the other side of the street. He asked someone "How do you say 'long live Polish-American friendship?'" He was told and used the phrase to the further delight of the crowd.

White House officials said

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the scene seemed to be assuming dangerous proportions and the President appeared to be seeking shelter.

Mr. Nixon was occasionally lost from view. Finally he returned to his car, but then opened the roof to resume contact with the crowd. Roses wrapped in cellophane sailed toward the car but were intercepted by an agent and thrown back.

Policemen formed a flying wedge to enable the vehicles to begin moving.

### CROWD

It had been the only time on his four-nation trip that Mr. Nixon left his car to greet a crowd. White House newsmen said that the Warsaw turnout, estimated at 300,000 persons, was among the largest.

Mr. Nixon began his talks with Polish leaders immediately after leaving Victory Square. He was greeted at the

Sejm (parliament) building by Edward Gierek, who took over party leadership after economic riots in December, 1970.

The two men talked for more than an hour, most of the time alone except for a translator. A White House spokesman said that Henry Kissinger, the President's personal adviser on security affairs, and Franciszek Szlachcic, a Politburo member, also took part.

The Polish premier, Piotr Jaroszewicz, underlined the nation's economic needs last night as he exchanged toasts with Mr. Nixon at a dinner in his honor in the Council of Ministers Palace, the former Radziwill Palace.

The premier said that Poland is at a stage of dynamic development that required modern techniques and that this opened the way to expanding trade possibilities, especially with the United States.