



A LIGHT MOMENT DURING TODAY'S WHITE HOUSE CABINET MEETING
State Secretary and Mrs. Rogers join Nixons in a hearty laugh

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Nixon on Wife's Role

WASHINGTON — AP) — President Nixon reminisced about his "kitchen cabinet debate" with Russian leader Nikita Khrushchev and encouraged official wives to discuss his economic policies at a cabinet meeting today.

It was one of several meetings Nixon has held where cabinet wives were included.

Carol Finch, wife of presidential counselor Robert Finch, and Anne Richardson, wife of Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot Richardson, talked to reporters after the White House meeting.

Freeze Info

Mrs. Richardson said the President wanted to inform everyone in the administration on what was going on concerning the wage - price freeze and "to make us better able to express ourselves."

Mrs. Finch said the President encouraged the cabinet wives "to go on talk shows" or to help wherever they could in discussing the economic policies. "He wanted us to help talk up the program

from our viewpoint," she said.

"Most of us are scared to death about talking about such a complicated subject," Mrs. Richardson said.

At the two - hour meeting, there were discussions by Treasury Secretary John Connally; George Shultz, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Arnold Weber, executive director of the Cost of Living Council, according to deputy press secretary Gerald Warren.

Film Clips

The wives said Nixon reminisced about his famous 1959 kitchen debate in Moscow with Khrushchev because he had seen some film clips about the late Soviet leader on television last night. 12 SEP

Mrs. Finch said Nixon was "very nostalgic" about it and told how impressed Khrushchev was with American technology and economy, "though not wanting to admit it."

None of the wives had any chance to ask any questions or make comments at the meeting.

Khrushchev died 11 Sep 71