

# Nixon Tells the U.S. of 'Brightest' Peace Hopes

Limestone, Me.

President Nixon returned to the United States last night after his summit meeting in the Soviet Union and said the chances for peace are now "the brightest" in a generation.

He spoke on national television and radio from Loring Air Force Base near here, where his Air Force jet stopped to refuel. The President then flew to his home in Key Biscayne, Fla., for the Independence Day weekend.

Mr. Nixon praised the various accords reached in Moscow in arms control and other fields. He said he gave both the Soviet and American peoples "not just a negative, but a positive stake" in peace.

Referring several times to the western alliance and the need to maintain a strong defense, despite improved relations with the Russians, Mr. Nixon said it was "clearly understood" by Soviet leaders that the United

States would not make progress with them "at the expense of our traditional allies."

Noting that he was speaking at a Strategic Air Command base, Mr. Nixon said the U.S. "must not neglect our military strength" because without strength agreements were not possible.

The President, whose voice seemed hoarse after his seven days abroad, referred to his extensive trips during the past month to the Middle East, to the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels, and to the Soviet Union — a total, he said, of 25,000 miles.

He has spent only one full day in Washington since June 10, the day he left for his Middle East tour. And he now is not expected to return to Washington before Monday. § 112

"Among the nations of the Middle East, among those of the western alliance and between the United States and the Soviet Union, new patterns are emerging," he said, "patterns that hold out to the world the brightest hope in a generation for a just and lasting peace that all of us can enjoy."

He said that in the Middle East, "a new spirit" had emerged in which the Arabs

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and Israelis "are searching earnestly for the keys to a peaceful resolution of their differences."

Mr. Nixon said that the western alliance, due to the new declaration he and the other 14 NATO leaders signed, had been given "a new birth." And, in the series of Soviet - American summits, Mr. Nixon added, he and Soviet leaders "are charting a new relationship between the world's two most powerful nations."

The President was met at the air base by Vice President Gerald R. Ford, Ford's daughter, Susan, and the Nixons' daughter, Julie Eisenhower.

Ford, in his introductory remarks, said the world is now "a little safer and a little saner," thanks to Mr. Nixon's travels.

Discussing the details of the Moscow agreements,

Mr. Nixon gave them the best possible interpretation, asserting that he believes that Soviet - American relations are now part of "a continuing irreversible process that will build its own momentum and will develop into a permanent peace."

He noted that in the critical area of strategic arms limitation the two sides had not reached an accord, but he said the agreement to move forward toward another accord by 1975 is significant.

"We committed both sides firmly to the resolution of our remaining differences," he said.

Mentioning the accord on limiting underground nuclear tests and further restricting the number of anti-ballistic missile sites permitted, Mr. Nixon said that, "with this growing network of agreements, we are creating new habits of coopera-

tion and new patterns of consultation.

"We are creating a stable new base on which to build peace, not just through fear of war, but through sharing the benefits of peace, of working together for a better life for the people of both of our countries," Mr. Nixon said in his 22 - minute speech.

He said that "the United States - Soviet agreement at the summit contributed importantly to the structure of peace we're trying to build between our two countries and in the world."

"The continued strength of the western alliance is also an essential and major element of that structure, and so too is the development of a new pattern of relationships and a new attitude toward peace in areas of tension such as the Middle East."





Pat Nixon, Julie and Vice President Ford helped cheer the President at Loring Air Force Base

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PRESIDENT NIXON BOWED TO A FAN AT LORING AIR BASE  
Joyce Pavao, 6, the daughter of a sergeant, presented flowers

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