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## NO MORE WALLS -- NIXON

PEKING (AP) — President Nixon visited the Great Wall of China today and called for an end to "walls of any kind between peoples." Then he met with Premier Chou En-lai for three hours.

As usual, nothing emerged from the secret talks in the Great Hall of the People. But in 12 hours of talks over four sessions, they obviously have been working on ways to bring their two nations closer together.

It was not yet clear whether they had taken up the nettlesome problem of Vietnam. Nixon said before coming here that at least the prisoners of war issue would be on the agenda.

WHILE SUCH issues as cultural exchanges would be easier to settle, Chou has made it plain he considers U.S. plans for settling the war are unacceptable.

Shou and Nixon will meet again tomorrow after the President visits the Forbidden City.

In the evening the Nixons, with

members of the presidential party, were guests of Chou at an informal Peking duck dinner in the banquet room of the Great Hall of the People. The press was excluded.

On his visit to the Great Wall, an engineering marvel build 2,200 years ago to keep out barbarians, Nixon told reporters: "What is most important is that we have an open world.

"One result of this trip," Nixon continued, "we hope may be that walls erected, whether physical like this wall, or whether they are other walls, ideological or philosophical, will not divide the people of the world."

LOOKING OUT across the snow-dusted hills at the 1,500-mile-long wall winding westward, he expressed the hope that "peoples, regardless of their different backgrounds and philosophies, will have an opportunity to communicate with each other."

Later, at the nearby burial vaults

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of the Ming emperors, Nixon commented: "We have not known Asia well enough. Communications have been badly neglected." He said he hopes many Americans would have a chance to visit China.

The temperature was 27 degrees for the President's first sightseeing since his arrival in China Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers, other members of his staff and the usual crowd of American newsmen and photographers.

Deputy Premier Li Hsien-nien, Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei and their wives were hosts for the trip.

AFTER THE 40-MILE drive from Peking, the presidential party spent half an hour looking about and strolling between watchtowers along the 18-foot-wide roadway on top of the wall.

"It's unbelievable," said the President as he surveyed the huge battlemented structure snaking off over the horizon.

He discussed details of the wall with his hosts and pointed to various spots in the area, displaying the knowledge gained from intensive study before and

during the trip.

At an informal news conference after the party came down, Nixon made his appeal for an end to walls but commented that "the Great Wall is a great wall, and it had to be built by a great people."

TURNING TO the vice premier and looking up at the massive Ba Da Ling gate high on a nearby mountain, the President said: "We will not climb the mountain today. We are already meeting at the summit in Peking."

The vice premier responded with praise of Nixon for "a great speech." "The American people are a great people," Li added.

The party then had tea in a nearby tearoom and motored to the Ming tombs, where they spent another half hour.

The Chinese led their guests down the 96 steps to the burial chamber of Chang Ling, the third emperor of the Ming Dynasty, who died more than 500 years ago.

After coming out of the vault, the President spotted four little girls skipping rope in a park area and went over to shake hands. One of the four pushed her companions out of the way to be first.