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GUEST LIST FOR THE UNVEILING OF MRS. FORD'S PORTRAIT ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1975, AT 7:30 P. M. , THE WHITE HOUSE:

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Brune

Mrs. Beatrice Brune is the artist's sister from Iowa

The Honorable Philip Buchen and Mrs. Buchen

The Honorable John Byrnes and Mrs. Byrnes

The Honorable Elford Cederberg and Mrs. Cederberg

Mr. and Mrs. Clement E. Conger

The Honorable Glenn Davis and Mrs. Davis

The Honorable Robert Hartmann

Dr. and Mrs. James Howe

Mrs. John Jarman

Miss Nancy Lammerding

The Honorable Clark MacGregor and Mrs. MacGregor

The Honorable George Mahon and Mrs. Mahon

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Markley

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins McGuire

The Honorable Ronald H. Nessen and Mrs. Nessen

Mrs. Pepe Pina

Mrs. Pina is the wife of Mr. Ulbricht's agent in Spain

Mr. L. Nicholas Ruwe

Mr. and Mrs. David Scott

Mr. and Mrs. John Ulbricht

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weidenfeld

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Whyte

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Hartmann, The Honorable Robert
Jarman, Mrs. John
Lammerding, Miss Nancy
MacGregor, The Honorable Clark and Mrs.
Markley, Mr. and Mrs. Rod
McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins
Nessen, Mr. and Mrs. Ron
Rockefeller, The Vice President and Mrs.
Weidenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. William G.

Artist's Party: Ulbricht, Mr. and Mrs. John
Brune, Mr. and Mrs. (Beatrice Ulbricht Brune is the
artists sister)
Pina, Mrs. Pepe (Mrs. Pina is the wife of Mr. Ulbricht's
agent, Pepe)

Kissinger, The Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry
Mahon, The Honorable George and Mrs.
Rumsfeld, The Honorable Donald and Mrs.
Scott, Mr. and Mrs. David

BUFFET

Hot Senegalaise Soup

Lamb Curry with Rice and Raisins

Condiments:

Sliced Almonds
Chopped Hazel Nuts
Grated Orange Rind
Chutney

(light red wine)

Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Rolls

Pineapple Sherbet



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

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

A portrait of Mrs. Ford, commissioned by the President when he was Vice President, was presented at a private party at the White House last night. A few close friends and staff members were invited.

The portrait, by American artist John Ulbricht, is done with oils on a linen canvas and will hang in the Family Quarters. The canvas measures 78" x 59", and the frame is 3" wide. The frame is classical and simple in design, done in a subdued antique gold leaf on wood.

In the painting, Mrs. Ford is seated against a background of soft green. She is wearing a pale green gown of Chinese silk embroidered with pale green chrysanthemums.

According to Ulbricht, the painting does not fit into a stylistic category, and although in muted lines and shadings is not truly impressionistic. He uses a technique in which layers on layers of oil glazes are built up over a period of time.

Ulbricht, who lives in Mallorca, has also done portraits of Picasso; Lord Mountbatten; Novelist and poet Robert Graves; the Duchess of Devonshire; and the Duchess of Alba.

Biographical material follows:

John Ulbricht was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1926. He studied at the Art Institute of Chicago from 1946 until 1950, when he was awarded a grant to continue his studies abroad. For the following two years he lived in Mexico City, after which he became the assistant to the director of the Denver Art Museum in Denver, Colorado. In 1954 he moved to Europe and currently resides in the village of Galilea, Mallorca with his wife, the painter Angela von Neumann, and their two children.

He has held one-man exhibitions in London, New York, Paris, Edinburgh, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca and other cities. His paintings are represented in numerous private collections as well as in a number of public institutions including the following: the Dallas Art Museum, the Denver Art Museum, the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the Pasadena Art Museum, the London National Portrait Gallery, the La Jolla Museum of Art, the University of Texas, the University of Southern Illinois, the University of Victoria (Canada), and the University of San Francisco.

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Prince Charles: Taking it in stride



Central Press photos

Bogart in 1918: Taking it on the lip

screen, "when he is enunciating clearly, you can see the lip moving out, almost like a proboscis, to envelop a word, and then returning to lie wetly against the teeth while a new word is being formed."

On a return trip to Bethesda naval hospital last week, **Betty Ford** underwent a comprehensive medical checkup and received a favorable report: no recurrence of the cancer that necessitated removal of her right breast last September. The good news added gaiety to a private White House party for the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. Ford by Majorca-based U.S. artist **John Ulbricht**, 48, who is also painting the President. The First Lady was "absolutely delighted" with her straightforward likeness. "I do

not do flattering or glamorous portraits," said Ulbricht. "Mrs. Ford is intelligent and sensitive enough to know that I am after the human dimension."

Me Tarzan—but my friends still call me Your Royal Highness. Inching his way by rope from tree to tree, scaling vertical walls and slogging through a waist-deep stream in his fatigues, Britain's Prince **Charles**, 26, proved his mettle by passing a Royal Marines comman-

do course that was part of his training as a Navy pilot. One test forced the future king to get down on his hands and knees in the mud and crawl through a half-submerged drainage pipe. Afterward, a marine spokesman minimized the danger of the ordeal: "There is a great deal of straw to break any fall on the tree walk, and should anyone panic in the pipe, one of the chaps at either end will pull him out." Still, the Prince summed it up as "a most horrifying expedition."

TRANSITION

ELECTED: Margaret Bush Wilson, 55, as board chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding the late Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood; in New York City, Jan. 13. "I consider myself an aristocrat," said Mrs. Wilson, a St. Louis lawyer and civil-rights leader. "Character. Competence. Accomplishment. That's my definition of aristocracy." She is the first black woman elected to the NAACP's top policymaking post (a white woman, Mary White Ovington, was chairman from 1917 to 1932). NAACP executive director Roy Wilkins serves under the chairman.

RECUPERATING: Golda Meir, 76, Israel's retired Prime Minister; after surgery in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem last week to remove a cataract from her left eye. The 45-minute operation was performed under a local anesthetic. "Thank you," said Mrs. Meir when it was all over. "I didn't feel a thing."

SENTENCED: Skitch Henderson, 56, composer and former "Tonight" show bandleader; to six months in prison for filing false Federal income-tax returns; in New York City, Jan. 17. Henderson—who has yet to decide whether to appeal—was also fined \$10,000. He claimed a \$350,000 deduction for donating a library of his scores and arrangements to the University of Wisconsin, even though—as Judge Edward Weinfeld put it in imposing sentence—"he knew that the gift was practically worthless."

DIED: Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, 74, deposed Colombian dictator; of a heart attack, at his home near Bogotá, Jan. 17. Rojas studied civil engineering at Tri-State College in Indiana and worked on a

Ford assembly line before returning to Colombia and entering the army. He became President in a military coup in 1953 and was ousted in 1957 after running one of Latin America's most ruthless and corrupt regimes.



Karl Schumacher—The White House

Ford portrait: Taking it straight



UPI

Margaret Wilson

Personalities

Portrait Of the First Lady

Yesterday was a big day for First Lady Betty Ford. In the morning, she was found to be in "excellent health" after a routine check-up at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Last night, her portrait was unveiled at a private dinner at the White House for 40 friends.

At the dinner were the artist and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Ulbricht, and the artist's sister, Beatrice Brune from Iowa. The Ulbrichts, formerly based in Chicago, now have a studio on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

The portrait, in a three-inch-wide frame, is 78 inches high by 59 inches wide and was painted from sittings in the Fords' Alexandria home when Ford was Vice President. It will be hung temporarily in the upstairs family quarters at the White House and may eventually become her official White House portrait. That depends on whether the White House Historical Association decides to buy it for the White House.

The Official Portrait

Artist John Ulbricht painted this official portrait of Mrs. Betty Ford which was shown by the President and Mrs. Ford last night in a small party at the White House. The President was so pleased by Ulbricht's portrait of his wife, done while Mr. Ford was vice president, that he is now sitting for Ulbricht, too. Story on Page C-2.



—White House Photo

Mrs. Ford's Health 'Excellent'

By Isabelle Shelton
Star-News Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford passed her first major post-operative checkup with flying colors yesterday, and will be able to "step up" her activities in the future, according to Dr. William Lukash, the White House physician.

This includes "extensive traveling" if the First Lady's schedule calls for it, Dr. Lukash said after she went through four hours of tests and examinations at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, where she underwent surgery for breast cancer three and-a-half months ago.

DR. WILLIAM FOUTY, chief of surgery at Bethesda, who performed the surgery, and Dr. Lukash both examined Mrs. Ford and found her "in excellent health" and showing "no evidence of any recur-

rence of the cancer," Dr. Lukash reported.

Checkups such as yesterday's are "routine" after the surgery Mrs. Ford underwent and will be repeated every four months, the White House doctor said.

The flareup of osteoarthritis that prevented Mrs. Ford from accompanying the President to Martinique last month is "episodic" and presently in abeyance, he added.

Cheered by the good news, the Fords gave a party last night to show a new portrait of the First Lady to a small group of friends and staff members.

The portrait, commissioned by Ford when he was vice president, was painted by John Ulbricht, an American artist now living in Mallorca, Spain.

Ulbricht, who was recommended to the Fords by David Scott of the National Gallery of Art, also has done portraits of Picasso, Lord Mountbatten and novelist-poet Robert Graves.



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White House Photo

The recently unveiled portrait of First Lady Betty Ford, painted from sittings in the Ford's Alexandria home, is the work of artist John Ulbricht.

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PEOPLE

With Best Wishes From Rabbi Korff

Former President Richard Nixon, observing his 62nd birthday today, is expected to spend it quietly at home in San Clemente.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, an ardent Nixon supporter, visited Nixon yesterday "to wish the President well on his birthday," a spokesman said.

Korff has scheduled a news conference for this morning, apparently to report on his visit with the former chief executive.

Petit's Fall

Phillippe Petit, the tight-rope stunt man who fell 30 feet to a concrete floor in St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday, is in fair condition.

Doctors say he suffered a collapsed right lung and rib and wrist fractures and is expected to remain in intensive care for four days and in the hospital about two weeks.

Petit was arrested last August when he strung a wire between the twin towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan and performed his stunts to the amazement of onlookers below.

Mrs. Ford's Portrait

A new portrait of First Lady Betty Ford is expected to be unveiled this weekend to a few friends of the Ford family.

In the portrait, done by John Ulbricht, Mrs. Ford is shown seated and wearing a

pale green mandarin-colored brocade gown.

The painting will be hung in the family quarters of the White House and will not be designated as Mrs. Ford's official portrait until the Fords leave the White House.

Forbes' Balloons

Aerospace scientist Thomas Heinsheimer says that he doubts publisher Malcolm Forbes will make another try this winter to cross the United States and the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon.

"Our system of 13 balloons appears too complicated," Heinsheimer told a Torrance, Calif., news conference. He said Forbes' "airship" should be redesigned and that that could not be completed in time to catch the best winds eastward.

A launch attempt Monday failed when some of the 13 balloons broke free prematurely. Heinsheimer said to avoid a similar fate next time, the gondola must have either one large balloon or fewer small ones.

Liberty's Spree

President Ford's golden retriever, Liberty, was true to her name Tuesday when she went on a spree around the White House to the cheers of onlookers.

Taking advantage of sev-

eral opened doors, Liberty dashed from Mr. Ford's Oval Office, past the Roosevelt and Cabinet Rooms, past a security guard and through the press room to freedom on the front lawn. A White House policeman shed his jacket and gave chase, nabbing the dog by her collar as she neared a Pennsylvania Avenue gate.

Gift Guidelines

Gifts to Margaret Trudeau and other presents to persons in government have prompted Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau to consider guidelines or legislation to govern their acceptance.

The latest gift was \$3,000 in photographic equipment, given to Mrs. Trudeau by King Hussein of Jordan. The prime minister was taken to task in the past after Mrs. Trudeau accepted a

\$20,000 trip to Japan paid for by an industrialist.

Trudeau also came under fire because he conditionally accepted the gift of a swimming pool for his official residence, which is being offered by a group of anonymous Toronto donors.

From staff reports and news dispatches