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Just 'Plain Flu'

First Lady Pat Nixon, who returned late Saturday night from an exhausting trip to Latin America, woke up on St. Patrick's Day with what her husband called "plain flu."

So Mrs. Nixon missed the White House worship service yesterday morning, including a sermon delivered by famed preacher and Nixon family friend Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. After the service, the choir, the Motet Singers of Louisville, Ky., went into the front hall, turned their faces toward the upstairs and gave a loud rendition of "Happy Birthday." (Mrs. Nixon, who turned 62 March 16, celebrates her "official" birthday on St. Patrick's Day.) "I'm sure she heard that," joked the

President. "If she was asleep, she's not now."

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Another guest was Rep. Robert J. Lagomarsino, newly elected congressman from Ventura, Calif., in the heart of Nixon country. He is the only Republican to have won a seat in the four special elections in the post-Watergate era. Though he judged sentiment in his home district to be running about 50-50 on the question of impeachment, Lagomarsino said he personally would vote in favor "if there is an impeachable offense."