

Most Outspoken

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She's rapidly becoming the most outspoken and available Nixon and, yesterday, Julie Nixon Eisenhower was at it again in "this very, very difficult time of the Watergate tragedy," speaking out in defense of her father.

At a White House reception for 250 Teen Age Republican (TAR) leaders, Mrs. Eisenhower said she "felt proud of the campaign organization of 1972."

To the youth whose ages ranged from 13 to 17, she said, "Thousands of workers all over the country did so much. I hate to see all the good things they did and all the good things my father has done in the past four and a half years overshadowed."

After the ovation died down, she told her audience that she would telephone her father at Camp David and tell him of their reaction.

"I'll give him your vote of confidence," she said.

She said that her father had phoned her from Camp David the night before to say that his talks with Soviet General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev were "going very well."

She was led back to the Watergate several times when she submitted to questions. Asked how she feels it

will affect the 1974 congressional elections, she said, "If a vote were taken today, the results would probably not be very favorable," adding, "Not all the charges are in. We have not had all the facts."

"Maybe in a month or two things may turn around," she predicted.

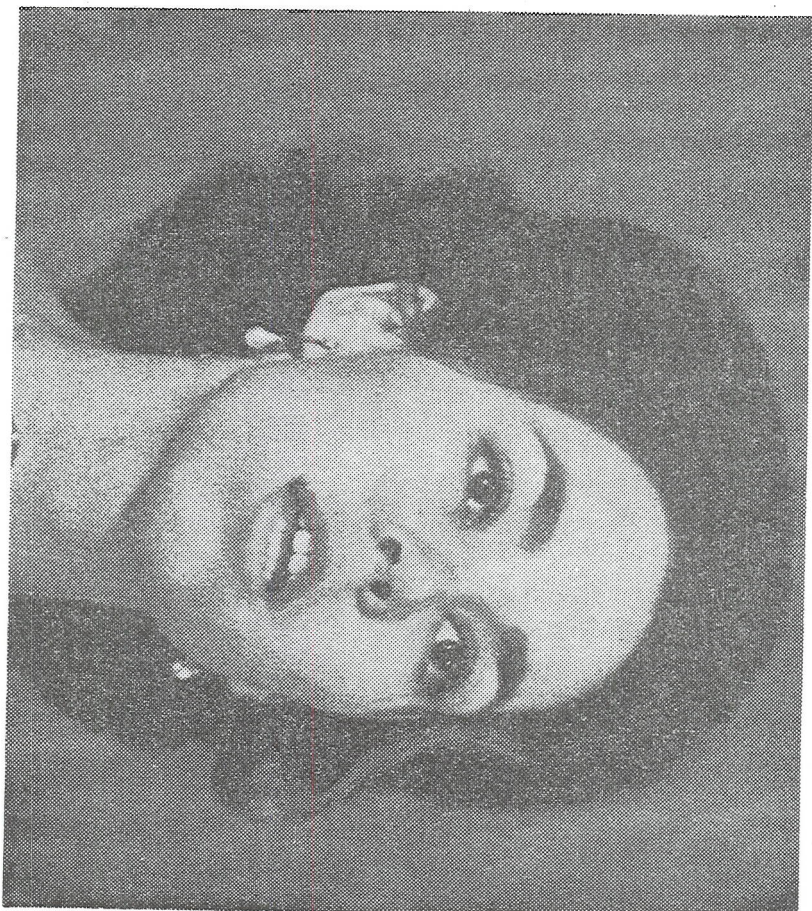
Asked what her father will do when he leaves the White House, she said that he had "been so overwhelmed by present events, he has had no chance to think about the future."

A speech at the Washington Hilton last night to an American Association of University Women conference brought her tally of public appearances this week to six.

In contrast, her sister, Tricia Cox, has made only two public appearances in more than three weeks. Both were on Monday, when

she was among those who greeted Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev on the White House lawn, and when she attended the state dinner in Brezhnev's honor the same evening.

Mrs. Eisenhower told the enthusiastic AAUW group that she, her husband and her mother, First Lady Pat Nixon, had dinner together last night at the young



Julie Nixon Eisenhower addresses a conference of the American Association of University Women.

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Eisenhower's house in Bethesda.

When Mrs. Nixon learned after dinner that her daughter was going to speak to the women later, Mrs. Eisenhower recalled, "She said, 'That's a very important group. You go work on your remarks.' So I went off to my room, and she and David did the dishes."

Mrs. Eisenhower did not mention Watergate specifically

but spoke of public "mistrust . . . which used to be an albatross which clung mainly to the neck of government, but is now spreading to nearly every institution in our society."

She cited an Opinion Research Poll which showed, she said, that over a five-year period public confidence has dropped by 23 per cent in the Congress, 28 per cent in the Supreme

Court and 35 per cent in the military.

She said that the success of the Nixon administration's "New Federalism" depends on the people's trust in their government officials and encouraged the AAUW women to act as "day-to-day watchdogs" over institutions that people don't trust, including the press, advertising, education, banks and local retailers.

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