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President and Mrs. Nixon arrived to pay their respects



Alice Roosevelt Longworth in her home

Alice's 90th Birthday

Washington

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, wearing a black gown and saying it felt like her wedding day, celebrated her 90th birthday yesterday by entertaining President Nixon, his family and nearly 200 other Washington notables at her fading Du-Pont circle mansion.

It was, Mr. Nixon said afterward, "a great party."

The President, accompanied by his wife, Pat, and Julie and David Eisenhower, gave Theodore Roosevelt's daughter a Victorian music box and a can of caviar.

"All of Mrs. Longworth's parties are fun because she collects all kinds of people," Mr. Nixon said.

The guests included numerous Roosevelt relatives, such Democratic luminaries as former ambassador W. Averell Harriman, Margaret Truman Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Shriver, and a number of newspaper columnists and television commentators.

Mrs. Longworth's scathing tongue has made her share of enemies, but one guest remarked afterwards that "all the enmities fell away. Everyone was very nice. There were lots of presents piled on the piano."

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