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Welcome Visitor

What Mao Said to Julie About Nixon

Washington

Julie Nixon Eisenhower said yesterday that Mao Tse-tung is eager to have her father to visit Peking again.

Appearing on the CBS program "Face the Nation," the daughter of former President Nixon quoted the Chinese Communist leader as saying: "When he (Mr. Nixon) comes to China, I will be waiting for him."

Both Mrs. Eisenhower and her husband, David, who were interviewed jointly on the panel show, said they felt that their welcome on their recent tour of China was not warmer than that given to other recent foreign visitors but was most cordial.

Mrs. Eisenhower interpreted this as meaning that "the Chinese were trying to say that a continuing dialogue with the United States was very necessary." She also saw it as signifying appreciation by their hosts for Mr. Nixon's past efforts to improve Chinese-American relations.

She added that her father would like, in the future, to do all he can to promote peace in the Pacific. Asked about her father's present mood, she replied: "He is forward-looking, working on his memoirs and playing golf, and enjoying life again."

David Eisenhower disclosed that he is thinking of entering journalism soon. He indicated that he might become active in politics some time in the future, if the conditions were right.

Mrs. Eisenhower expressed no interest in becoming politically active, saying she was content with her work in the media.

Discussing the Watergate scandal, she said the coverup was a tragedy. She remarked that the nation today seems to be lacking in destiny and purpose, and



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JULIE AND DAVID EISENHOWER AT THE TV STUDIO.
They chatted with reporters before going on the program

added: "I hope we're moving into a time when the country will be moving forward more."

She said that the Watergate affair placed her father under great stress, and that there was incredible tension in the White House during those days. When she was asked whether her father ought to have submitted to an

impeachment trial, she answered that he eventually recognized the futility of putting the nation through such a prolonged ordeal.

Her husband agreed, and contended that the cost of an impeachment trial would have outweighed any advantages it could have brought.

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