

Brasilia

Pat Nixon arrived in Brazil's modern inland capital yesterday to attend the inaugural ceremonies of President-elect General Ernesto Geisel.

"The last time I was in Brazil in 1956, when I also attended, with my husband, a presidential inauguration, Brasilia was still a dream, a set of sketches on the drawing board," she said in brief remarks at Brasilia's international airport.

"Now, as I could see when we were landing, it is a vibrant reality."

Mrs. Nixon was referring to the inauguration in Rio de Janeiro 18 years ago of President Juscelino Kubitschek, the man credited with carving Brasilia from brushland in an effort to move Brazilians away from the crowded coastline of the massive country.

Kubitschek was deprived of his political rights for ten years by the military - dominated government when it took power a decade ago. The period expires next month, and whether to extend it will be one of Geisel's key decisions.

"I bring wishes for further success to Brazil which is so greatly admired for its economic progress in recent years, and to Brazil which is taking its rightful place among the leading nations of the world," Mrs. Nixon said. Brazil is one of Latin America's most pro-American nations. U.S. investment is welcomed and is greater than that from any other country.

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