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## King Hussein Is Feted At A Washington Soiree

By BARONESS GARNETT STACKEL-BERG

Daily News Columnist

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Floridians at the White House state dinner for King Hussein of Jordan, and Queen Alya, were the Raymond K. Masons of Jacksonville and Congressman and Mrs. Robert Sikes. looked younger and less burdened with our country's problems that night in 1974.

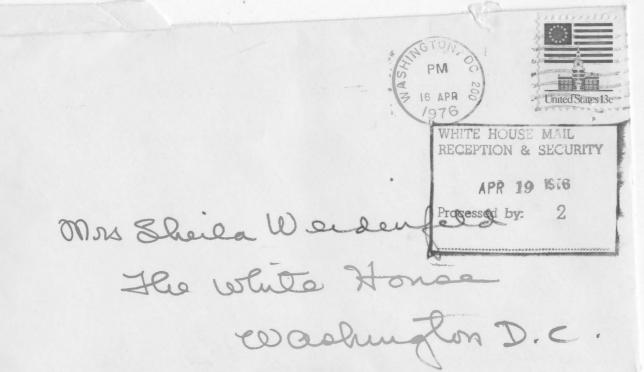
A lot has happened since, and the President though friendly and sincere as always, looks a bit tired. Nevertheless he was the one who started the dancing off with the queen, after Charlie Byrd had played his guitar for the assembled in the East Room after din-

#### WASHINGTON DATEBOOK

## Charlie Byrd Entertains Hussein

By Baroness Stackelberg

Charlie Byrd, the famous guitarist, was the happy choice of President and Mrs. Ford to perform at the state dinner- for King Hussein, and Queen Alya, of Jordan at the



SCHEDULE FOR JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN: ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

STATE DEPARTMENT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY HENRY KISSINGER. MEETS WITH PRESIDENT FORD. 10:30 11:00

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MADRID, SPAIN (AP) -- KING HUSSEIN AND QUEEN ALIA OF JURDAN FLEW TO THE UNITED STATES TUDAY AFTER A 24-HOUR VISIT WITH KING JUAN CARLOS AND QUEEN SOFIA.

HUSSEIN WILL CONFER WITH PRESIDENT FORD, AND HE AND HIS WIFE WILL

ALSO VISIT MEXICO, CANADA, BRITAIN AND MOROCCO.

NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT HUSSEIN WILL TELL FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER THAT HE WILL BUY SOVIET MISSILES UNLESS THE UNITED STATES SELLS HIM 14 HAWK ANTIAIRCRAFT AT THE PRICE ORIGINALLY QUOTED HIM, \$350 MILLION. THE MAGAZINE SAID THE KING HAS LEARNED THAT THE PRICE OF THE MISSILES HAS RISEN TO \$800 MILLION.

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FORD-HUSSEIN (TOPS NØ28)

BY HOWARD BENEDICT

WASHINGTON (AP) -- JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN TOLD PRESIDENT FORD TODAY THAT AMERICAN HELP IS NEEDED IN THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE "ONCE AGAIN WE ARE AT THE CRUSSRUADS BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE. ..

HUSSEIN MADE THE STATEMENT AS HE AND HIS WIFE, QUEEN ALIA, WERE GREETED WITH HONORS AT A WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY ON THE SOUTH LAWN. THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE TO THE UNITED STATES AND

SAID HE HUPLS THEIR STAY HERE WILL "REINFORCE THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

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FORD-HUSSEIN WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE STRIFE IN LEBANON IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF THE

TOPICS PRESIDENT FORD WILL DISCUSS WITH JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN. HUSSEIN ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON MONDAY. A CEREMONIAL WELCOME WAS

PLANNED ON THE WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN TODAY, FOLLOWED BY TALKS IN THE OVAL OFFICE.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD ALSO PLANNED A BLACK-TIE DINNER TONIGHT HONORING HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE, QUEEN ALIA.

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(HUSSEIN ARRIVES)

WASHINGTON (UPD -- KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN ARRIVED TODAY FOR TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IN WHICH THEY WILL REVIEW EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

HUSSEIN, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, HAS NOT COME TO WASHINGTON WITH A SHOPPPING LIST FOR WEAPONS, BUT IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STILL GETTING FROM THE UNITED STATES 14 HAWK ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILE BATTERIES.

IN PARTICULAR. HE IS ANXIOUS TO EITHER SECURE U.S. ASSISTANCE IN BUYING THESE WEAPONS, WHOSE COST HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM THE ORIGINAL \$350 MILLION PRICE TAG, OR MILITARY GRANTS.

HUSSEIN WAS WELCOMED AT ANDREWS AFB BY KISSINGER. WHO TOLD HIM "WE ARE TIED TOGETHER BY MANY DECADES OF COMMON EFFORT AND BY TIES OF HIGH PERSONAL REGARD.

"WE WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON EASING CONDITIONS IN LEBANON AND ON STRENGTHENING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

"AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED OUR FRIENDSHIP IS CONSTANT AND OUR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING OUR TIES IS UNIMPAIRED." REPLYING. HUSSEIN SAID THAT IT WAS WITH "PRIDE AND PLEASURE" THAT HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES

"IT IS A VERY CRITICAL TIME IN TERMS OF THAT PART OF THE WORLD FROM WHICH I COME," HUSSEIN SAID. "THE FUTURE OF SO MANY IS INVOLVED WITH THEIR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE IN WHICH THEY CAN LIVE IN PEACE. DIGNITY AND SECURITY."

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## eal of That Man With the Grin

than in the U.S.S.R. where the Soviets really put on an impressive show for her. As usual the Russians were so secretive "we didn't know the schedule until the morning the visit

began," said the M. C. The Committee of



evening, a luncheon at the embassy for the queen the next day and the Jordanian pair will give a black-tie reception that night, President and Mrs. Ford will attend. The news was heard at a dinner party Ambassador and

WHEN MARY EDSON was single and a real estate broker in New York she didn't dream she would one day be the chatelaine of an American embassy abroad. But back in May 1969 she was sitting with friends at the would soon be running the American residence in

The Washington Star

Stockholm. A graduate of Spence and Barnard College, Mary studied at Lausanne University and speaks French and Italian. She waited a long time for someone like David to

#### CORRESPONDENNTS:

JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN WILL ARRIVE AT ANDREWS AFB AT 3 P. M. TODAY. HE BEGINS HIS WASHINGTON VISIT WITH A TUESDAY MORNIING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON TODAY FOR A THREE AND A HALF DAY VISIT. HUSSEIN WILL ALSO BE VISITING OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

HUSSEIN'S VISIT HERE IS VIEWED AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO GLEAN INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON HAS RAISED THE PROSPECT OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION BY SYRIA.

HENRY KISSINGER AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS HOPE HUSSEIN MAY ALSO SUPPLY AN OPENING TO KEEP ARAB- ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS MOVING. ONE PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS, WILL BE FOR ISREAL TO RETURN MUCH OF THE TROUBLED WEST BANK TO JORDAN IN EXCHANGE FOR AN END TO THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY.

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### A Royal Lesson From the Champ

By Betty Beale Washington Star Staff Writer

If only Muhammad Ali could share some of his mountainous confidence with world leaders, every-

thing might come up roses.

While President Ford and King Hussein of Jordan were concerned last night about the worsening situation in the Middle East, Ali was radiating self-assur-

attending their first state dinner since Scranton got his new title. When someone thanked him for taking on the post, he said, "The President put it to me in spades."

PRESIDENT FORD had not heard the news about the astrologers in India reading his horoscope and predicting his election. Indira Gandhi, a great believer in them, now knows what to expect in the U. S. in

## A Royal Assembly, A Champion Crowd

By Donnie Radcliffe and William Gildea

The "champ," who calls himself "the greatest" and the prettiest opinions few would dare quarrel with - sat down to dinner with a king and

Whatever the outcome of their official talks. Mr. Ford and the king obviously were comfortable in each other's company. In his toast to the visitors, the President described Hussein as a "close personal friend and a

friend of our country."



## Muhammad Ali: Maternity Leave?

By Maxine Cheshire

When Muhammad All left his first White House dinner early on Tuesday night, he told two different people—one of them a reporter—that he was hurrying away because "my wife's about to give birth."

His wife, Belinda, whose name had been on the White House guest list as accepting to attend, was absent. They were reported last month in People magazine to be living apart, occupying separate apartments a mile from each other on Chicago's South Side.

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# After The Royal Exit

By Donnie Radcliffe

A bewildered Kenry Kissinger at one point found the mob scene so inpenetrable taht he had to ask someone whether the king had left.

Jordan's King Hussein and Queen



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#### **VIEWING SPORTS**

## Warm-up From Joe Garagiola

BY PAUL HENNIGER
Times State Writer

Dinner with King Hussein and President Ford?

"Listen, when the President and Mrs. Ford invite you to have dinner in honor of a king, you don't argue," said Joe Garagiola, speaking from his hotel suite overlooking the White House. "If they made a mistake, I'm not gonna say, hey. I shouldn't be here."

The kidding aside, NBC's No. 1 baseball man this season proudly announced it was the third time he's sat with a chief executive at the dining table at 1600 Pennsylvania

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King Hussein's daughter, Princess Alia, and Kissinger; Hussein



FAN FARE: Even an outspoken First Lady has difficulty keeping Gerald Ford in line. Coming down the Grand Staircase with King Hussein and Queen Alia of Jordan in the White House in Washington Tuesday night, the President broke ranks, headed out in front of the color guard and ended up with a face full of tassels. "I told you so." Betty Ford said. Henry Kissinger was on hand, beaming except when reminded of "The Final Days," the new Woodward-Bernstein book. Henry said of the movie version of the first book, "All the President's Men," "I don't want to see it and I'm not going to." Meanwhile, Charlton Heston, asked his views on the Supreme Court ruling which upheld state laws against homosexuality, lapsed into his Moses routine to announce, "I am not a homosexual. I couldn't get all that exercised about it. I haven't spent a lot of time thinking about it." He'd obviously thought about "Cuckoo's Nest" winning five Oscars, though. " 'Ben Hur' won 12," he pointed out.

-SUSAN WATTERS













Susan Ford and Jim King; Nawzad and Lt. Gen. Sherif Zeid Bin Shaker, commander of Jordan's army; Gloria Vanderbilt, wearing her own design; David and Peggy Rockefeller; Mary Lowe Scranton, wife of the UN ambassador; Barbara Newell, president of Wellesley; King Hussein's sister, Princess Basmah

A King Needs Only One Good Hand, After All

By Joy Billington

Washington Star Staff Writer

practice with their left hands, leaving

their right hands uninjured for all the

Kings who study karate do well to

playing "Hail to the Chief" and the

guests applauding.

Then the principals vanished into the

rainy night.

Earlier yesterday, Queen Alya was

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Fianist Arthuf Bubinstein, who was born in Poland and became a United States citizen 30 years ago, was awarded the nation's highest civilian

award yesterday by President Ford.

The President called the 89-year-old planist "one of America's greatest treasures" in a White House presentation of the Medal of Freedom, A cita-



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FORD-HUSSEIN

BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS PROMISING TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT AS HE PREPARES FOR A SECOND

ROUND OF TALKS WITH KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.
IN TOASTS AT A WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER TUESDAY NIGHT, BOTH FORD AND HUSSEIN EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BUT DECLARED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO SURMOUNT THE OBSTACLES.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER SAID THE TIME HAS COME TO PUSH FOR AN OVER-ALL MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. 'PROGRESS ON ALL THREE FRONTS IS PROBABLY THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE WAY,' HE SAID.

KISSINGER SAID FORD WOULD DISCUSS SUCH STRATEGY WITH HUSSEIN DURING

THE TALKS THAT WIND UP TODAY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON FOR HUSSEIN ON TUESDAY, APPEARED TO BE PROMOTING A ROLE FOR JORDAN IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

THE KING AND HIS WIFE, QUEEN ALIA, ARE ON A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO THE

UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CANADA, BRITAIN AND MOROCCO.

SOME 140 GUESTS ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER IN THEIR HONOR ON TUESDAY NIGHT, INCLUDING HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION MUHAMMAD ALI, JOCKEY WILLIE SHOEMAKER, AUTO RACER RICHARD PETTY, ACTOR CHARLTON MESTON AND ACTRESS JULIA MEADE. GUITARIST CHARLIE BYRD ENTERTAINED.

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WASHINGTON (UPD -- PRESIDENT FORD HAS REAFFIRMED U.S. DETERMINATION "TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES" IN SEEKING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER FOR VISITING KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN LAST IGHT, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE DIFFICULTIES OBSTRUCTING A "JUST AND ASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE SE PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE SOLVED TONIGHT OR EVEN AT OUR MEETING TONORROW MORNING," FORD SAID IN HIS TOAST TO HUSSEIN. "BUT THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO PERSEVERE IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE. THE NEGOTIATIONS MUST CONTINUE."

MUSSEIN REPLIED, "I BRING WITH ME ON THIS JOURNEY THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN AND THE ENTIRE AREA THAT STEPS CAN BE MITIATED, AND QUICKENED, TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL WHICH HAS ELUDED US FOR MANY MORE YEARS THAN ONE WOULD WISH TO REMEMBER -- PEACE IN THE HIDDLE EAST.

"WE, WHO ENJOY THE COMMON BOND OF FRIENDSHIP, MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH THIS GOAL WHILE IT IS STILL ATTAINABLE." FORD AND KING HOLD A SECOND WHITE HOUSE MEETING TODAY. URI AR THE ARES AFS

SCHEDULE FOR JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN: 8:00 BREAKFAST WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, BLAIR HOUSE

10:00

WREATH CEREMONIES AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. LUNCHEON WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN AND HOUSE INTERNATIONAL 12:30 RELATIONS COMMITTEES, S-207 CAPITOL.

DEFENSE SECRETARY RUMSFELD, BLAIR HOUSE.
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, BLAIR HOUSE.
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Ring Hossein of Jordan and President Ford on the White House lawn today.

#### Jordan Monarch Called 'Loyal Friend'

### Ford Welcomes Hussein

By Jeremiah O'Leary

Washington Star Staff Writer

nia.

Presdient Ford today hailed King Hussein of Jordan as a "loyal friend of America" and a force for peace in the Middle East.

King Hussein and Queen Alia were received by the President and Mrs. Ford in

Ford and the King then met in the Oval Office for a discussion of subjects of mutual interest and concern, including bilateral cooperation and U.S. assistance to Jordan.

JORDAN IS known to be interested in strengthening its air defenses and its

cause he is an Arab moderate who played a restrained role in the 1973 war and is in a better position to deal with both Arab nations and Israel than any other Middle Eastern leader.

The Jordan monarch and his wife arrived here late