

# Pat Says 'Everyone Better Off'

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Pat Nixon said yesterday that at the end of six days of cross-country campaigning she has found that people know they are better off now than they were four years ago.

Mrs. Nixon said of the mood around the country today compared to four years ago: "I hate people to be pessimistic and now they're not."

"You can't name any field that we're not better off and the people know this . . . They're all so enthusiastic about this country."

## 'For the Country'

When asked if she thought people were going to be happy before we're out of Vietnam, the President's wife said, "We didn't kill anybody last week." She was referring to American casualties, but conceded South Vietnamese might have been dying. "People do want a cessation of war," she said, "but they don't want to lose freedom."

She also joined in giving the tag Nixon applied in Texas to Democrats who have come out for him — "Democrats for America." Asked why some Democrats were going against candidate Sen. George McGovern, she said, "they're going for the country, it's just as simple as that. They're for something . . ."

## Sidesaddle

Mrs. Nixon said she had her best day when she toured the Oklahoma State Fair at Oklahoma City yesterday where she rode sidesaddle on a merry-go-round horse, patted a champion 1700-pound cow and took a golfcart ride through the fairgrounds where people crowded about her, pressed for autographs and gave her welcoming kisses.