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**NIXON, HOME, SEES
MIDEAST CHANGED**

**Tells Welcoming Crowd of
New Hope for Peace and
Friendship for U.S.**

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President Nixon, returning to the White House after a journey to five Middle Eastern countries, declared today that a "profound and lasting change has taken place" in that part of the world.

Speaking at a small welcoming ceremony, Mr. Nixon said

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of the Middle East that "where there was no hope for peace there is now hope."

"Where there was hostility for America there is now friendship," the President continued. "While we did have the opportunity to meet new friends in Egypt and Syria, we were able to reassure old friends in Israel and in Saudi Arabia and in Jordan."

Met With Portuguese

Mr. Nixon made an overnight stop in the Azores, where he met with President António de Spínola of Portugal. He said he had assured General Spínola, who assumed the leadership of Portugal after a coup in April, that he would have all possible support from the United States.

The President seemed relaxed and in good spirits as he spoke to a group of Cabinet officers, White House staff members and tourists on the sunny South Lawn of the White House. He had seemed tense in recent public appearances before his

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The President greeting Vice President Ford as Mr. and Mrs. Nixon were welcomed at the White House yesterday on returning from their Mideast tour.

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departure.

Standing in front of the South Portico of the White House, framed by two huge, waxen-leaved magnolia trees, Mr. Nixon spoke confidently of the effects of his efforts in the Middle East.

No Instant Peace

There would be no "instant peace" as a result of his trip and the negotiations of Secretary of State Kissinger, he warned. What has taken place so far, he said, is the beginning of "a much longer journey" that will be difficult and filled with pitfalls.

But he added that "we are on our way" and "we must dedicate ourselves to stay the course."

The President said that the welcome he had received from "millions of people" during his journey was not a personal welcome but was more significant, it meant, he said, that "millions of people, who have known nothing but poverty and war for the last 30 years, desperately want peace and progress." "They believe America wants peace and progress," he continued. "And they believe that we will help in achieving peace and progress without exacting the price of domination over them."

'Affection for America'

President said that "for millions and millions of people in that part of the world there is trust for America, there is respect for America and really some very strong affection for America." He added: "We must not let these people down."

The United States will continue to play a crucial role in laying and building upon a foundation for lasting peace, he told the warmly applauding audience.

The President and Mrs. Nixon were welcomed back by Vice President Ford, who hailed Mr. Nixon's "very successful peace mission."

The American people, Mr. Ford said, would stand "tall, strong and united" behind the President's peacemaking efforts as they have in the past.

Friendly Chants

Mr. Nixon was reminded of the impeachment proceedings he may face as soon as he stepped off the helicopter that brought him from Andrews Air Force Base. A group of "teenage Republicans" in the welcoming crowd chanted "two more years, two more years," as the President walked across the lawn.

The chant was an allusion to Mr. Nixon's 1972 re-election

slogan, "Four more years," but it served as a reminder that the President could be impeached and forced from office before his second term ends.

Mr. Nixon will reportedly leave Washington again tomorrow for his private retreat in Key Biscayne, Fla., where he will rest and prepare for his trip to the Soviet Union, which is scheduled to begin on June 27.

Vows Support to Spinola

LAJES, the Azores, June 19 (Reuters)—President Nixon today pledged that President Spínola of Portugal would have the understanding and all possible support of the United States as he coped with his country's problems.

Mr. Nixon said that he gave this assurance to General Spínola at a meeting with him this morning at the American air

base here on the Azores island of Terceira.

He said that President Spínola was one of those rare leaders who recognized it was not enough to sweep away obsolete institutions without building something else to replace them.

General Spínola has restored public liberties in Portugal after half a century of authoritarian rule, which was ended by a military coup in April.

Statistics on Trip

LAJES, the Azores, June 19 (AP)—White House aides today provided the following statistics on President Nixon's Middle East trip:

Milage: 14,775, giving him a total of 137,500 miles on all his foreign trips as President.

Crowds: An estimated seven

million people along motorcade routes.

Meetings: 50 hours and 30 minutes spent with leaders of the six nations he visited in 8 days, including 20 hours in formal talks and the remainder at banquets and informal occasions.

Documents issued: 18, including three arrival statements, six toasts, an interview on an Egyptian train trip, four departure remarks and four joint statements with Israel, Syria, Jordan or Egypt.

Record Fish Is Caught

McGUIRE CREEK, Mont. (AP)—Eldon Moos set a Montana fishing record with a 4-pound-9 1/4-ounce coho taken from the Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck Reservoir near here.

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