

How close is Nixon to Brezhnev?

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YALTA — Richard Nixon and Leonid Brezhnev settled in as seaside neighbors last night on an estate that once belonged to a Russian czar.

The President and First Lady Pat were assigned to a dacha with eight bedrooms and a heated swimming pool.

Brezhnev was lodged in his usual vacation dacha next door and newsmen wanted to know if this meant he and Nixon would be inviting each other over.

"There's no fence in between," a Soviet official told them.

The Nixons and Brezhnev left Moscow in a light drizzle

earlier in the day and came here to continue in restful surroundings the talks they started in the Kremlin on curtailing nuclear arms.

Mrs. Victoria Brezhnev was not feeling well and canceled her plans to go to the Black Sea today.

Mrs. Nixon's press secretary, Helen Smith said Brezhnev's wife was forced to pass up the trip to the United States with her husband last year because of illness.

He could borrow a towel

Nixon invited Brezhnev to San Clemente on the Pacific when the Soviet Communist Party General Secretary visited the United States last year and this was a return of hospitality.

Both the Soviet and American parties proceeded to their dachas at Oreanda on what once was the country estate of Czar Nicholas II and is favored by Brezhnev for seaside vacations.

A Soviet guide told newsmen that the area was famous for curing nervous tension, heart ailments, asthma and ulcers.

"What about phlebitis?" a journalist asked.

"No, this is the wrong place. It is too damp," the guide replied. President Nixon has been suffering from phlebitis.