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Pat Nixon's Mickey Mouse Gift

Moscow

Pat Nixon played her part yesterday in boosting U.S.-Soviet trade by exchanging an all-American Mickey Mouse watch for a Russian clock built into a samovar.

The exchanges of gifts took place when the President's wife toured Moscow's No. 2 watch factory.

Mrs. Nixon told the factory's director: "I hope Mickey Mouse is a favorite in your country as well as ours."

The First Lady was presented with a watch in the shape of a balalaika and a miniature samovar — Russian tea urn — with a clock inside.

Viktoriya Brezhnev, wife of Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev, accompanied Mrs. Nixon on her tour of the factory.

Also with Mrs. Nixon was Lidiya Gromyko, wife of Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko.

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