

Nixon's Lovely Dancing Partner

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Buxom Susan Snyder was still excited yesterday after dancing with President Nixon at an inaugural ball and "surprised I didn't faint on the spot."

The 27-year-old blonde caused a sensation when newspapers carried photographs showing her and Mr. Nixon dancing Saturday night in the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, site of the first of five inaugural balls which the President attended.

Mrs. Snyder was wearing a low-cut purple gown which clung to her 5 foot 8, 38-inch bust-line figure when she danced with the President, who already had danced with his wife, Pat, and the wife of a U.S. senator.

She was standing on the floor, she said when she was pushed forward and suddenly found herself dancing with Mr. Nixon. "If I had thought of

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dancing with the President, I'd be a nervous wreck," she said.

She can't recall what Lionel Hampton's band was playing at the time. "All I can remember is 'Hail to the Chief,'" she said.

"I'm not a good dancer," she said. "but it was something I could follow. I'm surprised I didn't faint on the spot."

Asked if Mr. Nixon was a good dancer, she smiled and said "oh yes, very," although "there wasn't too much room to move around."

"He asked me where I was from," said Mrs. Snyder, who was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and reared in Mahwah, N.J.

"I was floating on cloud nine afterward," she said, recalling her two minutes with the President during an interview at her home.

The telephone did not stop ringing. She said one friend



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SUSAN SNYDER
An exciting two minutes

in Maryland had picked up the Sunday Washington Post and said to her husband, "That looks like Susie."

"Naw," said her husband, Gerald Snyder, "What would she be doing dancing with the President?"

Mrs. Snyder then piped in, "I keep telling everyone I shook his hand, but they don't care."

Mrs. Snyder said she showed the newspaper photograph to her 3-year-old daughter, Jennifer, this morning and told her, "Mommy danced with the President last night."

"Oh, you didn't dance with daddy?" the little girl replied.

To her daughter, Jill, a year old, Mrs. Snyder said, "See, here is Mommy and President Nixon."

"Where's Daddy?" asked the other child.

The Snyders, Republicans, met when both worked at the National Security Agency. Mrs. Snyder is a linguist who speaks French, Spanish and Swedish.

Snyder works for Xerox and he says he will use the special photo machine to make 100 copies of the picture of his wife and Mr. Nixon dancing—"for our Christmas cards next year."