

# 'Hostility Wall Crumbling'

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President Nixon yesterday told the first group of Chinese performers to tour the U.S. in a quarter century that as a result of his trip last year to China, the "great wall of hostility" between the two nations is coming down.

"It is a tragedy of this century that for 20 years a great wall of hostility sepa-

rated the people of the People's Republic of China and the people of the United States of America," Mr. Nixon told 90 members of the Shenyang acrobatic troupe during a reception in the state dining room of the White House.

"As a result of the meeting that I was permitted to have with Chairman Mao and Premier Cho En-lai early in 1972, that wall of

hostility is now coming down," Mr. Nixon said.

The President entertained the touring acrobats before flying to the Florida White House to spend the weekend.

Mr. Nixon, the nation's first sports buff, rated tomorrow's Super Bowl football game between the Washington Redskins and the Miami Dolphins as "even."

But he said he will continue to pull for the Redskins.

The President, who rooted for Miami in its losing Super Bowl game last year against the Dallas Cowboys, said he has made no effort to help Redskins' coach George Allen this year.

"Last year I gave Miami a play and they lost," he said. "I promised Allen I'd give him no advice."

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President and Mrs. Nixon entertained touring Chinese acrobats in the state dining room of the White House

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