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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1977

MRS. FORD

EVENT: Accept first Alice Paul Award from National Woman's Party

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 1977

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Map Room

GUESTS: Elizabeth Chittick, President, N.W.P.
Mary Eastwood, Recording Secretary, N.W.P.
Betty Jo Prysi, Treasurer, N.W.P.
Mary Gereau, Member of National Council, N.W.P.
Meta Keebler, Member of National Council, N.W.P.
Edith Mayo, Member of National Council, N.W.P.
Elsie Yoder, Member of National Council, N.W.P.

BACKGROUND: When your guests have arrived, Susan Porter will escort you to the Map Room. Since August, 1975, you have been designated by the National Woman's Party as the recipient of their first Alice Paul Award in honor of your efforts in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The National Woman's Party was founded by Miss Alice Paul in 1913. She was the driving force behind the ratification of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. After the suffrage amendment was passed, the National Woman's Party held a commemorative meeting on August 26, 1923, at Seneca Falls. It was at this meeting that a resolution was passed to fight for the additional rights demanded at the first equal rights convention held in 1848, as only the right of enfranchisement had been given to women.

Alice Paul wrote the first Equal Rights Amendment ever introduced in Congress, in 1923. A nephew of Susan B. Anthony, Congressman Dan Anthony, Representative of Kansas, introduced this amendment in the House and Senator Charles Curtis, Republican of Kansas, later Vice President of the United States, introduced it in the Senate. For forty-nine years the National Woman's Party had the Equal Rights Amendment introduced in every succeeding Congress.



Let Nancy read out loud
to you!! or to read
under the hair dryer.



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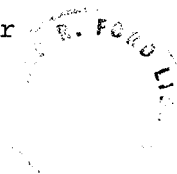
The three photographs are being done today in special recognition of Alice Paul's birthday, January 11th.

At the conclusion we will walk next door to the Diplomatic Reception Room for your next photograph.

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MRS. FORD

EVENT: Photograph with representatives of the National Women's Political Caucus

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 1977

TIME: 3:10 p.m.

PLACE: Diplomatic Reception Room

GUESTS: Audrey Colom, National Chair, N.W.P.C.
Elizabeth Dalrymple, Member of National Board, N.W.P.C.
Sharon Flynn, Associate Director, N.W.P.C.
Pat Goldman, Chair, Republican Task Force of N.W.P.C.
Sheila Greenwald, Executive Director, ERAmerica
Alice Heyman, Member of Executive Board, N.W.P.C.
Betty King, Comptroller, N.W.P.C.
Lael Stegall, Director of Development, N.W.P.C.

BACKGROUND: At the time of the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, you committed to attend a reception in your honor given by the National Women's Political Caucus. Because you were later required to cancel attending, you invited the group to come at a future time to the White House. Thus, they will be here today to present you with an ERA pin on behalf of your efforts to encourage passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

At the conclusion of this photograph, we will go to the Library for the next photograph.

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MRS. FORD

EVENT: Photographs with persons active in the fight against
Lupus Erythematosis

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 1977

TIME: 3:25 p.m.

PLACE: Library

GUESTS: Mrs. Henrietta Aladjem, former Lupus patient who has
done so much to focus public attention; active in
the Boston Chapter
Mrs. Nancy Cohen, active in the Atlanta Chapter and
has done a great deal to focus national attention
Dr. Richard Krause, Director, National Institute of
Allergy and Infectious Diseases, N.I.H.
Dr. Lawrence Shulman, Associate Director, National
Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive
Diseases (NIAMDD), N.I.H.
Mr. Victor Wartofsky, Information Officer at NIAMDD
and active in the D.C. Lupus Chapter
Mrs. Alice Becerra, President of D.C. Lupus Chapter

BACKGROUND: Because Lupus is a little-known disease which strikes
women, it seemed appropriate to bring some public
attention to it on a day when you are dealing
specifically with issues affecting women. As you
know, you have been Honorary President of the National
Lupus Foundation since August, 1975. Lupus is a
chronic autoimmune disease--perhaps related to
rheumatoid arthritis--in which a person becomes allergic
to a substance his own body is apt to produce. The
cause is unknown, but the ultra violet rays of the
sun, stress, exhaustion or certain drugs used to treat
other diseases are known to trigger it.

The odd name Lupus Erythematosis arises from the Latin
words for wolf and redness of skin. One distinguishing
mark, not always present, is a butterfly-shaped rash
across the nose and cheeks.



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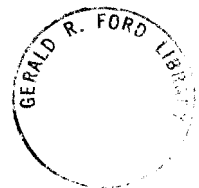
Lupus (or LSE as doctors sometimes label it) may be caused by a latent virus that lies dormant until the sun, drugs, or stress activate it. There are two types. One called discoid lupus is restricted to the skin and is not dangerous. The systemic type, however, can spread to vital organs such as the kidneys, lungs, heart or blood and cause chronic, inflammatory illness that can result in death unless controlled.

Because the disease to many doctors is but a paragraph in their medical school books and they are therefore apt not to perceive or diagnose it, and because it generally strikes women of childbearing age, the divorce rate is very high among women who have it. The death rate is also very high.

Two groups in the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda are focusing on research relevant to this little-known disease. These are 1) The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases (NIAMDD), and 2) the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

At the conclusion of this photograph, we will go upstairs for your brief photograph with the White House telephone operators.

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