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# FACT SHEET Mrs. Ford's Office

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Background	The national leaders of the National Congress of Parent	s and Teachers are	
	meeting in Washington, D. C. on 2/18 & 19 for their Na		
	Conference.		
	REQUIREMENTS		
Social:	Guest list yes (Pat Howard will distribute)		
		Menus no	
	Refreshments yes Coffee, tea, tea sandwiches and pastri	es	
	Entertainment no.		
	Decorations/flowers yes		
	Music yes		
	Social Aides yes		
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	Other		
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	Photographers yes		
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#### Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1976

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

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## MRS. FORD'S SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEB. 16

Wednesday, Feb. 18

3:30 p.m. at the White House. Mrs. Ford will greet those attending the National Congress of the PTA National Legislative Conference. She will be named to Honorary Life Membership in the PTA.

Thursday, Feb. 19 and Friday, Feb. 20 Mrs. Ford will accompany the President to New Hampshire.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

#### February 17, 1976

#### MRS. FORD:

Reception for the Participants of the National Congress of Event: **PTA National Legislative Conference** Date/Time: February 18, 1976 3:30 p.m. Place: State Floor Number of Attendees: Approximately 180 guests Mrs. Carol Kimmel, President, National PTA Principals: Mrs. Grace Baisinger, First Vice President, National PTA Mrs. Madelyn Wills, National Secretary, National PTA Mrs. Jean Dye, Legislative Coordinator for the National PTA Mrs. Ann Kahn, Chairman of Legislative Service Committee, National PTA Schedule of

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A Military String Ensemble will be positioned in the Grand Hall.

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There will be full press coverage.

A White House photographer will be present.

Background information is attached.

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#### WELCOMING REMARKS

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February 12, 1976

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NATIONAL PTA'S "SPIRIT OF '76" LEGISLATION CONFERENCE COMING TO CAPITOL HILL -- MRS. GERALD FORD TO GREET PARTICIPANTS AT WHITE HOUSE --

In this Bicentennial year, the National PTA's Fourth Annual Conference on National Legislation -- appropriately titled "Spirit of '76" -- will offer some 200 PTA leaders (national officers, state presidents, state legislation chairmen, and others) an enlightened overview of the federal legislative process. Scheduled for February 18-20, 1976 at the Quality Inn on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., the conference, designed to be an educational "immersion process" for participants, will be highlighted by briefings from prominent Congressional and Administration leaders on pending bills related to PTA interests, and visits to their own members of Congress.

Of special interest will be the White House reception on the opening day of the conference, February 18 at 3:30 p.m., at which the nation's First Lady, MRS. GERALD FORD, will greet conference participants. At this time, MRS. WALTER G. KIMMEL, National PTA President, will present Mrs. Ford with a National Honorary Life Membership in the PTA. The presentation is being made in recognition of Mrs. Ford's devoted and distinguished service to children and youth, during her own youngsters' school years, and for her continuing concern for children's needs during the 1970's. Mrs. Ford was an active PTA

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member in Alexandria, Virginia during her children's younger years. Both she and Mr. Ford belonged to the McArthur Elementary School PTA and the T. C. Williams High School PTA in Alexandria.

Briefing sessions by Congressional and Administration leaders and key staff members will offer a forum for discussion between these individuals and representatives of the National PTA. Among the distinguished personalities appearing will be:

REP. JOHN BRADEMAS (D) of Indiana, discussing the Child and Family Services Act (HR 2966 and S 626), of which he is the House sponsor. Passage of this act is one of the National PTA's four legislative priorities for 1976.

REP. ALBERT H. QUIE (R) of Minnesota, ranking minority member of the House Education and Labor Committee, who will offer some "Insights into Educational Legislation."

REP. LLOYD MEEDS (D) of Washington, presenting his views on comprehensive school health education. Representative Meeds is the House sponsor of the Comprehensive School Health Education Act (HR 2599; S 544), another major PTA legislative priority.

DR. JOHN MEIER, Director, Office of Child Development, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, discussing the "Impact of Federal Programs on the Problems of Early Childhood." These programs include child abuse, Home Start, Head Start, and children's health.

REP. ABNER MIKVA (D) of Illinois, presenting the current status of handgun control legislation. (At its 1975 convention, the <u>National PTA voted to support legislation favoring handgun control</u>. Such legislation would restrict the manufacture of handguns and handgun amunition, with special emphasis on banning the manufacture, importation, assembly or sale of the "Saturday Night Special," an inexpensive and easily obtainable handgun.)

#### (COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR THE CONFERENCE IS ATTACHED TO NEWS RELEASE)

This Fourth Annual Conference on Legislation is an example of the National PTA's ongoing educational and informational services to membership. Participants in the conference will be exposed to a real working experience as they seek to

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increase their understanding of the federal legislative process, and learn the techniques involved in successfully supporting or defeating bills. The role of the PTA in implementing legislation will be brought home to participants through analysis of the organization's current legislative priorities, and their relationship to pending bills.

According to MRS. JEAN DYE, National PTA Coordinator of Legislative Activity, and Conference Coordinator: "Legislation, like communication itself, is a two-way street. The men and women in Congress must hear regularly, and on an individual basis, from representatives of the seven million men and women in the PTA, and, in turn, PTA members want to hear from Congress. <u>We need each</u> <u>other</u>. And the young people of America need <u>us</u>, for the wholesome maintenance of their health, education, and welfare needs, as federally defined and funded.

"In this two-way process, the PTA is developing a 'federal communications network' to place each member of Congress in direct contact with a responsible, informed state PTA person. This past six months, coordinated, grass-roots PTA efforts encouraged successful Congressional action to override the Presidential veto of three vital measures: 1) HR 5901 - the 1976 Education Appropriations Act; 2) HR 4222 - Child Nutrition and School Lunch Act; and 3) HR 8069 - Labor-HEW Appropriations Act for 1976, which approves and funds the National PTA's Alcohol Education Project, among other items.

"We are now faced with the monumental task of reacting to and changing federal administrative priorities as expressed in the President's budget proposal for Fiscal 1977. To develop and strengthen their own fiscal positions, members of Congress must be made aware of the PTA's legislative priorities, in order that the health, education, and welfare needs of children and youth can be identified, sustained, financed, and given top attention. The National PTA's Conference on Legislation will lay the groundwork for this task."

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#### National PTA Legislative Priority Items for 1975-76

As one of the PTA's primary legislative priorities, passage of the <u>Child and Family Services Act</u> is stimulating a concerted effort by the organization because the bill's central purpose--the strengthening of family life--is one of the PTA's reasons for being! The bill provides federal support for state and local child and family service programs, which would furnish quality services to young children whose families have insufficient resources to meet their youngsters' health, educational, or nutritional needs.

In addition to its efforts in this area, the National PTA's other legislative priorities include:

- 1) Support of legislation that would provide effective methods for dealing with school violence and vandalism.
- 2) Passage of the Comprehensive School Health Education Act. This bill was originally introduced in 1974, at the request of the National PTA, and has since been reintroduced. Essentially, the bill would establish a three-year program in the schools to encourage the development of sound health habits in children through comprehensive education. Subject areas would include dental health, disease control, environmental health, family life and human development ("parenting"), mental health, nutrition, physical fitness, smoking and health, drug and alcohol abuse, and venereal disease.
- 3) Passage of the Youth Camp Safety Act by the Senate (already passed by the House). This bill would set minimal federal standards for camp safety, and help states develop comprehensive camp safety programs to protect children. Because few states have standards regulating safety in the areas of personnel training, water sports and other camping programs, and availability of medical services in emergency situations, the National PTA believes that passage of this bill should be of vital concern to all parents, for the prevention of needless deaths and injuries.

To promote the National PTA's views on legislative action affecting education and the welfare of children and youth, the organization's Coordinator of Legislative Activity, a PTA volunteer, works with a National PTA Conference on Legislation ADD FOUR

Legislative Service Committee comprised of PTA members living in or near Washington, D.C. The National PTA keeps its members current on federal legislation relating to education via its newsletter, <u>What's Happening</u> in Washington.

Through its efforts in the legislative area, the National PTA has seen many of its specific concerns translated into federal and state programs which benefit children and youth. The PTA's active support has helped to ensure the passage of such legislation as the child labor laws, the Pure Food and Drug Act, the Drug Abuse Education Act, the Child Abuse Act, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the Child Nutrition and School Lunch Act of 1975.

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#### (CONFERENCE PROGRAM ON FOLLOWING PAGES)

PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL PTA LEGISLATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Program for the Legislation Conference is scheduled as follows, with all events to be held at the Quality Inn, unless otherwise indicated:

#### Wednesday, February 18

- 1:15 p.m. "Happening in Washington" -- a two-part session on the legislative process. Part one, "Setting the Stage," will be presented by MRS. JEAN DYE, National PTA Coordinator of Legislative Activity and Conference Coordinator. Part two, "The Process," will feature WENDY SCHAETZEL, Managing Editor of the <u>Congressional</u> <u>Monitor</u>.
- 3:30 p.m. White House reception with MRS. GERALD FORD.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner program, featuring REP. JOHN BRADEMAS of Indiana on the Child and Family Services Act, with MRS. WALTER G. KIMMEL, National PTA President, presiding.

Thursday, February 19

8:45 a.m. "The New Budget Process," presented by DR. ALICE RIVLIN, Director, Congressional Budget Office, to be held in the Longworth House Office Building (Room 1102).

Noon Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Briefing by REP. ABNER MIKVA of Illinois, on handgun control legislation.

3:00 p.m. "Insights Into Educational Legislation" by REP. ALBERT QUIE of Minnesota, to be held in the <u>Rayburn House Office Building</u> (Room 2175).

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#### Friday, February 20

8:45 a.m. "Comprehensive School Health Education Act," presented by REP. LLOYD MEEDS of Washington.

10:00 a.m. "Youth Camp Safety Act" (S 422) briefing, presented by ELLEN HOFFMAN, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Children and Youth of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

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New post-surgical breast cancer treatment that uses a combination of three drugs offers women a "definite tope," Betty Ford said yesterday.

A victim herself of breast cancer (she underwent radical surgery in 1974), Mrs. Ford said she has been following with great interest news of the treatment given a group of Italian women.

Asked if she might switch from the chemotherapy her doctors prescribed 18 months ago to the new treatment involving the drugs, she said she would follow her doctors' advice. She added, however, that she believes that chemotherapy is "equally as good" as the new approach.

The drugs plus surgery, which have cut the recurrence of cancer by nearly 80 per cent, was reported earlier by the New England Journal of Medicine.

"It gives a great feeling of relief that the percentage is so small on the recurrence of cancer," Mrs. Ford said....

She spoke yesterday at a reception for 180 members of the Parent-Teachers Association here to attend a three-day legislative conference.

At one point she belonged to three P-TAs, she said, and on class nights at school she had to draw straws in order to decide which child's class to attend. Yesterday she was given an honorary life membership in the National Parent-Teachers Association.

Today she flies with President Ford for a final campaign swing in New Hampshire, a return visit as the presidential primary winds up. N103

RW MRS. FORD-PTA

WASHINGTON (AP) -- BETTY FORD, WHO ONCE BELONGED TO FOUR PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS AT THE SAME TIME, ACCEPTED A LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP TODAY IN THE NATIONWIDE CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS. I ADDRESSING ABOUT 180 MEN AND WOMEN ATTENDING A PTA LEGISLATIVE

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TIME: 3:30 PM. LOCATION: THE WHITE HOUSE. NOTE: MRS. FORD WILL RECEIVE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PTA.

THREE-DAY LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OPENS AT THE CAPITOL HILL QUALITY INN, 415 NEW JERSEY AVE. N NW. WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

1:15 OPENING SESSION, DEALING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. 3:30 WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION HOSTED BY MRS. FORD. 6:30 DINNER WITH ADDRESS BY REP. JOHN BRADEMAS.



# Newsmakers----

# Bette-Full of Beans-Accepts Crock

—"I accept this award gratefully and with no humility at all," the Divine Miss M told Harvard's Hasty Pudding theatrical club. It was honoring **Bette Midler** with its 26th Woman of the Year award—a shiny gold bean pot engraved with her name. "This is my first time in Cambridge," the red-haired singer-comedienne said. "I must say that I don't know why I got all dressed up (slinky green gown with long green scarf flowing down the back) just to get a crock." And at the urging of the students she sang "one of my really nasty numbers," a tacky song about a dentist named Dr. Longjaw. Previous winners of the 130-year-old club's award for "great artistic skill and feminine qualities" include Valerie Harper, Katharine Hepburn, Carol Channing and Carol Burnett.

—A woman who once belonged to four Parent-Teacher Assns. at the same time addressed a PTA legislative conference in Washington and said she and her husband "both benefited from the PTA, because we believe you don't just send children off to school" and forget them. Addressing a PTA legislative conference in Washington was First Lady Betty Ford, mother of four, who also accepted a lifetime membership in the organization.

--A \$1 million "challenge" pledge toward building a new Plains Indian Museum in Cody, Wyo., has been made by Mr. and Mrs. De Witt Wallace and the Reader's Digest Foundation to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. The pledge stipulates that \$3 million must be raised from other donors by Jan. 31, 1978.

--Sweden's **King Carl XVI Gustaf** will pay a bicentennial visit to the Boston area on April 27, announced Paul A. Malmgren of Waltham, treasurer and director of the Swedish Charitable Society. He will be the first reigning 'monarch of Sweden to visit the United States.

-Gone to that Great Eucalyptus Tree in the Sky is Teddy ("I hate Qantas") Koala Bear, the San Diego Zoo reported. He would have been 9 on March 22. The doureyed, grumpy, exasperated and lovable marsupial professed in two TV commercials to detest all those tourists the Australian airline Qantas (Queensland and Northern Territories Aerial Services) boasted of taking to Teddy's native land. The shots of Teddy on a San Diego beach and at the airport made him famous. Last October Emperor Hirohito of Japan requested an audience and petted him fondly. Eucalyptus-leaf-munching Teddy, whose



Bette Midler . . . accepting without humility AP Wirephoto

death was blamed on a kidney infection, was the only male (and unfortunately childless) koala in the United States. Australia now forbids their export. His body will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington for mounting.

-By Jennings Parrott





# Truman Said He Was Cruel

Novelist Gore Vidal has sued Truman Capote, Playgirl magazine and writer Richard Zoerink for \$1 million, charging he was libeled in an article which said he got drunk at the White House in the Kennedy years.



Vidal says the article held, him up to "public contempt." Zoerink, in the article, quoted Capote answering the question, "Why did Vidal resent the Kennedys so terribly?" in this fashion: "Well, I think it goes back to when Bobby had Gore thrown out of the White House. It was the only time he had been invited to the White House and he got drunk and he insulted Jackie's mother whom he had never met before in his life." Capote was also quoted as saying that Robert Kennedy, Harvard

historian Arthur Schlesinger and a guard "just picked Gore up and carried him to the door and threw himinto Pennsylvania Avenue." Some toss. Anyway, the article added it was then that Vidal began writing "cruel" pieces, according to Capote, about the Kennedys.

## Susan May Be Incorrigible

Well, now it turns out that Susan Ford is earning money as a model! She has been reported in Florida modeling clothes for photographs to be published in the June issue of Family Circle Magazine. She's being paid at normal modeling rates, whatever they may be, according to the White House. She's been campaigning and skiing and going in and out of school and resigning as a press photographer and she's 18 and she's just, well, getting around too much.

# She Done. Her Duty

Meanwhile, Betty Ford has revealed she once belonged to four Parent-Teacher Associations at the same time. Given a life-time membership, Mrs. Ford said you don't just send children off to school. "You have to go with them and share their world."

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