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Nixon Pays Scali Visit

At Hospital in Peking

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PEKING, Feb. 24 (AP)—

Former President Richard M. Nixon today visited his former United Nations representative, John A. Scali, who is in a Peking hospital with acute bronchitis.

The 57-year-old Mr. Scali, who returned to the American Broadcasting Company as a senior correspondent after leaving Government service, became ill with a fever and chest pains Sunday, the day after he arrived to cover Mr. Nixon's second trip to China.

The ailment was first diagnosed as pneumonia and caused concern because Mr. Scali underwent open-heart surgery in 1973. The diagnosis was later changed to acute bronchitis, and his condition was not considered serious.

Smiling, Mr. Nixon told Mr. Scali: "You're a big shot as a former U.N. ambassador. People like you and Moynihan are household words."

Mr. Scali and others in the room laughed.

"Seriously, you did a fine job as ambassador," Mr. Nixon said. "Diplomacy's loss is journalism's gain." In good humor, Mr. Nixon placed his hand on Mr. Scali's forehead and pronounced his temperature "99.8."

"I was in a hospital bed a year ago," he said. "And I tell you they'll never get me in one again."