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Personalities

Actress Elizabeth Taylor was admitted to Loudoun Memorial Hospital in Leesburg yesterday afternoon after falling from a horse near her fiancé John W. Warner's farm in Middleburg.

The 44-year-old actress suffered contusions and a lower back sprain, a spokeswoman for the hospital said. Taylor was reported to be resting comfortably yesterday evening.

While most benefit fashion shows strain to raise \$10,000, yesterday's All-Israel Fashion Festival luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel must have topped all records locally. Nearly half a million dollars was raised through the purchase of State of Israel Bonds, which support that country's economic development.

According to Mrs. Simcha Dinitz, wife of the ambassador from Israel, the doubling of the admission price this year to a minimum \$500 bond purchase did not cut back on the number of women—about 800—who usually attend this event.

Textiles and fashion are Israel's fourth largest industry and its swimwear by Gottex is its strongest seller. Also of note in the show—leathers and suedes by Bege-Or, striped heavy cotton ethnic costumes from Rifma, and stretch velours from Popco.

Saks Fifth Avenue staged the show, which included "celebrity" models Susan Brinkley, Jean Rather, Bette Lord, Judith Viorst, Helen Jackson and Meryl Comer, among others.

Future First Lady Rosalynn Carter

plans to wear an old dress to the Inaugural Balls, but her grandson, Jason Carter, aged 18 months, has ordered three new outfits.

Sylvia Whyte, a Miami designer, says that three Navy-blue, spot-resistant coveralls with red and yellow appliques have been ordered for Jason, the son of Jack Carter.

Why three? Two spares, in case of accident. Like "he might get ice cream on one," Whyte suggested.

While Jason is living it up in Washington, President Ford and his family will be heading to Palm Springs, Calif., according to comedian Bob Hope, who says the President told him he was moving there. The Political Animal, a Los Angeles newsletter also reports that negotiations are going on between the President and the architectural firm of Welton-Beckett Associates, to build the Fords a house in Palm Springs.

A Howard University graduate gave a mild slap to his alma mater Monday night during a symposium the university's Phi Beta Kappa chapter sponsored to honor singer-actor-activist and fellow Phi Beta Paul Robeson. "(He) holds no honorary degree from this university and that is a commentary on this place and on that man," said Timothy L. Jenkins, a lawyer and head of the Match Institution, as some in the sparse audience applauded.

—Judith Martin
and Nina S. Hyde



By James A. Parcell—The Washington Post

A model at the All-Israel Fashion Festival at the Shoreham wears a swimsuit and coverup made by an Israeli manufacturer.

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United Press International

GOLF OUTING—President Ford leaves for an early round of golf in the desert resort of Palm Spring, Calif., where he will be vacationing until Sunday.

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Associated Press

GOLFING PARTNERS—President Ford and comedian Bob Hope share a laugh before teeing off at Eldorado Country Club in Palm Springs, Calif., where Ford is vacationing. Ford wouldn't comment on whether he is house-hunting in the desert resort. Before heading for the links, Ford met with economic adviser Alan Greenspan.

LHAVE TIME TO TAKE IT EASY AWHILE AND BEGIN THINKING ABOUT HIS FUTURE.

"RELAX, HAVE A GOOD TIME, NO PRESSURE," HE TOLD REPORTERS AS HE TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN A LUXURIOUS 14-ROOM RANCH HOUSE OWNED BY LEONARD K. FIRESTONE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND A MEMBER OF THE WEALTHY RUBBER INDUSTRY FAMILY.

BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON, FORD'S SPOKESMEN SAID HE WOULD BE WORKING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS SEVERAL HOURS A DAY DURING HIS VACATION. THE EMPHASIS, THEY SAID, WOULD BE ON THE NEW BUDGET AND THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE FORD WILL PRESENT TO CONGRESS IN MID-JANUARY.

BUT AFTER HE ARRIVED HERE, HIS AIDES MINIMIZED TALK OF FORD'S OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND SAID HE WAS DEALING ONLY WITH ROUTINE PAPERWORK OR APPOINTMENTS, AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS BASICALLY TRYING TO RECUPERATE FROM CAMPAIGN '76.

FORD HURRIEDLY EXPLORED AREA GOLF COURSES ON OUTINGS WITH OLD FRIENDS.

HE SPENT HIS FIRST DAY AT THE EXCLUSIVE LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB AND REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT CLUB POLICY PRECLUDED THEM FROM FOLLOWING FORD ONTO THE GROUNDS.

WHEN ONE AIDE WAS ASKED IF THIS CLUB, LIKE FORD'S HOME COURSE OF BURNING TREE IN MARYLAND, ALSO BARRED WOMEN FROM THE PREMISES, HE REPLIED, "I DON'T KNOW AND NOBODY REALLY CARES ANY MORE."

THE PRESIDENT'S AIDES, NO LONGER WEIGHED DOWN BY THE RIGORS OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, FOLLOWED HIS EXAMPLE -- SOAKING UP THE CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE AROUND SWIMMING POOLS AND ON THE TENNIS COURTS. SOME SOUGHT TO PROJECT A CAVALIER IMAGE LIKE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN WHO SPORTED A T-SHIRT WITH THE SLOGAN "FEELIN' GOOD."

OTHERS FORTHRIGHTLY BEGAN SPEAKING OF THEIR OWN FUTURE PLANS.

THE NEW ATMOSPHERE ALSO WAS APPARENT ON AIR FORCE ONE AS FORD FLEW WEST FROM WASHINGTON. MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND SOME OF HIS STAFF SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT CARTER'S PLANS FOR THE PRESIDENCY WHILE SEEMING TO DISCOUNT THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE IN FORD'S LAST DAYS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

BUT THE PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF SEEMED PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS OVER TWO YEARS AND THE JUST CONCLUDED CAMPAIGN. MOREOVER, AT LEAST ONE AIDE SUGGESTED THAT FORD NOW WAS FREE TO DISREGARD THE PRESSURES OF POLITICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD GO OUT IN STYLE BY GIVING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A "TRUE" PICTURE OF THE NATION IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

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CAMPAIGN OVER, SCENE THE SAME



—United Press International

President Ford, arriving in Palm Springs, Calif., for an eight-day vacation, shakes hands with some of the 5,000 persons who greeted him at the airport, the turnout

highly reminiscent of the big crowds he was drawing just a week ago as he campaigned for re-election. He flew west after attending church here. Story, Page A-8.

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PALM SPRINGS (UPI) -- WAYNE SHIELDS, 21, WAS ARRESTED THURSDAY FOR HAVING A LOADED PISTOL IN HIS PICKUP TRUCK NEAR PRESIDENT FORD, BUT POLICE SAID HE MEANT NO HARM TO THE PRESIDENT.

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS NOTICED THE .38-CALIBER REVOLVER ON THE DASHBOARD OF SHIELDS' TRUCK NEAR FORD'S MOTORCADE AND SUMMONED SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WHO ARRESTED SHIELDS FOR CARRYING A LOADED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE, A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW.

"THIS KID HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRESIDENT," SAID THE WATCH COMMANDER AT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

"HE ALWAYS CARRIES THIS GUN FOR TARGET SHOOTING. HE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO CARRY IT LOADED IN HIS VEHICLE."

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PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WORKED ON PAPERS DEALING WITH THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND SPENT ANOTHER DAY ON THE GOLF COURSE TODAY AS HE CONTINUED HIS POST-ELECTION VACATION.

REPORTERS SPECULATED THAT THE FORD FAMILY'S PRESENCE HERE SUGGESTED THEY WERE CONSIDERING PALM SPRINGS AS A FUTURE RESIDENCE, BUT WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID, "HE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY DECISION" ON SUCH A SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

NESSEN ALSO SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD DONE NO WORK ON THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE THAT HE WILL DELIVER BEFORE THE CONGRESS PRIOR TO LEAVING OFFICE ON JAN. 20. IT WAS ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT NESSEN HAD EARLIER SAID WOULD OCCUPY FORD'S WORKING HOURS DURING HIS EIGHT-DAY VACATION.

ON ANOTHER TOPIC, NESSEN DESCRIBED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, SCHEDULED TO START FRIDAY IN PARIS, AS "RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL TALKS" THAT HAVE RESULTED FROM CONSULTATIONS GOING ON SINCE LAST MARCH.

HE SAID THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ORIGINALLY WANTED THE TALKS TO START NOV. 5, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE U.S. ELECTION, BUT THE UNITED STATES HELD OUT FOR THE NOV. 12 STARTING DATE.

NESSEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. POSITION REMAINS THE SAME: A FULL ACCOUNTING OF AMERICANS STILL LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE ANY NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HANOI.

FORD CONTINUED A ROUTINE OF SWIMMING BEFORE BREAKFAST, CONFERRING BRIEFLY WITH AIDES AND THEN SPENDING FIVE HOURS PLAYING GOLF. HIS FOURSOME TODAY INCLUDED FRANK JAMIESON, HUSBAND OF ACTRESS EVA GABOR; JACK WESTLAND, A FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND ONE-TIME U.S. AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION AND A LONGTIME PALM SPRINGS FRIEND, FRED WILSON.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE HAVE NOT MADE ANY PUBLIC APPEARANCES, NOR HAVE THEY DINED OUT AS THEY FREQUENTLY DO ON SKI VACATIONS IN VAIL, COLO.

BUT THEY WERE HOSTS FOR A DINNER PARTY TUESDAY NIGHT THAT INCLUDED GOLFING PARTNERS, WILSON, WESTLAND, INDUSTRIALIST DARIUS KEATON, OF MONTEREY, CALIF., COMEDIAN BOB HOPE AND THEIR WIVES AND ANOTHER LOCAL FRIEND, DON BECKET.

ALSO ATTENDING WERE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM LEONARD FIRESTONE AND HIS WIFE, WHOSE 14-ROOM RANCH HOME THE FORDS ARE RENTING HERE. THE FIRESTONES WERE JUST BACK FROM BRUSSELS AND ARE STAYING ELSEWHERE IN PALM SPRINGS, NESSEN SAID.

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Getting Away From It All



Associated Press photo
President Ford and wife, Betty wave along with daughter Susan, as they board Air Force One with son Jack (left) and Steve Ford, saying they're putting off major decisions on post-White House future, will vacation in Palm Springs, Calif.



AP Photograph

The Fords Chat With Mrs. Elsie Tracy, in Front, and Mrs. Helen Williams

Wearied President Gets Lift From Crowd, Former Teachers

Grand Rapids Press 11/8/76 193-B

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — President Ford, physically and mentally fatigued after a close presidential defeat to the Democrats' Jimmy Carter, received some comfort from two of his former South High School teachers at church services in Washington prior to leaving for a week's vacation in California and a warm greeting from an enthusiastic

Army aide Robert Barrett said "some options may be delineated," regarding Ford's activities after Jimmy Carter takes over as president on Jan. 20. "But there certainly will be no decisions made," Barrett said.

He indicated the entire Ford family will have a role in deciding on the President's next White House role.

Monday, November 8, 1976



—Associated Press

Preparing to enter St. Johns Church here yesterday for Sunday services, President and Mrs. Ford talk with Elsie Tracy (left) and Helen Williams (right), who were among the many sidewalk spectators waiting to greet

them. The President soon realized that years ago Tracy taught a political science class at Grand Rapids Junior High School when he was a student there, and that Williams taught him art appreciation.

Ford on Vacation: Handshaking as Usual

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — The campaign is over for President Ford, but some of the scenes remain the same. He arrived here for a vacation stay and immediately plunged into an old routine — shak-

five-hour transcontinental flight in his cabin with Mrs. Ford, while members of his staff, daughter Susan and sons Jack and Steve relaxed and socialized in other parts of the plane.

of the Union message he will deliver to the new 95th Congress.

Several golfing partners already were lined up for him, including comedian Bob Hope and former Army football coach Earl (Red)

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FORD

BY FRANK CORMIER

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD APPEARS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE POST-ELECTION PHONE CALL HE MADE TO FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS BELATEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED TUESDAY THAT FORD PHONED HIS RESIGNED PREDECESSOR LAST THURSDAY AND TALKED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.

WHEN REPORTERS TRIED TO QUESTION THE VACATIONING FORD ABOUT THE PHONE CALL BEFORE HE BEGAN A ROUND OF GOLF TUESDAY, THE PRESIDENT'S ONLY COMMENT WAS, "WE AREN'T HAVING ANY PRESS CONFERENCES. I CALLED HIM, SAID HELLO TO HIM."

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN THEN TOLD REPORTERS HE WOULD TALK TO FORD AND ASK WHY THE CALL WAS MADE AND WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED. BUT NESSEN'S OFFICE LATER PUT OUT A BRIEF STATEMENT THAT REPORTERS' QUESTIONS HAD BEEN "ANSWERED BY THE PRESIDENT" EARLIER IN THE DAY.

FORD WAS GOLFING AT THE THUNDERBIRD COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY ARE OCCUPYING A HOME ALONGSIDE THE THIRTEENTH FAIRWAY OWNED BY LEONARD FIRESTONE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM.

THE PRESIDENT LOOKED A BIT DRAWN TO MANY REPORTERS AND SHOWED LITTLE EVIDENCE OF HAVING SOAKED UP MUCH OF THE WARM DESERT SUN SINCE ARRIVING HERE SUNDAY ON AN EIGHT-DAY HOLIDAY.

AFTER IT WAS REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT NIXON TELEPHONED FORD'S RUNNING MATE, SEN. BOB DOLE, AFTER THE ELECTION, THE WHITE HOUSE TOLD REPORTERS THAT NIXON DID NOT CALL FORD.

NESSEN SAID THAT ON SATURDAY HE LEARNED THAT THE PRESIDENT PHONED NIXON, BUT NESSEN SAID HE DID NOT REVEAL THE CALL BECAUSE EARLIER PRESS INQUIRIES HAD CENTERED AROUND A POSSIBLE CALL FROM NIXON TO FORD.

NESSEN'S OFFICE ALSO SAID THAT FORD TELEPHONED FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, HIS CHALLENGER FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, SIX DAYS AGO.

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(FORD)

(BY RICHARD LERNER)

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WHAT HE SAID TO RICHARD NIXON AFTER LAST WEEK'S ELECTION IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS BUT HIS OWN.

FORD, IN NO MOOD FOR NEWS CONFERENCES OR TALK OF TOUCHY SUBJECTS AT THIS POINT IN HIS VACATION, CONTINUED TODAY THE ROUTINE OF LIGHT WORK, GOLF AND PRIVACY HE HAS FOLLOWED SINCE SUNDAY IN THIS DESERT SPA.

CONTROVERSY INTRUDED BRIEFLY ON THAT ROUTINE AND HE TRIED TO SHUT IT OFF QUICKLY TUESDAY WHEN REPORTERS, ALLOWED TO WATCH HIS FIRST TEE SHOT, ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PHONE CALL HE MADE TO NIXON FROM WASHINGTON LAST THURSDAY.

"WE ARE NOT HAVING ANY PRESS CONFERENCES TODAY," HE SAID, AND STARTED TO WALK OFF TOWARD HIS GOLF CART.

THEN HE WHEELED, APPARENTLY EXASPERATED, SHRUGGED AND SAID: "I CALLED HIM AND SAID HELLO TO HIM."

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN, BESIEGED BY REPORTERS AFTER THE GOLF COURSE ENCOUNTER, PROMISED TO RELAY QUESTIONS TO FORD ON THE ISSUE. NESSEN LATER TOLD UPI HE HAD THE ONLY ANSWERS THAT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ON THE TWO MAIN QUERIES:

-- WHY DID FORD CALL NIXON? "BECAUSE HE WANTED TO."

-- WHAT DID THEY TALK ABOUT? "THAT'S A PRIVATE MATTER."

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(FORD)

(BY RICHARD LERNER)

PALM SPRINGS (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS VACATIONING AS THOUGH HE WERE ALREADY OUT OF OFFICE BUT ALSO IS KEEPING EVERYONE GUESSING ABOUT HIS POST-ELECTION FEELINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE FUTURE.

SINCE ARRIVING IN THIS DESERT SPA, HE HAS BEEN ALMOST AN INVISIBLE MAN AND AIDES SAID HE WOULD HOLD TO HIS PRIVATE LIFE STYLE TODAY WITH A SIXTH ROUND OF GOLF IN AS MANY DAYS.

EXCEPT FOR TAKING BETTY TO A BIG DINNER PARTY IN HIS HONOR, FORD HAS LEFT HIS 14-ROOM RENTED VILLA ONLY TO PLAY AT SWANKY GOLF COURSES IN THE AREA AND HAS VIRTUALLY IGNORED THE PRESS WHEN SEEN BRIEFLY AT THE START OF THOSE OUTINGS.

AIDES SAID HE HAS BEEN SLEEPING LATER, DOING SOME LIGHT WORK BEFORE AND AFTER GOLF, AND SPENDING EVENINGS QUIETLY WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRINEDS.

QUESTIONED BRIEFLY BY REPORTERS YESTERDAY, FORD REVEALED WITH A GRIN THAT "I'VE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON WINNING A DOLLAR OR TWO AT GOLF."

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(FORD)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT LEADING THE NATION DURING THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM THAN MAKING DEFINITE PLANS FOR HIS FUTURE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, ACCORDING TO HIS CHIEF SPOKESMAN.

FORD SENT WORD THROUGH PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN YESTERDAY THAT HE IS WEIGHING OPTIONS CAREFULLY AND IS IN NO HURRY TO REACH A FINAL DECISION ON HIS LIFESTYLE AFTER TURNING THE WHITE HOUSE OVER TO THE DEMOCRATS.

NESSEN SAID, "THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE NO FIRM DECISIONS ON HIS FUTURE PLANS, EITHER IN TERMS OF WHERE HE WILL LIVE OR WHAT HE WILL DO."

"HE BELIEVES THAT HE HAS A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN NOW AND JAN. 20 TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAT'S THE WAY HE WILL FUNCTION."

FORD MET YESTERDAY AT LENGTH WITH ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO ASSESS PROGRESS ON DRAFTING THE NEW FEDERAL BUDGET HE MUST SUBMIT TO CONGRESS BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE. NESSEN SAID FORD AGREED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER "EARLY NEXT WEEK" AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE TRANSITION OF POWER. FORD ALSO WILL DISPATCH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO CARTER'S GEORGIA HOME SATURDAY TO BRIEF CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT WALTER MONDALE ON FOREIGN POLICY. FORD AND HIS WIFE BETTY WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND AT VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S POCAHONTIC HILLS ESTATE IN TARRYTOWN, N.Y. THE FORDS WILL HAVE DINNER WITH THE ROCKEFELLERS SATURDAY NIGHT AND ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES WITH THEM SUNDAY MORNING. THEN THEY WILL ATTEND A PRIVATE CEREMONY IN WHICH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WILL DESIGNATE THE ESTATE A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

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PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- HIS VOICE AND WAISTLINE RESTORED TO PRE-CAMPAIGN FITNESS, PRESIDENT FORD IS RETURNING TO THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF GOLFING AND SWIMMING IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESERT.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND DAUGHTER, SUSAN, WERE DUE BACK IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT FROM A STAY THAT BEGAN NOV. 7.

FORD REPORTED THAT HIS ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS HAD TRIMMED FOUR POUNDS FROM HIS WEIGHT AND CLAIMED THE DESERT SUN HAD HELPED CURE HIS VOICE THAT HAD BEEN MADE HOARSE BY CAMPAIGN SPEECHES.

WHILE IN CALIFORNIA, FORD MADE LITTLE PRETENSE OF CONDUCTING ANY SERIOUS BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH HE DID MEET TWICE WITH JAMES LYNN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

PREPARATION OF THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 1978 FISCAL YEAR WILL GET PRIORITY ATTENTION AS FORD RESUMES HIS REGULAR WORK SCHEDULE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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(FORD)

(BY DAVID NAGY)

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY IT STILL IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HANOI IS READY TO ACCOUNT FOR MISSING AMERICAN TROOPS IN ORDER TO GAIN U.S. DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE IMPENDING U.S.-NORTH VIETNAM TALKS WHILE FORD WORKED AND GOLFED IN PRIVACY AT HIS VACATION HOME.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, NESSEN DESCRIBED THE DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS THAT OPEN IN PARIS FRIDAY AS A "LOW LEVEL" EFFORT AND SEEMED TO DISCOURAGE SUGGESTIONS THEY REPRESENT A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN WASHINGTON-HANOI RELATIONS.

A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER U.S. AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE FORMALLY MEANT THAT HANOI HAS SIGNALLED A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE THE FULL ACCOUNTING WASHINGTON HAS DEMANDED OF AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA.

"I THINK IT'S MUCH TOO EARLY TO MAKE ANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THAT," NESSEN SAID.

FORD HAS SAID THE MIA ISSUE MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE UNITED STATES WILL GRANT NORTH VIETNAM DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OR ALLOW IT TO ASSUME UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP. NESSEN SAID THAT POLICY REMAINS FIRM.

"BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS," HE SAID, "THERE MUST BE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE MIAS."

NESSEN ALSO SAID THAT, SO FAR AS HE KNEW, PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE OF THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PARIS TALKS. BUT HE INDICATED CARTER WOULD BE KEPT ABREAST OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE TRANSITION PROCESS.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD LAST NIGHT DID THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE ENTERTAINING THAT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED DURING THEIR PALM SPRINGS STAY.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES SAID THEY HAD A DINNER AT THEIR SECLUDED VILLA FOR ABOUT A DOZEN GUESTS, INCLUDING MR. AND MRS. BOB HOPE AND RUBBER MAGNATE LEONARD FIRESTONE, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM WHO OWNS FORD'S VACATION RESIDENCE.

THE AIDES SAID FORD MET BRIEFLY THIS MORNING WITH MAJ. ROBERT BARRETT, THE MILITARY AIDE WHO IS HELPING TO PLAN HIS TRANSITION TO PRIVATE LIFE, AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER BRENT SCOWCROFT.

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PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER FOR PRESIDENT FORD, BUT SOME OF THE SCENES REMAIN THE SAME. FORD ARRIVED HERE SUNDAY FOR A VACATION STAY AND IMMEDIATELY PLUNGED INTO AN OLD ROUTINE -- SHAKING HANDS WITH WELCOMERS.

"WISH YOU COULD STAY," AND "A SUNNY WELCOME TO PALM SPRINGS," READ THE PLACARDS AS THE FORD EMERGED FROM AIR FORCE ONE. PERHAPS FROM FORCE OF HABIT INGRAINED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, FORD IMMEDIATELY HEADED TOWARD A MUSIC-MAKING HIGH-SCHOOL BAND AND A GROUP OF FOOTBALL LETTERMEN HOLDING A YELLOW-AND-BLACK BANNER.

AFTER GREETING THEM, THE PRESIDENT "WORKED THE FENCE," MOVING ALONG POLICE-ERECTED BARRICADES SHAKING HANDS WITH HIS WELCOMERS.

THE FORD FAMILY PLANS AN EIGHT-DAY POST-ELECTION VACATION WITH EMPHASIS ON GOLF, REST AND RECREATION.

FORD WILL STAY AT THE HOME OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM LEONARD FIRESTONE, WHERE HE WILL STAY DURING HIS VACATION.

THE VACATION STAY WILL GIVE FORD A CHANCE TO CONSIDER HIS PLANS FOR WHEN HE LEAVES OFFICE JAN. 20 TO BE REPLACED BY DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER.

"SOME OPTIONS MAY BE DELINEATED, BUT THERE CERTAINLY WILL BE NO DECISIONS MADE," SAID ARMY AIDE ROBERT BARRETT.

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After Several Days in the Sun, Ford Feels 'Wonderful'

By Bill Richards

Washington Post Staff Writer

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Nov. 9—When he arrived in this perpetually sunny resort city Sunday, President Ford set the theme for his vacation by telling reporters anxious for

duck President must wrestle with during his eight-day stay here.

There is, for example, the problem of where he will live following the Jan. 20 inauguration of Jimmy Carter. To stay in Washington or in Alexandria, where he still owns his home, a

also had a long, serious discussion of what comes next but there were no decisions made.

Ford must also decide what he will do after the transition. Under federal law he gets \$103,500 in presidential

say whether the President has received concrete job offers or whether he has discussed his future with outsiders in all but the most general of terms.

Then there is the question of what

on this trip and when reporters on the golf course this morning asked him about a minor controversy that developed among the press over a telephone call between Ford and former President Richard M. Nixon, he

"We aren't having any press conference today." Then, striding off, he yelled back over his shoulder, "I called him. I said hello to him."

Ford has spent about an hour and a half to two hours the two mornings he

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BY FRANCES LEWINE

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WOUND UP AN EIGHT DAY VACATION IN THIS DESERT RESORT BY LOOKING AT REAL ESTATE WITH AN EYE TO BUYING HERE, HIS SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY JOHN CARLSON SAID FORD SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF SUNDAY LOOKING AT LOTS NEAR THE EXCLUSIVE THUNDERBIRD COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE AND THE HOME OF A FRIEND, INSURANCE EXECUTIVE FRED WILSON.

HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT MADE NO DECISION ABOUT WHERE HE'LL LIVE WHEN HE LEAVES THE WHITE HOUSE, CARLSON SAID. FORD HAS EXPRESSED FONDNESS FOR PALM SPRINGS, WHERE THE FORD FAMILY SPENT MANY EASTER VACATIONS WHEN HE WAS IN CONGRESS.

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PALM SPRINGS ADD FORD (N67)

THE FORDS, ACCOMPANIED BY SON JACK AS WELL, LEFT PALM SPRINGS AT 1:02 P.M. EDT. ABOUT 200 PERSONS WAVED THE PRESIDENT OFF. THEY WERE KEPT BEHIND A FENCE SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS FROM HIS PLANE.

THE DESERT WEATHER IS PERFECT FOR FORD'S FAVORITE SPORTS -- GOLFING AND SWIMMING. CARLSON ALSO SAID IT IS GOOD FOR MRS. FORD, WHO SUFFERS OSTEO-ARTHRITIS, WHICH CAUSES NECK AND BACK PAIN, PARTICULARLY IN A COLD, DAMP CLIMATE.

THE FORDS HAVE BEEN RENTING THE HOME OF LEONARD FIRESTONE, AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, DURING HIS STAY HERE.

THE FORDS OWN A HOME IN ALEXANDRIA, VA., WHERE THEY LIVED BEFORE MOVING INTO THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY ALSO OWN A CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT AT THE SKI RESORT OF VAIL, COLO.

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(FORD)

PALM SPRINGS (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID WITH A SHRUG TODAY HE CALLED RICHARD NIXON AFTER LAST WEEK'S ELECTION AND "SAID HELLO TO HIM", BUT HE REFUSED TO ELABORATE.

FORD WAS ASKED ABOUT THE NIXON PHONE CALL, DISCLOSED ONLY LAST NIGHT BY WHITE HOUSE AIDES, AS HE TEED OFF FOR A MORNING ROUND OF GOLF AT HIS THUNDERBIRD COUNTRY CLUB VACATION RESIDENCE.

"WE ARE NOT HAVING ANY PRESS CONFERENCES TODAY," THE PRESIDENT AT FIRST TOLD A GALLERY OF REPORTERS.

FORD SEEMED SLIGHTLY ANNOYED AT THE QUESTION. HE HEADED FOR HIS GOLF CART, THEN TURNED, SHRUGGED WITH HIS HANDS SPREAD IN THE PALMS UP GESTURE AND SAID: "I CALLED HIM AND SAID HELLO TO HIM."

THEN FORD TEED OFF IN DAZZLING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE ON A COURSE RIMMED BY RUGGED MOUNTAINS. HE ANSWERED NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS EXCEPT TO SAY WHEN ASKED HOW HE WAS FEELING, "I COULDN'T HAVE FELT BETTER."

ATTIRED IN A BRIGHT GREEN GOLF SHIRT AND LIGHT GREY CHECKED SLACKS, FORD LOOKED IN GOOD SPIRITS AND JOKED WITH A FEW COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS WHO WERE WATCHING HIM.

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(FORD)

(BY DAVID NAGY)

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SWAM, GOLFED AND SUNBATHED IN SPLENDID SECLUSION TODAY, LEAVING THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE GUARDED GATES OF MILLIONAIRES' RETREATS.

"I COULDN'T FEEL BETTER," FORD CALLED TO REPORTERS AS HE LEFT HIS RENTED VILLA IN BRILLIANT MORNING SUNSHINE, CLIMBED INTO A TAN LIMOUSINE AND SPED OFF FOR A ROUND OF GOLF AT ULTRA-PRIVATE LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB.

THE PRESIDENT, MRS. FORD AND THREE OF THEIR CHILDREN FLEW TO THIS DESERT RESORT YESTERDAY FOR A WEEK OF REST AND REFLECTION ON WHAT THE FUTURE SHOULD HOLD FOR A CHIEF EXECUTIVE WHO WILL, SOON, BECOME A FAIRLY WEALTHY, WELL-CONNECTED FEDERAL PENSIONER.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID IN ADVANCE FORD MEANT THIS RETREAT TO BE LARGELY A PRIVATE AFFAIR AND THE TRUTH OF THAT WAS CLEAR BY TODAY.

THE PRESIDENT, WIFE BETTY AND DAUGHTER SUSAN STAYED ALONG WITH SERVANTS AND SECRET SERVICE GUARDS IN A WALLED, 14-ROOM BEIGE STONE VILLA ON THE THUNDERBIRD COUNTY CLUB GROUNDS IN NEARBY RANCHO MIRAGE. SONS JACK AND STEVEN LODGED AT THE CLUB ITSELF.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES SAID FORD SHOT A FEW HOLES OF GOLF AT THUNDERBIRD ON ARRIVAL YESTERDAY, SPENT A QUIET EVENING WITH HIS FAMILY, TOOK A SWIM IN HIS PRIVATE POOL THIS MORNING AND DID "SOME ROUTINE PAPERWORK" BEFORE HIS MORNING GOLF DATE.

A SPOKESMAN INDICATED THE PAPERWORK INCLUDED REVIEW OF THE DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING AND THE LIKE, BUT PROBABLY NOT THE MAJOR ITEMS REMAINING TO FORD'S PRESIDENCY -- THE FEDERAL BUDGET HE MUST SUBMIT TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY AND HIS LAST STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE.

MAJ. ROBERT BARRETT, THE MILITARY AIDE ASSISTING FORD IN PLANNING HIS TRANSITION TO PRIVATE LIFE, TOLD REPORTERS EN ROUTE TO PALM SPRINGS THE PRESIDENT ALSO WOULD START "SORTING OUT" HIS FUTURE PLANS THIS WEEK.

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE FORD FAMILY SAID FORD AT WEEK'S END WAS IN A "STOIC MOOD" ABOUT HIS DEFEAT BY PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER. BUT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF WAS ALL LIGHT-HEARTED BANTER THE FEW TIMES HE ENCOUNTERED REPORTERS.

"DID YOU ALL BEHAVE LAST NIGHT?" HE ASKED WHEN HE EMERGED FROM THE VILLA FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MORNING. WHEN SOMEONE SAID THE PRESS HAD STAYED OUT OF TROUBLE, FORD GRINNED AND SAID, "DON'T WORK TOO HARD AT THAT."

ATTIRED IN A WHITE GOLFING JACKET, BRIGHT YELLOW SPORT SHIRT AND CHECKED SLACKS, HE GOLFED AT LA QUINTA WITH FORMER ARMY FOOTBALL COACH EARL "RED" BLAICK, CLUB PRESIDENT RAY KISER AND SAN DIEGO BUSINESSMAN LEON PARMA.

REPORTERS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE GROUNDS BECAUSE OF "LA QUINTA POLICY", THE WHITE HOUSE SAID.

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FORD

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS NOT GOING TO DECIDE ON HIS FUTURE PLANS DURING HIS CURRENT VACATION, ACCORDING TO AN AIDE, ROBERT BARRETT.

"THERE CERTAINLY WILL BE NO DECISIONS MADE," BARRETT SAID AS THE PRESIDENT SPENT A SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY MONDAY ATTENDING TO PAPERWORK AND PLAYING GOLF AT THIS DESERT RESORT.

A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT FORD SWAM BEFORE BREAKFAST IN THE LARGE POOL AT THE RAMBLING, 14-ROOM RANCH-STYLE HOME OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, LEONARD FIRESTONE, WHICH FORD HAS RENTED.

"AFTER REVIEWING PAPERWORK," THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, "THE PRESIDENT DEPARTED FOR LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB AT 9:15 A.M." PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN, WHO DISPENSED WITH A FORMAL PRESS BRIEFING, GAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT THE PAPERWORK REFERRED TO.

A SMALL POOL OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WAS PERMITTED TO MAKE THE 10-MILE DRIVE WITH FORD FROM THE FIRESTONE HOME IN RANCHO MIRAGE TO THE LA QUINTA COURSE. BUT THERE, THE PRESS WAS BARRED FROM THE GROUNDS OF THE LUSH, PALM-DOTTED COUNTRY CLUB.

FORD'S GOLFING PARTNERS WERE FORMER WEST POINT FOOTBALL COACH EARL (RED) BLAICK, HIS LONG-TIME FRIEND LEON PARMA, A SAN DIEGO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, AND RAY KAISER, PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB.

THE FIRESTONE HOME IS LOCATED ON THE 13TH FAIRWAY OF THE THUNDERBIRD GOLF COURSE. FORD, PARMA AND FRED WILSON, ANOTHER FRIEND, PLAYED SIX HOLES THERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH THUNDERBIRD CLUB PRESIDENT ROBERT PHINNY, SHORTLY AFTER FORD ARRIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

ALSO IN CALIFORNIA WITH THE PRESIDENT WERE MRS. BETTY FORD, THEIR SONS JACK AND STEVE AND DAUGHTER SUSAN. THE FAMILY PLANS AN EIGHT-DAY STAY IN PALM SPRINGS, DURING WHICH THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON SPORTS, REST AND RELAXATION.

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(FORD)

(BY DAVID NAGY)

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (UPI) -- TANNED AND SLIGHTLY SLIMMER, PRESIDENT FORD TODAY ENDED HIS VACATION IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT RESORT TO WHICH HE MAY RETURN AFTER HIS PRESIDENCY.

HE SPENT 90 MINUTES YESTERDAY LOOKING AT HOUSES INSIDE THE THUNDERBIRD GOLF COMPLEX, HIS AIDES SAID TODAY, AND THEY INDICATED FORD IS LEANING TOWARD PALM SPRINGS AS HIS RETIREMENT HOME.

FORD AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, FLEW BACK TO WASHINGTON AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF GOLF AND RELAXATION TO UNDERTAKE A BUSY MONTH OF ROUTINE OFFICE WORK AND SOME PERSONAL DECISION-MAKING. ONE DECISION WILL BE WHERE TO MAKE HIS HOME AFTER JIMMY CARTER MOVES INTO THE WHITE HOUSE JAN. 20. THREE WHITE HOUSE SOURCES SAID FORD WILL MAKE THE CHOICE SOON AND THAT PALM SPRINGS APPEARS TO BE THE BEST BET.

FORD DID NOTHING TO SQUELCH SPECULATION HE WOULD BE SETTLING IN THE EXCLUSIVE RESORT. HE FENDED OFF QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PLANS FROM REPORTERS SATURDAY NIGHT AND ENGAGED ONLY IN CHIT-CHAT WITH THEM. HE SAID HE WAS FEELING FINE AND HAD LOST FOUR POUNDS.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID THE FORDS WERE "JUST KIND OF LOOKING AROUND" WHEN THEY WERE VIEWING THE HOUSES AND LOTS.

"I THINK IT WAS A VERY CASUAL KIND OF LOOKING," NESSEN SAID. ASKED WHETHER THE FORDS DECIDED TO BUY IN PALM SPRINGS, HE SAID "NOT THAT I KNOW OF."

MAJ. ROBERT BARRETT, THE MILITARY AIDE WHO IS HELPING FORD WITH PERSONAL TRANSITION PLANS, SAID PALM SPRINGS IS GOOD FOR MRS. FORD. "THAT'S ONE REASON HE LIKES IT. THE ONLY PLACE THAT COMPARES WOULD BE SOMEPLACE LIKE ARIZONA."

THE HOUSES FORD LOOKED AT WERE IN THE SAME COMPLEX WHERE THE PRESIDENT LIVED DURING HIS VACATION. HE STAYED IN THE HIGH WALLED VILLA OWNED BY LEONARD FIRESTONE, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, AND REMAINED SECLUDED THERE EXCEPT FOR GOLF OUTINGS, A PARTY WEDNESDAY AND A HOTEL RECEPTION SATURDAY NIGHT.

THE HOMES ARE MODERN, CALIFORNIA STYLE WITH SPANISH INFLUENCE AND THE FIRESTONE HOUSE IS REPORTED TO BE VALUED AT MORE THAN \$400,000. ONE HOUSE IN THE AREA SOLD RECENTLY FOR MORE THAN \$1 MILLION.

THE EXCLUSIVE, VERY PRIVATE COMPLEX HAS HOMES INSIDE A COUNTRY CLUB SETTING, AND OWNERS HAVE AUTOMATIC ACCESS TO THE CLUB.

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Fords Leave Palm Springs; Indicate They May Return

BY DOROTHY TOWNSEND
Times Staff Writer

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PALM SPRINGS—Smiling and tanned from golfing in the desert sun, President Ford flew back to Washington Monday amid speculation he may buy or build a home here after leaving office.

Maj. Robert Barrett, Ford's Army aide, said the desert climate is "good for her (Mrs. Ford), that's one reason he (Ford) likes it." Mrs. Ford suffers from a chronic arthritic neck.

1978, and May, 1979, according to Atty. Mitchell J. Harris.

Investigator Ronald Petska of the state Health Department said Ammari received \$53,368 until it was learned that he was not indigent but instead had "a lot of assets."

Petska said these assets included a North Hollywood liquor store he still operates. Ammari reportedly purchased the store for \$150,000 with a cash down payment of \$49,000.

Investigator Petska added, "Had Ammari not lied so flagrantly, he ultimately might have been able to get some help from the state legitimately."

Both of the children who died within the last two years were adolescents, Petska said. A third young child of Ammari also suffers from the disease, which is characterized by a shortage of bone marrow and white blood corpuscles.

Tuesday Court of the winter lie.

Three alternate was scheduled today in



REFLECTING—President Ford adjusts his cap before teeing off at Thunderbird Country Club.

Times photo by Joe Kennedy

Ford Won't Discuss His Call to Nixon

BY DOROTHY TOWNSEND

Times Staff Writer

PALM SPRINGS—President Ford refused Tuesday to discuss a telephone call he made to former President Richard M. Nixon two days after losing the election to Democrat Jimmy Carter.

After teeing off for a round of golf at the Thunderbird Country Club, Ford, perspiring under a hot desert sun, re-

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