

# Pat Nixon: 'Oh, to Be Alone'

Washington

FOR PAT Nixon, the worst part about being first lady is lack of privacy. "I think the most difficult task of all is to be so guarded and to be surrounded all the time," she says.

"You don't have enough of what I call blessed aloneness."

Mrs. Nixon disclosed this insight into her life in the White House in a television documentary, "A Visit With the First Lady," to be shown by ABC Sunday evening. A transcript was released yesterday.

At one point in the film, Mrs. Nixon is shown wearing slacks for the first time in public view and sitting inside a secluded patio at the Nixon's oceanside villa at San Clemente, Calif.



PAT NIXON  
Always the First Lady

Asked why she felt that spot was so special, she replied:

"At the present time it is the only place in the world where we can sit unguarded. There may be a few people outside, but we don't see them, so when we come in here, it's just heaven without anybody around."

Commenting on the personal life of the first family, President Nixon told an interviewer that a politi-

cian is not bothered so much when he is "denied the chance to be himself. He expects it.

"But for the woman, it's something else again. She realizes that public life interferes with her ability to live her life, as you know, as a wife and a mother. So, I would say that of all the things she would like to do, perhaps would be to walk the beach, walk it without any cameras, without anybody looking on, figuring she could do just what she wanted."

On the other hand, Mrs. Nixon said that as First Lady she had "more opportunity to do the things in which I'm interested, to help people, to visit with them, to travel, to report to my husband, and to make recommendations."

Mr. Nixon said his wife had always maintained her poise and "there was never a moment when she was not the First Lady in her public appearances."

Mrs. Nixon also disclosed:

• The Nixons' three dogs "don't get in the White House (because) we're protecting it for the people."

• Gardening is her passion and the Little Marguerite is one of her favorite flowers.

• She would gladly campaign for qualified women candidates for public office, but the National Women's Political Caucus sounds "pretty wild to me."

• She does not keep a diary but does make shorthand notes to help her reconstruct White House events.

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