

President Attends Services

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., April 14—President Nixon went to Easter church services today and received "Happy Easter" shouts, applause and a decorated Easter egg from a small friendly crowd outside the church.

The President and members of his family shook hands with well-wishers after the 11 a.m. service at the Key Biscayne Community Church near the Florida White House.

Here for a long holiday weekend in the sun, the President spent a quiet Easter with his family at the bayside compound.

The church-going was his only scheduled appearance.

Mr. Nixon, his wife, Pat, daughter and son-in-law Tricia and Edward Cox, and friend C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo went to the Congregational church, which Mr. Nixon attended on ago. They sat in a row pew amid a congregation of about 250.

The minister, the Rev. J. A. Geschwind, offered an Easter blessing for the presidential family. "Our hearts are warmed by the presence of the First Family," he said, and wished the Nixons "a pleasant Easter."

When the President left the church, a small group of youngsters shouted "Happy Easter" to him, and Mr. Nixon went over to greet them.

As the Nixon family shook hands in the crowd, there were eager picture-takers, and 10-year-old Martha Hutcheson pressed a purple Easter egg decorated with "Happy Easter" into the President's hand.

The President also paused to chat with a tourist, Mrs. Eugene Schreiner of Colonia, N.J.

"I told him he was great," said Mrs. Schreiner.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler fended off questions from a few reporters on various topics.

"Happy Easter," said the press secretary, turning off the questioners. "This is Easter Sunday—and I'll comment on that Monday."

The President wore a blue suit, white shirt and a blue-print tie. He appeared in a jovial mood and had picked up a bit of suntan since his arrival here Friday afternoon.

Mr. Nixon is expected to head back to Washington in another day or two.