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MEMORANDUM TO: Peter Somin
FROM: Susan Porter
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: Participate in Opening of Cleveland's International Women's Year Congress

GROUP: Greater Cleveland Congress International Women's Year

DATE: Saturday, October 25, 1975

TIME: 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Ford's remarks to assembly

PLACE: Cleveland Convention Center
Cleveland, Ohio

CONTACT: Mrs. Scott R. York, Chairperson
(216) 861-3810

Press contacts: Sandy Johnson, (216) 861-6080, ext. 288
Mr. Nate Silverman, (216) 861-3810

COMMENTS:

Mrs. Ford will participate in the opening of a 3-day International Women's Year Congress to be held in Cleveland on October 25, 26, and 27. Over 90 women's organizations and two foundations are participating as well as business and labor organizations. The event is probably the largest observance of International Women's Year in the country and will include exhibits, workshops, seminars, panels, etc.

The Congress will open at 9:00 a.m., however, they are counting on Mrs. Ford's arriving in time to participate at 12:30 in the Music Hall of the Convention Center, the big assembly hall. They are quite agreeable to Mrs. Ford making brief remarks at this time along with Mrs. Pandit. I might also mention that the subject of a gift to Mrs. Ford was raised so they may wish to make a presentation to her at this time.
As we discussed, I believe the schedule will now permit Mrs. Ford to leave Washington around 9:00 a.m. and return to Washington early afternoon. I think the idea of a small private luncheon is a good one and also whether Mrs. Ford visits any of their exhibits I think should be determined by you and Patti.

Mrs. Ford was invited to Cleveland to participate in the 60th anniversary of the Cleveland Play House. Writing on behalf of this invitation were Mayor Perk, former Congresswoman Frances Bolton (R-Ohio) and her son Kenyon Bolton, President of the Cleveland Play House Foundation and active Republican. Were it possible to include Mayor Perk and perhaps former Congresswoman Bolton at some point—perhaps meet at the airport and/or be included in a private luncheon—might be valuable. Mrs. Ford's visit to Cleveland may hopefully help to lessen Cleveland's disappointment at not being the site for the 1976 Republican National Convention.

I have also attached a copy of a letter to Mrs. Ford from a former friend of hers in Grand Rapids, Verna Hewer Stevens who is now living in Cleveland. Were it possible to permit Mrs. Ford to simply say Hello to her at some point, this might be very nice. NOTE: I have not been in communication with Mrs. Stevens. The file is attached.

Thank you.

C: HF Staff
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   Warren Rustand
   Pat Lindh
   William Nicholson
   Rex Scouten
   Staircase
Dear Mrs. Ford:

International Women's Year is being observed by the Greater Cleveland area with a three day Congress at the Cleveland Convention Center on October 25th, 26th, and 27th of this year. This event appears to be one of the largest, if not the largest observance of International Women's Year in this country. We are very pleased and even somewhat amazed by the tremendous response of so many people in the planning stages of this event.

Because of your great courage in speaking for women, we would be deeply honored if you could personally be a part of this Congress. We believe that this Congress can help significantly in changing the unfortunate impressions which came from the UN Conference in Mexico City, and can assist the basic goals of International Women's Year — Equality, Development, Peace through equal partnership.

Our Congress will not be political. It will not represent any one point of view. We encourage all opinions to be expressed in an atmosphere of mutual respect towards the goal of better understanding. We believe that Cleveland is well situated geographically and philosophically to seriously examine and act upon the status of women.

The Cleveland Congress will include exhibits, workshops, seminars, panels, booths, stage presentations and speeches. So far over ninety women's organizations in the Greater Cleveland area have made a financial commitment to this project as have two foundations. Over one hundred other women's organizations are participating in some way. The grass roots support for this event is amazing. We also have the support, via participation and money, of our social service agencies, cultural organizations, the federal agencies in our area, the major newspapers, the television channels, the major department stores, the City of Cleveland, the County of Cuyahoga and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. We have just begun our contacts with business and labor and the initial response is excellent.
Your presence at our Congress could, I believe, have a significant impact upon what happens here in Cleveland and also in other parts of the country. It appears, much to our surprise, that what Cleveland is planning is being watched nationally. Among others, Madam Gandhi is coming from India to be with us.

Please join us, if you can, sometime during the three days of our Congress. Ideally, we would like to have you make a few remarks as we open our Congress on Saturday or as we close it Monday evening, but we are, of course, completely willing to arrange our schedule to your convenience. If you wish to participate in one of our workshops, that would be great. What matters to us is that you come to our Congress.

I so look forward to hearing from you and I hope to see you in Cleveland.

Most sincerely,

Gwilt York

Mrs. Scott R. York, Chairperson
The Greater Cleveland Congress
International Women's Year

enclosures
Saturday, October 25, 1975

Status of Women - Internationally
Nationally
Ohio
History of Women's Movement
Ethnicity
Third World
Women in Politics
Women in Government
Women and the Law
Women in the Armed Service
Women in Unions
Employment
Women in Volunteering
Women as Consumers
Rape Workshops
Consciousness Raising for Men
Consciousness Raising for Women

Sunday, October 26, 1975

Ecumenical Service
Women in Sports
Women in Education
Education as Concerns Women
Women in Media
Women in Business; Finance; Banking;
Credit; Social Security
Women in Arts
Women in Social Services
Women in Medicine; Science
Women in Transportation - Recreation - Kiwi
Rape Workshops
Consciousness Raising for Men
Consciousness Raising for Women
Panel on Lobbying - Cuyahoga County
League of Women Voters

Monday, October 27, 1975

High School Career Challenges***
"Changing Roles in a Changing World"
Philanthropy - Giving and Granting
Self-Fulfilled Mother -
Paradox or Possibility?
Role Reversal: How and Why?
Pre-School Sexuality: Self-concept
development that parents and
children can enjoy together
Family Planning (Choices)
Homemakers' Help:
Politics of Rape
Self-Defense
Self-Fulfillment Thru Relationships
Communication Techniques
Mental Health - Female Psychology
Family Planning
Sexuality
Assertiveness Training
Career Exploration
Housing
The Psychology of Women
Environmental Conditions
Aging
Issues, Problems, Concerns

Prostitution Workshop
Day Care - What is Good Day Care?
Adolescence - Coping with as Parents
Single Parent
Women in Politics
Women in Science/Medicine
Women's Health Care
Being a Single Woman
Personal Development
Separation and Divorce
Alcoholism
Black Women through History
Women in Poverty
Menopause
Chronic Illness
Exceptional Child (Gifted/Retarded)
Decision-Making Skills
Consciousness Raising for Men
Consciousness Raising for Women

***1600 High School students from Greater
Cleveland schools

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The Greater Cleveland Congress:

- will explore and discuss the "female situation" locally, nationally, and internationally;
- will explore the many options available to women;
- will explain and discuss the many aspects of the women's movement;
- will explore and discuss the "equal partnership" with men -- while concentrating upon women, men will be involved in all aspects of this Congress;
- will be a learning, discussing, sharing experience for the Northern Ohio community as a base for future action; this is but the beginning;
- will be a rational, comprehensive, well-organized approach to IYW -- a beginning toward the IYW goals of Equality, Development and Peace.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the Congress are:

Status of Women, Internationally, Nationally and Locally, Women in Government and Politics, Women and the Law, Women and Education, Women and Employment, Women in the Arts, Women and Family Concerns, Women in Communication, Women and Economics, Women and Aging, Women in Volunteer Service, in Unions, in Welfare, in Religion, in Sports, Women and Ethnicity. Also there will be several workshops and seminars devoted to discussing the relationship between men and women in numerous areas from marriage to work to play. There will be seminars on the future implications of the women's movement, how its future can be productive and of meaningful contribution to all people.

There will be several speakers of national prominence, there will be many speakers and panelists from the Cleveland area.

There will be numerous exhibits from historical to artistic, primarily concerned with women but also with Cleveland.

There will be performances of the various cultural groups in the Greater Cleveland area.

There will be a listing of services available to women.

There will be a listing of women's organizations.

There will be polls and questionnaires to assist with understanding the local situation concerning women.

There will be numerous booths from women's organizations, civic organizations, cultural institutions, business and industry, and the consulates.

There will be a balanced program including humor. This must not become too totally serious.

There will be a Day Care Center.

There will be the opportunity for all points of view to be expressed.

There will be definite follow-up and concrete proposals as a result of this Congress.
Women's year planners are eyeing Cleveland

By Helen Humrichouser

A global giant is stirring; the awakening has begun. This boundless, gentle creature that has been kept for the most part in a constrained state of captivity is composed of more than half of the world's population—the feminine part.

International Women's Year (1975), proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly "as a year to focus attention throughout the world on the status of women," is becoming an effective arousing "world giant" to focus attention throughout the country. As it calls women (and men) to action, the International Women's Year is shaping up to be the largest such observance in the country.

Cleveland's turn is coming in October (25, 26 and 27), when the Greater Cleveland Congress of IFY will convene at the Cleveland Convention Center for what is shaping up to be the largest such observance in the country.

Gwilly York, who became chairman of the congress after "an awakening of her own," said representatives in Washington and other large cities, where nothing has yet been done, keep telling her, "We're all watching to see what is going on in Cleveland."

Regarding her own awakening, the former president of the Junior League of Cleveland, Inc., said she had always thought she had more rights than most of the men she knew until she read an article, "A Little Drearer Than His Horse: Legal Sterotypes and the Feminine Personality," from volume six of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, March, 1971.

"I had thought I had it made. I had no idea of my real status... my legal status... as a woman. I was stunned."

She said there are women who don't want to know, or to hear about it, "men who don't want to rock the boat."

The phrase, "a little drearer than his horse," comes from Lord Alfred Tennyson's "Locksley Hall."... "He will hold thee, when his passion shall have spent its novel force, something better than his dog. A little drearer than his horse."

When Mrs. York was asked to coordinate the congress, her awareness of traditional inequalities made her sensitive to the needs, sympathetic to the cause and enthusiastic about the future.

We already have a larger budget ($50,000) than the United States government allowed ($10,000) for IFY nationally," Mrs. York said.

The $27,000 funding the Cleveland congress has received has been provided by the Cleveland Foundation, the George Gund Foundation and the Junior League. "They are really the ones who got us going," she added.

She thinks there are good reasons why Cleveland is coming up with such a successful and positive program.

"You have extremists on the West Coast and the East Coast, but here in the Midwest... in the middle of the country... is a beautiful place where things are handled in a very rational way."

"There are few radicals. The so-called radical groups are not well-organized. We have a better grasp and awareness than anywhere else in the country.

I have this great feeling about Cleveland and the congress," said Mrs. York, a native Clevelander. "This is a people-oriented thing, and I have great faith in the people here."

Mr. York said the congress will not be another Mexico City I to reference to the recent U.N. sponsored IFY for women of all countries, which she termed "very successful on a personal level, but disastrous on a meeting level because of political overtones."

"We plan to have Jewish and Arab dialogue, but in keeping with the IFY goals of equality, development and peace. "We believe that all people can and should work together, and we have dedicated the Greater Cleveland congress to this belief."

Olive Tabor, overall program chairman, said the programs will be geared to the equal parts-raising (with men and with each other) theme, "The participation is just staggering," she added.

National speakers, workshops, seminars, stage presentations, display booths and activities are scheduled.

Lois Goodman will chair the Saturday programs on the "Status of Women.—Internationally. Nationally and in Ohio," which are expected to include women in politics, government, law, armed services, igions, employment and volunteer work; ethnicity, history of women's movement and women as consumers.

Jane Griswold, Sunday chairwoman, will begin the day with an ecumenical service. Programs on women in sports, education, media, business, finance, banking, credit, social security, arts, social services, medicine and science, transportation and recreation will follow.

The League of Women Voters will present a panel on lobbying in Cuyahoga County.

Monday has been characterized as a more personal kind of day with many of the programs centering on health, home, marriages, responsibility, divorce, alcoholism, poverty, illness and other subjects. Dave Character is chairman.

Workshops on rape are planned for each day, as are consciousness-raising sessions for men and women. About 1,600 high school students will be participating in portions of the programs.

Other chairmen include Vi Colombo, women's organizations; Sally Griswold, commercial booths; Nina Gibson, entertainment and art; Sally Gries, treasurer; Jane Picker, legal advisor; Marjorie Jones, secretary; and Evelyn Bender, continuing action committee.

"The congress is just the beginning," said Mrs. York. "What happens afterward... the follow-up... is very important."
Women to hold big conclave here

By RUSTY BROWN

Cleveland's observance of International Women's Year this fall may be the largest in the U.S.

The three-day (Oct. 25-27) Greater Cleveland Congress already has the support of 90 local women's organizations and two foundations.

More than 100 women's groups are scheduled to participate in some way.

Pledging that IWY here won't be another Mexico City, chairperson Gwill York says, "We plan to express the real purpose of IWY without political overtones."

She says further that the Cleveland Congress deplores the anti-Zionism action at Mexico City as not "representing the feeling of most women here."

"The goals of IWY—equality, development, peace—do not allow for the condemnation of any group."

Among topics to be discussed at Cleveland's IWY meeting are women in poverty, the psychology of women, women in unions, the armed service and women as consumers.

There will be workshops on rape, prostitution, what is good day care, separation and divorce and consciousness raising for women.
GREATER CLEVELAND CONGRESS – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
CLEVELAND CONVENTION CENTER

PROGRAM
Saturday, October 25, 1975
(Unit Leader: Lois Goodman)

9:30 Main Stage OPENING CEREMONIES
Keynote Speaker: Jill Ruckelshaus, Chairperson,
National Commission on the Observance of IWY

Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit,
Former President of UN General Assembly

10:20 Room 235 REPORT ON SPECIAL GALLUP POLL: What Do Women Really Think and Want?
Speaker: Phyllis L. Gillis, Executive Director,
Gallup International Research Institutes, Inc.

11:50 Room 133 WOMEN AND THE LAW: Questions and Answers About Your Life and the Law
Panelists: Lizabeth Moody, Professor of Law,
Cleveland State University School of Law;
President, Women's Law Fund, Inc.

Gale Hesserman, Assistant Dean,
Cleveland State University School of Law

Joyce Barrett, President,
Cleveland Women Lawyers Association

Vilma Kohn, Attorney,
Squire Sanders & Dempsey

Jean Murrell Capers, Attorney

Daisy Collins, Attorney,
Black Women Lawyers Association

Session Leader: Lizabeth Moody
Session Co-Leader: Gale Hesserman

11:50 Room 134 ETHNICITY: The American Reality
Speakers: Nancy Siefert,
Institute of Human Relations

Karl Bonutti

Session Leader: Lucretia Stoica, Executive Director,
Nationalities Services Center
Session Co-Leader: Mary Haddad Macron
**Room 135**

**WOMEN IN THE MILITARY**

**Speaker:** Dr. Rozella Schlotfeld, Member, Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Service

**Panelists:**
- Navy Lieut. (jg) Karen Schlate
- Army Lieut. Sharon Neilson

**Session Leader:** Air Force Captain Joyce Williams

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**Room 239**

**PEACE AND DISARMAMENT: Women as Peacemakers**

**Panelists:**
- Ann Eaton
- Bobbi Peery
- Dr. Rosi J. Kneerti, Associate Professor of Bioe., Case Western Reserve University
- Sophie Bartell
- Frida Smith Kreitner
- Cathie Wood

**Session Leader:** Elaine C. Potter, President, Women Speaker Out for Peace and Justice

**Session Co-Leader:** Esther Ann Goldberg

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**Room 240**

**VOLUNTEERS YOU ARE NOT ALONE: New Trends in Volunteerism**

**Speakers:**
- Mary D. Poole, President, National Association of Junior Leagues, Inc.
- Marilyn Rigby, Director of Volunteers, Community Volunteer Service, Federation for Community Planning

**Session Leader:** Patricia F. Cusick

**Session Co-Leader:** Sue Adams

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**11:00 - 12:00 Little Theater**

**TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS**

**Speaker:** Dr. Sonya Friedman, Television Psychologist

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**11:00 - 12:30 Room 235C-D**

**FROM THEM TILL NOW: Multi-Media Presentation on the History of the American Women's Rights Movement**

**Session Leader:** Lois Scharf, President, Women Historians of Greater Cleveland

**Session Co-Leader:** Marian Morton

**Director:** Ciril Fears

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**11:30 - 12:30 Room 235A-B**

**THROUGH THE GATES OF ADEN: Music, Poetry and Dance**

**Performed by Margollit Oved, Israeli Artist**

**Session Leader:** Carole Kantor, Coordinator, Ethnic Performing Arts Service, Cleveland Area Arts Council
12:00 - 2:00  International Cafe
Jerry Thomas and the Gospel Experience

12:30 - 1:30  Little Theater
WOMEN AS A FORCE FOR PEACE
Speaker: Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit,
Former President of UN General Assembly

1:30  Main Stage
Mayfield High School Stage Band - William Rayer, Director

1:40 - 3:00  Room 133
WOMEN OF EASTERN EUROPE: Realities and Expectations
Panelists:
- Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak, Associate Professor of History, Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y.
- Dr. Mary Virginia Beck, former President, Detroit City Council
- Dr. Jane Shapiro, Professor of Political Science, Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y.
- Dr. Thomas Hamer, Political Science Department, Ohio State University
Session Leader: Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak
Session Co-Leader: Nadia Deychakiwsky, Cuyahoga County Public Library

Room 134  ETHNIC WOMEN: Builders of America
Speakers:
- Nancy Siefert, Institute of Human Relations
- Ingrid Bublys
Session Leader: Lucretia Stoica, Executive Director, Nationalities Services Center
Session Co-Leader: Mary Haddad Hacron

Room 135  ABORTION: Political, Mental and Moral Issues (Pro-Abortion Vs.
Session Leader: Joyce Wallace, Consultant, Cleveland Abortion Rights Action League
Session Co-Leader: Lois Hays, President, Cleveland Abortion Rights League

Room 229  THE POLITICS OF RAPE
Session Leader: Carie R. Zander, Rape Crisis Center
Room 235A-B  **RACISM AND SEXISM**  
**Speaker:** Frankie Freeman, Commissioner, United States Commission on Civil Rights  
**Session Leader:** Hazel Watts White, Director, YWCA Office of Racial Justice  
**Session Co-Leader:** Adrienne L. Jones, Member, YWCA National Board and Racial Justice Task Force

Room 235C-D  **WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT**  
**Speaker:** Constance B. Newman, Vice Chairman, Consumer Products Safety Commission, Washington  
**Panelists:** Rita Vincent, Director, Executive Staff, Navy Finance Center, Cleveland  
- Helen W. Evans, Director, Ohio Industrial Relations Department  
- Dr. Ruth R. Miller, Director, Cleveland Department of Health and Welfare  
- Catherine C. Dickman, Public Information Officer, Cuyahoga County Commissioners Office  
**Session Leader:** Zalda W. Milner, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Cleveland  
**Session Co-Leader:** Genevieve Esgar, Engineer, NASA Lewis Research Center

Room 239  **WOMEN IN UNIONS: What Lies Ahead?**  
**Speakers:** Addie Wyatt, Director, Women's Bureau, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union AFL-CIO; Vice President, National Coalition of Labor Union Women  
- Evelyn Dubrow, Legislative Representative, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO  
**Session Leader:** Barbara Fiedler Janis, Education Director, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO  
**Session Co-Leader:** Vermell Smith, Business Agent, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union AFL-CIO; Vice President, Cleveland Federation of Labor

Room 240  **THE FEMALE CONSUMER: Consulted or Exploited?**  
**Speakers:** Rhoda H. Karpatkin, Executive Director, Consumers Union of the United States  
- Marian F. Ratnoff, Attorney
2:00 - 2:45 Main Stage St. Adalbert Soul Choir - Brother Prince, Director

3:15 - 3:45 Main Stage Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers

3:30 - 4:50 Room 133 THE PERSONAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF LESBIANISM
Session Leader: Susan Woodworth
Session Co-Leader: Rita Coriell

Room 134 LA MUJER HISPANA EN LA LUCH: The Spanish Woman in the Struggle
Speaker: Carmen Viteu, Chairperson,
National Conference of Puerto Ricans

Panelists: Aurora Mabrigal, Housing Specialist,
Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Roberto Rodríguez, Past Director,
Spanish-American Committee

Vydia Pesch, Director,
Spanish-American Employment Committee

Session Leader: Betty Ortiz, Community Developer,
Commission on Catholic Community Action
Session Co-Leader: Alicia Alvaredo

Room 229 RAPE SELF DEFENSE

Session Leader: Carie R. Zander,
Rape Crisis Center
Room 230  CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING: Sharing Our Common Concerns  
Participants: Staff of Cleveland Women's Counseling  
Session Leader: Iris Bishop  
Session Co-Leader: Betsy Tabac

Room 235A-B  RACISM AND SEXISM WORKSHOP  
Session Leader: Hazel Watts White, Director, YWCA Office of Racial Justice  
Session Co-Leader: Adrienne L. Jones, Member, YWCA National Board and Racial Justice Task Force

Room 235C-D  A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOUSE...AND SENATE  
Speaker: Audrey Rowe Colom, Chairperson, National Women's Political Caucus, Washington  
Panelists: Nancy Arneson, IVY Committee, U.S. State Department  
             Virginia Aveni, Member, Ohio House of Representatives, District 17  
             Francine M. Panehal, Member, Ohio House of Representatives, District 5  
             Marigene Valiquette, Member, Ohio State Senate, District 11  
Session Leader: Nancy Cronin, President, Cuyahoga County Women's Political Caucus

Room 239  ABORTION: Political, Mental and Moral Issues (Anti-Abortion VI)  
Session Leader: Ron Roger, Pro-Life

Room 240  ACHIEVING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN  
"Know Your Rights"  
Speakers: Charles E. Guerrier, Women's Law Fund, Inc.  
          Barbara Mitchell, Cleveland State University School of Law  
"Barriers to Equal Employment Opportunity"  
Speakers: Dr. Rae Rohfeld, Director, Clearinghouse for Women, Cleveland State University
Emily Leedy, Director, Women's Services Division, Ohio Bureau of Employment Services

"Alternatives to Full-Time Employment"

Speakers: Allene Kovachy, Federation for Community Planning
Virginia Caswell

Session Moderator: Jane M. Picker, Professor of Law, Cleveland State University
Session Co-Leader: Barbara Mitchell

4:00 - 4:10 Main Stage Virginia Stevens Jazz Dancers
4:00 - 4:30 International Cafe Selrec Singers - Barbara Sterbank, Director
4:30 - 5:30 Main Stage Jerry Thomas and the Gospel Experience
5:15 - 5:45 International Cafe Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers
5:30 - 6:30 Room 235 SUMMARY SESSION: Highlights of the Day
Presented by: Cuyahoga County League of Women Voters
Summary Leader: Doris V. Geist, President
Summary Co-Leader: Helen Sunshine

6:00 - 6:10 Main Stage Virginia Stevens Acrobatic Dancers
6:00 - 7:00 International Cafe East Shore Choristers - Marcine Behm, Director
August 5, 1975

Miss Susan Porter
Appointments Secretary for
Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20051

Dear Susan:

I enclose herewith the material that was furnished to me by Mrs. Scott York about the convention plan for Cleveland on October 25, 26, 27, 1975 as a celebration of International Women's Year.

As you suggested in our conversation over the telephone last week, I have told Mrs. York that she should write directly to Mrs. Ford describing the convention and inviting her to attend. I also repeated what I thought was your suggestion, that Mrs. York make clear to Mrs. Ford that the degree and method of her participation was entirely flexible, so as not to give her the feeling that she would necessarily be called on for a major speech.

As far as I can tell, the sponsorship of this convention is in entirely responsible hands. I would be glad, of course, to make any further quiet inquiries that you or anyone on the President's or Mrs. Ford's staff might think necessary. This sounds like a good project, and I hope it can come to fruition.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. Chapman Rose

Enclosures
Mr. H. Chapman Rose  
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue  
1700 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Rose:

It is with great hope that I am writing to you concerning the possibility of a visit to Cleveland by Betty Ford and Happy Rockefeller to help celebrate International Women's Year.

Last year the United Nations declared 1975 as International Women's Year and President Ford signed a document stating the United States support of this celebration. This special year came into being because in no country have women attained full equality or full partnership with men and it was hoped that a special year would help to promote this equality and help to assist the integration of women into the total social and economic development of all nations which could help toward the cause of world peace. Very simply stated, the basic purpose is to improve the quality of life for everyone, a very ambitious, but desperately needed goal.

The State Department gave a grant to Dr. Ruth Bacon to coordinate the observance of International Women's Year in the United States. I have visited with Dr. Bacon at some length and the following plans for Cleveland have emerged as a result of these conversations and also as the result of meetings with representatives of about two hundred women's organizations in the Northeastern Ohio area. These organizations include those which involve all socio-economic, political, humanitarian, religious, cultural, and professional groups.

There will be a "Congress" at the Cleveland Convention Center the 25th, 26th, and 27th of October. This Congress will be a combination of exhibits, workshops, seminars, speeches, performances all related to subjects of greatest interest to women. Subjects to be covered include Women and the Family, the Woman Alone, Women in Business, Women in the Arts, Women in Politics and Government, to mention but some of the areas which will be explored. We will concentrate on Cleveland women and those in Northeastern Ohio, but we will have several speakers of national reputation.
We expect 20,000 to 40,000 people at this convention. Cleveland is one of the few American cities which at this time is planning something this large for International Women's Year and I believe that this Congress will make a real impact.

We would be so pleased if Betty Ford and Happy Rockefeller could manage to come to our Congress at some time. Needless to say, we would also be thrilled if they could be accompanied by their husbands. One of the goals of the Congress is to concentrate upon the need and desirability of an equal partnership with men in all areas of human concern. This is not and will not be a far out women's lib rally. This event is to stress the possibilities and potentials of men and women working together. This Congress will try to explain the basic situation of women historically, legally and will try to get the facts, not the sensationalism, of the women's movement to the public. This is to be a rational look at an evolutionary situation and the Fords and Rockefellers could help tremendously in helping me and others provide a calm, rational, and intelligent approach to the women's movement.

We anticipate having the opportunity of using hard data, currently being gathered, to assist in rational decisions concerning the articulated needs of women as perceived by women. We hope this focus and the results of the convention will give guidance to policy makers.

I personally have not so far been identified with any particular segment of the women's movement. I was selected by the heads of over forty women's organizations in the Cleveland area to chair this event. I had not even been aware that meetings concerning International Women's Year were taking place. I gather I was selected because I was an enlightened moderate and a volunteer via the route of Vassar College, the Junior League, and the Distribution Committee of The Cleveland Foundation.

Needless to say, a visit such as I am requesting would have a great impact on our Congress and on the whole Northeastern Ohio area. I personally would be more than willing to do whatever you feel is necessary to encourage the possibility of such a visit. I do travel to Washington fairly often and would be delighted to speak with anyone you might suggest.

Thank you for your willingness to consider my request.

Most sincerely,

Quill

Mrs. Scott R. York
September 17, 1975

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Betty Bloomer Ford:

It was many years ago that you and I were dancing at Calla Travis in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Remember? You were Betty Bloomer and I was Verna Hewer. Wasn't I your teacher for a time? And, of course, there was Lorna my sister who played piano for us. She is still doing the same thing - only better than ever.

Betty, I wanted to tell you how very proud I am of what you have accomplished, and how well you have handled your adverse situations. It is a privilege to have known you.

The writing of this letter has been something I have been wanting to do for sometime.

Since then I have become active in planning the International Women's Year Conference which is being held here in Cleveland October 25, 26 and 27th. It is sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association and the Junior League. When the girls heard that I planned to write to you they asked if I would please mention this exciting event to you. It would be great if you could find time in your busy schedule to appear. The program is developing beautifully and, of course, is highlighting outstanding women internationally. I won't say anymore -- just, we hope you can make it. They tell me that you have been sent information about the conference.

Betty, you are doing a great job.

Hoping to see you -

Verna Hewer Stevens

VHS:bf

P.S. Oh yes, I am still teaching -- ballroom only.
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1:30 P.M. Board Room - 22nd Floor of Bond Court Hotel. Brief photo session of luncheon.

1:40 to 2:45 P.M. Filing/staff time

2:30 to 2:50 P.M. Private reception with Executive Committee of Greater Cleveland Congress.

2:45 P.M. Motorcade boards in front of Bond Court Hotel en route Hopkins International Airport

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Hotel — Photo session of
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MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD
VIA: RED CAVAN
FROM: PETER SORUM
SUBJECT: YOUR VISIT TO CLEVELAND, OHIO
Saturday, October 25, 1975

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for your visit to
Cleveland, Ohio.

APPROVE____ DISAPPROVE____

BACKGROUND

The Greater Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year
has been organized by a coalition of Women's Groups headed by
Mrs. Scott York to serve as a base for future action for women
seeking a better way of life in Cleveland. The 3-day program,
which begins Saturday, will offer 140 sessions in over 200 exhibits
showing all aspects of women in society. You will join Madame
Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Former President of the UN General
Assembly, in addressing a mid-day session of the Congress after
touring a portion of the Exhibit Area.

Following the session, you will be guest of honor at a private
luncheon which will include some of the key women of Cleveland
and other program participants. The luncheon will include an in-
formal discussion of the future role of women in America. Following
the luncheon, you will drop-by a reception for the IWY's Executive
Committee to recognize the contributions that these individuals have
made to their communities and IWY.
MAYOR RALPH PERK

Mayor Ralph Perk, Republican candidate for re-election on Tuesday, November 4, will meet you at Hopkins International Airport and will be your guest for the drive to the Bond Court Hotel. While predictions indicate that the election will be close, Mayor Perk currently leads in the polls.
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Saturday, October 25, 1975

9:00 am  Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.
MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route Andrews AFB.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

9:25 am  MOTORCADE ARRIVES Andrews AFB.
Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

9:30 am  C-9 DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route Hopkins International Airport, Cleveland, Ohio.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 10 minutes]
[No time change.]

10:40 am  C-9 ARRIVES Hopkins International Airport.
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

Mrs. Ford will be met by:
Mayor Ralph Perk (R-Cleveland)

10:45 am  Mrs. Ford and Mayor Perk board motorcade.
MOTORCADE DEPARTS Hopkins International Airport en route Bond Court Hotel.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

11:10 am  MOTORCADE ARRIVES Bond Court Hotel.
Mrs. Ford and Mayor Perk proceed inside hotel where they will be greeted by Mr. James Carney, Hotel Owner.
NOTE: Mayor Perk will bid farewell in the hotel lobby.

11:15 am  Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Carney, proceeds to Presidential Suite (21st Floor).

Mrs. Ford will be met at Suite by Mr. James LaDu, General Manager, Bond Court Hotel, and Mrs. James (June) LaDu.

NOTE: As the first occupant of the Presidential Suite, Mrs. Ford will cut a ceremonial ribbon at the Suite's entrance.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

11:20 am  Mrs. Ford proceeds inside Presidential Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 45 minutes

12:00 noon  Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Former President of the UN General Assembly, arrives Suite.

12:05 pm  Mrs. Ford and Madame Pandit depart Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

12:08 pm  MOTORCADE DEPARTS Bond Court Hotel en route Cleveland Convention Center.

[Driving time: 1 minute]

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[Walking time: 5 minutes]

1:10 pm  Mrs. Ford arrives Presidential Suite, Bond Court Hotel.

PERSONAL TIME: 20 minutes

1:30 pm  Mrs. Ford departs Presidential Suite en route Board Room.

1:32 pm  Mrs. Ford arrives Board Room and informally greets luncheon participants.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 12

1:35 pm  Luncheon is served.

2:30 pm  Luncheon concludes.

2:32 pm  Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. York, departs Board Room en route Barcelona Suite.

2:35 pm  Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. York, arrives Barcelona Suite and informally greets IWY Congress' Executive Committee Members.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 75

2:50 pm  Mrs. Ford departs Barcelona Suite en route Presidential Suite.

2:51 pm  Mrs. Ford arrives Presidential Suite.

PERSONAL TIME: 5 minutes

2:56 pm  Mrs. Ford departs Presidential Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

3:00 pm  MOTORCADE DEPARTS Bond Court Hotel en route Hopkins International Airport.

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GREATER CLEVELAND CONGRESS - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
CLEVELAND CONVENTION CENTER

PROGRAM
Saturday, October 25, 1975
(Unit Leader: Lois Goodman)

9:00 - 9:30 Main Stage OPENING CEREMONIES
Keynote Speaker: Jill Ruckelshaus, Chairperson,
National Commission on the Observance of IW

Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit,
Former President of UN General Assembly

9:30 - 10:20 Room 235 REPORT ON SPECIAL GALLUP POLL: What Do Women Really Think and Want
Speaker: Phyllis L. Gillis, Executive Director,
Gallup International Research Institutes, Inc.

0:30 - 11:50 Room 133 WOMEN AND THE LAW: Questions and Answers About Your Life and the
Panelists: Lizabeth Moody, Professor of Law,
Cleveland State University School of Law;
President, Women's Law Fund, Inc.

Gale Hesserman, Assistant Dean,
Cleveland State University School of Law

Joyce Barrett, President,
Cleveland Women Lawyers Association

Vilma Kohn, Attorney,
Squire Sanders & Dempsey

Jean Murrell Capers, Attorney

Daisy Collins, Attorney,
Black Women Lawyers Association

Session Leader: Lizabeth Moody
Session Co-Leader: Gale Hesserman

Room 134 ETHNICITY: The American Reality
Speakers: Nancy Siefert,
Institute of Human Relations

Karl Benutti

Session Leader: Lucretia Stoica, Executive Director,
Nationalities Services Center
Session Co-Leader: Mary Haddad Macron
Room 135  WOMEN IN THE MILITARY  Speaker: Dr. Rozella Schlotfeld, Member, Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Service  Panelists: Navy Lieut. (jg) Karen Schlote  Army Lieut. Sharon Neilson  Session Leader: Air Force Captain Joyce Williams

Room 239  PEACE AND DISARMAMENT: Women as Peacemakers  Panelists: Ann Eaton  Bobbie Peery  Dr. Rosi J. Kuerti, Associate Professor of Biology, Case Western Reserve University  Sophie Bartell  Frida Smith Kreitner  Cathie Wood  Session Leader: Elaine C. Potter, President, Women Speaker Out for Peace and Justice  Session Co-Leader: Esther Ann Goldberg


11:00 - 12:00 Little Theater  TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS  Speaker: Dr. Sonya Friedman, Television Psychologist

11:00 - 12:30 Room 235C-D  FROM THEN TILL NOW: Multi-Media Presentation on the History of the American Women's Rights Movement  Session Leader: Lois Scharf, President, Women Historians of Greater Cleveland  Session Co-Leader: Marian Morton  Director: Ciril Fears

11:30 - 12:30 Room 235A-B  THROUGH THE GATES OF ADEN: Music, Poetry and Dance  Performed by Margolit Oved, Israeli Artist  Session Leader: Carole Kantor, Coordinator, Ethnic Performing Arts Service, Cleveland Area Arts Council
12:00 - 2:00
International Cafe
Jerry Thomas and the Gospel Experience

12:30 - 1:50
Little Theater
WOMEN AS A FORCE FOR PEACE
Speaker: Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit,
Former President of UN General Assembly

Main Stage
Mayfield High School Stage Band - William Rayer, Director

1:30
Main Stage
Virginia Stevens Tap Dancers

1:40 - 3:00
Room 133
WOMEN OF EASTERN EUROPE: Realities and Expectations
Panelists: Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak, Associate Professor of History, Manhattanville College, Purchase, N. Y.
Dr. Mary Virginia Beck, former President, Detroit City Council
Dr. Jane Shapiro, Professor of Political Science, Manhattanville College, Purchase, N. Y.
Dr. Thomas Hamer, Political Science Department, Ohio State University

Session Leader: Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak
Session Co-Leader: Nadia Deychakiwsky, Cuyahoga County Public Library

Room 134
ETHNIC WOMEN: Builders of America
Speakers: Nancy Siefert, Institute of Human Relations
Ingrid Bublys

Session Leader: Lucretia Stoica, Executive Director, Nationalities Services Center
Session Co-Leader: Mary Haddad Hacron

Room 135
ABORTION: Political, Mental and Moral Issues (Pro-Abortion View)

Session Leader: Joyce Wallace, Consultant, Cleveland Abortion Rights Action League
Session Co-Leader: Lois Hays, President, Cleveland Abortion Rights League

Room 229
THE POLITICS OF RAPE

Session Leader: Carie R. Zader, Rape Crisis Center
Room 235A-B  
**RACISM AND SEXISM**

**Speaker:** Frankie Freeman, Commissioner,  
United States Commission on Civil Rights

**Session Leader:** Hazel Watts White, Director,  
YMCA Office of Racial Justice

**Session Co-Leader:** Adrienne L. Jones, Member,  
YMCA National Board and Racial Justice Task Force

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Room 235C-D  
**WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT**

**Speaker:** Constance B. Newman, Vice Chairman,  
Consumer Products Safety Commission, Washington

**Panelists:** Rita Vincent, Director, Executive Staff,  
Navy Finance Center, Cleveland  
Helen W. Evans, Director,  
Ohio Industrial Relations Department  
Dr. Ruth R. Miller, Director,  
Cleveland Department of Health and Welfare  
Catherine C. Dickman, Public Information Officer,  
Cuyahoga County Commissioners Office

**Session Leader:** Zelda W. Milner, Deputy Director,  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Cleveland

**Session Co-Leader:** Genevieve Esgar, Engineer,  
NASA Lewis Research Center

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Room 239  
**WOMEN IN UNIONS: What Lies Ahead?**

**Speakers:** Addie Wyatt, Director, Women's Bureau,  
Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union  
AFL-CIO; Vice President, National Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Evelyn Dubrow, Legislative Representative,  
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO

**Session Leader:** Barbara Fiedler Janis, Education Director,  
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO

**Session Co-Leader:** Vernell Smith, Business Agent,  
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO; Vice President, Cleveland Federation of Labor

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Room 240  
**THE FEMALE CONSUMER: Consulted or Exploited?**

**Speakers:** Rhoda H. Karpatkin, Executive Director,  
Consumers Union of the United States  
Marion F. Barnoff, Attorney
Panelists: Robert B. Ramsey, President, Cleveland Better Business Bureau
Clinton Warne, Professor of Economics, Cleveland State University
Dina Mirow, Consumer Writer, The Plain Dealer
Paul Neuhoff, General Manager, Station WERE
Helen Gordon, Owner Helen Gordon Advertising

Session Leaders: Sally K. Ebling, County Extension Agent, Cuyahoga County Cooperative Extension Service
Jay Seaton, Station WKYC-TV

2:00 - 2:45 Main Stage St. Adalbert Soul Choir - Brother Prince, Director

3:15 - 3:45 Main Stage Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers

3:30 - 4:50 Room 133 THE PERSONAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF LESBIANISM
Session Leader: Susan Woodworth
Session Co-Leader: Rita Coriell

Room 134 LA MUJER HISPANA EN LA LUCH: The Spanish Woman in the Struggle
Speaker: Carmen Viteu, Chairperson, National Conference of Puerto Ricans

Panelists: Aurora Habrigal, Housing Specialist, Ohio Civil Rights Commission
Roberto Rodriguez, Past Director, Spanish-American Committee
Vydia Pesch, Director, Spanish-American Employment Committee

Session Leader: Betty Ortiz, Community Developer, Commission on Catholic Community Action
Session Co-Leader: Alicia Alvaredo

Room 229 RAPE SELF DEFENSE
Session Leader: Carie R. Zander, Rape Crisis Center
Room 230  CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING: Sharing Our Common Concerns  Participants: Staff of Cleveland Women's Counseling  Session Leader: Iris Bishop  Session Co-Leader: Betsy Tabac

Room 235A-B  RACISM AND SEXISM WORKSHOP  Session Leader: Hazel Watts White, Director,  YWCA Office of Racial Justice  Session Co-Leader: Adrienne L. Jones, Member,  YWCA National Board and Racial Justice Task Force

Room 235C-D  A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOUSE...AND SENATE  Speaker: Audrey Rose Colom, Chairperson,  National Women's Political Caucus, Washington  Panelists: Nancy Arneson, IWV Committee,  U.S. State Department  Virginia Aveni, Member,  Ohio House of Representatives, District 17  Francine M. Panchal, Member,  Ohio House of Representatives, District 5  Marigene Valiquette, Member,  Ohio State Senate, District 11  Session Leader: Nancy Cronin, President,  Cuyahoga County Women's Political Caucus

Room 239  ABORTION: Political, Mental and Moral Issues (Anti-Abortion V:  Session Leader: Ron Roger, Pre-Life

Room 240  ACHIEVING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN  "Know Your Rights"  Speakers: Charles E. Guerrier,  Women's Law Fund, Inc.  Barbara Mitchell,  Cleveland State University School of Law  "Barriers to Equal Employment Opportunity"  Speakers: Dr. Rae Rechfield, Director,  Clearinghouse for Women,  Cleveland State University
Emily Leedy, Director, Women's Services Division
Ohio Bureau of Employment Services

"Alternatives to Full-Time Employment"

Speakers: Allene Kovachy,
Federation for Community Planning

Virginia Caswell

Session Moderator: Jane M. Picker, Professor of Law,
Cleveland State University
Session Co-Leader: Barbara Mitchell

4:00 - 4:10 Main Stage Virginia Stevens Jazz Dancers
4:00 - 4:30 International Cafe Selrec Singers - Barbara Sterbank, Director
4:30 - 5:30 Main Stage Jerry Thomas and the Gospel Experience
5:15 - 5:45 International Cafe Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers

5:30 - 6:30 Room 235 SUMMARY SESSION: Highlights of the Day
Presented by: Cuyahoga County League of Women Voters
Summary Leader: Doris V. Geist, President
Summary Co-Leader: Helen Sunshine

6:00 - 6:10 Main Stage Virginia Stevens Acrobatic Dancers

6:00 - 7:00 International Cafe East Shore Choristers - Marcine Behm, Director
Cleveland's IWY Conference is probably the biggest IWY celebration in the country. They are expecting 30,000 people over a 3-day period, and have 140 different workshops and seminars for people to visit and participate in. It is entirely free and open to the public.

This has been entirely a community project, starting with about 40 women who thought it would be a good idea and kept at it. A lot of the impetus has come from Gwill York, an ex-Junior League President and housewife with 2 children, who volunteered for the full-time job as Chairperson and has done a terrific job—in organization, in raising funds, and in handling people.

The organizers (more than 100 women's groups are involved) are homemakers, career women, and volunteers. Their common ground: most have had no previous identification with the women's movement; they have a belief that women must cooperate with men to achieve equality; they endorse choice for women in choosing their roles; and they greatly support the family (most are wives, widows, and mothers).

Your audience will be about 3,000 people in an old auditorium with a cozy, intimate feeling to it (it appears to hold about a third of that number). The TV cameras are straight ahead of you in the audience, about 60 feet back.

Madam Pandit is sister to the late Prime Minister Nehru and a confidante of Gandhi. She became known internationally when she led the Indian delegation to the UN in 1946. In 1953 she was elected UN Assembly President, the first and only woman to hold that title. She later served India as Ambassador to Britain, the United States, and Russia. Her views on feminism might be summed up in this quote (20 years ago): "All my political training has taught me to look at myself as an individual and not as a woman." Madam Pandit is 75 years old.

Dorothy Fuldheim, one of the guests in your private luncheon, is one of Cleveland's notables. She is 83. She still works nine hours a day as a broadcaster for WEWS-TV, the local ABC
affiliate. She has interviewed six Presidents, Hitler, Kings, Queens, all the major candidates, etc., and has a national reputation. She has been described as "elegant," very much a lady, and is evidently quite a personality. The IWY people wanted her in the luncheon because they consider her a very visible, outstanding example of what women can do.

The organizers have stressed that there is nothing political about the Congress. Their purpose is to raise the consciousness of the community and to improve the quality of their daily lives—men as well as women.

The Congress also includes more than 200 exhibits and displays by women's organizations, civic and cultural institutions, businesses and government agencies.

Other guests during the Congress: comedienne Lily Tomlin; Phyllis Gillis, Executive Director of the Gallup Institute, who will release results of the latest Gallup poll on "what do women really want and think"; syndicated columnist Ann Landers; tennis pro and TV commentator Julie Heldman; Lynn Caine, author of the book, Widow; Constance B. Newman, Vice Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and television psychologist Sonya Friedman.

# # #
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1975

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

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Mrs. Ford will visit Cleveland Saturday, Oct. 25. She will be making remarks to those attending the Greater Cleveland International Women's Year Congress at the Cleveland Convention Center.

She will most likely leave Washington Saturday morning and return late afternoon. Please sign below if you are interested in accompanying her.

DEADLINE - FRIDAY, OCT. 17 6 P.M.

Transportation plans will be made according to the number of press signed up by this time.

[Signatures and contact information]

[Additional notes and signatures]

[Handwritten notes]
Mrs. Ford will be addressing the Greater Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year Saturday, October 25 at 12:30 P.M. The speech will be in the Music Hall of the Cleveland Convention Center.

On the dais with Mrs. Ford will be Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of the UN General Assembly, who will speak on "Women as a Force for Peace"; Jill Ruckelshaus, Chairperson for the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, will introduce Mrs. Ford. Gwill York, Chairperson for the Greater Cleveland Congress of IWY, will introduce Madam Pandit.

Mrs. Ford's speech will come on the first day of a three-day conference, which focuses on the issues concerning women. Organized by a coalition of women's groups in the Cleveland area, the Congress includes more than 140 workshops and seminars on such issues as Equal Rights and volunteerism to such personal concerns as family planning and assertiveness training.

The Congress also includes more than 200 exhibits and displays by women's organizations, civic and cultural institutions, businesses and government agencies. The Congress is thought to be the largest such observance of IWY in the United States. Organizers are projecting an attendance of 30,000 over the three-day period.

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# # #
Kaye called -- she has talked to John Deardorff --

He says it is theoretically possible given the number of legislatures which will meet next year -- however, since the composition of the legislatures will not change -- it is an election year -- it is unlikely.

She read him the language and he thought it was fine. He didn't think she should go out on a limb and predict it.
LUNCHEON
Saturday, October 25, 1975
Cleveland

Mrs. Betty Ford

Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of UN General Assembly

Tippy Huntley (Mrs. Chet Huntley)

Jill Ruckelshaus, Chairperson, National Commission for the Observance of International Women's Year

Gwill York, Chairperson, Greater Cleveland Congress of IWY

Dorothy Fuldheim, Television personality

Mercedes Cotner, City Council Clerk

Ruth Miller, Director, Cleveland Department of Public Health and Welfare

Almeta Johnson, Cleveland Chief Police Prosecutor

Elaine Hadden, Civic Leader

Claudia Guzzo, Member of County Board of Elections and County Republican Chairman
November 3, 1975

Dear Nate:

A note of appreciation on behalf of both Mrs. Ford and myself for all your hard work and expertise last week.

As I’m sure you’ve seen, the press was fantastic and is still coming in. Mrs. Ford enjoyed it very much and was very impressed with the Congress’ organization, from start to finish.

You did a great job, Nate, and it was much appreciated. I hope we have the opportunity to work together again. And--get some sleep!

With warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Patti Malcom
Assistant Press Secretary

Mr. Nate Silverman
700 National City Bank Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

SAQ
November 20, 1975

Dear Janet,

I very much enjoyed meeting you on your recent trip to the States and am glad you were able to accompany us on our trip to Cleveland.

I am enclosing some of the articles regarding the Cleveland XWF Congress, along with a photograph which was taken by one of the photographers.

I am also enclosing a photograph of you and Mrs. Ford which she has signed.

If I can ever be of any assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Janet Dumbar
c/o Helen McCain Smith
U. S. Embassy
London, England
Janet Dunbar

Suggested outline for PROFILE of Mrs. Ford for THE TIMES newspaper.

Impressions of the First Lady in the White House: my reactions.
Brief outline of early days, career, marriage to a rising politician.
Problems of fitting in normal private family life with inevitable engagements of public life.
Interest of meeting all kinds and conditions of people: ease in making contacts with such a diversity of characters?
Family life: children and their aspirations.
Own personal interests.

Anything else Mrs. Ford likes to say.

Roughly 800 - 1000 words.
October 20, 1975

Dear Dr. Bartczak,

Your gracious letter to Mrs. Ford is greatly appreciated. Although Mrs. Ford's schedule during her stay in Cleveland has not been fully determined, I am sure she would want me to convey her gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Susan Porter
Appointments Secretary
for Mrs. Ford

Dr. Joseph H. Bartczak
Director
John Robert Powers School
3158 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

cc: Peter Sarum with copy incoming
    Sheila Veldenfeld with copy of incoming
    Matti Watson with copy of incoming
October 14, 1975

Mrs. Betty Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Ford,

It is a pleasure to know that you will be speaking at the INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONGRESS in Cleveland, October 25th-27th.

As a POWERS graduate you surely realize our goals in helping the people of our community.

We will have a booth at the Congress, and would like to invite you to stop by and meet the POWERS staff when you are here.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joseph M. Bartczak
DIRECTOR
Ms Susan Porter  
Appointment Secretary to Mrs. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C., 20500

October 16, 1975

Dear Susan,

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed clippings. The announcement of Mrs. Ford's appearance at the Cleveland Congress of the IWY celebration has given us the front page and news coverage that we badly needed. It was impossible to get off the women's pages until the City Editors learned about Mrs. Ford's interest in the Congress. Now I am being called by every businessman I know, asking to help us in some way.

Another item... The Bond Court Hotel which is giving us a lot of help in the form of hospitality suites and special rates for our guests has offered the brand new Presidential Suite for Mrs. Ford's use while she is in Cleveland. It is across the street from the Convention Center and would be perfect for press conferences and anything else you might have in mind for her. The security arrangements would be easier to handle because of the hotel's location in respect to the Convention Center. There is a stage door directly across from the hotel.

Let me know if there is anything we can do to help. I can be reached at (216) 696-7788 during the day and at (216) 932-4460 after working hours.

Sincerely,

Joanne K. Kaufman  
Special Events Coordinator
First Lady Betty Ford is coming to Cleveland for the International Women’s Year Congress later this month.

Known for her sympathy with the women’s movement, she’s coming here because, as she told one IWF planner, “your Congress is the biggest in the country.” The First Lady is scheduled to arrive around noon, Saturday, Oct. 25, first day of the three-day conclave at Cleveland Convention Center.

She will address the Congress briefly, then sit in on some of the afternoon workshops led by top women leaders in Cleveland and the nation.

The President’s wife strikingly exhibited her feelings about women’s rights recently when she wrote personal letters to legislators urging passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, Betty, first ad, five-star-brown.

Cleveland’s IWF Congress, Oct. 25-27, is free to interested women and men. Each day’s sessions are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Women Olympic and sports stars, comedian Lily Tomlin, columnist Ann Landers and Jill Ruckelshaus are among other notables who will attend.

Betty Ford’s visit here to be 1st as 1st lady

By Mary Strassmeyer

Mrs. Gerald Ford will make her first Cleveland appearance as the first lady Saturday, Oct. 25.

She will speak at the Greater Cleveland Congress of the International Women’s Year at the Cleveland Convention Center. She will not make the opening ceremonies at 9 a.m., but will arrive later that morning for a stay of a little more than an hour.

After a week of on-again, off-again negotiations over her appearance, with the White House, the commitment came late Thursday, said local IWF officials.

About 30,000 Greater Clevelanders are expected to attend the three-day congress.

This is International Women’s Year, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly “as a year to focus attention throughout the world on the status of women.”

The congress here will offer something for men and boys as well as women and girls. There will be speakers, entertainers, workshops, exhibits and booths, all free to the public.

Other speakers will be Jill Ruckelshaus, chairman, National Commission on the Observance of IWF; Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the U.N. General Assembly; Mrs. Chet Huntley, widow of the news commentator, and Ann Landers, syndicated columnist.

Entertainers will include actors Lily Tomlin, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee and television soap opera personalities Susan Lucci and Nicholas Benedict, the Erica and Philip of “All My Children.”

The congress will explore alternatives open to women, from volunteer work to career advancement, family, child rearing and homemaking.
3-day IWy congress jammed with activities

Whether or not First Lady Betty Ford will be tided with a reception, deliver an address and just wander and "enjoy," at Cleveland's International Women's Year Congress is not yet clear. But her presence on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the nation's largest IWy program has been confirmed.

Specific plans for Mrs. Ford will be announced within a week by her White House staff, according to a Cleveland IWy spokesperson.

A stimulating variety of speakers and panels, lightened by performances of the Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers, Jerry Thomas and other musical performers, are set for the Cleveland Convention Center during the three-day IWy event.

Saturday's program, following a 9 a.m. invocation by Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, and a keynote speech by Jill Ruckelshaus, chairperson of the National Commission on the Observance of IWy, will include panels on women and the law, in government, in unions, in employment, as peace-makers, as volunteers, in politics, as consumers and in other roles.

Several sessions on ethnic women, on the status of women's rights movement, as well as pro and anti abortion panels, will also be included.

A panel featuring the chairperson of the National Women's Political Caucus, Audrey Rowe Colon, will be moderated by Nancy Crow, president of the Cuyahoga Women's Political Caucus. Panelists will include Nancy Podis, director of the Cuyahoga County Commission, U.S. State Department, and Anne McIntyre, director. Sounds in Motion Inc. and Kathryn Karapides, Dance Company, Case Western Reserve University.

Monday sessions will include 22 workshops for 1,000 high school students and a full day of special workshops on concerns of senior citizens, as well as more than 30 other workshops of interest to both men and women.

Monday workshops will include sessions on affirmative action, women's health, mothering, legalizing prostitution, getting grants and giving them, divorce and separation, consciousness raising for women, consciousness raising for men and others.

At 1:30 p.m. Monday, opera stars Susan Luca and Nicholas Benedict, who play Erica and Philip Brent in "All My Children," will discuss "In Life a Soap Opera?" with Fred Griffiths, host of WEWS-TV "Morning Exchange." Moderator will be Dr. Jane Kessler.

Gala IWy closing ceremonies, set for 8 p.m., will feature Dorothy Feldheim, WEWS-TV news commentator, members of the Greater Cleveland Congress Executive Committee, and Phyllis L. Gillis, executive director of Galtip Inter-National Research Institute, Inc.

KIITY LOVE--An embrace tiger, is all in a day's work by Bros. and Barman & Bailey

I had some bratwurst the other night at Steve Bucic's new legendary Hotwurks House. It was terrific and I brought to mind the many varieties of ethnic sausages that I really like. Hot and mild Italian sausage, for example. Knackwurst, Slo- vian klobása. The Asman Brothers' famous home made links. Cleveland is filled with fine sausage makers.
200 leaders coming for IWY

By RUSTY BROWN
Funny girl and feminist LILY Tomlin is coming to Cleveland for the International Women's Year (IWY) event billed as the most extensive event of its kind in the U.S. -the meeting with announcements that nearly 200 national, state and local women leaders will participate as speakers, panelists and entertainers.

A sprinkling of men also will participate, says Gwilly York, Cleveland Congress executive committee head.

First and only woman president of the U.S. General Assembly, National Women's Party, will open the Congress at Cleveland's Convention Center, Oct. 20. Also as keynote: Jill Ruckelshaus, sometime presidential advisor on women's rights, now chairperson of the National Commission for IWY.

Other notables coming: Furry black poet Nikki Giovanni, golfer Claire Dorm, popular Detroit psychologist Dr. Sonya Friedman, who gives advice on television here, and TV stars Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis who will present "An Evening of Black America" on Sunday.

What working women should know to get the most work in work for them will be discussed by Lerry Popekin, author and a U.S. Magazine editor. Tippy Hunter, widow of TV newscaster Clint Hunter, will talk about "Women: Approaching Majority Status.

Women leaders in Cleveland and nationwide taking part: AFB-CLC Education and Training Rights leader Jane Hays, Ohio president of the League of Women Voters Joan Lawrence, rape counselor Lynn Hammed, women's minister Jean Campbell and State Representative Virginia Arnov.

Chairperson Gwilly York is expecting 30,000 Cleveland women to attend the Greater Cleveland Congress.

More than 150 local women's organizations, she says, have contracted for exhibits and booths.

Curse President Audrey Rowe Colson in a session titled "A Woman's Place Is In The House -and Senate."

Women and unions will be ex-

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syndicated columnist Ann Landers will discuss the future of marriage. Women's issues will dominate the sessions - of which as many as eight or 10 will be going on simultaneously - over the three days.

A discussion of women and politics, for example, will be led by National Women's Political
October 20, 1975

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With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Susan Porter
Appointments Secretary
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Dr. Sonya R. Friedman
Psychological Resources
1855 Coolidge Road
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Troy, Michigan 48084

cc: Peter Sorum with copy of incoming
Sheila Weidenfeld with copy of incoming
Patti Watson with copy of incoming
October 14, 1975

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To: Mrs. Ford

From: Sheila Widener

Mrs. Ford has been nce
November 4, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford:

Reporters aren't supposed to write fan letters, and I've never written one before. But I want to thank you for all the things you've been saying. I particularly appreciated your remarks at the conference in Cleveland.

I was in the back of the plane on that trip to Cleveland, thanks to arrangements made by Sheila Weinfeld. The story will appear in The Enquirer's Sunday magazine, and Sheila will be receiving copies.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Margaret J. Mitchell
MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SCOTT
FROM: SUZAN PORTER

I recently had a call from Mr. Brussat at Office of Management and Budget urging Mrs. Ford to make an appearance at their "Women in Government" seminar on October 25th at the Cleveland International Women's Year Congress. They are also having a booth which they would like Mrs. Ford to visit. I think this should definitely be in your hands as you assess the total picture. I might add that the first thought that comes to my mind, however, is that she can well focus upon women in government in Washington and therefore it might be better to focus on other aspects of women more immediately relevant to the Cleveland situation. I defer to your judgment however. I have acknowledged receipt of this by phone.

Thank you.

C: Sheila Weidenfeld
Ms. Susan Porter  
Appointment Secretary for  
Mrs. Gerald Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Ms. Porter:

Mr. Bill Brussat, Office of Management and Budget, has advised us of his conversation with you regarding Mrs. Ford's coming visit to the Greater Cleveland Congress – International Women's Year on Saturday, October 25th. We understand Mrs. Ford's appearance is expected to be very brief. We are hopeful, however, that if the schedule permits, Mrs. Ford would make an appearance at the "Women in Government" seminar scheduled to take place between 1:40 and 3:00 P.M. Attached is a brochure outlining the particulars of the program. Also attached is a Program covering all activities planned for the three-day Congress.

The Cleveland Federal Executive Board will have a booth at the Convention Center to promote the Federal Women's Program as well as the FEB. In view of the FEB's affiliation with the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, we would like to explore the possibility of having Mrs. Ford visit and be photographed at the FEB booth. Coverage by the news media of such a visit would be a tremendous boost to all Federal Executive Boards across the country.

We appreciate your bringing this material to Mrs. Ford's attention. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact our Executive Director, Mrs. Mary R. Jones, at (216) 522-7086.

Sincerely,

James S. Gracey, RADM, USCG  
Chairman  
Cleveland Federal Executive Board  

Enclosures

cc: Bill Brussat, OMB
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CLEVELAND CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1975

1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

CLEVELAND
CONVENTION CENTER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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in cooperation
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City of Cleveland
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CONSTANCE B. NEWMAN

Mrs. Newman, a lawyer, a leader, and a brilliant public servant, was appointed to the 6-year term of Commissioner when the new Federal regulatory agency was activated in 1973. Her prior government service was as Director of VISTA, as Special Assistant to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary, Elliot B. Richardson, with the Migrant Division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, Commission on Political Activity of Government Personnel, and the Department of Interior. Named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1969, she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Bates College in 1972, and listed in Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who of American Politicians, the World of Who's Who of Women, and Who's Who of Government.

A PANEL OF OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

Brief Remarks and Response to Speaker

HELEN W. EVANS, Director
Department of Industrial Relations
State of Ohio
"HOW GOVERNMENT SERVES WOMEN"

RUTH M. MILLER, PhD, Director
Department of Health and Welfare
City of Cleveland
"BEING A WOMAN IN GOVERNMENT"

RITA VICKERT
Director of Executive Staff
Mary Frances Center
"UPWARD MOBILITY - THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN"

CATHERINE C. DICKMAN
Public Information Officer
Board of Commissioners - Cuyahoga County
"RETURN TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT - ONE WOMAN'S ADVANTAGE"

DISCUSSION - YOUR PARTICIPATION

Adjourn 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Zelda W. Milner, Deputy Director
U.S. Department of Commerce

Vice Chairperson: Gen Esgar, Engineer
NASA Lewis Research Center
CLEVELAND CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR
OCTOBER 25 - 27, 1975

is Northern Ohio's response to President Ford's Executive Order establishing a National Commission on the observance of IYW 1975 and the United Nation's General Assembly Resolution proclaiming 1975 as IYW with this action agenda:

1. To promote equality between men and women

2. To ensure full integration of women into the social and economic development of all nations

3. The recognition of women's increasing contributions to the strengthening of world peace.

"America's women are now in the forefront of our national effort to rekindle the spirit of our revolution—a spirit that just one year short of our two hundredth birthday as a nation still says all people are created equal—a spirit concerned about the reality of those words.

International Women's Year is not just for women. It is for all people dedicated to seeing that the highest potential of each human being is achieved."

Gerald R. Ford
The White House
January 9, 1975
GREATER CLEVELAND CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

... a rational, comprehensive approach, exploring the many options available to women in equal partnership with men... to further IWY goals of...

EQUALITY
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FROM: SUSAN FOSTER

October 30, 1975

I recently had a call from Mr. Brussat at Office of Management and Budget urging Mrs. Ford to make an appearance at their "Women in Government" seminar on October 25th at the Cleveland International Women's Year Congress. They are also having a booth which they would like Mrs. Ford to visit. I think this should definitely be in your hands as you assess the total picture. I might add that the first thought that comes to my mind, however, is that she can well focus upon women in government in Washington and therefore it might be better to focus on other aspects of women more immediately relevant to the Cleveland situation. I defer to your judgment however. I have acknowledged receipt of this by phone.

Thank you.

cc: Sheila Weidenfeld
Dear Ms. Porter:

Mr. Bill Brussat, Office of Management and Budget, has advised us of his conversation with you regarding Mrs. Ford's coming visit to the Greater Cleveland Congress - International Women's Year on Saturday, October 25th. We understand Mrs. Ford's appearance is expected to be very brief. We are hopeful, however, that if the schedule permits, Mrs. Ford would make an appearance at the "Women in Government" seminar scheduled to take place between 1:40 and 3:00 P.M. Attached is a brochure outlining the particulars of the program. Also attached is a Program covering all activities planned for the three-day Congress.

The Cleveland Federal Executive Board will have a booth at the Convention Center to promote the Federal Women's Program as well as the FEB. In view of the FEB's affiliation with the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, we would like to explore the possibility of having Mrs. Ford visit and be photographed at the FEB booth. Coverage by the news media of such a visit would be a tremendous boost to all Federal Executive Boards across the country.

We appreciate your bringing this material to Mrs. Ford's attention. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact our Executive Director, Mrs. Mary R. Jones, at (216) 522-7086.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James S. Gracey, RADM, USCG
Chairman
Cleveland Federal Executive Board

Enclosures

cc: Bill Brussat, OMB
October 20, 1975

Dear Mr. Bartczak,

Your gracious letter to Mrs. Ford is greatly appreciated. Although Mrs. Ford’s schedule during her stay in Cleveland has not been fully determined, I am sure she would want me to convey her gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Susan Porter
Appointments Secretary
for Mrs. Ford

Mr. Joseph H. Bartczak
Director
John Robert Powers School
1558 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

cc: Peter Sorum with copy incoming
    Shelia Weidenfeld with copy of incoming
    Patti Watson with copy of incoming
Dear Mrs. Ford,

It is a pleasure to know that you will be speaking at the INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONGRESS in Cleveland, October 25th-27th.

As a POWERS graduate you surely realize our goals in helping the people of our community.

We will have a booth at the Congress, and would like to invite you to stop by and meet the POWERS staff when you are here.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JOSEPH M. BARTCZAK
DIRECTOR
Ms Susan Porter
Appointment Secretary to Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Susan,

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed clippings. The announcement of Mrs. Ford's appearance at the Cleveland Congress of the IWY celebration has given us the front page and news coverage that we badly needed. It was impossible to get off the women's pages until the City Editors learned about Mrs. Ford's interest in the Congress. Now I am being called by every businessman I know, asking to help us in some way.

Another item... The Bond Court Hotel which is giving us a lot of help in the form of hospitality suites and special rates for our guests has offered the brand new Presidential Suite for Mrs. Ford's use while she is in Cleveland. It is across the street from the Convention Center and would be perfect for press conferences and anything else you might have in mind for her. The security arrangements would be easier to handle because of the hotel's location in respect to the Convention Center. There is a stage door directly across from the hotel.

Let me know if there is anything we can do to help. I can be reached at (216) 696-7788 during the day and at (216) 932-4460 after working hours.

Sincerely,

Joanne K. Kaufman
Special Events Coordinator
Betty Ford coming here for IWY

By RUSTY BROWN

First Lady Betty Ford is coming to Cleveland for the International Women's Year Congress later this month.

Known for her sympathy with the women's movement, she's coming here because, as she told one IWY planner, "your Congress is the biggest in the country."

The First Lady is scheduled to arrive around noon, Saturday, Oct. 25, first day of the three-day conclave at Cleveland Convention Center.

She will address the Congress briefly, then sit in on some of the afternoon workshops led by top women leaders in Cleveland and the nation.

The President's wife strikingly exhibited her feelings about women's rights recently when she wrote personal letters to legislators urging passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, Betty, first ad, five-star-brown!

Cleveland's IWY Congress, Oct. 25-27 is free to interested women and men. Each day's sessions are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Women Olympic and sports stars, comedian Lily Tomlin, columnist Ann Landers and Jill Ruckelshaus are among other notables who will attend.

Betty Ford’s visit here to be 1st as 1st lady

By Mary Straussmeyer

Mrs. Gerald Ford will make her first Cleveland appearance as the first lady Saturday, Oct. 25.

She will speak at the Greater Cleveland Congress of the International Women's Year at the Cleveland Convention Center. She will not make the opening ceremonies at 9 a.m., but will arrive later that morning for a stay of a little more than an hour.

After a week of on-again, off-again negotiations over her appearance with the White House, the commitment came late Thursday, said local IWY officials.

About 30,000 Greater Clevelanders are expected to attend the three-day congress.

This is International Women's Year, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly "as a year to focus attention throughout the world on the status of women."

The congress here will offer something for men and boys as well as women and girls. There will be speakers, entertainers, workshops, exhibits and booths, all free to the public.

Other speakers will be Jill Ruckelshaus, chairman, National Commission on the Observance of IWY, Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the U.N. General Assembly; Mrs. Chet Huntley, widow of the news commentator, and Jill Ruckelshaus are among other notables who will attend.

Entertainers will include actors Lily Tomlin, Ozie Davis and Ruby Dee and television soap opera personalities Susan Lucci and Nicholas Benedict, the Erica and Philip of "All My Children."

The congress will explore alternatives open to women, from volunteer work to career advancement, education, child rearing and homemaking.
3-day IWY congress jammed with activities

Whether or not First Lady Betty Ford will be feted with a reception or just wander and "enjoy" at Cleveland's International Women's Year Congress is not yet clear. But her presence on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the nation's largest IWY program has been confirmed.

Specific plans for Mrs. Ford will be announced with in a week by her White House staff, according to a Cleveland IWY spokesperson.

A stimulating variety of speakers and panels, lightened by performances of the Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers, Jerry Thomas and the Gospel Experience and other musical performers, are set for the Cleveland Convention Center during the three-day IWY event.

Saturday's program, follow-

ing a 9 a.m. invocation by Madam Vijaya LakshmiPatel, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, and a keynote speech by Jill Ruckelshaus, chairperson of the National Commission on the Observance of IWY, will include panels on women and the law, in government, in unions, in employment, in the military, as peace makers, as volunteers, in politics, as consumers and in other roles.

Several sessions on ethnic women, on the history of women's rights movement as well as pro- and anti-abort-

ion panels, will also be included.

A panel featuring the chairperson of the National Women's Political Caucus, Audrey Rowe Colvin, will be moder-

ated by Nancy Crone, president of the Cuyahoga Women's Political Caucus. Panelists will include Nancy Arnow, IWY Commission and U.S. State Department.

Rosa Virginia Arevalo (D-17) and Francisco M. Panahol (R-

1) of the Ohio House of Representa-

tives as well as Ohio State Senator Margene Valenti-

que (D-13).

On Sunday morning an ex- ecuteme celebration called "Vision of Wholeness," set for 10:30 a.m., will be led by Rev. Joan Campbell and her daughter, Jane Campbell, coordinator of WomenSpace. Participants will include Madam Pandit; Dr. Zelma George, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN; folk singer and guitarist Lynn Haney; Cleveland Catholic Diocese; dancer Ana Emms, and "All God's Children," which is the All-City High School Choir. Church and temple choirs will also sing. Sunday afternoon panels range from women in sports and women in the arts in dis-

cussions of lobbying and com-

munity commitment.

A concert by the Cleveland Women's Orchestra, featuring pianist Elam Padis, is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., and an "Evening with comedien-

ess-actress Lily Tomlin," known for her mimicry of stereotypes, is set for 9-9:30 p.m.

Ms. Padis will be one of five pianists to discuss "The Creative Artist: Women Should Be Seen and Heard" under the moderation of Nina Gilsen, director of the Cleveland Arv Arts Council. Other panelists will be Albinia Ticha, sculptor; Gate Crawford, photographer; Barbara Smoker, painter; and poets Barbara Angell and Marguer-

ie Beck-Jex.

Ms. Gilsen will also moder-

ate "Issues Concerning Wom-

en in the Arts," with panelists Dorothy Silver, ac-

dress and director at Karamas House; Edith Owen, actress; Cleveland Play House: Hetie Yanick, opera singer, Cleve-

land Institute of Music; Dio-

anne McIntyre, director, Sounds in Motion Inc., and Kathryn Karpjokas, Sonic Company, Case Western Reserve University.

Monday sessions will in-

clude El workshops for high school students and a full day of special workshops on concerns of senior citi-

zens, as well as more than 50 other workshops of interest to both men and women.

Monday workshops will in-

clude sessions on assertiv-

eness, women's health, mothering, legislating prostitu-

tion, getting grants and giving them, divorce and separa-

tion, consciousness rais-

ing for women, consciousness raising for men and others.

At 10 a.m. Monday, soap opera stars Susan Luers and Nicholas Bendict, who play Erica and Philip Brent in "All My Children," will dis-

cuss "In Life is a Soap Opera?" with Fred Griffiths, host of WEWS-TV 'Morning Exchange." Moderator will be Dr. Jane Kenster.

A gala IWY closing ceremo-

nies, set for 8 p.m., will fea-

ture Dorothy Fulheim, WEWS-TV news commentator, members of the Greater Cleveland Congress Executive Committee, and Phyllis L. Gillis, executive director of Gallup Inter-

national Research Institutes, Inc.

BILL RANDEL

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I had some braunschweiger the other night at Steve Ronic's now legendary Hofbrau House. It was terrific and it brought to mind the many va-

rieties of ethnic sausages that I really like. Hot and mild Italian sausage, for ex-

ample. Knackwurst, Sile-

vian kielbasa. The Asman Brothers' famous home made links Cleveland is filled with fine sausage makers.

Bill Randel
By RUSTY BROWN

Pleasing girl and feminist Lily Tomlin is coming to Cleveland for the three-day International Women’s Year Congress, Oct. 25-27.

So is Phyllis Gillis, executive director of the famed Gallup Institute, who will make public results of the institute’s survey of women really want and think.

Also coming: Olympic star PSA designer, tennis pro and TV commentator Julie Heldman and Lynn Caine, author of “Widow,” the book that served as a springboard for millions of women.

Interest in Cleveland’s IWY event—titled as the most extensive event of its kind in the U.S.—is mounting with announcement that nearly 200 national, state and local women leaders will participate as speakers, panelists and entertainers.

A sprinkling of men also will participate, says Gwill York, Cleveland Congress executive committee head.

First and only woman president of the UN General Assembly, Madame Wilma Peng, will open the Congress at Cleveland’s Convention Center, Oct. 23. Also a keynote: JILL Ruckelshaus, sometime presidential advisor on women’s rights, now executive of the National Commission for IWY.

Other topics coming: Funny black poet Nikki Giovanni, golfer Claire Deane, popular Detroit psychologist Dr. Sonya Fried- man, who gives advice on television here, and TV stars Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, who will present “An Evening of Black America” on Sunday.

A discussion of women and politics, for example, will be led by National Women’s Political Caucus President Audrey Rouse Colson in a session titled “A Woman’s Place Is In The House ... and Senate.”

Women and men will be ex- plained to the full by Adelle Wyatt, APL- CO executive and veep of the National Coalition of Labor Union Women, and APL-CO lobbyist Evelyn Dobrow.

Highest-ranking woman in the U.S. Defense Dept., Dr. Rosalyn Scherlfield, former head of CFWU’s nursing dept., will talk about women in the military.

What working women should know in getting the system tweaked for them will be discussed by Lotty Pogrebin, author and a Sills Magazine editor, Tippy Huntley, widow of TV newscaster Chet Huntley, will talk about "Women Approaching Powerlessness." 

Women leaders in Cleveland and Ohio also taking part: sterilization rights leader Lois Keys, Ohio president of the League of Women Voters Jean Lawrence, rape crusader Lynda Ham- mond, women millionaire Jean Campbell and State Representa- tive Virginia Aiken.

Chairperson Gwill York is ex- pecting 20,000 Cleveland women to attend the Greater Cleveland Congress.

More than 150 local women’s organizations, she says, have contracted for exhibits and booths.
October 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:  PETER SCHIM
                  PATTI HATSON

FROM:          SUSAN PORTER

Attached is another letter from a friend of Mrs. Ford's from years gone by who lives in the Cleveland area. If it would be possible to include her in a "say hello" situation, I think it would be nice. I have not contacted her so will leave that to you in the process of your plans. If you find it is not possible to include her in any way, however, would you please let me know so that a warm response can be sent to her?

Thank you.

C: Sheila Weidenfeld
Mrs. Clyde N. Comstock  
2873 Chatham Road  
Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124

October 9

Dear Betty,

We are delighted to hear that you are coming to Cleveland later on this month. We would love to see you. What can we do for you to make your visit more firm?

We have plenty of room - can you come out and stay? Can you, if not stay, at least come out to see us? Would you like a party?
or just us?

Can't say I'm as excited about wonder as I am about seeing you — But
and I am really pleased and looking forward to
renewing old friendships and laughing about dear
old Regan Agon —

Affectionately

Addie
IWY Luncheon in honor of Mrs. Ford Guest List
Board Room, Bond Court Hotel 1:30 pm
October 25, 1975

Mrs. Ford

Madam Pandit  former President of UN General Assembly

Jill Ruckelshaus  Chairperson, National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year

Phyllis Gillis  Executive Director, Gallup International Research Institutes, Inc.

Tippy Huntley  Chet Huntley's widow, currently Promotional Consultant to Big Sky of Montana, Inc.

* Gwill York  Chairperson, Greater Cleveland Congress, International Women's Year

* Dorothy Fuldheim  Television personality, WEWS TV News commentator

* Mercedes Cotner  City Council Clerk

Betty Cope  General Manager, WVIZ TV (Cleveland's educational television station)

* Almeda Johnson  Chief Police Prosecutor

* Elaine Hadden  civic leader

* Claudia Guzzo  County Board of Elections member and Republican leader

* Named by Cleveland Plain Dealer as Cleveland's "Most Influential Women" (Sunday Plain Dealer Magazine, October 19, 1975)
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO CLEVELAND, OHIO
Saturday, October 25, 1975

9:00 a.m. Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Granites
MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Granites enroute
Andrews Air Force Base.
[Driving time: 25 minutes]

9:25 a.m. MOTORCADE ARRIVES Andrews Air Force Base.
Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

9:30 a.m. C-9 DEPARTS Andrews Air Force Base enroute
Hopkins International [Flying time: 1 hour 10 minutes]
Airport, Cleveland, Ohio.

10:40 a.m. C-9 ARRIVES Hopkins International Airport:
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

Mrs. Ford will be met by:
Mayor Ralph Perk (R-Cleveland)

10:45 a.m. Mrs. Ford and Mayor Perk board motorcade.
MOTORCADE DEPARTS Hopkins International Airport
enroute Bond Court Hotel.
[Driving time: 25 minutes]

11:10 a.m. MOTORCADE ARRIVES Bond Court Hotel.
Mrs. Ford and Mayor Perk proceed into hotel to
greet Mr. James Carney, Hotel owner.
NOTE: Mayor Perk will bid farewell.
in the Hotel Lobby

11:15a. Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Carney, proceeds to 21st floor and the Presidential Suite
Mrs. Ford will be met by:
Mr. James Lavo, Bond Court General Manager
Mrs. James (June) Lavo

NOTE: As the first occupant of the Presidential Suite, Mrs. Ford will cut a ceremonial ribbon at the suite entrance.
OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE


PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 45 minutes

12:00 noon Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of the UN General Assembly, arrives suite.

12:05p. Mrs. Ford and Madame Pandit depart suite enroute motorcade for boarding.

12:08p. MOTORCADE DEPARTS Bond Court Hotel enroute Cleveland Convention Center.
(Driving time: 1 minute)
12:09 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Cleveland Convention Center. Mrs. Ford and Madame Ponsit will be met by:

Mrs. Scott R. York, Chairperson, Greater Cleveland Congress, International Women's Year.

12:10 pm Mrs. Ford and Madame Ponsit, escorted by Mrs. York, proceed on informal walking tour of organization exhibit area.

12:25 pm Mrs. Ford and Madame Ponsit, escorted by Mrs. York, conclude tour and proceed to Music Center offshore holding area.

12:28 pm Mrs. Ford arrives offshore holding area.

PERSONAL TIME: 5 minutes

12:33 pm Mrs. Ford and Madame Ponsit, escorted by Mrs. York, proceed on stage and take their seat.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 3,000
12:35 Opening remarks by Mrs. William Crapo Ford, Chairperson, National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. Closing with the introduction of Mrs. Ford.

12:37 pm Mrs. Ford's remarks

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:42 pm Remarks conclude

Mrs. Ford is joined at the podium by Mrs. York.

12:43 Remarks by Mrs. York including presentation to Mrs. Ford and the introduction of Mayor Perlo.

NOTE: No response is required.

12:47 pm Remarks by Mayor Perlo.

1:05 pm Program concludes.

1:05 pm Mrs. Ford leaves. Departs Music Center stage entrance and Contra Hotel.

[Walking time: 5 minutes]
1:10 pm Mrs. Ford arrives Presidential Suite, Cadwal Hotel.  
[PERSONAL TIME: 20 minutes]

1:30 pm Mrs. Ford departs Presidential Suite enroute Board Room.

1:32 pm Mrs. Ford arrives Board Room and greets luncheon participants.

ATTENDANCE: 12

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

1:35 pm Luncheon is served.

2:30 pm Luncheon concludes.

2:32 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. York, departs Board Room enroute Barcelona Suite.

2:35 pm Mrs. Ford escorted by Mrs. York, arrives Barcelona Suite to informally greet East International Women's Year Congress Executive Committee members.

ATTENDANCE: 75

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

2:50 pm Mrs. Ford departs Barcelona Suite enroute President
Suite.

2:51 pm MRS. Ford arrives Presidential Suite
PERSONAL TIME: 5 minutes.

2:56 pm MRS. Ford departs Presidential Suite enroute motorcade for boarding.

3:00 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Bond Court Hotel
enroute Hopkins International Airport.
[Driving time: 25 minutes]

3:25 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hopkins International Airport
CLOSED DEPARTURE
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE.

Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

3:30 pm C-9 DEPARTS Hopkins International Airport
enroute Andrews Air Force Base.
[Driving time: 1 hour, 5 minutes]

4:35 pm C-9 ARRIVES Andrews Air Force Base.
Mrs. Ford boards motorcade.
4:40 pm  MOTORCADE DEPARTS Andrews Air Force Base enroute South Granby.
[Driving time: 25 minutes]

5:05 pm  MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Granby.
Mr. Silverman:

The letter I spoke to you about is enclosed. A Mrs. Pat Pichler called the Mayor's Office to inquire about the status of her request and I filled her in on the details you provided. You most likely will be hearing from her on Friday.

Good luck on a successful event this Saturday.
October 18, 1975

Hon. Ralph J. Perk
Mayor of Cleveland
Cleveland City Hall
601 Lakeside Avenue NE
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mayor Perk,

Your convictions toward the life issues are known to all, and your kindnesses have been a source of encouragement to all of us in our work. We again ask you to further help us in our efforts.

We understand that our First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, will be in Cleveland on Saturday to attend the Greater Cleveland Congress of IWY. Although realizing the many demands on her time, we would like the opportunity to meet with her for a few moments to discuss our concern for women and their needs in today's world. Mrs. Ford is certainly deeply committed to this. We would also like to present her with some material we know she would find helpful.

We would appreciate any help you could be in making such a meeting possible. May we thank you for your help in the past and for the efforts you will continue to make to help.

Sincerely in life,

Mary Ann Johansen

Mary Ann Johansen (Mrs.)