

# Pat Shines During Glassware Tour

PEKING (AP) — Pat Nixon charmed the workers at a glass factory this afternoon and invited the revolutionary committee leader to visit the United States.

"It's fascinating. It's really beautiful," the First Lady said repeatedly as she inspected the glassware products and admired the girls at

work. During a one-hour visit to the Peking Glassware Factory, she spoke to at least twenty workers— mostly girls, who were working on a wide range of glassware. This included tiny colorful animals, the twelve animals of the zodiac calendar and flowers.

Entering the display room, Mrs. Nixon spotted some

small, green glass elephants. "Ah, the elephants," she said with glee. "The symbol of our party."

At the end of the visit, Mrs. Nixon was given two small boxes and one large flat case containing two small glass animals—a rooster and a crane — and a large glass magnolia flower.

"MY IT'S a wonderful surprise," she said. "The crane is very good luck. Long life and all that."

Wearing a red coat and green scarf, Mrs. Nixon started by watching glass flowers being made. "Are you manager," she asked a girl. "No," she was told. "She has been working here a long time."

Mrs. Nixon went from girl to girl, put an arm around some and asked them various questions, mostly small chit chat. The flowers mostly were peonies—orange, lavender, green and other colors. She asked a reporter, "How would you like to make those?" and the reporter replied, "I wouldn't know how." She added, "But they are beautiful."

In an adjoining room, little glass animals were manufactured—chicks, ducklings, mice and others. The noise from the gas jets used to heat the material drowned out many of Mrs. Nixon's comments. More noise came from air compressors and coolers.

MRS. NIXON continued from table to table and smiled at the workers.

She asked one girl, "How long did it take you to learn?" The reply was translated as "about a half an hour," but the interpreter corrected herself immediately to "half a year." The First Lady

laughed and said, "I wondered."

In another of the rooms which accommodated about 30 workers each, she admired a lion figurine and said, "He looks fierce."

At one stage, she held her head and exclaimed: "Oh, my hair! Oh, I thought it would burn my hair." She relaxed when she discovered it was only an exhaust vent. "It's all right." She went on and remarked: "All the pretty girls working on such pretty flowers."

"Tea later was served in the white-washed display room, and Mrs. Nixon received a briefing by her hostess, Chao Mei-yun, revolutionary committee leader.

AFTERWARDS, Mrs. Nixon said, "I have no questions. I enjoyed being here. You're a pretty good boss. All your workers are very talented. Their products are very attractive.

"I hope we'll see them in our country some day. We'll go into a store and we'll see your products and I'll think of all of you. I hope you'll be able to come and see us. I will not be able to show you a glass factory like this, but I'll show you something else."

The gifts were then presented to Mrs. Nixon.

"My, it's a wonderful surprise," she said. "I shall never forget you here at this factory."

Miss Chao asked Mrs. Nixon to visit the factory again.

"In the meantime," the First Lady replied, "I hope you will come and see us."