

Egyptian Medals to Nixons, Kissinger

Cairo

President Anwar Sadat last night awarded President Nixon the Order of the Nile, Egypt's highest decoration.

Sadat said in presenting it that it was given in recognition of the President's efforts for peace in the Middle East. He added to a smiling Mr. Nixon that the medal is "an expression of the feeling of the people of Egypt toward President Nixon and toward the people of America."

Sadat then turned to Pat Nixon and gave her the Order of the Kamal "in recognition of the efforts exerted by President Nixon . . . and

in recognition of the role you personally have played."

Next in line for a decoration was Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who Sadat said was being honored "in recognition of efforts you have taken under the wise leadership of President Nixon."

The Order of the Nile is reserved for only very special persons, Egyptian officials said. It had been given previously to Nikita Khrushchev, who came here as the Soviet premier before his ouster in 1964, and to President Tito of Yugoslavia.

The Order of the Kamal is Egypt's fourth highest honor.

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