

Pat Nixon Goes Home



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Mr. Nixon and a nurse stood close by while his wife got up out of a wheelchair to get into a limousine for the ride back to San Clemente. AP Wirephoto

A Hospital Sendoff

Long Beach

Pat Nixon smiled and waved and quipped about her husband yesterday as she left Long Beach Memorial Hospital, ending a two-week stay for treatment of a partially paralyzing stroke.

"I feel fine, but I'm a little frightened about the driver," she said, pointing over her shoulder to former President Nixon, who was pushing her wheelchair.

About 50 persons — patients, members of the hospital staff and well-wishers — cheered and applauded as Mrs. Nixon, wearing bright yellow pants and a yellow top, was wheeled through the lobby.

The Nixons were accompanied by their daughters, Julie Eisenhower and Tricia Cox, and Dr. John Lungren, the family physician.

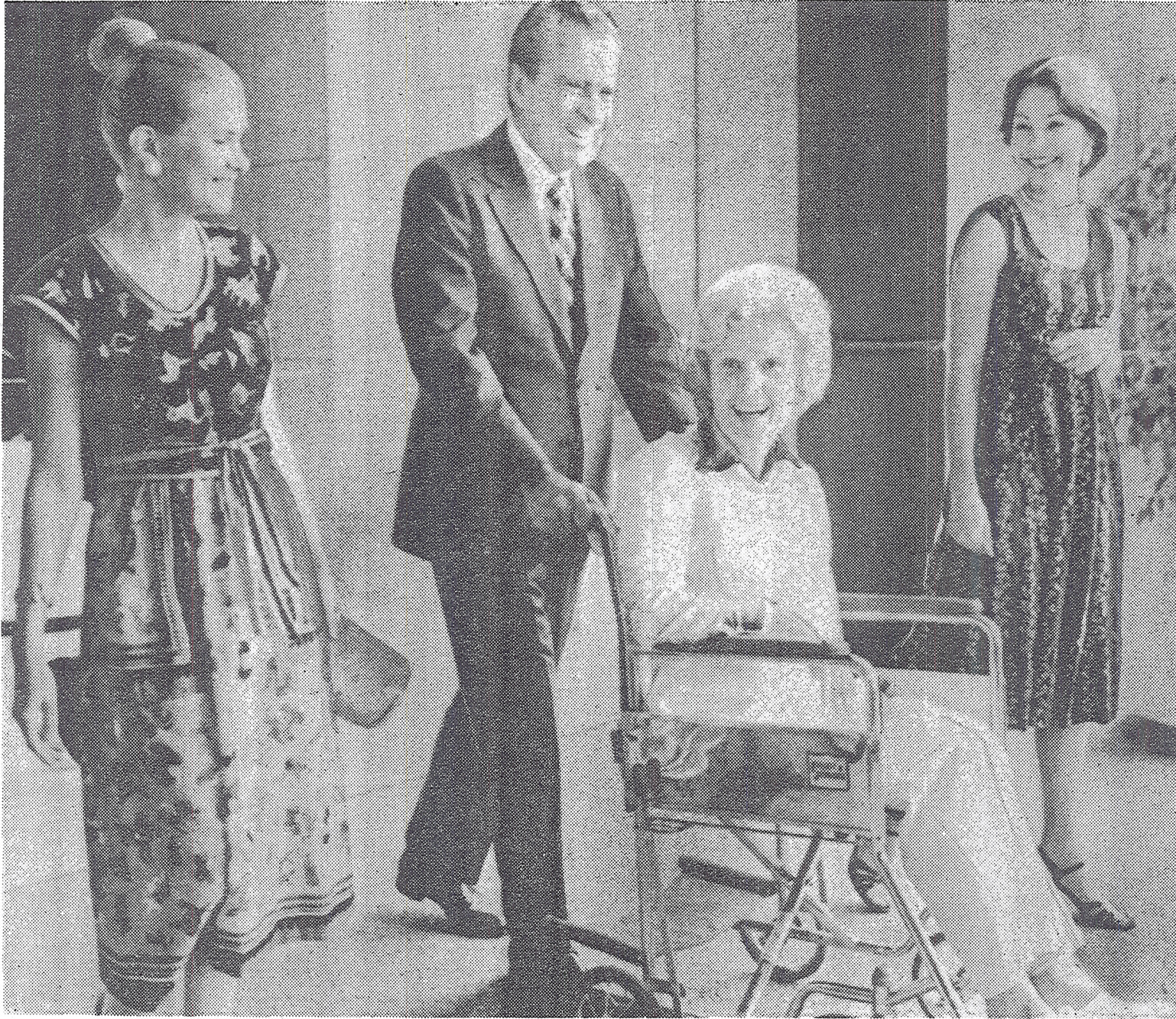
The group paused briefly before photographers, then Mr. Nixon helped his wife into a black limousine, driven by Secret Service agent Bill Granger, for the drive home to San Clemente.

At a medical briefing later, Lungren said Mrs. Nixon still has some loss of function in her left arm, hand and leg and in the left side of her face because of the stroke she suffered on July 7.

However, he said, her speech has returned to normal and she can walk with minor assistance.

"She can handle adversity in a better fashion than anyone I've ever known," the physician said. "Her attitude had a great amount to do with the speed of her recovery."

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The Nixon family members all wore 'going home' smiles yesterday when the former President pushed Pat's wheelchair through the hospital lobby, while daughters Tricia and Julie lent moral support.