

Mrs. Nixon Seriously Ill After a Stroke

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LONG BEACH, Calif., July 8 — Patricia Nixon, wife of former President Richard M. Nixon, was in serious condition at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital tonight as a result of a stroke suffered yesterday.

Doctors said that she was resting comfortably, and that her condition was "stable." However, they added that it would not be apparent for 36 to 48 hours whether her condition would worsen.

She was described as having "a moderate to severe paralysis" on the left side of her body, affecting her left arm and left leg and the side of her face. She was reported to have a "slight speech impediment."

Dr. Jack M. Mosier, Long Beach neurologist, who was called in by the Nixon family physician, Dr. John C. Lungren, said that a stroke consisted of a blockage of one or more blood vessels leading to the brain.

He said that the site of the

blockage had not been determined, and that there were several possible courses of remedial action. The most promising, which is being followed at the moment, is to "let Mother Nature go to work" to detour the blockage via other blood vessels, he said.

He said that Mrs. Nixon would have to be in the hospital for at least a week or 10 days, and that it was conceivable that her ailment might interfere with her walking normally.

Mrs. Nixon was admitted to the hospital today at 1:10 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, after being taken in an ambulance from the Nixon home 30 miles away.

She was accompanied by the former President and their daughter, Julie Eisenhower.

Mrs. Nixon was assigned to a room in the special cardiac care section on the seventh floor of the hospital.

At the time of her admission, Ken Khachigian, an aide to Col. Jack Brennan, the former President's executive assistant, said that Mrs. Nixon was "alert and resting comfortably."

Dr. Lungren immediately began a series of examinations and tests and announced through hospital officials that he would issue a report on Mrs. Nixon's condition after he finished.

There had been no previous indications that Mrs. Nixon was not in good health. On the evening of July 3, the Nixons attended a party at the home

of a friend, Ken Allan, at nearby Newport Beach.

Mr. Allan, Mrs. Nixon's hairdresser, said today that they stayed at the party until 1:30 in the morning, which was later they had originally indicated they would stay.

Julie Eisenhower and her husband, David, have been visiting the Nixons. Their other daughter, Tricia Cox, was reported to be flying here. The Nixons had been scheduled to go to a party tonight at nearby Dana Point.

The former President had been scheduled to attend his first political event since his resignation almost two years ago.

This was to be a fund-raising party on Monday for Representative Charles E. Wiggins, Republican of California, at Yorba Linda, the small San Gabriel Valley town where Mr. Nixon was born.

Mr. Wiggins was one of Mr. Nixon's chief defenders on the House Judiciary Committee, which voted impeachment charges against Mr. Nixon because of Watergate.

Ford Phones Nixon

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WASHINGTON, July 8 — President Ford telephoned Mr. Nixon at the Long Beach hospital this afternoon to wish Mrs. Nixon a speedy recovery.

A White House spokesman said that Mr. Ford offered to be of any assistance to the former President and asked to be kept advised of Mrs. Nixon's condition.