

## Welcome by Saudi King

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JIDDA, Saudi Arabia, June 14—President Nixon arrived today on the second stage of his trip to the Middle East and was welcomed by King Faisal and friendly crowds, which barely got a glimpse of the American party.

After a brief ceremony at the airport in 100-degree heat, the two heads of state and their parties went by motorcade at 40 miles an hour to the King's guest palace on the Red Sea. Several thousand citizens waved and cheered as the limousines whizzed by.

President and Mrs. Nixon, Secretary of State Kissinger and others were guests at a state dinner tonight.

Of the Arab countries, Saudi Arabia is the friendliest to the United States and Mr. Nixon's visit, which will end at midday tomorrow, was largely ceremonial. On April 5 the two countries signed an expanded agreement for economic and military cooperation, and the brief discussions here were said to pertain to carrying it out.

Jidda was chosen for the visit because it is the diplomatic capital and has an American population of about 2,400, many employed in large American corporations. It is a commercial center of mostly modern buildings.

The President will fly to Damascus, Syria, tomorrow.

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