

# First Family Breaks In Refurbished Mansion

Sauna Bath, Ping Pong Table, New Plumbing Help Make Agnews More At Home

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Annapolis, Nov. 1—Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew is still waiting for a new \$28,000 State banquet table, but her family is now reestablished in the Governor's Mansion.

Her laundress is already using two large, new commercial dryers and her staff of ten servants is working in a kitchen transformed with new lights, floor and ceiling.

The Governor has a sauna bath and a brand new ping pong table.

"I Feel At Home"

"At last I feel at home," said Maryland's first lady today as she took a group from the press on its first formal tour of the house, after three months and \$347,000 worth of refurbishing.

Most of the improvements made since a shower failed to turn off on the evening of the Inaugural Ball last January have been made behind the walls of the 100-year-old four-story brick house.

New plumbing, electrical wir-



HOME SWEET HOME—Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew pauses on the stairway of her new home, renovated Governor's mansion.

ing, heating and an automatic fire alarm and sprinkler system have been installed. Most of the first-floor rooms have been repainted in an off-white with

beige trim. The curtains have been cleaned and the furniture rearranged.

Mrs. Agnew said she herself picked up the Chippendale

chairs in the State reception room and moved them from the fireplace to the side walls. It was necessary to keep the room cleared for large receptions, she said.

Otherwise, the new furniture arrangements and the minor changes in decor were made on the advice of an interior decorator.

A walnut grandfather clock, originally belonging to Gov. Thomas Johnson, the first elected Governor of the State, was moved out into the hall where it would be seen.

Red pompoms, which tourists used to steal for souvenirs, were taken off the curtains in the family dining room and a worn rug was removed from the family living room, cut down and put upstairs.

Little Change Noticeable

Most viewers would notice little change in the Governor's Mansion, but Mrs. Agnew said today she was delighted with its "fresh and light" atmosphere.

The sauna bath, a 5-by-7-foot redwood room, has been installed on the second floor. The Scandinavian dry-heat bath, which doctors advised would help the Governor's arthritis, will be his personal gift to the mansion.