

Mrs. Marcos Visits Nixon

Long Beach

Richard Nixon was visited yesterday by Imelda Marcos, wife of the president of the Philippines, who described the former president as "very weak and tired."

After talking with Mr. Nixon for a few minutes in his top floor hospital room, Mrs. Marcos told newsmen in a quiet voice that Mr. Nixon, "an old friend of the Philippines and the Marcoses," spoke to her "with great determination" and "was very interested in what is going on in the world."

She praised Mr. Nixon — "History cannot take away his courageous initiative in starting detente with China."

Mrs. Marcos, on her way to New York City to dedicate a Filipino cultural cen-

ter, said, "I could see that he was easily tired." She said she carried the best wishes and prayers not only of Filipinos but of "our other immediate Oriental neighbors...like the People's Republic of China, a country I have just been privileged to visit."

Earlier in the day, Mr. Nixon's doctor said the former chief executive continued to improve but would not say whether he had been taken off the serious list in his fight to recover from phlebitis surgery.

Dr. John Lungren said his patient had progressed from a category of "subintensive" care to "an in-hospital recovery period." He did not explain the phrase, but a nurse in his office said she believes Mr. Nixon is still considered in serious condition.

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