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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESIDENT DATE: November 5, 1974 FROM: Michael J. Farrell M VIA: Warren Rustand

GREETING:

107 first, second and third grade students and adult escorts from Fox Hill Elementary School, Bowie, Maryland

DATE:

Friday, November 8, 1974 - 10:30 a.m.

FORMAT:

Meet in the Rose Garden to accept donations for the American Cancer Society, a card wishing Mrs. Ford a speedy recovery, and a bon-voyage card to the President for his Asian trip.

PRESS COVERAGE: Full press coverage

STAFF:

Mike Farrell

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Farrell James Cavanaugh

BACKGROUND:

Mike Farrell is presently scheduled to accept the presentations in behalf of the First Family at the beginning of their tour of the White House. The children in the three classes have earned money or gone without something, i.e., candy and other treats, to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society in behalf of Mrs. Ford. Mrs.

* Sylvia Morris, the teacher of the second grade class, and the other teachers hope to teach the children the importance of individuals caring for others.

In addition, they will present a card for the First Lady and a bon-voyage card for the President for his Asian trip. The classes keep track of the President's travels and study the countries which he visits.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

cc: Susan Porter for Mrs. Ford's information

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Greet 107 elementary school children from Fox Hill Elementary School, Bowie, Maryland

DATE: Friday, November 8, 1974

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Rose Garden (fair) State Dining Room (foul)

FAIR WEATHER SEQUENCE:

10:30 a.m. When the children have finished their tour of the White House and have gathered in the Rose Garden, Susan Porter will give you a call and will escort you over to greet your guests. She will have pencils for you to give each pupil.

> Entering the Rose Garden from the west steps will permit the best morning pictures. The children will present you with a container of money they have collected (by going without things such as candy), a get-well card, and a bon voyage card for you to give the President. The second grade teacher's name is Mrs. Morris.

10:40 a.m. At the conclusion, you will be escorted back to the Residence.

FOUL WEATHER SEQUENCE:

10:30 a.m. When the children have finished their tour and are in the State Dining Room, Susan Porter will give you a call. The children will make their presentation to you, and pencils will be available for you to give them.

10:40 a.m. At the conclusion, return to family quarters.

-Open press coverage and White House photographer. -No refreshments.

BACKGROUND:

This is a group of first, second and third grade elementary school children from Fox Hill Elementary School, Bowie, Maryland, which was called to Mike Farrell's attention. The children in the three classes have earned money or gone without something in order to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society in your behalf. The purpose has been to teach the children the importance of individuals caring for others.

The children have also been keeping track of the President's travels and have been studying the countries he will visit.

The second grade teacher's name is Mrs. Sylvia Morris.

susan porter November 7, 1974

NOTE:

For immediate release Thursday, Nov. 5, 1974

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

More than a hundred elementary school children will present Mrs. Ford with their donations to the American Cancer Society Friday, Nov. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Ford will meet with them in the Rose Garden.

The children will also present Mrs. Ford with a card wishing her a speedy recovery and a bon-voyage card for President Ford. They are first, second and third graders at Fox Hill Elementary School in Bowie, Md. (107 children in three classes).

The presentation is the result of a school project in which the children have gone without something or earned money doing chores to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society on behalf of Mrs. Ford. According to Mrs. Sylvia Morris, who teaches the second grade class, the project was part of the overall concept of teaching the children the concept of caring for--others.

The President's bon voyage card is part of a project in which the children keep track of the President's travels and study the countries he visits. They have been studying the President's upcoming trip to Japan, Korea and Russia.

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President and Mrs. Ford Meet School Children

11/8/74

ABC

Tom Jarriel said the President took a moment away from the magnitude of problems he is facing to greet with Mrs. Ford a hundred elementary school children.

"The kids seemed to enjoy the uninhibited frolicking of the Ford's dog, 'Liberty,' as much as anything," Jarriel said.

Mr. Ford told one of the youngsters, "You should want to be President." The third-grader responded: "Why?"

"That's something the President may have been wondering about himself, lately," Jarriel said. "He's known to be keenly aware of the many complicated problems he's facing, problems that seem to build faster than solutions can be found."

CBS

CBS showed a film of Mrs. Ford giving the children souvenir pencils and the President accepting cards from them, reporting he would take them to Camp David to read this weekend. The film showed one little girl shouting at Mrs. Ford, "I hope you feel better." Mrs. Ford said she did and later told reporters her anti-cancer treatments are "working beautifully." CBS also showed the President asking the little boy if he wanted to be President, and his answer, "Why?" CBS called it "an embarrassing" answer for the President.

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that upheld the right of the po-lice commissioner to withhold a gun permit on the basis of "in-sufficient need."

Suit Brought by Club A police spokesman said the department would appeal the decision to the state's highest court. The ruling resulted from a suit to have a weapon.

and Pistol Club Inc., naming former Police Commissioner Donald Cawley and challenging the department's gun permit policy. The Police Department has in

the past refused to issue permits to thousands of pesrons who failed to show a sufficient need

cause or need shown before a permit is issued." He said this policy would remain in effect pending the appeal.

On-Premises Permits

If permitted to stand, the ruling would affect only what is known as "on-premises" permits. These permits do not allow per-

code. Under the code, an appl. cant must "be of good mora character," have "no felony o serious misdemeanor convic tions," have "disclosed fully any history of mental illness,"

A top ranking cop in th department's Permit Bureau, wh asked not to be identified, called



Mrs. Betty Ford accepts donations for the American Cancer Society from Bowie, Md., schoolchildren during ceremony yesterday in the White House Rose Garden President Ford joined

Commish Terms Corruption Rampant in Buildings Dept. By ROBERT CRANE

Buildings Commissioner Jeremiah T.Walsh conceded yesterday that corruption. is so rampant in his department that authorities can no longer rely on many of its inspectors and supervisors for an adequate day's work.

The concession came one day after a report compiled by ... Investigation Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and published by Mayor Beame implicated at least 170 Buildings Department employes, seven other city workes and 63 private citizens in a gigantic bribery scheme.

His Central Role Walsh, to whom investigators credited a central role in the inrestigation, said in -an interview that many of his subordinates can no longer be considered trustworthy, and therefore there

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ment employes, he said, has been implicated in criminal or misdemeanor conduct. This evidence made him say, "We reason that

Other reactions came quickly from industry, and union sources. Kenneth-Patton, the head of the Real Estate Board welcomed the Scoppetta, disclcsures and board of review set up by Beame to studie all implications of the report.

Why It's Stimulated

"The emphasis," Patton suggested, "should shift rapidly from corrupt people to the underlying faulty, procedures, which stimu-late graft and corruption."

Thomas McLoughlin, the presi-



By MARK J

Mayor Beame said yest his record \$11.1 billion expe make up for "unforeseen inc city revenues that have thro

The cuts, the mayor said, would be the equivalent of an 8½ % across-the-board budget decrease However, he said he was not prepared to make the cuts in that fashion

Beame, pounding on his City Hall desk for emphasis, made the budget assessment to reporters after a meeting at Gracie Man-sion with members of the Board of Estimate and leaders of the City Council. The Council and the board approved the mayor's bud-get a bare five months ago.

To Meet Agency Heads

Beame said he would meet with agency heads to inform them of the budget crunch before deciding

"Obviously," he said, "it's go-ing to affect personnel, but to what extent I don't know."

The mayor refused to comment when asked if there would be cutbacks in any of the city's uniformed forces. "I don't want to impose any-

thing before we get the thinking of the people who run the agen-cies," Beame said.

Narrowed by \$70 Million

Beam said his latest report on the budget indicated a \$400 mil-lion chasm, but he had been able to narrow it by about \$70 million. The \$70 million, he told the Mansion meeting, consisted of increased projected revenues from the Parking Violations Bureau, avoidance of borrowing and unexpected high returns on city investments

However, that \$70 million is not enough to offset \$250 million in higher expenses and \$150 million in anticipated revenues that have: not been realized:

Beame conceded that the situa-tion was the worst the city had ever experienced.

Problem of Balancing



Mrs. Ford receives donations for the American Cancer Society from Fox Hill Elementary School children. A few of the students get the President's dog, Liberty, in a picture.

Mrs. Ford Hopes to 'Get Things Organized' by Isabelle Shelton

The First Lady, who was wearing a pale

Liberty was a distinct addition to the pro-

"Cee I'm not arra!" said Farrell ohvi

The First Lady said she has been "very

Betty bouncing backv

The staff had never seen the First Lady looking more chipper or cheerful. Only seven weeks after her mastectomy, Betty Ford is again taking over her official duties and on this sunny day went outside to give the children of Fox Hill school a beaming thank-you for their contribution to the American Cancer Society. She was so full of bustle that rumors had her accompanying the President on his Far Eastern trip. Not quite yet, the doctors advised, so both Betty and daughter Susan are reluctant stay-at-homes until Jerry Ford returns.

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Aboxer rebellion? <

The Duke of Edinburgh was at the University of Edinburgh recently for the opening of a population and cell research center. While there, the duke was curious enough about the work of one researcher to ask to peer through her microscope. The researcher is Dr. Ann Chandley, standing. The theory she is investigating: that tight underwear diminishes male fertility. Further research will look into kiltwearing Scots and naked African tribesmen. The duke, for the moment, is not necessarily a supporter of the hypothesis.





Rose Says, 'Enough!' ^

To Rose Kennedy it was a thousand pictures worth but one word—muttered privately between clenched jaws. At a London bookstore reception to launch the British edition of her autobiography, the 84-year-old Kennedy matriarch sat still for photographers, but ran out of patience before they ran out of film—and snapped at them to cease. It was not the sort of event she would have included in her book —Times to Remember.