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Pat Likes Nixon in '72 Race

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President Nixon definitely has decided to run for re-election and his "chances are very good," Pat Nixon said on her visit here yesterday.

She made the remark about his candidacy to reporters.

Asked what the campaign might be like, she replied: "It's going to be whatever type the other side makes it. It might be easy and it might be very difficult because we don't know who's the candidate on the other side yet."

Mr. Nixon said in his television interview Sunday night he would make a decision on running before January 14.

His name has been placed in the New Hampshire Republican primary by the state's former governor, Lane Dwinell. The President has until January 16 to leave his name on the ballot or to order it removed.

Mrs. Nixon had no further comment about his candidacy, but she seemed to make it clear the President has decided to run again.

CRISIS

The U.S. First Lady flew from the festive air of Liberia's presidential inauguration into a Ghanaian economic crisis where her African trip took on its first political overtones.

Ghana, struggling out from under a huge debt left by the administration of Kwame Nkrumah in 1966 and a stiff currency devaluation, is hoping for more U.S. economic aid, officials said in welcoming speeches. Ghana received \$246 million in fiscal 1971.

In reply to a newsman's question on the matter, Mrs. Nixon said, "My husband is for an aid program and his administration is going to be working with Congress to get a decent bill."

WELCOME

Mrs. Nixon was welcomed to the second country on her tour with the drumming and singing of hundreds of Ghanaians at the airport, where she was met by Prime Minister Kofi A. Busia and U.S. Ambassador Fred Hadsel. A crowd of about 1000 Americans living in Accra also was on hand.

She will stay in Ghana two days then go to Abidjan, capital of the Ivory Coast.

At a news conference Mrs. Nixon said her wish for Africa was peace, so that money spent on war materials "can be used for the people."

In answer to a question about her upcoming trip to China with the President, the First Lady said she wants to exchange ideas with women leaders there and meet the people "to show that we're not the devils they write about."

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