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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Sheraton Park Hotel

Wednesday - April 16, 1975

Departure: 9:00 p.m.

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Long Dresses

From: Terry O'Donnell ^{TOD}



BACKGROUND

The White House News Photographers Association dates from 1921. It was formed for the express purpose of providing credentials to the various photographers who regularly covered White House activities.

The Press Secretary to President Harding suggested the formation of this body in order that the photographers may receive the same recognition as the White House Correspondents Association Members, which was formed in 1913.

President Coolidge attended the first White House News Photographers annual dinner which was held in 1922 at the Mayflower Hotel.

The original body consisted of 20 members, of which 3 survive today: Mr. Buck May, Mr. Hugh Johnson and Mr. Hugh Miller. The membership now totals more than 300.

The 54th Annual Awards Dinner of the White House News Photographers Association provides an opportunity for recognition and awards to those professionals, in both still photography and news film, who have excelled in news coverage during the past year.

You met briefly with some of the first-prize winners in the Oval Office in March of this year.

You will participate in the presentation of awards and deliver brief remarks, then depart prior to entertainment, featuring Buddy Hackett and Melba Moore.

SEQUENCE

9:00 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Sheraton Park Hotel.

9:10 p.m.

Arrive Sheraton Park Hotel where you will be met at curbside by Mr. Bernard Boston, President, WHNPA.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

Just inside the foyer, Mr. Boston will introduce you and Mrs. Ford to Miss Melba Moore, vocalist, and Mr. Buddy Hackett, Comedian, who will provide the evening's entertainment. Mr. Hackett will present a pair of ski boots to you.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH

9:15 p.m.

Following announcement, Mr. Boston will escort you and Mrs. Ford to the upper tier of the two tier dais where you will take your seats. Yours is the first seat stage right next to Mr. Boston; Mrs. Ford will sit between Mr. Boston and Wes Gallagher, AP.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 900

NOTE:

Among those present on the dais will be Ambassador Sevilla-Sacassa, Senator Mansfield, Secretary Morton, Secretary Butz, Secretary Dunlop, Secretary Weinberger, Secretary Hills, Director Lynn, Secretary Calloway, Secretary Middendorf, Mayor Washington, George Meany, and Admiral Moorer.

9:18 p.m.

Mr. Boston will invite you to join him at the rostrum while Mr. Maurice Johnson, Dinner Chairman, announces the 12 winners.

As each winner approaches from your right, Mr. Boston will hand you the award which you in turn will present to the recipient.

9:30 p.m.

Awards presentation concludes. You remain standing as Mr. Boston introduces you.

9:31 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:40 p.m.

Remarks conclude. Mr. Boston will join you at the podium to thank you and present a leather photograph album containing the five winning Presidential photographs.

9:43 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford depart podium en route motorcade for boarding.

9:55 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

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Prizes and Puns

By Donnie Radcliffe

The Fords didn't get there for dinner though they made it in time for the jokes, but by the time the President and First Lady left last night they were wiping their eyes like tourists at a Las Vegas nightclub.

The occasion, the 54th annual White House News Photographers Association dinner at the Sheraton Park Hotel, was Mr. Ford's third encounter of the day with media en masse.

Hal Hoiland, WTOP, news-film photographer of the year; Paul Fine, WMAL; George P. Romilly, ABC; Lee Parker, NBC, and Clyde Roller, WMAL.

A special award also went to White House photographer David Hume Kennerly.

"At the White House, we also have a richness of photographic talent," Mr. Ford told the crowd. "You know the old saying about



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QUOTES AND NOTES

An Unusual Sort Of a President

Quotes and notes from Washington parties, uncovered for The Washington Star by Ymelda Dixon:

President Ford went to the Sheraton-Park Hotel last night to present the awards at the annual White House News Photographers Association dinner, and found that there are Presidents, and then there are presi-