

Pat Nixon— Worried But 'Confident'

Washington

In nearly 32 years of marriage, Pat Nixon has stood loyally by her husband's side through several political crises—and she was described yesterday as "confident" that he would weather the Watergate, too.

Helen Smith, Mrs. Nixon's press secretary, acknowledged that Mrs. Nixon and the rest of the family were "worried" as the President sought to uncover all the facts surrounding the bugging of Democratic party offices last June, other alleged political espionage and a possible conspiracy to hide involvement of top administration officials.

But Mrs. Smith said the first lady was sure that the President would be able to "see it through" and "get to the bottom" of the scandal.

In the meantime, Mrs. Smith said the family was carrying on as normally as possible at the White House while Mr. Nixon worked in the seclusion of his Camp David retreat in Maryland.

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