

Mrs. Nixon Arrives In Caracas, Lauds Venezuelan Gains

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CARACAS, Venezuela, March 11 (AP)—Mrs. Richard M. Nixon came to Venezuela today to represent the United States at the inauguration of the new President, Carlos Andrés Pérez.

"As you know, this is my first visit to Venezuela since 1958, when Venezuela was taking the hard road towards democracy, and I marvel at your many accomplishments in the last 16 years," the President's wife said in a brief statement as she arrived at Maiquetía Airport.

During the 1958 visit with her husband, then Vice President, angry crowds spat on them and stoned their motorcade.

Mrs. Nixon was met by the Venezuelan Chief of Protocol, Germán Nava Carillo, and the American Ambassador, Robert McClintock.

"I am proud to come to Venezuela to represent the Government and people of the United States for the inauguration of your newly elected President," Mrs. Nixon said. The inauguration is to take place tomorrow.

"Venezuela has given the world an example of peaceful elections in democracy and freedom," she continued. "I speak today for President Nixon and the American people in extending congratulations to all the Venezuelan people for your achievements."

Caracas is Mrs. Nixon's first stop on a six-day, 9,200-mile trip through Latin-America.

Nixon Sees Wife Off

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MIAMI, March 11—President Nixon bidding his wife and her party farewell today, cautioned that "we must always remember that here, in this Western Hemisphere, the Latin-American nations are our closest friends."

The Nixons, who spent the weekend at their home on Key Biscayne, arrived by helicopter just before noon at Homestead Air Force Base, where they were welcomed by a friendly, flag-waving crowd of several hundred military men and their families.

Mr. Nixon, his face reddened by the sun but looking fit and rested, declared that his wife "has traveled more than any First Lady in history" and suggested the reason: "She is the best ambassador the United States has."