



PAINTED AFRICAN CHILDREN MEET MRS. NIXON IN ABIDJAN
This handshake in Ivory Coast orphanage culminated her 7-day trip

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First Lady Ends Tour

'Africa Enchanting'—Pat

ABIDJAN (Ivory Coast) — (AP) — Pat Nixon ended her goodwill mission to Africa yesterday and said she was taking home memories of friendly faces, in "a land of enchantment."

"I didn't see an ugly face all during this trip and that's really a wonderful feeling," the First Lady said in apparent reference to protests she has seen back home.

Mrs. Nixon's trip had a warm finale in the Ivory Coast. She was greeted by thousands in the streets.

Meal in Grove

She reached out to shake hands, kissed youngsters who danced for her and waved to the crowds shouting.

It rained, but not until she

and the Ivory Coast diplomatic corps had finished their meal at long white tables set in a grove of trees.

President Felix Houphouët-Boigny showed up in an unscheduled gesture of hospitality.

Mrs. Nixon said she had come to Africa to taste the culture. She sampled it in seven days in three West African nations, from government palaces to orphanages and a hospital trying to deal with malnutrition among children.

New Role

She said her talks with the presidents of Liberia and the Ivory Coast and with the prime minister of Ghana on behalf of President Nixon had been a new diplomatic role for her.

The White House said the President had assigned Mrs. Nixon to brief the three African government heads on

U.S. foreign policy, including economic aid and Nixon's Peking and Moscow trips.

With these two trips coming up, Mrs. Nixon expressed doubt she would take on another solo trip in "the near future." She flies home today, the President's 59th birthday.

Enchantment

At a windup news conference Mrs. Nixon said Africa was "the land of enchantment and just built for vacation time."

The First Lady was asked by an African reporter what she considered the best way to assist developing nations. She answered they should "make their own decisions and tell other people who want to help how they can best help."

The United States "does not want to interfere in African affairs," she added.