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ON SHOPPING TOUR: With an interpreter, Mrs. Nixon walks along a Peking street, drawing attention of residents

## Mrs. Nixon's Shopping Day: Pajamas, China

PEKING, Feb. 25 (AP)—Mrs. Richard M. Nixon did some shopping for her family today, the final full day of her visit here, buying the President silk pajamas and choosing a set of china for her daughter, Mrs. David Eisenhower.

Mrs. Nixon bought nothing for herself.

"Wow!" she exclaimed, when interpreters said that a deep-green jade ring that she had seen cost 80,000 yuan—about \$34,000.

Before browsing at the Friendship Stores, Mrs. Nixon joined the President for a

two-hour tour of the Forbidden City, then went off to visit a children's hospital.

She looked at pajamas in one store and decided on a pair of off-white silk for the President. They were size 44 and cost about \$8.50.

Mrs. Nixon strolled to another store and bought a set of china with a blue-and-white rice pattern for about \$7. The set came with six cups and saucers, milk jar and sugar bowl, but she ordered six extra cups and saucers to make it a dozen. "It's for Julie," she said. "Navy wives come in, and she does not have enough cups and saucers."

Mrs. Nixon said she had talked by telephone with her daughter in Long Beach, Calif. David Eisenhower, Julie's husband, is in the Navy.

The First Lady greeted several girls in another store but demurred when they offered her floral brocades. She inspected jewelry, glassware, lace work and lacquerware in other shops but did not buy anything.

Earlier she donned a white medical cloak to watch two young girls receive acupuncture in Children's Hospital. Mrs. Nixon was told that 85 per cent of the 600-bed hospital's medical staff were women.

She visited the nursery, where children sat around tables singing, and peeped at the maternity department, then ducked out quickly. "I don't think we should go in where the babies are so young," she said.

The Nixons started the day with a tour of the Forbidden City. The President cracked jokes as he surmounted the snow-covered courtyards and icy steps to the palaces.

Shown a royal reception room where child-emperors had handled affairs of state with prompting from their mothers, who had hid behind screens, Mr. Nixon said: "It's the same today. The women are always the back-seat drivers."

### Checks Ear-Stoppers

In the museum section, Mr. Nixon saw some gold ear-stoppers used by the royalty: "Give me a pair, will you?" he said.

The Presidential party toured throne rooms, offices of rulers dad for centuries and royal bedrooms. They saw relics dating as far back as 7,000 B.C. and Han Dynasty bronzes. "Some of the art work is just out of this world," Mrs. Nixon said.

Speaking of the visit, she said the Chinese had tried so hard to make everything pleasant."

### President's Invitations In Style Used in Taiwan

PEKING, Feb. 25 (UPI)—The invitations to President Nixon's banquet tonight for Premier Chou En-lai were printed in the style and idiom of the Chinese Nationalist, not the Chinese Communists.

Some Chinese were reportedly upset by the apparent gaffe while others simply laughed, according to foreign newsmen here. The President's staff said nothing was wrong with the invitations.

The characters on the invitations were arranged from top to bottom—a style in common use on Taiwan and less so on the mainland, where characters are usually arranged from left to right.

Some of the phrasing was archaic, used only on Taiwan.

The invitations were prepared in Washington, American officials said.

United States spokesmen here said that the Chinese protocol officers had told them that although the style was old-fashioned, it was correct. They said that Chairman Mao Tse-tung had written pomes in that style.