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# Nixon's Advice On Her Attire

Washington

President Nixon teased a newspaper woman yesterday about wearing slacks to the White House and made it clear that he prefers dresses.

After a bill-signing ceremony in the Oval Office, the President stood up from his desk and in a teasing voice said to UPI's Helen Thomas "Helen, are you still wearing slacks? Do you prefer them actually? Every time I see girls in slacks it reminds me of China."

Miss Thomas, somewhat abashed, told the President that Chinese women are moving toward Western dress.

"This is not said in an uncomplimentary way, but slacks can do something for some people and some it can't," he said. He hastened to add, "But I think you do very well. Turn around."

Miss Thomas did a pirouette for the President. She was wearing white pants, a navy blue jersey shirt, long white beads and navy blue patent leather shoes with a red trim.

Mr. Nixon asked Miss Thomas how her husband, Douglas Cornell, likes her wearing pants outfits.

"He doesn't mind," she replied.

"Do they cost less than gowns?" the President asked.

"No," said Miss Thomas.

"Then change," commanded the President with a wide grin as other reporters



UPI Telephoto  
HELEN THOMAS  
The outfit she wore

and cameramen roared with laughter.

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