

The Way Pat Nixon Dresses



SHORT lilac Jerry Silverman dress with embroidered hemline got compliments for Mrs. Richard Nixon at State Banquet in Peking.

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Jerry Silverman, Harvard graduate, former lawyer and now one of New York's most influential dress manufacturers, came to town over the weekend with his designer, Shannon Rodgers. In addition to their spring collection, they brought along the first of what probably will be countless Nixon-in-China fashion stories.

"Mrs. Nixon wore our short lilac dress with embroidery at the hem for the banquet the President gave Chou-En-lai," Jerry said as we talked prior to his formal showing at Joseph Magnin.

"We were on the road and missed the TV coverage. But next day our office called and said a reporter with the Nixon entourage had told his editor Chou admired the dress.

"Mrs. Nixon, his story went, replied that it was a Jerry Silverman. And Chou, looking puzzled, said, 'Now just what is a Jerrysilverman?'"

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