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Every Spring the Ladies of the Senate give a luncheon for the First Lady. This year Mrs. Ford will be honored on Tuesday, April 13, 1976. The luncheon will be held in the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Mrs. Ford will arrive at 12 o'clock noon at the Delaware Avenue side entrance to the Russell Senate Office Building and will be greeted by Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, the president of the Ladies of the Senate; Mrs. Roman Hruska, chairman of the hacheon; and Mrs. Warren Magnuson, the luncheon co-chairman. who will escort her to the Caucus Room on the third floor. Several members of the press usually gather at the Delaware Avenue side entrance for photographs, when the First Lady arrives.

It is traditional to always invite to the luncheon wives of former Presidents, the wives of former Vice-Presidents, and the wives of the President's Cabinet. Also included in the invitations are all Associate Members of the Ladies of the Senate, who are members in good standing. These include wives of former United States Senators, who have either remained here in Washington or have returned to their respective states. Each year there are many of the Ladies, who come from great distances to attend the annual luncheon, which is the only social event the Ladies of the Senate give during the year. Their other Tuesday meetings are devoted to their Red Cross chapter activities.

The press ladies, gentlemen and the photographers are invited to the Caucus Room for a preview of the luncheon between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m., when a press information sheet, giving details of the committees, decorations, the menu, the entertainment, etc. will be available.

We will be most pleased to have you come, if you care to, to cover this event in honor of Mrs. Ford.

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PRESS INFORMATION SHEET

LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE LADIES OF THE SENATE

IN HONOR OF MRS, FORD

APRIL 13, 1976

CAUCUS ROOM...RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEES:

Chairman....Mrs. Roman Hruska of Nebraska Co-Chairman....Mrs. Warren Magnuson of Washington State

Menu Chairman....Mrs. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma Co-Chairman.....Mrs. E.F. Hollings of South Carolina

Decorations Chairman....Mrs. Clair Engle of California Co-Chairman....Mrs. James A. McClure of Idaho

Entertainment Chairman....Mrs. Carl Curtis of Nebraska Co-Chairman....Mrs. Jesse Helms of North Carolina

Gift Chairman....Mrs. Warren Magnuson Co-Chairman....Mrs. Charles Percy of Illinois

Hostess and Seating Chairman....Mrs. Richard Stone of Florida
Co-Chairman....Mrs. Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico

Prayer....Mrs. Winston Prouty of Vermont

Invitations and Ticket Chairmen....

Mrs. Milton R. Young of North
Dakota

Mrs. Ted Stevens of Alaska

Pre-luncheon Activities Chairman...Mrs. Robert Griffin
of Michigan
Co-Chairman.....Mrs. Sam Nunn of Georgia

Publicity Chairman....Mrs. James B. Allen of Alabama

DECORATIONS: Theme: "Happy Birthday America"

The tables will be covered with white cloths and each place will be set off with a red napkin. Centering the tables will be red Liberty drums with the drum sticks tied with blue carnations and blue ribbons. At the base of each drum will be a circle of greenery embellished with white carnations. At the head table the drum will be fashioned entirely of red, white and blue flowers. Palms and other greenery will form a background for the tables set in the famous old Caucus Room.

After a short sherry hour, and right before the luncheon, a receiving line will be formed made up of Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs. Ford and the luncheon main chairmen to welcome all the ladies and the special guests.

The press will be our preview guests from 11:00 to 11:30 and will be free to examine the tables and make pictures if they would like. The luncheon will be closed, for this is how it is traditionally done and what the White House prefers.

We thank each of you for coming, and sincerely hope you will find something interesting to write about.

Thank you,

Maryon Allen Publicity Chairman



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By Pat Lewis
Washington Star Staff Writer

The Ladies of the Senate are as steeped in tradition as their husbands — and as prone to cynicism. Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. since 1917 they have gathered in their blue and white striped Red Cross dresses to make baby clothes and "gauze sponges."

Washington, including some of the Senate Wives themselves, has ever since sarcastically claimed that the "bandage rolling" is an excuse for the elite group of women to get together to talk.

And it's true.

THE 30 OR SO regulars — few of whom would be recognized outside their own states — frankly admit that it is the only opportunity they would have had to get to know each other in a town where party lines and social inclinations are barriers.

They have names like Pat Young, Marjorie Griffin, Vicki Hruska, Lois Ribicoff, Maryon Allen, Shirley Bellmon, Peatsy Hollings, Marlene Stone, Rhea Childs, Louise McClure, Gretchen Byrd.

And theirs is a peculiar sorority.

The Ladies were not chosen to be members. They are members by virtue of the fact that their husbands are United States senators.

AND, EXCEPT for the fact that their husbands are senators, some have little in common, least of all political parties.

Yet, they have something very rare in common. In any given year, there are no more than 100 women in America with their status. And when the ultimate crisis — a political scandal or victory — does strike, it is the quiet phone calls and notes from individual Ladies of the Senate that makes the sorority so binding.

As in every sorority, no matter how elite, there are those who "do" often and those who only "do" once a year — every spring when the First Lady comes to have lunch with them in the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Build-

ing.

The "regulars," those who go to Red Cross every week, do the planning, organizing and work.

THOSE WHO get the headlines are the once-a-yearers, like Marion Javitz and Joan Kennedy who make news wherever they go or don't go. (This year neither showed.)

The Tuesday regulars say ladylike things about the irregulars; "Some Senate wives have small children and find it impossible to come on Tuesdays." "Some Senate wives have other interests, more in the society circles." "It's their loss."

And, on Luncheon Day, almost everyone shows up in her Red Cross Uniform (described by one as "Freda the Frump" dress), is issued her giant name tag on a

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Oh, we've got some dandy items today. Right off the bat we have a British operatic tenor who was put out of action when someone threw a soprano at him.

Charles Craig suffered bruised ribs in a London rehearsal for Puccini's "Il Tabarro," where a jealous husband is supposed to fling his unfaithful wife upon his rival's dead body. American soprano Nancy Shade (130 pounds) Insisted it wasn't her fault.

Nina S. Hyde decided yesterday to remain as Fashion Editor of The Washington Post rather than take a previously announced position May 1 with Bloomingdale's the New York-based department store which plans to open two branches soon in the Washington area.

Remember Betty Ford's celebrated statement about not being surprised if her daughter was having an affair? Well, Susan Ford has now dropped the other shoe.

She says she has no intention of having an affair.
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The President's daughter, 18, spoke at a news conference in South Carolina where she was visiting relatives during Easter vacation from Mount Vernon College

Not only that, the First Lady herself lost some votes this week because she got her citizens band radio license without waiting several weeks, as most applicants do.

Actually, it was the Federal Communications Commission that was in the hot water, and FCC's James C. McKinney had to explain that temporary licenses can be obtained porary licenses can be obtained quickly in emergencies. Betty Ford's emergency was that she needed to talk with some CBers in the Wisconsin primary campaign.

"What I like about Carter," come dian Mark Russell told a crowd of nearly 609 editors and reporters last night at a Washington Press Club banquet, "is if you don't agree with

what he says, wait a minute."
That and other irreverent one-liners were all part of Russell's straw vote on were all part of Russell's straw vote on presidential candidates in which WPC members and the visiting American Suciety of Newspaper Editors were asked to vote by applause for half a dozen contenders for the White House. Me Udall may have goven the greatest hand, with Jimmy Carter and Hubert Humphrey tying for second.

Earlier, in the Regency Room at the Shoreham Hotel, Press Club members presented a song-and-dance show for their guests entitled "Two Centuries of Rewrite. On the dais, Press Club Peggy Simpson of the Associated

Peggy Simpson of the Associated Press presided and introduced ASNE officers, including Warren Phillips of The Wall Street Journal, ASNE president.

President Ford entertained the editors at a White House reception earlier in the day following a press conference with the group in the Rose Garden.

Arriving in London Monday for the Country and Western Festival was



Buffy Sainte-Marie, the singer, who is expecting twins in the summer . . . Biographer manque Clifford Irving went on trial this week in a government suit for \$140,000 in back income taxes . . . Country music's grand old man, Roy Acuff, is in a Nashville hospital after suffering a mild heart attack. He is 72... Meanwhile, actor Henry Fonda has been released from hospital after surgery to remove a tumor from his diaphragm ... The 1976 Woman of Conscience award of the National Council of Women of the United States was given yester-day to Rep. Barbara Jordan (D-Texas)

. Novelist Ayn Rand, whom the wire services are now billing as a philosopher, says it's unpatriotic of Ronald Reagan to "exaggerate the power of the most incompetent nation in the world," i.e., the Soviet Union

The latest Washington hometown celebrity, singer Stanley Woodruff, came to a party at Chez Brown for his new hit record in a silver Rolls. The party really was for Roscoe Dellums, who wrote his songs, "Now Is Forwho wrote his songs, husband lyricist, and their three children.

As if that weren't enough, columnist William Buckley, lecturing at New York University, was hit in the face by a pie.

The hurler, Aaron Kaye, 26, a Yippie, said the conservative spokesman had been "spouting the jazz about America, love it or leave it."



Russian actress Victoria Fydorova Pouy, left, and Buffy Sainte-Marie, above, with her husband, Sheldon Workchild.

surely an egregious misquoting of the stylish wordsmith.

And the ple wasn't even meringues it was shaving cream. It was that kind of a day.

The American heritage hand-made quilt which Mrs. Ford received yes-terday at a luncheon given for her by the wives of U.S. Senators will be taken to Vail, where she and the Presi-dent can enjoy it after a hard day on the ski slopes.

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The king-size quilt was made for her by the Mormon Women of Idahp in the historic "handkerchief pattern." The Senators' wives give this luncheon annually for the President's wife. Mrs. Ford was welcomed by Happy Rockefeller, president of the group, and by Mrs. Roman Hruska of Nebraska and Mrs. Warren Magnuson of Washington State, co-chairman of the luncheon.

Russian actress Zoya Fyodorova said yesterday that Soviet authorities fold her she can go to the United States to visit her daughter Victoria

tor the birth of her first child.

Victoria, the child of a wartime romance between Zoya and an American officer retired Navy Adm. Jackson R. Tate, was allowed to go to the United States on a visitor's visa last year to visit her father for the first time. Instead of returning, she married airline pilot Fred Pouy and how lives in Stamford Conn.

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"I'm thrilled of course." Zoya said,
"I can't believe I have it."
She said she would probably icave

for New York sometime next week

-Michael Kernun

CORRESPONDENTS:

NEXT WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE: PRESIDENT FORD IS EXPECTED TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE TAKING OFF FOR A TEN-DAY RECESS AT MIDWEEK. FORD MAY INVITE THE BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP OVER FOR BREAKFAST, TO WISH HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES A HAPPY HOLIDAY, BUT ALSO TO GIVE THEM HIS VIEWS ON SOME LEGISLATION THAT IS WINDING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE MILL. A WARNING ABOUT A POSSIBLE VETO OF THE FOREIGN AID BILL ALREADY HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CAPITOL. THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO IS PUSHING FOR AN ACCEPTABLE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION BILL. ALSO BEING CLOSELY WATCHED IS THE INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION BILL THAT WAS APPROVED BY A SENATE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, BUT WITH A PUBLIC WORKS JOBS PROGRAM TACKED ON.

TWO BILLS THAT CONGRESS HAS SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE ARE EXPECTED TO MEET DIFFERING FATES NEXT WEEK. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO SIGN THE 200-MILE FISHING BILL, BUT VETO A MEASURE THAT REVISES THE HATCH ACT.

ALSO ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS A TUESDAY RECEPTION FOR THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER EDITORS WHO ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION HERE. A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WILL CONCLUDE THE AFTERNOON WHITE HOUSE PARTY.

A NEW U.S. SOVIET AGREEMENT RELATING TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND A PROBABLE WHITE HOUSE VISIT BY THE PHILIPPINES FOREIGN SECRETARY HIGHLIGHT FOREIGN ISSUES. TALKS ON THE AMERICAN-SOVIET PACT WERE CONCLUDED TODAY AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW WILL BE SENDING A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR STUDY. PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SECRETARY CARLOS ROMULO WILL BE IN TOWN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON U.S. BASES IN HIS COUNTRY. CONTINUING U.S. EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO LEBANON AND MAINTAIN THE PEACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST ALSO WILL FIGURE IN WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULES NEXT WEEK.

THE PRESIDENT WILL FOREGO HIS WEEKEND CAMPAIGN TRIPS NEXT WEEKEND, SPENDING A BRIEF EASTER BREAK WITH HIS FAMILY, EITHER AT THE WHITE HOUSE OR POSSIBLY CAMP DAVID. POLITICAL ADVISERS, HOWEVER, WILL BE CONFERRING WITH FORD AND PLANNING HIS NEXT TRIP, AGAIN TO TEXAS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 26. THE NEXT TEXAS SOJOURN MAY BE A THREE-DAY, MIDDLE-OF-THE-WEEK SWING TO PROVIDE FORD WITH LAST MINUTE EXPOSURE IN THE LONE STAR STATE BEFORE THE MAY 1 PRIMARY.

UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE IT WILL BE A QUIET WEEK FOR THE HARD-CAMPAIGNING, DANCING AND SINGING BETTY FORD. THE FIRST LADY IS EXPECTED TO TAKE IT EASY DURING EASTER WEEK, WITH ONLY A CAPITOL LUNCHEON OF THE SENATE WIVES CLUB TUESDAY ON HER SCHEDULE.

HOWEVER, THE MAN WHO OCCUPIES THE ROOM NEXT TO THE OVAL OFFICE WILL BE STUDYING HARD, ON A TV SHOW A WEEK FROM TOMORROW NIGHT. PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN IS TO HOST "NBC S SATURDAY NIGHT" ON APRIL 17, IF THE STRIKE OF NETWORK TECHNICIANS IS OVER BY THEN. THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE FORMAT UNDER STUDY SAY THE FORMER NBC CORRESPONDENT WILL ENJOY HIS "FINEST HOUR".

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