

Not the kissing kind

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DAMASCUS — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat tried to be evenhanded in his affection for President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger.

When Nixon was leaving Cairo after the triumphal visit, Sadat tried to kiss him on both cheeks, in a manner that has become familiar to the Western world during Kissinger's previous six trips to the Middle East.

But each time, Nixon awkwardly pulled away, a bit embarrassed. "It's his Quaker background," quipped one observer.

Under those circumstances, he probably will not kiss former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, either, when he reaches Tel Aviv today.

Mrs. Meir teased Kissinger on his last trip when he embraced her. "I didn't know you kissed girls," she said.
