

Pat Nixon Exchanges

Accra, Ghana

Pat Nixon danced to the beat of African drums yesterday, then presented a tribal chief with a tape recorder in exchange for a symbolic throne stool, sandals and tropical fruit.

Mrs. Nixon kept time to the drums, appearing more at ease than when she danced with a native folklore

troupe in Liberia Tuesday.

Her performance stirred enthusiastic applause from tribal dignitaries. Her host was a blind 83-year-old Ashanti tribal chief in the mountain village of Aburi, near Accra.

The chief, Nana Osae Djan II, gave Mrs. Nixon a carved stool with a crouching lion as base, sandals, and large

plates of tropical fruit.

"I remember our last trip well," said the first lady, advancing to meet the chief who sat on a raised throne in bright tribal robes and wore a gold crown.

Mrs. Nixon and Chief Nana first met in 1957 when her husband, as U.S. vice president, took her on an official African tour.

Gifts in Ghana

Chief Nana told Mrs. Nixon the sandals he gave her were to remind her how welcome her footsteps were in his land. He said the tropical fruit symbolized the sweetness of Ghana.

In return, Mrs. Nixon gave the chief a cassette tape recorder wrapped in White House gift paper. Included were six tapes of popular and

classical music.

"It is my wish that President Nixon will be elected again. I hope we shall meet him again," the chief said.

A White House aide said of Mrs. Nixon's gift, "the chief is blind, and we were told what he wanted most was some music."

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Nixon visited Accra's nation-

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al day care center for children, where she received a bouquet of roses and beaded earrings with bracelet.

Today Mrs. Nixon will fly to the French-speaking Ivory Coast to meet President Felix Houphouet-Boigny on the third and last leg of her seven-day goodwill tour.

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