

Pat Nixon Telephones Judy Agnew

Washington

Pat Nixon telephoned Judy Agnew yesterday to express the "saddened feeling" of the first family over the resignation of her husband, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Helen McCain Smith, the first lady's press secretary, said Mrs. Nixon told Mrs. Agnew "what a great job she had done," and they reminisced about their five years in the public spotlight.

Mrs. Nixon, said Mrs. Smith, is "very fond of Mrs. Agnew."

"Obviously it was a hard time for both of them," Mrs. Smith said.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Nixon reached Mrs. Agnew at her Maryland home around 5 p.m. after trying to get in touch with her earlier in the afternoon. Mrs. Agnew had been in Baltimore attending the funeral of Agnew's half brother, W. Ray Pollard.

The first lady did not learn the news until a newscaster broke in on the National League playoff baseball game she was watching on television.

Mrs. Agnew broke the news to two of her secretaries at their suburban Maryland home just before going to Baltimore.

'CALM'

Janice Hormes said Mrs. Agnew walked into their office and told them of Agnew's decision in a "quiet calm manner.

"She was fine," said Mrs. Hormes. "She was just great."

Mrs. Agnew's daughter Susan, who will celebrate her 26th birthday October 23, went with her mother to Baltimore for the funeral.

Two of the other children, Pamela DeHaven and Randy Agnew, were in Baltimore and Kim, 17, a freshman at Williams College in Williamston, Mass., was away at school.

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