

# Pat Nixon Shakes a Leg

## A Dance In African Costume

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Pat Nixon watched topless young girls perform a sinuous snake dance yesterday; then, wearing a floor-length African dress, she tried a few dance steps herself.

The First Lady smiled as she watched the performance of the Liberian cultural troupe at the official residence of President William R. Tolbert, inaugurated Monday as the West African Republic's 19th president.

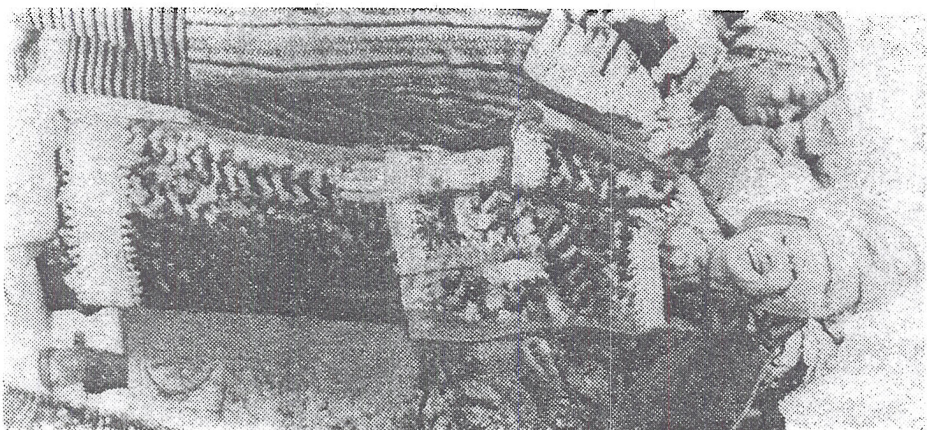
Mrs. Nixon led the official U.S. inaugural delegation which included evangelist Billy Graham and the Grambling College band. She is on a seven-day tour of Liberia.

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Mrs. Nixon watched a bare-breasted snake dance in Monrovia

AP Wirephoto



Liberian dress and turban



# Pat Nixon Dances in Monrovia

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Ghana and the Ivory Coast.

At the close of the troupe's dance, a member of the group approached Mrs. Nixon, wrapped her in a floor-length blue African dress and slipped a matching top over her shoulders.

She then wound three yards of cloth around Mrs. Nixon's head. The First Lady appeared surprised but willing to cooperate. Guided by the troupe leader, she tried a few of the African steps around the floor of President Tolbert's home.

Earlier, Mrs. Nixon visited a military parade at Liberia's Barclay army training center to watch the Grambling College marching band from Reston, La.

### **BAND**

The 135 - member band closed the 90 - minute show with a display of marching jazz and soul, as the first lady bounced the Liberian president's grandson on her knee.

With Mrs. Nixon at the Barclay camp, were President Tolbert, President Felix Houphouet — Biogny of the Ivory Coast and Mauretania head of state Mokhtar Ould Daddah.

"The First Lady and President Houphouet-Boigny are getting along famously, although of course they can't understand a word of what the other is saying," a White House aide said.

Mrs. Nixon travels to the French-speaking Ivory Coast later in the week after a two-day tour of Ghana where she goes today.