



Welcome
in
Monrovia

MRS. RICHARD NIXON and Liberian PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT JR., next to her with glasses, chat with some of the crowd that turned out to greet the American first lady when she arrived at the airport in Monrovia yesterday. (AP Wirephoto.)

AP, datelined Monrovia:

A packed hall burst into loud applause today when Pat Nixon gave William D. Tolvert Jr., grandson of an American slave, a cheek-to-cheek embrace to mark his swearing-in as Liberia's 19th president.

Cannons from historic oceanfront Fort Norris boomed a 21-gun salute heard throughout this humid capital exactly at noon to mark the new president's official takeover.

Mrs. Nixon, wearing a long-sleeved, light-weight pink, blue and green print dress, received applause as she entered the memorial building, escorted by two ranking African presidents.

Tolbert took his oath of office wearing a dark blue French suit, a marked departure from the usual formal dress inaugurals of former Liberian presidents. It was similar to one he wore when he first became president on the death last July of William V. S. Tubman.

On inaugural eve, capping a 12-hour first day in Liberia, Mrs. Nixon sat down Sunday night for a private talk with Tolbert that she said would be "substantive."

AIDES DID NOT disclose what they talked about during their half-hour session in the executive mansion.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a member of the U.S. delegation, was among the participants in the ecumenical service in the small, whitewashed stone First Providence Baptist church.

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ception return for a touchdown."

"He told me, 'Now you understand that I'm a Washington Redskin fan, but I'm a part-time resident of Miami and I've been following the Dolphins real close.'"

The President was an outspoken follower of the Redskins, who were eliminated by the San Francisco 49ers in the National Conference playoffs on Dec. 26. He even visited the Redskins' practice base to give an impromptu pep talk late in the season. But now he apparently has adopted the Dolphins because of his home in nearby Key Biscayne. However, he told Shula that he doubted he could attend the Super Bowl.

In Washington on Dec. 27, Bill Brundige, a Redskin defensive lineman appeared on a television and disclosed that the Redskin coach, George Allen, received a phone call from Mr. Nixon before the 24-20 loss to the 49ers.

"President Nixon told Allen, 'I'd like to see you run a flanker reverse with Roy Jefferson against the 49ers,'" Brundige said.

At San Francisco, it happened last in the second quarter. The situation: second down and 6 yards to go for the Redskins on the 49er 8-yard line. The play: a flanker reverse to Jefferson. The result: a 13-yard loss.

Shula is aware of the Cowboys' skill. The Dolphins never have played the National Conference champions. But Shula split two games with the Cowboys in

his seven seasons as the Colts' coach before he came to Miami in 1970. His Colts also defeated the Cowboys in the 1966 Palyoff Bowl between secon-place teams.

"I've seen the Cowboys on TV lately," Shula said. "They're an all-around experienced, solid team. Ever since they've used Calvin Hill and Duane Thomas together as runners, they've been devastating. Roger Staubach is more disciplined now at quarterback than he was when I remember him. He really makes an effort to stay in there and throw the ball instead of running."

Shula, who was the Colts' coach when, as a 17-point favorite, they lost to the New York Jeets in Super Bowl III following the 1968 season, ordered the Dolphins to re-assemble Wednesday. He and his coaching staff began to prepare at their Biscayne College base for the Cowboy game while reviewing films of yesterday's dramatic triumph.

He appeared to be most proud of the Dolphins' six spectacular blocks on Anderson's zigzagging 62-yard interception return.

"It was one of the great plays of all time, a classic," Shula said. "We measure how much a player wants to win by how close he is to the football. To see those blocks unfold was just tremendous. It was perfect reaction. Some teams practice yelling, 'Oskey!' or 'Bingo!' at an interception to alert players to block. We don't use that. We just try to react."

In showing newsmen wide-angle game films of Anderson's run, Shula pointed out

the blocks that turned six Colts upside-down.

"This is the first one, Jake Scott flipping Tom Mitchell," he said as Anderson began to run after snatching the ball, which had been deflected by Curtis Johnson, a cornerback. "Now watch Mike Kolen get Ray Perkins, then, as Anderson cuts across the field, Tim Foley gets John Williams; Doug Swift gets Dan Sullivan, Bill Stanfill gets Bill Curry and Bob Heinz gets John Unitas."

The film was stopped as Anderson eluded Bob Vogel, another Colt lineman, in a cutback into the end zone.

"Look at that," Shula said. "Six Colts on the ground are getting up. That's what football is all about."