

Pat Nixon's Late For the Ceremony

Brasilia

First Lady Pat Nixon delayed the start of the swearing-in ceremony of Brazilian president Ernesto Geisel by six minutes yesterday when her motorcade became snarled in traffic.

But she got a warm standing applause from delegates of 88 nations when she arrived.

The dignitaries, including three Latin American presidents, already were in their seats inside the modern cup and saucer-shaped congress building when Mrs. Nixon arrived, wearing a pink and white suit.

Brazilian legislators who were standing in the center aisle, cleared a path for Mrs. Nixon as she entered and the distinguished audience rose and applauded.

Sitting in the front row of the plush, gray-carpeted chamber along with presidents Hugo Banzer of Bolivia, Augusto Pinochet of Chile and Juan Bordaberry of Uruguay, Mrs. Nixon

watched as Geisel vowed to "maintain, defend and comply" with the Brazilian constitution during his five-year tenure.

Geisel later led the large body of diplomats on a two-block walk to the presidential Planalto palace, where he received the green and gold sash of office in a simple ceremony from outgoing president Emilio Medici.

It was Mrs. Nixon's second presidential inauguration this week. She attended the swearing-in of President Carlos Andres Perez in Venezuela on Tuesday.

She will leave early today for her 5200-mile flight back to Washington. Her plane will make a refueling stop at Homestead Air Force Base in Miami and then travel to Nashville, where President Nixon will join his wife for an airport birthday celebration and to attend the opening of the new season of the Grand Ole Opry.

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