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## FORD-U.S. BASES

ROME (AP) -- THE FUTURE OF U.S. BASES AROUND MUCH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHERE THE KREMLIN IS INCREASING ITS INFLUENCE, REMAINED IN QUESTION TODAY AS PRESIDENT FORD WOUND UP HIS SUMMIT SWING THROUGH EUROPE.

ITALY, FORD'S LAST STOP DURING HIS FOUR-NATION TOUR, IS THE ONLY MEDITERRANEAN NATION WHERE THE QUESTION OF MILITARY BASES IS NOT AN ISSUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS. BUT EVEN HERE THE POWERFUL LEFT OFTEN TAKES AIM AT THE NINE AMERICAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON ITALIAN SOIL.

IF ITALY'S COMMUNIST PARTY SCORES FURTHER GAINS IN STATE ELECTIONS LATER THIS MONTH, THE LARGEST MARXIST PARTY IN THE WEST IS EXPECTED TO RENEW ITS CAMPAIGN FOR DISMANTLING THE BASES.

IN THE REST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, GOVERNMENTS HOSTING U.S. BASES -- SPAIN, GREECE AND TURKEY -- ARE ALL PRO-WESTERN, BUT ALL ARE RE-EXAMINING BILATERAL ACCORDS ON U.S. BASES.

A SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID WASHINGTON MAY GIVE UP ONE OF ITS FOUR BASES IN SPAIN, BUT HE DENIED REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY AGREED TO GIVE UP ALL FOUR.

THE U.S.-SPANISH AID-FOR-BASES AGREEMENT ENDS THIS SEPTEMBER AND THE AX IS EXPECTED TO FALL, IF A BASE MUST BE FORESAKEN, ON TORREJON NEAR MADRID. SPANIARDS CONSIDER IT A HAZARD TO CIVIL AVIATION.

ALTHOUGH THE FRANCO REGIME ASSUMES MORE IMPORTANCE AS PORTUGAL SHIFTS TO THE LEFT, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A GROWING SENTIMENT AGAINST U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN SPAIN.

GREECE AND TURKEY, CLOSER TO THE VOLATILE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, ARE BOTH CONSIDERING MEASURES AGAINST U.S. BASES BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN STAND ON CYPRUS.

GREECE, WHICH HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED IT IS QUITTING THE MILITARY WING OF NATO, HAS SHARPLY ASSAILED WASHINGTON FOR WHAT IT CALLED U.S. FAILURE TO STOP TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS. ON GREEK SOIL THE UNITED STATES OPERATES SIX MILITARY AND NAVAL INSTALLATIONS.

TURKEY, IRATE OVER THE CONGRESSIONAL CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID BECAUSE OF ITS INVASION OF CYPRUS, HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT IS REVIEWING ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE REASSESSMENT REVOLVES AROUND THE BIG AIR FORCE BASE IN INCIRLIK AND THREE SECRET BASES MONITORING THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH SHARES A 1,000-MILE BORDER WITH TURKEY.

TURKEY ALSO CONTROLS THE STRATEGIC STRAIT FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, BUT BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TURKEY MUST PROVIDE PASSAGE THROUGH THE STRAIT TO SOVIET SHIPS.

THE SOVIET UNION, WHOSE STANDING IN EGYPT HAS BEEN ERODED BY MOSCOW'S RELUCTANCE TO PROVIDE MORE WAR AID, IS SAID TO BE SEARCHING FOR OTHER BASES ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN, POSSIBLY IN LIBYA. SOVIET SHIPS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OUTNUMBER THE NORMAL 40-SHIP COMPLEMENT OF THE U.S. 6TH FLEET BY ALMOST 2 TO 1.

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FORD LEAD (TOPS N87)

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD CAME TO THE CENTER OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM TODAY AND TOLD POPE PAUL VI THE UNITED STATES WILL DO "ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PROGRESS, EMPHASIS AND DEDICATION TO PEACE."

FORD, WINDING UP HIS EUROPEAN TRIP, MET FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR WITH THE PONTIFF, EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE ARMS RACE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AID TO THE WORLD'S POOR.

THE POPE TOLD FORD NOT TO FORGET THE "PRIMACY OF SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES" WHEN FORGING U.S. POLICY. THE POPE SAID THESE VALUES "DIRECT SOCIAL LIVING NO LESS -- INDEED MORE -- THAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTERESTS."

FORD ANSWERED THAT "WE CAN DEVELOP THOSE MILITARY POLICIES THAT ARE BEST AIMED AT MAINTAINING PEACE. WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AID -- BOTH FOOD GIVING AND FOOD PRODUCING -- FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES."

FORD'S AUDIENCE WITH THE PONTIFF IN THE APOSTOLIC PALACE CAME AT THE END OF A WHIRLWIND EIGHT-HOUR VISIT TO ITALY, THE LAST STOP ON THE PRESIDENT'S EUROPEAN TOUR.

FORD LATER LEFT FOR HOME ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, FORD SAID THAT ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES HAD "A REMARKABLE IDENTITY OF PURPOSES" AND THAT HIS TALKS WITH ITALIAN LEADERS WERE "CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE."

ROME WAS CALM MOST OF THE DAY, BUT AS THE PRESIDENT LEFT FOR THE AIRPORT, HUNDREDS OF LEFTISTS SURGED THROUGH THE STREETS. IN ONE RALLY, LEFTIST YOUTHS GAVE OUT PAMPHLETS CALLING FORD "THE TRAVELING SALESMAN OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM."

AFTER HIS AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY DROVE TO A RECREATION AREA NEAR THE VATICAN WHERE THE PRESIDENT GREETED ROMAN CHILDREN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN COLONY HERE.

THE YOUTHS PRESENTED A SCROLL TO MRS. FORD READING: "WE ROMAN CHILDREN LOVE YOU, MRS. FORD. WE THINK OF YOUR CHILDREN. WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S WORK FOR PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD ALL AROUND THE WORLD."

SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS, SOME IN BASKETBALL UNIFORMS, AND DOZENS OF PRIESTS SURROUNDED THE PRESIDENT. HE TOLD THEM THE OCCASION WAS AN "UNFORGETTABLE FAREWELL" TO EUROPE. LOOKING TIRED, THE PRESIDENT THEN SHOOK HANDS WITH A LONG ROW OF ITALIAN MOTORCYCLE POLICEMEN.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY THEN TOOK A HELICOPTER TO ROME'S LEONARDO DA VINCI AIRPORT FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON.



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salzburg, austria, june 2 (upi)-- first lady betty ford gave a luncheon today in honor of jihan sadat, 15-year-old daughter of the president of egypt who accompanied her father to austria for talks with president ford.

the luncheon was held at schloss klesheim, the 16th century palace where the fords are staying during a two-day visit to salzburg.

mrs. anwar sadat was unable to make the trip with her husband. she was cramming for exams at cairo university where she is taking a course in the english section of the faculty of arts.

mrs. ford and jihan talked mostly about education. the first lady had talked sunday night with her daughter susan, 17, who was hostess at her senior prom at the white house saturday night. mrs. ford reported that susan said she had a +fantastic+ time and went to several parties after the white house fete.

to keep jihan company, mrs. ford invited priscilla glover, 14, daughter of the director of the austro-american seminar in salzburg. others invited to the luncheon were mrs. donald rumsfeld, wife of the white house chief of staff., mrs. wiley buchanan, wife of the u.s. ambassador to austria, and mrs. clifford quintan, wife of the american consul here.

the menu included creamed asparagus, supreme of chicken with puree of mushrooms, artichokes with peas, a green salad and coffee ice cream with caramel sauce.

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BETTY FORD

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WAS "A BIT ENVIOUS" OF HIS WIFE'S CHANCES FOR SIGHTSEEING WHILE HE WAS TIED UP WITH NATO MEETINGS, FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAID TODAY.

"BUT HE HAS HIS OWN THINGS TO ATTEND TO OF IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD," SHE ADDED WHILE CHATTING WITH NEWSMEN DURING A VISIT TO A 800-YEAR-OLD CHAPEL SET IN LUSH PARK AND WOODLAND IN A SUBURB OF THE BELGIAN CAPITAL.

SHE SAID THE PRESIDENT FEELS HE HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS AT THE SUMMIT IN REASSURING AMERICA'S ALLIES THAT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS INTACT.

"HE THINKS THAT THINGS HAVE BEEN MOVING ALONG NICELY AND THAT HE HAS BEEN MAKING PROGRESS IN CONVINCING THE OTHER COUNTRIES," SHE ADDED.

THE FIRST LADY DROVE TO THE SAINTE ANNE CHAPELLE AT VAL DUCHESSE AFTER LUNCHING WITH THE WIFE OF NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEF LUNS AND THE WIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT HEADS ATTENDING THE SUMMIT.

MRS. FORD SAID SHE DISCUSSED UNITED STATES POLICIES WITH HER HUSBAND "BUT I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY IMPACT ON HIS DECISIONS."

SHE DESCRIBED THE TRIP, HER FIRST ABROAD AS FIRST LADY, AS "ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS" ALTHOUGH SHE HAS HAD A TIRING SCHEDULE.

ASKED WHAT SHE HAD DISCUSSED DURING HER MEETING WITH THE WIVES OF OTHER LEADERS, SHE SAID, "WE TALKED ABOUT OUR FAMILIES AND ALSO ABOUT RECENT EVENTS -- INCLUDING VIETNAM." SHE DID NOT ELABORATE.

MRS. FORD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. LEONARD FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, AND MRS. DONALD RUMSFELD, WIFE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF.

SHE SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR CHATTING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER TO THE FORMER PARISH PRIEST OF THE CHAPEL, 73-YEAR-OLD ABBE MIGNOT WHO EXPLAINED THE HISTORY OF ITS COLLECTION OF MEDIEVAL SCULPTURES.

MIGNOT ASSEMBLED THE COLLECTION HIMSELF AND LATER DONATED IT TO THE BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

ABBE MIGNOT PROMISED TO SAY MORNING MASS FOR MRS. FORD AND THE FORD FAMILY IN THE CHAPEL, WHICH IS NO LONGER OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP, SATURDAY MORNING.

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ADD 2 FORD TRIP, WASHINGTON

FORD WILL USE HIS FIRST TRIP TO EUROPE SINCE BECOMING PRESIDENT AUG. 9 TO DISCUSS AMERICA'S POST-VIETNAM POLICY WITH WESTERN ALLIES. HE HAS PLEDGED PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE WESTERN WORLD.

DIPLOMATS SAID THE EUROPEANS QUESTIONED FORD'S -- AND KISSINGER'S -- ABILITY TO DELIVER AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC "CLOUT" IN VIEW OF ADMINISTRATION'S TROUBLES WITH CONGRESS, ESPECIALLY OVER INDOCHINA.

IN A SENSE, THE TRIP WILL DEMONSTRATE A RETURN, IN EUROPEAN EYES, OF THE OLD WORLD'S BASIC IMPORTANCE TO WASHINGTON WHICH FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS HAS BEEN MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ASIA WITH VIETNAM.

IN SALZBURG, WHICH FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON USED AS A STOPPING PLACE EN ROUTE TO THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO RUSSIA AND THE MIDEAST, FORD WILL HAVE WHAT DIPLOMATS DESCRIBED AS A MAINLY COURTESY MEETING WITH AUSTRIA'S CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY. OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE, ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMATS, WILL BE THE JUNE 16-19 VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL OF WEST GERMANY.

SCHEEL HOLDS A LARGELY CEREMONIAL OFFICE -- WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT IS SCHEDULED TO MEET FORD IN BRUSSELS AT THE NATO SUMMIT -- BUT WEST GERMANY HAS EMERGED IN RECENT YEARS AS WIELDING PERHAPS THE STRONGEST POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC POWER AMONG U.S. ALLIES IN EUROPE.

IT WILL BE MRS. FORD'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD WITH HER HUSBAND SINCE THEY MOVED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. SHE DID NOT ACCOMPANY FORD ON HIS VLADIVOSTOK, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA TRIP IN NOVEMBER, NOR TO HIS LATER MEETING ON MARTINIQUE WITH FRANCE'S VALERIE GISCARD D'ESTAING.

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UP-068

(BETTY)

SALZBURG (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD TODAY HELD A LUNCHEON TO HONOR JIHAN SADAT, 15-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

MRS. FORD AND MISS SADAT DISCUSSED EDUCATION THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE LUNCHEON, WHICH WAS HELD AT SCHLOSS KLESHEIM, THE 16TH CENTURY PALACE WHERE THE FORDS ARE STAYING DURING A TWO-DAY VISIT TO SALZBURG.

SADAT'S WIFE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND FOR HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD BECAUSE SHE WAS CRAMMING FOR EXAMS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE IS TAKING A COURSE IN THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS.

MRS. FORD TOLD LUNCHEON GUESTS SHE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE SUNDAY NIGHT WITH HER DAUGHTER, SUSAN, 17, WHO HELD HER SENIOR PROM AT THE WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY NIGHT. MRS. FORD REPORTED HER DAUGHTER HAD A "FANTASTIC" TIME AT THE PROM AND WENT TO SEVERAL PARTIES AFTERWARDS.

TO KEEP MISS SADAT COMPANY AT THE LUNCHEON, MRS. FORD INVITED PRISCILLA GLOVER, 14, DAUGHTER OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRO-AMERICAN SEMINAR IN SALZBURG.

THE OTHER WOMEN INVITED TO THE LUNCHEON WERE THE WIVES OF WHITE HOUSE AIDE DONALD RUMSFELD, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA WILEY BUCHANAN AND AMERICAN COUNSEL CLIFFORD QUINLAN.

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ADD BETTY, BRUSSELS (UP-097)

MRS. FORD TOLD REPORTERS SHE ENJOYED GETTING OUT AND SEEING THINGS IN THE PLACES SHE WAS VISITING AND HOPED SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DOING SO ON THE REST OF THE SIX-DAY FOUR NATION EUROPEAN TOUR.

"I DEFINITELY THINK ITS IMPORTANT FOR THE FIRST LADY TO BE AS WELL INFORMED AS POSSIBLE," SHE SAID.

EARLIER, MRS. FORD WENT TO A LUNCHEON FOR THE WIVES OF NATO MINISTERS AND HEADS OF STATE. ASKED LATER WHAT SHE AND THE OTHER WIVES TALK ABOUT WHEN THEY MEET, MRS. FORD SAID THE COUNTRY SHE WAS VISITING, LOCAL AND RECENT EVENTS -- INCLUDING VIETNAM -- WERE FREQUENT TOPICS BUT "WE SPEAK QUITE A BIT ABOUT OUR FAMILIES."

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UP-019

(BETTY)

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UP-022

(TRIP)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

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(FORD TRIP)

(BY RICHARD H. GROWALD)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WILL MEET EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IN A RENEWED SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEXT MONTH AND CONFER WITH POPE PAUL VI, SPANISH AND ITALIAN LEADERS IN HIS FIRST PLUNGE INTO EUROPEAN SUMMITRY, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

A WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID FORD WILL MEET SADAT IN NEUTRAL SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, JUNE 1 AND 2 FOR "DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND WAYS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES."

ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID FORD AIMS AT RENEWING EFFORTS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE AFTER LAST MONTH'S COLLAPSE OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SETTLEMENT AS THE KEY TO A PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND.

FORD'S ACTION WILL BE AIDED BY KISSINGER BUT, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION SOURCES, WILL REFLECT THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO SHOW THAT HE, NOT KISSINGER, IS THE MASTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY.

FORD'S MEETING WITH SADAT WILL FOLLOW THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT MAY 29-30 TO BRUSSELS FOR A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF NATO-MEMBER NATIONS.

AFTER THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT, HE WILL FLY TO MADRID, SALZBURG AND THEN ROME FOR THE TALKS WITH OTHER STATE LEADERS AND POPE PAUL.

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U.S.-MIDEAST LEAD (TOPS N13) BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WILL MEET WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IN JUNE, A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS LINING UP A SEPARATE MEETING WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN.

THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID DISCUSSION WAS UNDERWAY ABOUT A MEETING WITH RABIN. BUT HE SAID NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

THE PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH SADAT JUNE 1-2 IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, "FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND WAYS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IN CAIRO.

WHILE VISITING EUROPE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, FORD WILL EXPAND HIS NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO INCLUDE VISITS TO SPAIN AND ITALY.

MRS. FORD WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON THE TRIP, WHICH WILL START MAY 29-30 IN BRUSSELS FOR THE NATO SUMMIT. A VISIT TO MADRID WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BRUSSELS SESSION.

WHILE IN SALZBURG, FORD ALSO WILL MEET WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY.

FORD WILL GO TO ROME JUNE 3 AT THE INVITATION OF ITALIAN PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AND OTHER ITALIAN LEADERS.

A VISIT TO VATICAN CITY FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ITALIAN VISIT. "THE PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THIS MEETING (WITH THE POPE) FOR A DISCUSSION OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHILE ANNOUNCING THE FOREIGN TRIP, THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO SAID THAT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT A VIATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 2, HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16-19.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST FOREIGN TRIP FOR MRS. FORD AS FIRST LADY. SHE HAD TO CANCEL PREVIOUS PLANS TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ABROAD BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

THE MEETINGS WITH SADAT AND RABIN ARE SEEN AS PART OF A U.S. ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT THAT WAS LOST IN MARCH WITH THE COLLAPSE OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH.

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ADD 1 FORD TRIP, WASHINGTON (UP-055)

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID FORD ALSO WILL MEET SHORTLY WITH ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER YIDZHAK RABIN, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT MENTION SUCH A MEETING.

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID FORD, WHO MADE HIS DEBUT IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY IN A NOVEMBER SUMMIT ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WITH SOVIET COMMUNIST LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK, WILL FLY MAY 29 FOR AN OVERNIGHT SUMMIT MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE IN BRUSSELS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

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FROM SPAIN, FORD WILL FLY TO ROME JUNE 3, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID, TO MEET POPE PAUL TO DISCUSS "HUMANITARIAN ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST." THE ROMAN CATHOLIC LEADER WAS CRITICAL AT TIMES OF U.S. POLICY AND ACTION IN INDOCHINA.

FORD WILL THEN MEET WITH ITALY'S PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE AND PRIME MINISTER ALDO MORO.

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YET THE FIRST LADY MANAGED TO KEEP UP HER FULL SCHEDULE AND ALSO ENJOY HERSELF.

"I GUESS IT PROVES MY HEALTH IS GOOD," SHE SAID BETWEEN LUNCH WITH ITALY'S PRESIDENT, TEA AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VILLA AND A LATE AFTERNOON AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI.

"I'M HAVING A BALL."

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(BETTY)

BRUSSELS (UPI) -- BETTY FORD SAID TODAY SHE WAS "ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE" OF HER FIRST TRIP ABROAD AS FIRST LADY.

MRS. FORD TALKED TO REPORTERS WHILE SIGHTSEEING AT THE 11TH CENTURY CHAPELLE STE. ANNE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRUSSELS. SHE EARLIER ATTENDED A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MRS. JOSEPH LUNS, WIFE OF THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL.

"I'M HAVING A MARVELEOUS TIME," SHE SAID. "I'M ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE."

SHE SAID PRESIDENT FORD, ATTENDING THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING, "THINKS THINGS ARE GOING VERY NICELY, HE'S PLEASED" AND "FEELS HE IS MAKING PROGRESS."

SOME OF THE OTHER LUNCHEON GUESTS WERE THE WIVES OF CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER PIERRE ELLIOT TRUDEAU, WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM LEONARD IRESTONE AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NATO DAVID BRUCE.

THE FIRST LADY THEN WAS DRIVEN TO THE CHAPELLE STE. ANNE, WHERE SHE WAS ESCORTED AROUND THE WEATHERED STONE CHURCH BY ABBE MIGNOT, ITS 73 YEAR-OLD CURATE.

THE ABBOT, SPEAKING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER, TOLD MRS. FORD ABOUT THE HISTORY AND ART WORKS OF THE CHAPEL.

AT MRS. FORD'S REQUEST, HE THEN SAID THE LORD'S PRAYER AND HAIL MARY IN LATIN.

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MRS. FORD-SIGHTSEEING

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD WENT WINDOW SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING ON HER FIRST MORNING IN THE BELGIAN CAPITAL TODAY AND DISCOVERED THAT SHE CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BELGIAN AND A SCOT.

WALKING ROUND THE COBBLED 15TH CENTURY GRAND PLACE IN THE OLD PART OF BRUSSELS, MRS. FORD PAUSED BESIDE A GROUP OF WHAT SHE THOUGHT WERE BELGIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN.

AN AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER, REALIZING THE FIRST LADY MIGHT NEED AN INTERPRETER, LEANED FORWARD AND ASKED ONE BOY IN FRENCH: "ARE YOU KIDS FROM BRUSSELS?"

"NO, I'M SCOTTISH," HE REPLIED.

MRS. FORD LAUGHED AT THE MIXUP AND CHATTED WITH THE VACATIONING YOUNGSTERS FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.

THE FIRST LADY DROVE TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN A NINE-LIMOUSINE MOTORCADE WITH MRS. LEONARD FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND HER HOSTESS IN BRUSSELS.

AMERICAN TOURISTS CHEERED HER AND CALLED OUT GREETINGS AS HER PARTY MOVED FROM SHOP TO SHOP.

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ROME - ADD FORD (N017)

"I KNOW THAT OUR MEETINGS WILL REINFORCE THE TRADITIONAL BONDS OF AFFECTION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO OUR GOALS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ITALY, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR ALL NATIONS."

LEONE, IN REPLY, SAID ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES ARE UNITED "BY HUMAN LINKS OF COMMON, WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND AN ALLIANCE OF ALMOST 390 YEARS."

ITALIAN LEFTISTS HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. AND NATO MILITARY BASES IN ITALY, BUT LEONE MADE CLEAR IN A LUNCHEON TOAST THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE ALLIANCE. LEONE CALLED THE ALLIANCE "AN IRREPLACEABLE INSTRUMENT OF EQUILIBRIUM AND PEACE."

IN HIS TOAST, FORD SAID THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY "ARE COMMITTED TO THE STRENGTH OF AN ALLIANCE THAT HAS KEPT MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY OF PEACE ON THE CONTINENT AND WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE TO OUR CONCERTED EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND INCREASE COOPERATION."

FORD AND LEONE MET PRIVATELY FOR HALF AN HOUR WITH INTERPRETERS AND THEN FOR ANOTHER HOUR IN AN ENLARGED MEETING ATTENDED BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, PREMIER ALDO MORO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MARIANO RUMOR.

LEONE'S SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED BROADLY EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS. FORD TOLD LEONE HE DREW A POSITIVE IMPRESSION FROM HIS TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA.

DURING A STOPOVER IN ATHENS ON HIS WAY HOME, SADAT TOLD NEWSMEN THAT AFTER HIS TALKS WITH FORD HE WAS HOPEFUL FOR A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT HE HAD DETERMINED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS "ANXIOUS TO DO ITS BEST TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

IN ROME, BOTH FORD AND LEONE NOTED THE CONTRIBUTIONS ITALIANS HAVE MADE TO THE GROWTH OF AMERICA AND THAT THE COUNTRY IS NOW CELEBRATING ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

AS A SYMBOL OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATIONS, LEONE'S SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNTRY WILL SEND TO THE UNITED STATES ONE OF ITALY'S MOST CHERISHED ART WORKS, THE MEDICI VENUS NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE UFFIZI GALLERY IN FLORENCE. THE ANCIENT GREEK STATUE, UNEARTHED IN ROME IN THE 16TH CENTURY, WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY IN THE UNITED STATES NEXT YEAR.

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FORD (TOPS N002)

BY FRANK CORMIER

ROME (AP) -- STRESSING THE "EXTRAORDINARY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT FORD OPENED TALKS WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS TODAY AFTER AN HOUR OF POMP AND CEREMONY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

FORD, WINDING UP HIS WEEK-LONG EUROPEAN TOUR, MET WITH PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE AND GAVE HIM THE MESSAGE HE HAS CARRIED TO OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS -- THAT WASHINGTON IS STICKING BY ITS ATLANTIC ALLIANCE PARTNERS.

ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CARRIED OUT EXCEPTIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR FORD'S 10-HOUR VISIT WHICH INCLUDES AN AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI AT THE VATICAN. MORE THAN 5,000 HEAVILY ARMED POLICE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WERE POSTED IN THE CITY PLUS ANOTHER 200 SHARPSHOOTERS ON ROOFTOPS IN THE CAPITAL.

DESPITE SOME FEARS OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY ITALIAN LEFTISTS, THERE WAS TOTAL CALM IN THE CITY.

FORD FLEW BY HELICOPTER FROM ROME'S CIAMPINO AIRPORT TO THE RENAISSANCE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHERE HE REVIEWED AN HONOR GUARD OF WHITE-UNIFORMED CUSTOMS POLICE AND HELMETED AND MOUNTED TROOPS.

"IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BRING TO YOU THE GREETINGS AND HIGH REGARD OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ITALY," FORD TOLD LEONE. "IN A WORLD OF RAPID AND DRAMATIC CHANGE, ITALIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP STANDS OUT AS A SYMBOL OF STABILITY AND RESOLVE."

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FORD LEAD (TOPS N58)

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD CAME TO THE CENTER OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM TODAY FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI AFTER EIGHT HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN LEADERS.

FORD'S VATICAN STOP CONCLUDED HIS EUROPEAN SUMMIT TOUR, DESIGNED TO ASSURE AMERICA'S ALLIES OF CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR NATO, AND TO PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR PEACE AMONG ARABS AND ISRAELIS AND GREEKS AND TURKS.

FORD ENTERED THE VATICAN, A CITY-STATE ACROSS THE TIBER FROM DOWNTOWN ROME, IN A MOTORCADE. HIS LIMOUSINE DROVE UP TO ST. PETER'S SQUARE, THROUGH THE ARCH OF THE BELLS, SKIRTED THE BASILICA AND ENTERED THE RENAISSANCE ST. DAMASUS COURTYARD IN THE APOSTOLIC PALACE.

THE PRESIDENT STEPPED OUT OF HIS CAR AND WAS ESCORTED TO THE PAPAL ELEVATOR AND THEN TO THE PONTIFF'S APARTMENT.

BEFORE ENTERING THE VATICAN, FORD TALKED WITH ITALIAN PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE, PREMIER ALDO MORO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MARIANO RUMOR.

DURING A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY LEONE AT THE RENAISSANCE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, FORD SAID: "WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE STRENGTH OF AN ALLIANCE THAT HAS KEPT MORE THAN A QUARTER OF CENTURY OF PEACE ON THE CONTINENT AND WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE FOR OUR CONCERTED EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS."

"FOR OUR PART," LEONE REPLIED, "WE SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COLLABORATE -- IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT BINDS US TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES -- IN CREATING, MAINTAINING AND CONSOLIDATING EVERYWHERE A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE AND PEACE, AND IN PROMOTING A HARMONIOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE THE BALANCED PROGRESS OF ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS."

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID FORD AND LEONE MET ALONE FOR 30 MINUTES AND WERE LATER JOINED BY THEIR ADVISERS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 40 MINUTES. HE DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS AS "GOOD AND FRIENDLY."

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FORD LEAD (TOPS N31)

BY FRANK CORMIER

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD ENDED AN EIGHT-HOUR VISIT TO ITALY TODAY AND WENT TO THE VATICAN FOR TALKS WITH POPE PAUL VI. EVERY POSTWAR U.S. PRESIDENT SINCE DWIGHT EISENHOWER HAS PAID A CALL ON THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

FORD'S AGENDA WITH POPE PAUL INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, U.S. FOOD AID, REFUGEE PROBLEMS AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID.

THE VATICAN VISIT WAS THE LAST STOP ON FORD'S WEEK-LONG EUROPEAN TOUR. IN HIS TALKS WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS HE STRESSED THE "EXTRAORDINARY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY.

FORD MET WITH PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE AND GAVE HIM THE MESSAGE HE HAS CARRIED TO OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS -- THAT WASHINGTON IS STICKING BY ITS ATLANTIC ALLIANCE PARTNERS.

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FORD (TOPS N081)

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD CAME TO THE CENTER OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM ON TUESDAY AND WAS TOLD BY POPE PAUL VI NOT TO FORGET THE "PRIMACY OF SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES" WHEN FORGING U.S. POLICY.

FORD'S AUDIENCE WITH THE PONTIFF IN THE APOSTOLIC PALACE CAME AT THE END OF A WHIRLWIND EIGHT-HOUR VISIT TO ITALY, THE LAST STOP ON THE PRESIDENT'S EUROPEAN TOUR.

IN REMARKS TO FORD, A PROTESTANT, THE 77-YEAR-OLD POPE TOOK NOTE OF FORD'S MEETINGS WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS ON POLITICAL AND DEFENSE MATTERS.

"WE DO NOT SHUT OUR EYES TO THE REALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS OF POWER THAT ALMOST INEVITABLY ARISE BETWEEN NATIONS AND THEIR BLOCS, AND WHICH CONTINUALLY POSE PROBLEMS OF BALANCE AND IMBALANCE," THE POPE SAID.

"BUT WE MUST RAISE OUR VOICE TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT IT IS NOT UPON POWER THAT A PEACEFUL AND HUMANE INTERNATIONAL ORDER CAN BE BASED, BUT UPON THE CRITERION OF JUSTICE, UPON RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE RIGHTS AND NEED OF OTHERS, AND UPON A SPIRIT OF GENEROUS COOPERATION OF THE STRONGEST WITH THE WEAKEST, FOR THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE."

THE POPE AND FORD MET FOR 65 MINUTES IN THE APOSTOLIC PALACE.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND ARCHBISHOP AGOSTINO CASAROLI, THE VATICAN'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, SAT IN.

FORD, CONTINUING A TRADITION OF VATICAN VISITS BY AMERICAN PRESIDENTS STARTED BY DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, ARRIVED AT THE VATICAN, A CITY-STATE ACROSS THE TIBER FROM DOWNTOWN ROME, IN A 10-CAR MOTORCADE AFTER WINDING UP TALKS WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

HIS LIMOUSINE DROVE UP TO ST. PETER'S SQUARE, THROUGH THE ARCH OF THE BELLS, SKIRTED THE BASILICA AND ENTERED THE RENAISSANCE ST. DAMASCUS COURTYARD IN THE APOSTOLIC PALACE.

A SQUAD OF 12 SWISS GUARDS, WEARING THE YELLOW, BLUE AND RED UNIFORMS DESIGNED BY MICHELANGELO, STOOD AT ATTENTION AS FORD WAS GREETED BY VATICAN OFFICIALS.

FORD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE BETTY, KISSINGER, HENRY CABOT LODGE, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ENVOY TO THE VATICAN, AND NUMEROUS AIDES.

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FORD (TOPS N073)

BY FRANK CORMIER

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD ENDED A WHIRLWIND EIGHT-HOUR VISIT TO ITALY TODAY AND WENT TO THE VATICAN, WHERE POPE PAUL VI TOLD HIM NOT TO FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF MORAL VALUES WHEN MAKING U.S. POLICY.

"WE DO NOT SHUT OUR EYES TO THE REALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS OF POWER THAT ALMOST INEVITABLY ARISE BETWEEN NATIONS AND THEIR BLOCS, AND WHICH CONTINUALLY POSE PROBLEMS OF BALANCE AND IMBALANCE," THE PONTIFF SAID.

"BUT WE MUST RAISE OUR VOICE TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT IT IS NOT UPON POWER THAT A PEACEFUL AND HUMANE INTERNATIONAL ORDER CAN BE BASED, BUT UPON THE CRITERION OF JUSTICE, UPON RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE RIGHTS AND NEED OF OTHERS, AND UPON A SPIRIT OF GENEROUS COOPERATION OF THE STRONGEST WITH THE WEAKEST, FOR THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE."

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ADD FORD, ROME

FORD WOUND UP A WEEK-LONG QUEST FOR NATO SOLIDARITY AND PERMANENT MIDEAST PEACE TODAY AND FLEW HOME.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE POPE MET FOR 65 MINUTES IN THE PONTIFF'S PRIVATE VATICAN LIBRARY AFTER FORD TOLD ITALIAN LEADERS HIS TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT PRODUCED "POSITIVE BUT NO FINAL RESULTS" ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, WEARING A BORROWED MANTILLA, ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH THE POPE BEFORE THE FORDS LEFT FOR THE AIRPORT AND THE TRIP HOME. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO LAND AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE NEAR WASHINGTON AROUND MIDNIGHT EDT.

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(FORD)

(BY RICHARD H. GROWALD)

ROME (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD ENDED A EUROPEAN TRIP WHICH "BROUGHT GOOD RESULTS ... IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE" AND FLEW HOME TUESDAY FOLLOWING A LUNCHEON WITH ITALIAN LEADERS AND A MEETING WITH POPE PAUL VI.

BUOYED BY THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS, HIS TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND A FRIENDLY OUTPOURING OF GOODWILL IN ITALY, FORD SAID HE WOULD REPORT ON THE TRIP IN A COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY WEDNESDAY.

THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY BETTY FORD LEFT ROME ABOARD AIR FORCE 1 AT 2:45 P.M. EDT ON THE 10-HOUR FLIGHT TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE NEAR WASHINGTON.

FOLLOWING HIS 65-MINUTE MEETING WITH THE POPE, WHERE HE WAS CHEERED BY HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE, FORD MADE AN UNSCHEDULED STOP TO TALK TO U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS.

"THIS IS OUR LAST STOP ON A WONDERFUL TRIP," FORD TOLD NEARLY 500 PERSONS AT ST. PETER'S AUDITORIUM NEAR THE VATICAN PRIOR TO BOARDING HIS HELICOPTER FROM A SOCCER FIELD TO GO TO THE AIRPORT.

"IT BROUGHT GOOD RESULTS IN A LONG AND HARD WEEK IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE," FORD SAID.

FORD EARLIER TOLD PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE AT LUNCH IN THE QUIRINALE PALACE, THE ONE-TIME HOME OF POPES ON THE HIGHEST OF ROME'S SEVEN HILLS, THAT HIS TALKS WITH SADAT HAD PRODUCED "POSITIVE BUT NO FINAL RESULTS" ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE POPE SURPRISED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WHEN HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT STATESMEN MUST NOT NEGLECT MILITARY DEFENSE.

"I HAVE SEEN THE POPE FREQUENTLY BEFORE BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HEARD HIM EXPRESS HIMSELF THUSLY," SAID KISSINGER. "I WAS RATHER SURPRISED."

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(BETTY)

BRUSSELS (UPI) -- BETTY FORD STROLLED THROUGH HISTORIC BRUSSELS THURSDAY, WINDOW SHOPPING IN PERFECT SPRING WEATHER AND DRAWING CROWDS OF DELIGHTED BELGIANS AND AMERICAN TOURISTS.

LATER, SHE LUNCED ON THE EDGE OF THE FOREST SOUTH OF THE CITY AT THE EXCLUSIVE VILLA LORRAINE RESTAURANT, THE ONLY RESTAURANT OUTSIDE FRANCE RATED AT THREE STARS IN THE MICHELIN GUIDE.

TONIGHT, THE FIRST LADY WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A FINAL SESSION OF THE WORLD FAMOUS QUEEN ELIZABETH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION WITH QUEEN FABIOLA AFTER A PRIVATE DINNER AT THE ROYAL LAEKEN PALACE.

THE COMPETITORS THURSDAY WERE AN AMERICAN AND A RUSSIAN -- PIANISTS LARRY GRAHAM OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, THE ONLY AMERICAN AMONG THE 12 CONTEST FINALISTS, AND SERGEI IUCHKEVITCH.

MRS. FORD AMBLED ALONG A ROUTE INCLUDING THE GALLERIES DE LA REINE SHOPPING ARCADE, THE NARROW, COBBLED STREETS OF THE CITY'S RESTAURANT AND BOHEMIAN DISTRICT, AND THE MEDIEVAL GRANDEUR OF THE GRANDE PLACE, A CENTRAL SQUARE FLANKED BY THE BRUSSELS CITY HALL.

BELGIANS AND AMERICANS PUSHED THROUGH SECURITY MEN TO GREET HER INDIVIDUALLY, AND SOME APPLAUDED.

MRS. FORD PAUSED AT SEVERAL STORE WINDOWS, GUIDED BY MRS. LEONARD FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR. SHE APPEARED FASCINATED BY ANTIQUES, OLD JEWELRY AND LUSCIOUS LOOKING DISPLAYS OF CHOCOLATES AND FRUIT, BUT DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING.

IN AN ANTIQUE STORE, WHERE MRS. FORD VIEWED A \$4,200 LACQUER TABLE, PROPRIETOR AMELIA LANDMAN OFFERED HER AS A GIFT A PORCELAIN SWAN SHE ADMIRERD BUT REFUSED. HOWEVER, SHE DID ACCEPT A BOUQUET OF ORANGE ROSES FROM ONE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE SHOPPING ARCADE.

AT THE VILLA LORRAINE, MRS., FORD AND MRS. FIRESTONE MET MRS. DAVID BRUCE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE COMMON MARKET, AND MRS. DONALD RUMSFELD, WIFE OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF, FOR LUNCH.

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(BETTY)

BRUSSELS (UPI) -- BETTY FORD WENT WINDOW-SHOPPING IN THE OLD SECTION OF BRUSSELS TODAY AND REJECTED A TEMPTING DISPLAY IN A CHOCOLATE STORE WINDOW AS TOO RICH FOR HER HUSBAND'S WAISTLINE. WHILE PRESIDENT FORD DISCUSSED WORLD ISSUES WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS, THE FIRST LADY BROWSED WITHOUT BUYING AND LATER LUNCED LUXURIOUSLY ON THE EDGE OF A FOREST.

"THIS IS NO PLACE FOR JERRY," SAID MRS. FORD. "HE'D BE TEMPTED BY THE CHOCOLATES."

MRS. FORD, WHO HAS VISITED EUROPE BEFORE BUT IS MAKING HER FIRST TRIP AS FIRST LADY, TOURED THE COBBLED AREA AROUND BRUSSELS' MEDIEVAL GRAND PLACE WITH MRS. LEONARD FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM.

LATER, THEY WENT TO THE VILLA LORRAINE ON THE EDGE OF THE FORESTS IN SOUTH BRUSSELS. IT'S THE ONLY RESTAURANT OUTSIDE FRANCE TO BOAST THREE STARS IN THE PRESTIGIOUS GUIDE MICHELIN.

MRS. FORD DREW A LARGE CROWD -- INCLUDING MANY AMERICAN TOURISTS -- AS SHE STROLLED THROUGH THE GALLERIES DE LA REINE SHOPPING ARCADE AND INTO THE ILO SACRE (SACRED LITTLE ISLAND), THE GREENWICH VILLAGE OF BRUSSELS JAMMED WITH RESTAURANTS.

"I'M WINDOW-SHOPPING," MRS. FORD SMILED TO ONE SHOPKEEPER. WHEN THE PROPRIETOR OF A PORCELAIN SHOP, AURELIA LANDMAN, TRIED TO GIVE HER A TINY FIGURINE OF A SWAN WHICH SHE HAD ADMIRERD, THE FIRST LADY REPLIED, "THAT'S VERY SWEET BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT."

PIERRE GROSJEAN, ANOTHER SHOPKEEPER ALONG THE ARCADE, GAVE MRS. FORD A BOUQUET OF ORANGE ROSES.

MRS. FORD AND MRS. FIRESTONE WERE JOINED FOR LUNCH BY THE WIVES OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NATO DAVID E.K. BRUCE, AMBASSADOR TO THE COMMON MARKET JOSEPH GREENWALD AND WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF DONALD RUMSFELD. THE RUMSFELDS PREVIOUSLY LIVED HERE WHILE HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO NATO.

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### POOL REPORT

#### Mrs. Ford's Walk through a Shopping Area

There was a nine car motorcade for a sight-seeing, and window-looking trip through downtown Brussels. She wore a red wool dress, grey herringbone cape and a print scarf with white kid gloves. The first place she stopped when she went to the shopping arcade under a glass roof, was a candy store. She was accompanied by the wife of Ambassador Firestone,

In the beginning she seemed oblivious of the press and chatted with Mrs. Firestone and looked at displays of fur coats, Belgium lace, and Sinatra records. People came up to her from time to time, Americans based in Belgium, all to shake her hand and tell her they were happy she was here.

She went into an antique store and patted an Egyptian statue, with a sphinx-like aire to it and said, "It is a lovely lady." The proprietress of the antique store couldn't speak English and Mrs. Firestone had some difficulty in translating between the two of them, so an employee of the embassy came over and translated prices. She looked at a blonde lacquer table and said, "I have never seen blonde lacquer before." She looked at another \$4,300 table and said, "I like that. I think it is stunning." She asked somebody to translate francs into dollars and said, "Do you have a computer?" She then looked at a large stone egg and quipped about the goose that laid the golden egg. She was very interested in an hourglass that measured four hours and admired some porcelain figurines that were about three inches high -- especially one of a swan, "It is lovely. That's an intriguing piece. I like children and animals." It cost \$210. The woman who owned the shop offered it to her, but Mrs. Ford said she couldn't accept, "But I greatly appreciate it."

Mrs. Ford heard a personal story about crime in Europe. The owner of the store told about how it had been broken into earlier in the week and that one of the criminals had been apprehended. It was a long story and Mrs. Ford nodded and looked appropriately concerned.

While she was walking, the vice president of the shopping arcade presented her with roses. The crowds clapped for her at one point and the owner of a fish market blew kisses to her from his window and tried to entice her inside with a raw shrimp. Outside of a jewelry store she said that she liked antique jewelry. "So much prettier than the new. There's one piece here with no price, so I guess it must mean it is too expensive." Later she said in front of a chocolate store, "This is no place for Jerry, he'd be tempted by the chocolate." She said that Mrs. Firestone had left chocolate in their embassy bedroom and she said, "I wish they'd take it out, it is not good for his diet." Mrs. Firestone quoted the Duchess of Windsor as having told her staff of servants, "If there is anything I like, remove it." Mrs. Ford said, "That sounds like a very good idea."

She and Mrs. Firestone discussed their children and fashions as they walked along. She told her that Susan was tall enough to wear the longer fashions but both ladies agreed they didn't feel as comfortable as they might in them. During a picture taking session, at the historic Grand Place, she waved at Presidential Assistant Bob Hartmann and asked if he had gotten her picture.

She later went for lunch at the Villa Lorraine with Mrs. Greenwald, Mrs. Bruce, Mr's. Rumsfeld, and Mrs. Firestone.



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THE AMERICAN WOMAN. I'M SUSAN PETERSON ■ REPORTING ON THE CBS RADIO NETWORK.  
WHILE ON HER FIRST TRIP ABROAD AS FIRST LADY, MRS. BETTY FORD SAYS WIVES OF  
STATESMEN PLAY IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC ROLES...AND HAVE SOME EFFECT ON POLICY.  
MORE AFTER THIS.

WHILE THE PRESIDENT WAS BUSY WITH THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS, MRS.  
BETTY FORD WAS HOLDING UP HER END OF THE DIPLOMATIC TRIP BY ~~TELEPHONE~~ MEETING TWICE  
WITH THE WIVES OF HEADS OF NATO GOVERNMENTS. AFTER ONE SUCH MEETING—A LUNCHEON  
GIVEN BY MRS. JOSEPH LUNS, WIFE OF NATO'S SECRETARY GENERAL, MRS. FORD TALKED  
WITH REPORTERS, WHERE SHE WAS ASKED IF SHE THOUGHT IT WAS <sup>AS</sup> IMPORTANT FOR A FIRST  
LADY TO GO ABROAD, AS IT IS FOR THE PRESIDENT!

MRS. FORD WAS DETERMINED TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON HIS 4-STOP TRIP  
THRU EUROPE, BECAUSE SHE FEELS A FIRST LADY CAN BE AN IMPORTANT SUPPORT FOR HER  
HUSBAND. SHE HAD MISSED THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO JAPAN <sup>LAST FALL</sup> BECAUSE SHE WAS STILL  
RECOVERING FROM HER MASECTOMY OPERATION\*\* SO THE TRIP TO BELGIUM, SPAIN, AUSTRIA  
AND ITALY WAS THE FIRST TIME MRS. FORD COULD GO ABROAD AS THE FIRST LADY.  
OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, MRS. FORD DELIBERATELY  
PLANNED AN OPEN SCHEDULE, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE FLARE-UPS OF ARTHRITIS, WHICH  
HAS TROUBLED HER FOR YEARS. SHE ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE SHE COULD TAKE  
SPONTANEOUS JAUNTS INTO FOREIGN CITIES LIKE BRUSSELS AND SALZBURG, TO DO SOME  
SIGHT SEEING AND MEETING SOME OF THE PEOPLE.

<sup>the</sup> FOR A FIRST LADY ABROAD...  
BUT HER MOST IMPORTANT ROLE <sup>Mrs. Ford</sup> AS SHE SEES IT, IS TO HELP HER HUSBAND DIPLOMATICALLY  
AND POLITICALLY. MRS. FORD IS NOT A WOMAN WHO WANTS TO SPEND ALL HER TIME IN  
LADIES LUNCHEONS AND TEA PARTIES. ~~SH~~ AND SHE'S NOT AFRAID OF JUMPING INTO  
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ALL AMERICAN WOMEN ~~ABROAD~~....MRS. FORD IS A LADY WHO CLEARLY WANTS TO BE TAKEN  
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NOW THIS.

THE AMERICAN WOMAN. I'M SUSAN PETERSON, CBS NEWS, BRUSSELS.



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BETTY 5-29

NIGHT LD

BY RUTH E. GRUBER

BRUSSELS, MAY 29 (UPI) -- BETTY FORD STROLLED THROUGH HISTORIC BRUSSELS THURSDAY, WINDOW SHOPPING IN PERFECT SPRING WEATHER AND DRAWING CROWDS OF DELIGHTED BELGIANS AND AMERICAN TOURISTS.

LATER, SHE LUNCED ON THE EDGE OF THE FOREST SOUTH OF THE CITY AT THE EXCLUSIVE VILLA LORRAINE RESTAURANT, WHICH BOASTS THREE STARS IN THE MICHELIN GUIDE. IT IS THE ONLY RESTAURANT OUTSIDE OF FRANCE TO BE

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THE COMPETITORS THURSDAY WERE AN AMERICAN AND A RUSSIAN -- PIANISTS LARRY GRAHAM OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, THE ONLY AMERICAN AMONG THE

12 CONTEST FINALISTS, AND SERGEI IUCHKEVITCH.

MRS. FORD AMBLED ALONG A ROUTE INCLUDING THE GALLERIES DE LA REINE

SHOPPING ARCADE, THE NARROW, COBBLED STREETS OF THE CITY'S RESTAURANT AND BOHEMIAN DISTRICT, AND THE MEDIEVAL GRANDEUR OF THE GRANDE PLACE,

A CENTRAL SQUARE FLANKED BY THE BRUSSELS CITY HALL.

BELGIANS AND AMERICANS PUSHED THROUGH SECURITY MEN TO GREET HER INDIVIDUALLY, AND SOME APPLAUDED.

+I THINK IT'S JUST GREAT,+ SAID MRS. WILLIAM R. POWELL, OF COLUMBIA, MD., WHOSE YOUNG DAUGHTERS EMILY AND ELI RAN UP TO SHAKE THE FIRST LADY'S HAND.

WEARING A BRIGHT RED DRESS, PALE BLUE HERRINGBONE TWEED CAPE AND A RED, WHITE AND BLUE SCARF, MRS. FORD PAUSED AT SEVERAL STORE WINDOWS

SHE WAS GUIDED BY MRS. LEONARD K. FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR.

+I AM WINDOW SHOPPING,+ MRS. FORD SMILED TO ONE SHOPKEEPER.

SHE APPEARED FASCINATED BY ANTIQUES, OLD JEWELRY AND LUSCIOUS LOOKING DISPLAYS OF CHOCOLATES AND FRUIT, BUT DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING.

+THIS IS NO PLACE FOR JERRY,+ SHE SAID, LOOKING AT A CANDY STORE WINDOW, +HE'D BE TEMPTED BY THE CHOCOLATES.+

IN AN ANTIQUE STORE WHERE MRS. FORD VIEWED A \$4,200 (150,000 BELGIAN FRANC) LACQUER TABLE, PROPRIETOR AMELIA LANDMAN OFFERED ONE FIRST LADY AS A GIFT A PORCELAIN SWAN SHE ADMIRER, BUT MRS. FORD REFUSED.

+IT'S VERY SWEET, BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT,+ SHE SAID.

BUT SHE DID ACCEPT A BOUQUET OF ORANGE ROSES FROM ONE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE SHOPPING ARCADE.

AFTER WANDERING THROUGH THE GILDED GRANDE PLACE AND EXAMINING THE COLORFUL FLOWER MARKET, MRS. FORD RODE IN A MOTORCADE TO THE VILLA LORRAINE. THERE SHE AND MRS. FIRESTONE MET MRS. DAVID K. E. BRUCE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE COMMON MARKET, AND MRS. DONALD RUMSFELD, WIFE OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF, FOR LUNCH.

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MRS. FORD -1-

BRUSSELS (AP)-- PRESIDENT FORD IS CONVINCED HE HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN EFFORTS TO REASSURE THE UNITED STATES'

ALLIES THAT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIES IS INTACT, MRS. BETTY FORD SAID FRIDAY.

SHE PAUSED TO TALK WITH NEWSMEN DURING A VISIT TO AN 800-YEAR-OLD CHAPEL SET IN LUSH PARK AND WOODLAND IN A SUBURB OF THE BELGIAN CAPITAL.

+ HE THINKS THAT THINGS HAVE BEEN MOVING ALONG NICELY AND THAT HE HAS BEEN MAKING PROGRESS IN CONVINCING THE OTHER COUNTRIES,+ SHE SAID.

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BRUSSELS-- MRS. FORD -2-

SHE SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR CHATTING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER TO THE FORMER PARISH PRIEST OF THE CHAPEL, 73 YEAR-OLD ABBE MIGNOT WHO EXPLAINED THE HISTORY OF ITS COLLECTION OF MEDIEVAL SCULPTURES.

MIGNOT ASSEMBLED THE COLLECTION HIMSELF AND LATER DONATED IT TO THE BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

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SIGHTSEEING AND WINDOW SHOPPING IN HISTORIC BRUSSELS THURSDAY, THEN DINED AT LAEKEN PALACE AND ATTENDED A MUSICALE WITH HER HOSTESS, QUEEN FABIOLA.

MRS. FORD AND THE QUEEN HEARD AN AMERICAN PIANIST AND A RUSSIAN, TWO OF 12 FINALISTS, COMPETE MUSICALLY ON THE STAGE OF THE BRUSSELS PALACE OF FINE ARTS IN THE PRESTIGIOUS QUEEN ELISABETH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION.

EARLIER, THE QUEEN HAD HOSTED A PRIVATE DINNER AT THE PALACE FOR THE FIRST LADY AND THE WIVES OF SOME OF THE OTHER MINISTERS AND HEADS

OF STATE ATTENDING THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING.

MRS. FORD AND THE QUEEN SAT IN A RED, WHITE AND BLUE FLOWER-DECKED

ROYAL BOX FOR THE PERFORMANCES BY RUSSIAN SERGEI YUCHKEVICH AND LARR

GRAHAM OF TULSA, OKLA., THE ONLY AMERICAN AMONG THE FINALISTS.

THE FIRST ELADY WORE A FLOOR-LENGTH PINK GOWN WITH JEWELLED COLLAR AND BELT AND A SHORT WHITE FUR CAPE. THE QUEEN WAS DRESSED IN A LONG GOWN OF GOLD CLOTH AND FLOOR-LENGTH PURPLE CLOAK WITH GOLD EMBROIDERY. BOTH CARRIED LARGE BOUQUETS OF ORCHIDS.

THEY WERE GREETED AT THE DOOR OF THE ROYAL BOX BY MRS. LEONARD K.

FIRESTONE, WIFE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, AND WERE ACCOMPANIED TO THE CONCERT BY PRINCESS PAOLA OF BELGIUM AND SOME OF THE EARLIER DINNER GUESTS.

MRS. FORD AND THE QUEEN SMILED AND CHATTED DURING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN THE MUSIC.

EARLIER IN THE DAY MRS. FORD WENT WINDOW SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN BRUSSELS AND LUNCED AT THE EXCLUSIVE VILLA LORRAINE RESTAURANT.

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AIR FORCE U-2 CRASHES IN WEST GERMANY: A U.S. Air Force U-2 reconnaissance plane based in England crashed in West Germany Thursday while testing navigational equipment, the U.S. European Command reported. The pilot parachuted to safety and was reported in good condition. -- AP, UPI, Networks (5/29/75)

BETTY FORD ON TOUR: Mrs. Ford strolled through Brussels with Mrs. Leonard Firestone Thursday, and attended a session of the Queen Elizabeth International Music Competition with Belgian Queen Fabiola. "Mrs. Ford performed in style," Harry Reasoner (ABC) said.

All networks showed film of Mrs. Ford's day, pointing out that she was conveyed through Brussels by a nine-car motorcade with full police escort.

"Mrs. Ford went out to window-shop and meet some ordinary people," John Cochran (NBC) reported. Mrs. Ford seemed to enjoy the window-shopping in a glass-covered arcade where Steve Bell (ABC) said, "numerous shops featured such special interests of the First Lady as expensive antiques and jewelry." Mrs. Ford saw some jewelry she liked, but said it cost too much, Cochran reported. Pierre Grosjean, vice president of the arcade, gave her a bouquet of roses, and another shop-keeper offered her a glass figurine, which she declined. Stopping at a window display of chocolates, Mrs. Ford said, "This is no place for Jerry. He'd be tempted by the chocolates." Mrs. Ford also stopped to chat with two little girls from Columbia, Md. (on film).

"Throughout the European trip, Mrs. Ford is keeping her schedule free and low key to allow for more jaunts like this and to prevent any sudden flare-ups of her arthritis. Though Mrs. Ford didn't buy anything, she was able to move freely through Brussel's narrow streets," Susan Peterson (CBS) reported.

All networks also showed film of Mrs. Ford at the Queen Elizabeth competition. The First Lady and Belgian Queen received sustained applause, at the concert, Cochran said. AP, UPI, Networks (5/29/75)

FORD APPEARS TO BE A MAN OF CONVICTION -- Howard K. Smith Commentary: President Ford's mission in Brussels is strictly a psychological one. It is to persuade our most vital allies that the U.S. can be counted on. The attitude he must put across is unquestionable determination to do his duty at any cost.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO BE DELIVERED UPON DEPARTURE  
FOR HIS EUROPEAN TRIP

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This trip to Europe has great significance for all Americans. We live in an interrelated world in which domestic problems -- including the issues of energy and the economy -- are linked to our relations with other nations.

Jobs for all Americans who want to work, the availability of essential resources and the value of our dollars depend upon creative diplomacy and world peace.

The United States seeks international cooperation -- not confrontation. Last November, I went to the Far East for negotiations of great importance. I said at that time I would rather travel thousands of miles for peace than take a single step toward war. And I add today that I will never fail to take a single step that might prevent a future war.

Our first stop will be in Brussels on the occasion of NATO's 26th Anniversary. I will meet with the other leaders of the North Atlantic Alliance to jointly assess the state of the alliance and plan its future.

I want to reaffirm at this time -- and will do so again in Brussels -- the United States' commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty which is vital to American security and well-being.

The invitation to visit Spain provides a welcome opportunity to review with Spanish leaders our expanding cooperation. Spain is assuming an increasingly important role in both Atlantic and Mediterranean affairs.

In Salzburg, Austria, my meetings with President Sadat of Egypt will permit a personal discussion of the Middle East situation and the evolution of U.S.-Egyptian relations. American interests, as well as those of our allies, depend upon events in the Middle East.

Our policy is aimed at one goal -- that of achieving a just peace. I will pursue that objective in Salzburg. I also welcome the opportunity while in Salzburg to meet again with Chancellor Kreisky for a review of current developments of interest to our two countries.

Following the NATO Summit in Brussels, my meetings in Rome with President Leone and other leaders of the Italian government will permit us to review the excellent relations we share as friends and allies.

And I happily anticipate the opportunity to meet with His Holiness Pope Paul VI and to discuss with him humanitarian subjects of importance to people throughout the world.

(MORE)

There is much work to be done on this brief trip. I will represent a confident and united America -- an America determined, with its allies, to safeguard our vital interests. The United States is equally determined to reduce the chances of conflict, to increase cooperation and to enhance the well-being of Americans and all peoples. I am confident that each stop and each meeting will contribute to these objectives.

I pledge to work unstintingly to advance our common interests with Europe, as part of our broader efforts to achieve better cooperation with all countries.

I go with dedication to the service of my fellow Americans and with pride in our great country.

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—Associated Press

**FIRST LADY GOES SIGHTSEEING** — Mrs. Betty Ford is escorted around Chapelle St. Anne, a pure example of Brabanconne Romanesque architecture near Brussels by the Abbot Mignot yesterday as President Ford met with international leaders elsewhere in the city. The Ste. Anne building is more than 800 years old. Looking on (from left) as the Abbot points to spots of interest is Mrs. Leonard Firestone, wife of the U.S. ambassador to Belgium, and Mrs. Donald Rumsfeld, wife of the Presidential advisor.

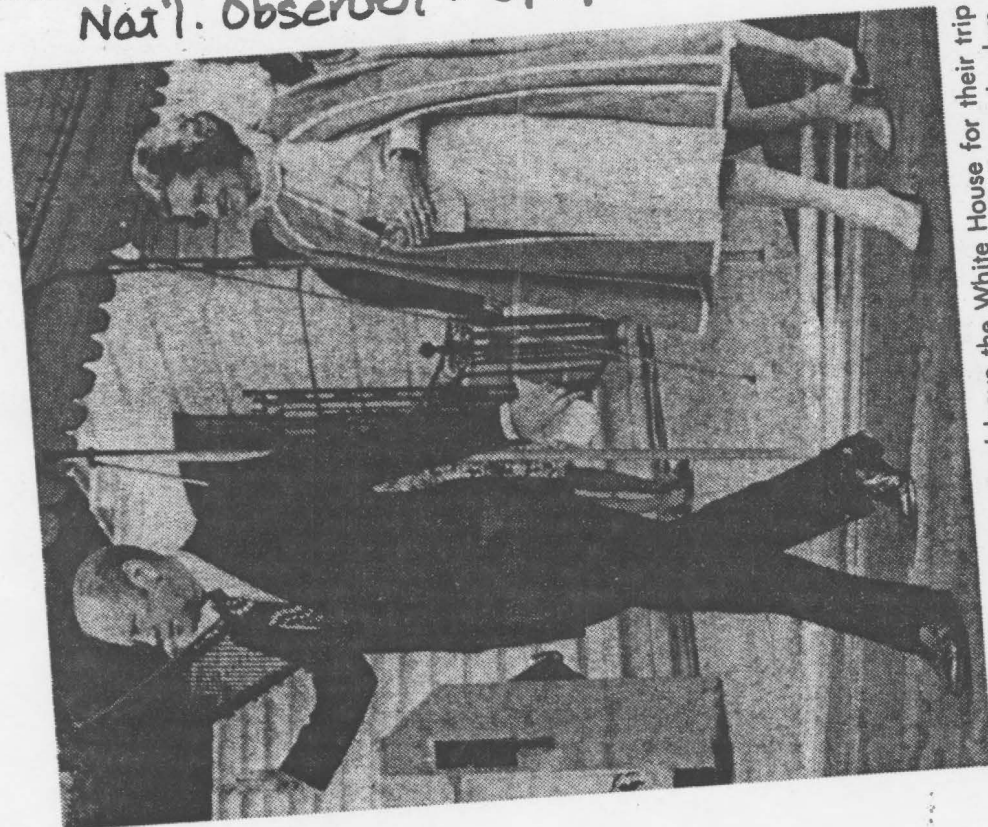


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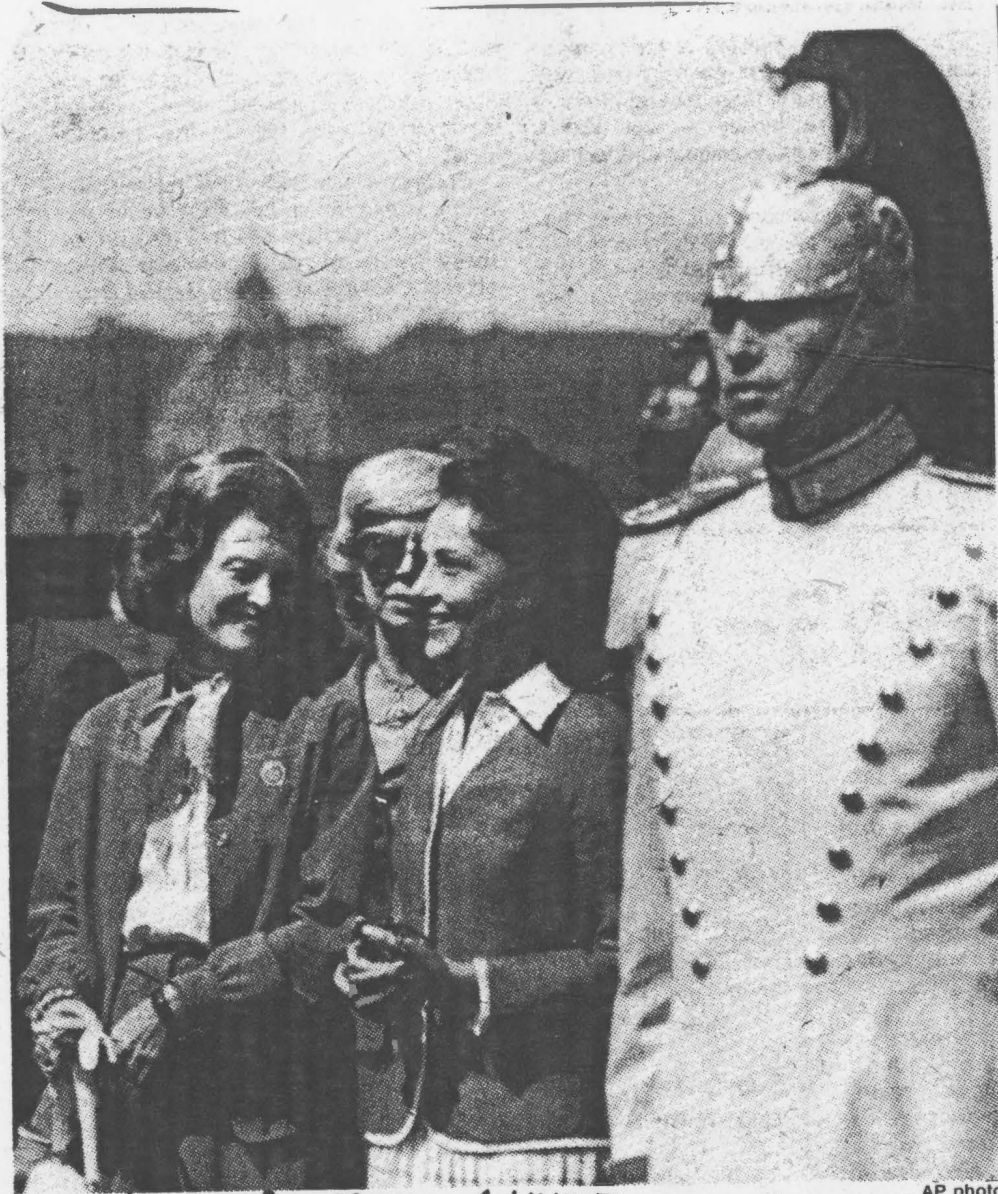


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**MRS. FORD SEES SIGHTS AS PRESIDENT KEEPS BUSY:** Betty Ford visiting the Sainte Anne Chapelle at Val Duchesse, a suburb of Brussels, yesterday. Her guide at the 800-year-old chapel was Abbé Mignot, and the woman to the left interpreted.

Nat'l. Observer - 6/7/75



President and Mrs. Ford leave the White House for their trip to Europe, where the President conferred with Western leaders.



Christ. Se. Mon. - 6/4/75  
 U.S. and Italian first ladies in Rome: Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Leone with honor guard

— AP photo



President Ford, who fell while deplaning Sunday at Salzburg, Austria, holds on with both hands while leaving his jet today in Rome. Mrs. Ford precedes him.

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President Ford bids farewell to Nicaraguan Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa as Mrs. Ford kisses Vice President Nelson Rockefeller prior to departing for

Europe, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Sevilla-Sacasa was present in his role as dean of the Western diplomatic corps.

—Associated Press

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President and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giovanni Leone pause before attending a state luncheon.

—Associated Press





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UPI Radiophoto  
President Ford and his wife, Betty, chat with the proprietor-chef of L'Epaule de Mouton restaurant, a famed gourmet haven in Brussels. Taking time off from the diplomatic roundtable, he wined and dined Mrs. Ford at a much more sumptuous table. On his first trip to Europe as President, it was his first chance to share a bit of the sightseeing Betty has been doing for the last two days. Joining them at dinner were Secretary Kissinger, the Belgium premier and several officials.

Today—Sunny, high near 80, low in the 50s. The chance of rain is near zero today and tonight. Tuesday—Fair, high near 80. Yesterday's temperature range was from a high of 81 to a low of 72. Details, Page C5.

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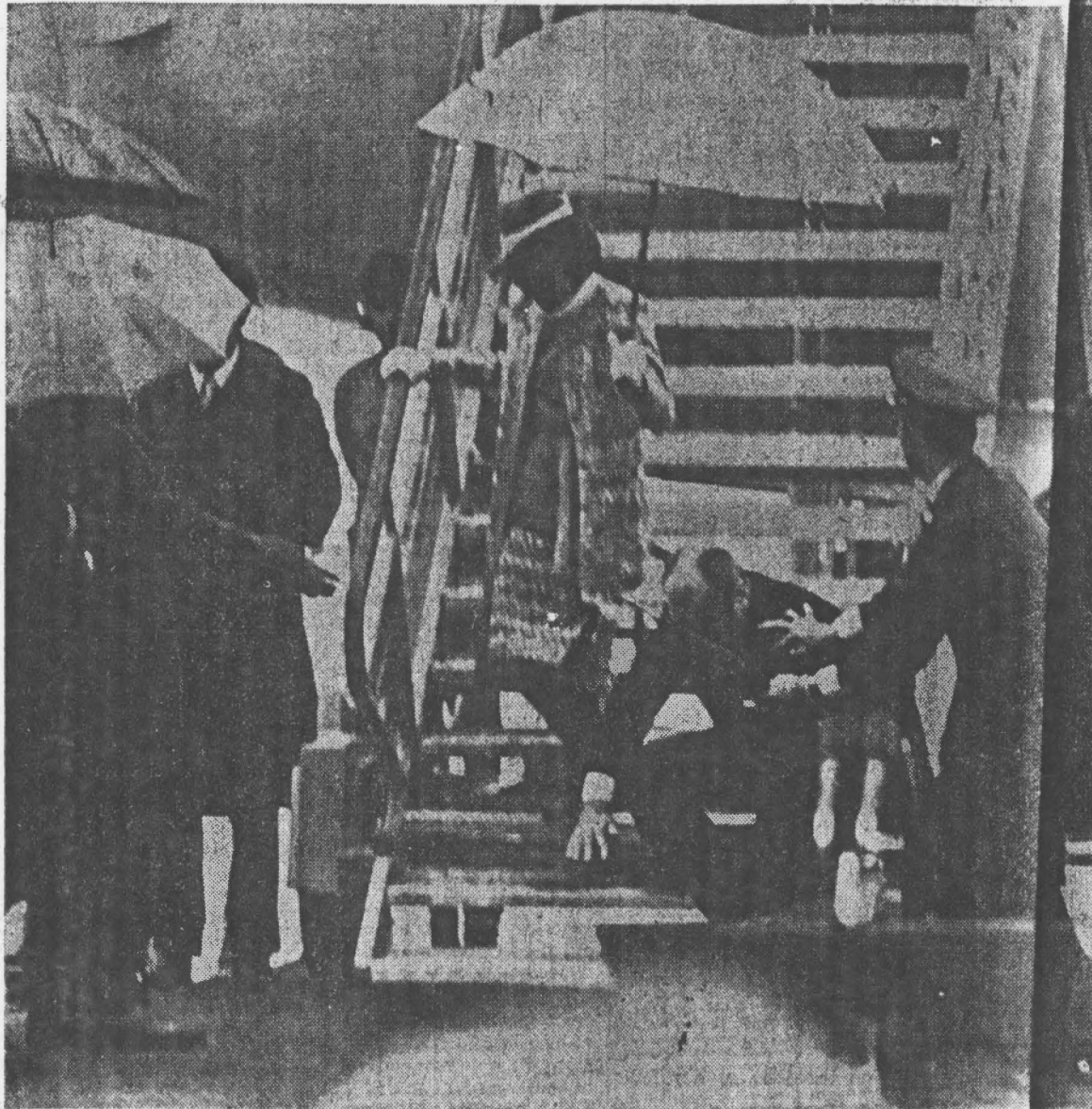
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## Ford Falls

President Ford slips on rain-wet stairs on his arrival in Salzburg, Austria, for talks with Egyptian President

by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, at left, and Mr. Ford's military aide (right photo). The President was

in his arrival speech. Later, after his talks with Sadat, Mr. Ford almost fell again on a carpeted stairway, but the

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# Ford Departs on Mission To Reassure Europeans

***Calls NATO Vital to U.S. Security***

**By Fred Barnes**

*Washington Star Staff Writer*

President Ford left today for a week-long trip to Europe with a pledge to "safeguard our vital inter-

these are Prime Minister Constantine Caramanlis of Greece and his counterpart from Turkey, Suleyman Demirel.

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**The President in Austria;**

Associated Press Wirephoto

## ***Ford Makes an Unscheduled Trip***

Everything is going according to protocol as President Ford, holding Betty's arm, descends steps from Air Force One after arrival in Salzburg, Austria, yesterday. Mrs. Ford shields the President with an umbrella. But seconds later, Ford took an uncere-  
 monious tumble on Austrian soil after the heel of his right shoe caught on third step from bottom. The President landed on his hands and knees as a military aide and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky thrust out helping hands. A bit shaken, but unhurt, Ford then quipped: "I am sorry that I tumbled in." Eight hours later, Ford again had trouble with his footing while climbing carpeted stairs in palace where he met with Egypt's Anwar Sadat. The Arab leader grabbed the President's arm and prevented a serious fall.

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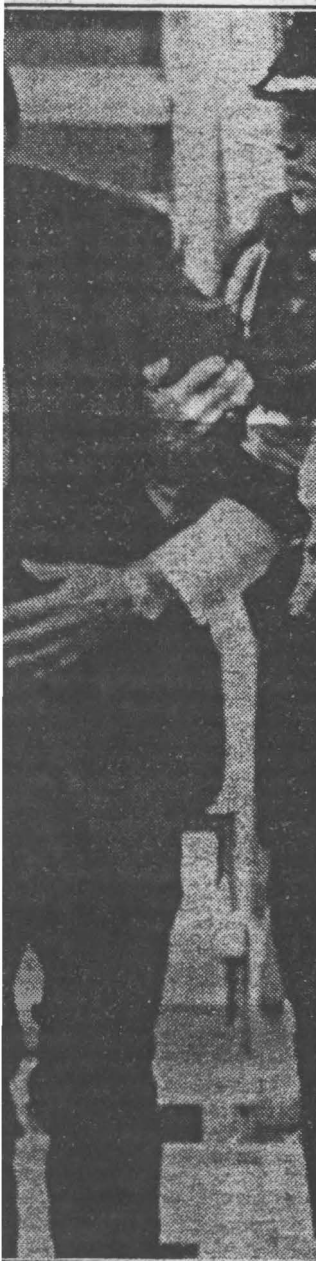
(l.), then lands on all fours as Kreisky and military aide rush to assist him. See (▼)







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assist him. See (V).



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haken but unhurt.



UPI Telephoto  
Heel of right shoe is missing, but Ford stays on toes as he reviews honor guard with Kreisky.

L.A. Times - Wed. May 28, 1975

## Newsmakers-----

# Caramba! Betty Ford Loses Mantilla

—She searched for several days for the mantilla handed down by her grandmother and was disappointed when she could not find the heirloom. She had wanted to wear it next week when she and President Ford have an audience with Pope Paul VI, said Betty Ford's press secretary, Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld. The First Lady leaves Washington today with her husband on a six-day trip to Belgium, Italy, Spain and Austria. They will have a papal audience next Tuesday before returning to the United States. While the President meets with foreign officials, Mrs. Ford intends to do some sightseeing. "She's very excited about it," Mrs. Weidenfeld said. Friends said her decision to make the trip indicated that she was almost fully recovered from last September's surgery.



# Israeli Concession by Israel Not Enough, Kissinger Says

**By Fred Barnes**

Washington Star Staff Writer

ROME — In the view of American officials, the need for Israeli concessions to achieve a Middle East peace has not been erased by Israel's decision to reduce its troops strength near the Suez Canal.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger termed the Israeli action "not



Sunny, high near 80, low in the chance of rain is near by and tonight. Tuesday—high near 80. Yesterday's temperature range was from a high of 72. Details, Page C5.

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## Sadat And Ford Confer

### Egyptian Said To Seek Syria, Sinai Accord

By Murrey Marder  
Washington Post Staff Writer

**SALZBURG, Austria,** June 1—President Ford and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat today opened their critical talks on the Arab-Israeli crisis with Sadat calling for bold steps in "this historical moment" to resolve the generation-long conflict.

According to a high Egyptian source, Sadat wants to increase the scope of the "step-by-step" diplomacy which broke down in March. They said he would like simultaneous disengagements of military forces on both the Egyptian-Israeli and the Syrian-Israeli fronts prior to a new Geneva conference. This would be a leap forward from the previous pattern of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's diplomacy.



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# FORD PAYS VISITS TO LEONE AND POPE

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**Ends European Trip in Italy  
—Kissinger Says It Has  
Revitalized Alliance**

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**Special to The New York Times**

**ROME, June 3 — President Ford ended his week-long trip to Europe today with a largely ceremonial visit to Rome for**

Palm Beach Daily News

# Brussels Bustles For Betty Ford

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By BARONESS GARNETT  
STACKELBERG

Special to the Daily News

Brussels is beautiful. Gourmets proclaim its food the best in the world, and hotel prices are far below those in most other European capitals.

This was the consensus among the White House staff members and reporters who accompanied President and Mrs. Ford on their trip there recently.

Clare Wooten Crawford, who went along to do a story on the First Lady said: "Most of us stayed at the Brussels-

and  
Baltimore  
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# Ford Sees Pope; Europe Mission Called Success

BY RUDY ABRAMSON

LA Times - 6/14/75

ROME—President Ford wound up a week of talks with European leaders Tuesday, paid a visit to Pope Paul VI, and flew home to Washington, his mission declared a success by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Speaking to reporters aboard the President's plane en route to Rome from Salzburg, Kissinger said Mr. Ford's meetings with allied leaders gave a new sense of vitality and direction to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and had probably eliminated concern about the American commitment to Europe.

Of the Middle East, the most pressing issue addressed by the President during his week-long journey, Kissinger said the Administration has hope that it is going to mark the first stage of some progress toward peace.

The President met for nearly an hour with Pope Paul in the Vatican library late in the afternoon before departing for Washington.

After their private session, Mrs. Ford and a number of presidential aides, including Kissinger, were ushered into the room and were introduced to the Pontiff.

Sitting in a chair facing the President, the Pope told Mr. Ford: "We do not shut our eyes to the reality of

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# Ford Europe Trip Called a 'Success'

By Murrey Marder

Washington Post Staff Writer

ROME, June 3—President Ford is returning to Washington tonight from





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# A President Stumbles, Fumbles, Tumbles and Jumbles

A Commentary

By Nicholas von Hoffman

Jerry Ford, what are you doing in  
it picture with an octogenarian

entire Iberian peninsula is quaking  
with revolt, revolution and rebellion.  
Portugal has already overthrown its  
dictator, Catalonia is in a state of  
martial law and insurrection, the rest

on your next trip—Rhodesia?

Our Presidents tend to look their  
worst when they sally forth abroad,  
but this voyage is more embarrassing  
than most. When Mr. Ford's old

Was it to sell guns? Specifically the  
F-16 fighter, which the papers de-  
scribe as "the arms deal of the cen-  
tury." The NATO meetings did smack  
of a convention of Saturday night

President gone overseas with some  
proposals to redesign it, that might  
have made sense. Perhaps that's  
what's behind that official, not-for-  
attribution-exactly gush about the

# Ford Calls Trip Highly Successful

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Ford Wednesday described his just

can congressional leaders.

"There were no real disappointments and many favorable benefits," Press Secretary Ron Nessen quoted Mr. Ford as saying. "If I had to do it again, I couldn't ask for any more success. There are many things to be finalized, but overall it was highly successful."

macy; convening of the Geneva conference, or a combination of both, starting with interim negotiations and then a final conference.

Nessen said Mr. Ford told the gathering that the United States had not made any choice regarding the approach with Egypt. The President will meet soon with Israeli Prime

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saying "It was a superb meeting on a wide range of topics."

"We made good friends, broadened our personal relationships and affirmed the foreign policy of the United States," he said in summing up the



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# Top News of the Week

## The World

President Ford told other leaders of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization that the United States would keep its forces in Europe at full strength until an East-West agreement on mutual troop reductions is fashioned. Ford made the pledge at a NATO meeting in Brussels.

U.S. embassy officials in Laos agreed to end all U.S. aid operations there by June 30. About 650 of the 850 American officials and their dependents in Laos were evacuated as the Communist Pathet Lao strengthened its control over the Indochinese nation.

A military government in Lebanon resigned after three days in office. Veteran politician Rashid Karami, who was designated to head a new government, vowed to end fighting between Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese rightists.

Portugal's military regime announced that the role of political parties in the government would be curtailed. The leftist military leaders said they would establish an "alliance" with the Portuguese people to help implement the military's plans for socialism.

## The Nation

President Ford signed a bill authorizing \$405 million for resettling an estimated 130,000 refugees from South Vietnam and Cambodia.



President and Mrs. Ford leave the White House for their trip to Europe, where the President conferred with Western leaders.