

Nixon, Pompidou Talks End Quietly

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The two-day summit conference between President Nixon and President Georges Pompidou of France ended after more than six hours of face-to-face meetings that kindled hopes for future progress but produced no concrete agreements.

Mr. Nixon flew back to Washington without public comment, although his press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said that all of the

meetings had been marked "by a good spirit."

But Pompidou, reportedly hoping to counter rumors here and in Paris that he is in ill health, walked into the press room at the conclusion of the final session, where he was immediately surrounded by a horde of newsmen, photographers and technicians.

The French president said he and Mr. Nixon had agreed on some matters, disagreed on others. But, he added, "there was a far greater area of agreement than disagreement" because the two countries' "conception of life and peace are analogous."

He added: "These talks were more like conception than delivery, and, after all, conception is more pleasurable than delivery."

"We were not here to decide anything," said Pompidou. "I was not empowered to do so."

Mr. Nixon came to Iceland hoping to persuade the French to accept the idea of a new declaration of Atlan-

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tic principles, perhaps even a formal "charter," as outlined by his national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger, in a speech on April 23.

But that was deferred pending careful, detailed talks — some bilateral, some multilateral — by subordinates on monetary reform, trade policy and other concrete issues. The French also deflated Mr. Nixon's hopes for a European summit meeting during his European grand tour this fall, although they did not rule out the possibility at a later date.

Mr. Nixon and Pompidou seemed to get on well, despite their opposing positions on some issues and the coolness that has on occasion marked Franco-American relations in recent years. When reporters were admitted briefly to the conference hall in the Kjarval Art Museum briefly Thursday morning, they heard Mr. Nixon try a bit of French. Discussing ages, he told Pompidou he was "soixante" (60).

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No communique was issued after the final session, at which the two presidents and their ministers sat around a square table covered with green felt. Some American officials had wanted a communique, because they felt it would as-

sist Mr. Nixon in his effort to show the American public that he was still an effective leader despite the Watergate case.

The French demurred, but finally agreed that Kissinger and Denis Baudoin, the spokesman for the Elysee palace, would give similar verbal accounts of the meetings at separate briefings.

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"We achieved what we set out to do," Kissinger told newsmen on the flight back to Washington.

"It went very well," Secretary of State William P. Rogers said in a separate session with reporters. "It lived up to our expectations."

Press secretary Ziegler added that Mr. Nixon felt his two days of talks with Pompidou were "very successful."