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Betty Ford, wife of the President, was surrounded by a crowd at the Republican women's fund-raising luncheon Tuesday at the Conrad Hilton Hotel but the crush didn't seem to bother her.

**Betty Ford charms GOP women here**

By Patricia Moore

When Betty Ford entered a crowded VIP reception that preceded the Republican women's luncheon Tuesday, her local hostess, Hope McCormick looked a little nonplussed with Mrs. Ford, but she encouraged her, "Just zoom in. That's exactly what Mrs. Ford did during her visit to Chicago." Her first stop seemed unassuming but Mrs. Ford seemed to be charmed by the 650 Republican women and their candidates. When Mrs. Franklin G. Clement of Lake Forest got a kiss on the cheek from Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Clement explained that she and her husband, Walter Goodspeed, lived in Grand Rapids and took ballroom dancing lessons from Mrs. Ford years ago. "She was a good teacher," said Mrs. Clement.

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**You've come a long way, baby.**

"I'm still out of breath from the last 10 months," she told the 650 women. "As long as we're..." she ended her sentence with a smile.

Mary McDonald, who is expected to win as a GOP candidate for the Cook County board in the suburbs, is unhappy that the United Republican Fund is giving $3,000 to the Women Power committee. The 14 candidates are to split proceeds from Tuesday's luncheon, estimated at $8,000.
Mrs. Ford top draw for women

By Mary Sftsameyer

Mrs. Gerald Ford, the nation's first lady, will make her first Cleveland appearance today, the opening day of the Greater Cleveland International Women's Year Congress at the Cleveland Convention Center.

Mrs. Ford will arrive from Washington at 10:30 a.m. She will tour the congress's 250 exhibits and its day care center before going to Public Music Hall for her speech at 12:30 p.m.

Title is "We've Come a Long Way, But We've Got a Long Way to Go."

Mrs. Ford will be introduced by Jill Ruckelshaus, chairman of the National Commission on the Observance of the International Women's Year.

After her speech, which, like all Greater Cleveland IWY Congress activities, is free and open to the public, Mrs. Ford will lunch at Bond Court Hotel with 10 Cleveland women estimated to be most influential in last Sunday's PD Magazine.

Mrs. Ford will be guest of honor at a small reception in the hotel before returning to Washington.

Two polls will be released at the congress today, including one showing 44% of local women said they did not feel discriminated against compared to 27% of local men.

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The congress is expected to attract women athletes, women show business luminaries and dignitaries from around the world. They include India's Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the first woman president of the U.N. General Assembly, columnist Ann Landers, tennis pro Julie Heldman and actors Onnie Davis, Ruby Dee and Lily Tomlin.

Workshops will delve into women's roles in industry, unions, politics, medicine, sports, the media and government.

The congress is said to be the largest of its kind in the U.S.

The Congress runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Monday.

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women in a national poll who felt they are not discriminated against.

The poll results were revealed yesterday by former Cleveland Phyllis L. Gilles, executive director of the Gallup International Research Institute.

Gallup did an international poll on the question, "What Do Women Really Think and Want?" A poll here was conducted by Barbara Rawson, consultant to the Cleveland Foundation, and an IWY committee.

Mrs. Gilles said the international poll shows women in the U.S. believe their role in society is changing much more than women in Canada and Western Europe believe their role is.

"Sixty-four per cent of the U.S. women polled believe their role is changing a great deal," Mrs. Gillis said, "whereas in Canada, 43% think so. In Western Europe, just 29% believe it."

Mrs. Gilles said the results indicate U.S. women think they have come a long way and that they probably have a better life than women in other countries.

She said the international poll, underwritten by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation of Dayton, is "a superficial look at 39 questions relating to women."

Local women, 18 years of age and older, were asked questions about the ideal life and about available community services for women. Mrs. Rawson said.
FIRST LADY ESPERANZA LOZANO COOK, WHO STIRRED HEATED DEBATE IN LATE 1974 WHEN SHE CAMPAIGNED FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, WAS TO BE A FEATURED SPEAKER TODAY AT A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND. SHE WAS TO ADDRESS THE CLEVELAND CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR ON THE OPENING DAY OF A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES.


MRS. FORD, ACCOMPANYED BY SIX MEMBERS OF HER STAFF AND 12 REPORTERS, WAS TO FLY TO CLEVELAND ABOARD A 40-PASSENGER MILITARY DC9 JET.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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OTHER WHO WILL APPEAR DURING THE THREE DAYS OF EVENTS INCLUDE INDIA'S VIJAYA LAKSHMI PARVITI, THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, COLUMNIST ANN LANDERS, TENNIS PRO JULIE HELLMAN AND TELEVISION COMEDIANE LILY TOMLIN.
AIRPORT WELCOME — First Lady Betty Ford (left) received a bouquet of flowers from Mayor Perk and his wife Lucille when she arrived at Cleveland Hopkins Airport this morning prior to her appearance at the International Women's Congress. Ruth Miller, city health director (right), holds a gift the Perks gave Mrs. Ford—a crystal bird for the Presidential kitchen table.

(Press photo by Van Dillard)
CLEVELAND (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAYS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT MAY GIVE WOMEN NEW FREEDOM BUT IT WILL NOT SEPARATE THEM FROM THEIR HUSBANDS AND CHILDREN.

Mrs. Ford reaffirmed her support for the ERA during the weekend but cautioned 1,000 delegates to the International Women's Year meeting that the amendment, which must still be ratified, would not be "an instant solution to women's problems."

In a brief speech before the opening session of the meeting, Mrs. Ford said the amendment would "not alter the fabric of the Constitution -- or force women away from their families."

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BY FRANCES LEWIS

CLEVELAND (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAID TODAY THAT THE "CLOUD OF FEAR AND CONFUSION" MUST BE LIFTED FROM THE BATTLE FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO UNGO LAWS THAT LOCK WOMEN OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM OF OPPORTUNITY.

In remarks prepared for her first major speech on women's rights, she also advised women to stop undervaluing their talents, especially in the home.

"We have to take that "just" out of "just a housewife," and show our pride in having made the home and family our life's work," Mrs. Ford said. "Downgrading this work has been part of a pattern in our society that has undervalued women's talents in all areas."

Mrs. Ford spoke before several thousand women on the opening day of a three-day Greater Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year Conference.

Mrs. Ford said the debate over ERA "has become too emotional" because of the fears of both men and women. But she said its ratification -- which would go into effect if four more states vote for it -- "will not alter the fabric of the Constitution or force women away from their families. It will help knock down those restrictions that have locked women into old stereotypes of behavior and opportunity. It will help open more options for women."

Mrs. Ford expressed hopes that the Equal Rights Amendment can be ratified in 1976 to mark the nation's 200th birthday. But she pointed out that "changing laws, more opportunities, less financial discrimination and more possibilities for the use of our minds and bodies will only partially change the place of American women."

Mrs. Ford said many barriers continue to block the paths of most women and "this year is not the time to order the visible few, but to work for the invisible many, whose lives are still restricted by custom and code."

Mrs. Ford, who has stirred controversy with her outspoken support of the ERA, defended her stand before the biggest women's audience she has addressed: "My own support of the Equal Rights Amendment has shown what happens when a definition of proper behavior collides with the rights of an individual to personal opinions. I do not believe that being first lady should prevent me from expressing my views."

"I spoke out on this important issue because of my deep personal convictions. Why should my husband's job or yours prevent us from being ourselves?"

Mrs. Ford shared a platform with other women leaders, including India's ambassador Mrs. Vajayta Lakshmi Pandit, who was elected president of the U.N. General Assembly in 1973.
Aftermath of an abortion: 
education in birth control

By Mary Strassmeyer

There's a lot more to birth control than little round that say, "Women are not machines."

Volunteers at the National Abortion Clinic Services booth at the 1973 Annual Congress were given away until they ran out. It was about noon yesterday, closing day of the three-day event.

The women wore them as if they had a lot of fun doing it. So did the men who bought them.

The panelists at yesterday's workshop on "Abortion: A Women's Experience" said, "We don't want to see women returning to our clinic."

The clinic, located at the University-Cedar Medical Building at 10900 Carnegie Ave., has been open a little more than 18 months. It is one of four area clinics, plus some hospitals, that provide abortion, but it differs from the other clinics in that it is a non-profit organization. Therefore, any profits are plowed back into education.

Preterm offers pregnancy testing, counseling, birth-control information and supplies and family planning as well as abortions.

If an abortion is desired after counseling, it is provided by Preterm up to 12 weeks of pregnancy. The procedure used is vacuum aspiration, which takes about 15 to 20 minutes.

"Because we don't want to see women returning to the clinic," Mrs. Sachs said, "we provide full counseling on the various birth-control methods, and they are demonstrated." Mrs. Sachs brought along all the different birth control devices in a small basket. They included condoms, foam, vaginal creams and jellies, diaphragms, pills and intrauterine devices.

Most of the questions came from young people in the audience and concerned teen-age abortions.

"In Ohio, children under 18 need their parents' consent for an abortion," Mrs. Sachs said, "Girls who are 16, 17 and 18 need support. It is better to tell your parents. Parents, once their initial anger and remorse are over, are more understanding than kids think."

"Sometimes, young people under 18 try to get by us without their parents' consent. We just can't do it for 14-year-olds. We try to be careful, and we have to ask for proof of age if we believe a girl is a borderline case."

In 1973, there were 615,000 abortions. Two-thirds of them were patients 25 and under. One-third were 20 and under.

"It's the young people who are getting abortions," Mrs. Stern said.
Women’s Year Program:
is free, wide, handsome

By Mary Strassmeyer

Betty Ford, the Kitchen Band, Lily Tomin, the St. Adalbert Soul Choir, diabetes tents, Ossie Davis, helium-filled balloons, Ruby Dee and the Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers—take your pick.

Incongruous as the line-up may seem, they’ll all be gathered together under one roof next weekend as Greater Cleveland celebrates the International Women’s Year.

A few months ago, few Greater Clevelander had heard of the International Women’s Year, which is the calendar year 1975 and so proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly “as a year to focus attention throughout the world on the status of women.”

Well, parts of the world have had their celebrations, and now it is Greater Cleveland’s turn. By now, it is hoped that most of the citizenry has heard of the IWY and that many of them will be on hand at the Cleveland Convention Center for the Greater Cleveland International Women’s Year Congress.

The congress will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be something for everybody—from the First Lady of the U.S. to helium-filled balloons for children.

There will be 145 workshop sessions ranging from consumerism to the decriminalization of prostitution to homemaking to child-rearing to running for public office. There will be lectures on assertiveness and consciousness raising for men and for women.

There will be some 250 display booths. Over 200 of them will be set up and manned by non-profit organizations. Thirty-three will be commercial, like the balloon booth.

Largest exhibit of all will be the International Ladies Garment Workers Union booth. In it, union members will work on actual garments and show a pictorial history of the union.

“Godmother” of the congress is Evelyn Bonder, director of Project EVE (Education, Voluntarism, and Employment) at Cleveland Community College. Mrs. Bonder learned about IWY celebrations early in the year in Boston. She returned to Cleveland, got together a nucleus of 40 women, and approached the Cleveland Foundation for support.

She got it, and the Cleveland Congress was on its way. Then a chairman was needed. She was found within the Cleveland Foundation where she is vice chairman of the distribution committee (that means she helps give the foundation money away).

She is Gwill York.

“I figured I had three qualities the Greater Cleveland IWY Congress needed,” she said. “I was not associated with a women’s liberation group. I could find funding for the local congress, and I was available for free.”

So for months, Gwill York and literally, hundreds of other Greater Clevelander have been working towards building the congress.

And they have been working for nothing.

Women like Olive Tabor, IWY program chairman; Lois Goodman, unit leader or coordinator for all of Saturday’s activities; Jane Ost­calt and Jane King, unit chairman and co-chairman for Sunday’s sessions; and Dee Character, unit leader for Monday’s activities.

Women like Muriel Jones, IWY assistant chairman; Sally Gries, treasurer; Rena Blumberg and Sandy Johnson, publicity coordinators and VI Colombi, who has worked with all the women’s groups in town to set up the booths, and Joanne Kaufman who lined up the stars.

“We thought we’d be lucky to have 100 non-profit booths,” Mrs. Colombi said. “Now we have over 200 and a waiting list.”

The entire congress has gone like that. Top entertainers and speakers have cut their fees to come to Cleveland next weekend.

The release of statistics on a special Gallup Poll on “What Do Women Really Think and Want” will be made Saturday morning just after the opening ceremonies of the congress.

Speaker will be a former Greater Clevelander, Mrs. Phyllis L. Gillis, executive director of the Gallup International Research Institutes, Inc.

The former Phyllis Helper, Mrs. Gillis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Helper of Lyndhurst. She is a graduate of Cleveland Heights High School and Michigan State University and received her master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

Top entertainment stars will appear Sunday and Monday. They include actors Lily Tomin, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee. There will be dancers, singers and the Kitchen Band appearing every day.

The biggest name of all, Mrs. Gerald Ford, will appear some time after the opening ceremonies Saturday morning. The White House has not yet confirmed her arrival time in Cleveland, Mrs. York said.

There is no admission charge to anything—from Betty Ford to the Fred Astaire Bicentennial Dancers. In addition, there will be a day-care center for children aged 3 to 6.

Directed by Mrs. Sylvia Easley, who heads the preschool program at the Cleveland Music School Settlement, the day-care center will not just “keep” the children. Instead, they will be allowed to participate in art, music, science and language experiences. It may well prove as worthwhile for the

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Gray Panther leader urges seniors to fight human need at any age and can into late years, she believes.

"It is also warmth and closeness and general touch. They used to separate husbands and wives in nursing homes. Now they don't do this as much. Compassion is crucial to an older person," she said.

"And I know an 85-year-old woman who once said that she could be arrested for the thoughts that cross her mind," she added.

Another myth is forgetfulness. You know, the picture of grandfa ther running around looking for the glasses which he plopped on top of his head.

Senility is a "wastebasket term" often used to cover many problems.

But some of us are our own worst enemies, Mrs. Bragger believes.

"We try to look younger. We can't erase wrinkles. We are so anxious about looking youthful that we aren't attractive. We have to know that there is beauty at any age, I'm proud to be old," she said.

"Nothing to lose but boredom and loneliness"

Age is a fulfillment, not a disintegration, she added.

However, young people are also joining the Gray Panthers, headquartered at 3700 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Stand up and demand your rights, Mrs. Bragger said.

Older people too often accept casual examinations from doctors.

"One woman complained about pains in her right leg. "Well, you know, you're 83 now," the doctor told her. She stood up and said 'But my left leg is 83, too, and it's all right,'" Mrs. Bragger said.

The program was presented in the Convention Center by the Mayor's Commission on Aging, Mrs. Anna V. Brown, executive director, introduced the speaker.

Other speakers were Sally Tomison of Columbus, an evaluation and training consultant, and Helen Holt, deputy director of housing for the elderly and handicapped, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I don't know about anyone else," said great-grandmother Elizabeth Morgan of Cleveland's King-Kennedy residence. "But I'm joining the Gray Panthers!"

The Plain Dealer, James A. Smith

Accent on age, "We don't need a pat on the head. We're liberated," says Mrs. Lydia Bragger...
By SUE KINCAID
and RUSTY BROWN

First Lady Betty Ford said here today she is distressed that through all the debate on women's rights, there has been a lack of appreciation for the roles of women as wives and mothers.

"We have to take the 'just' out of 'just a housewife' and show our pride in having made the home and family our lives' work," Mrs. Ford said in remarks prepared for her address to the International Women's Year Congress in the Convention Center.

Sponsors were predicting that 30,000 women — and men too — would attend IWY events during the weekend. Mrs. Ford was to tour exhibits at the Convention Center prior to her speech.

"This year is not the time to cheer the visible few, but to work for the invisible many whose lives are still restricted by custom and code," Mrs. Ford said.

"Trying to open up new choices and opportunities, women must not underestimate their accomplishments in the home."

"I am here because I believe the best way to celebrate International Women's Year is to examine the very real problems women face today, not the progress of yesterday," she said.

"While many opportunities are open to women, too many are open only to women."

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Betty Ford addresses IWY, urges pride in homemaking

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only to the lucky few. Many barriers continue to block the path of most women, even on the most basic issue of equal pay for equal work, Mrs. Ford said.

Cleveland's IWY celebration is the largest in the country.

Visitors were expected to attend 150 workshops, hear nationally known speakers and entertainers and tour 200 booths. Admission is free.

Mrs. Ford was introduced by Jill Buckleyhouse, who saluted Cleveland women "for having done exactly what has not been done anywhere in the nation and exactly what the national commission hoped could be done."

Mrs. Buckleyhouse, chairman of the national Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, was keynote speaker at the congress.

He was an adviser on women's affairs to former President Richard Nixon. Her husband, William Buckleyhouse, was an assistant attorney general who resigned in protest of Watergate events.

In her address, Mrs. Buckleyhouse said the national commission's top priority is ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She congratulated Ohio for passing it.

"In the last 50 years, a case-by-case approach, anti-discrimination laws and regulations have not succeeded in eradicating sex discrimination by federal, state and local governments," she said.

"Only a constitutional amendment with its mass, moral and symbolic impact can provide that impetus."

The ERA, which has been approved by 34 of the necessary 38 states, would forbid discrimination because of sex.

Mrs. Buckleyhouse called the IWY national commission a working body rather than a commemorative one.

She noted that it is gathering information in areas being discussed during the Cleveland program, including status of the homemaker, enforcement of anti-discrimination laws, reproductive freedom, the arts and women in government.

Touring the exhibits with Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Buckleyhouse was Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, the first woman president to 1966 of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mrs. Pandit, 75, called on women "to release humanity from the shackles of ignorance, prejudice and fear."

But she warned women not to "make the mistake of imitating men. Don't reject the qualities that are especially yours," Mrs. Pandit said.

"Women should strive for the opportunities and privileges of men, tempered always with our own special qualities."

More than 200 Cleveland area women's organizations representing both feminists and more traditional women are participating in the congress.
**Women get new directions**

**IWY . . . one to grow**

By Mary Strassmeyer

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Today's Living
BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- First Lady Betty Ford lit a torch on the
Washington Monument grounds Sunday to open a four-day national
convention of the Girl Scouts.

She also accepted the "Girl Scouts' 200th Birthday Book to the
Nation."

Earlier, Mrs. Ford and the President dropped quarters in the "Trick
or Treat" banks held by several costumed youngsters to launch
Comedian Danny Kaye's Halloween drive on behalf of the United Nations
International Children's Emergency Fund.

The Fords posed for pictures with the children in the diplomatic
reception room to kick off Kaye's fund-raising drive in 65 cities.

Kaye said the funds raised "will be saving a child's life somewhere
in the world."

In accepting the Girl Scout gift and opening the Scout convention,
the First Lady said she has always proudly supported the Girl Scouts
who "do so much for the world around them."

She also lit a torch to proclaim the goals of the organization in
the Nation's third century.

Mrs. Ford was introduced by Mrs. William McLeod Ittman, National
President of the Girl Scouts, before an audience of several thousand
scouts and their leaders.

Before leaving the grounds, Mrs. Ford plunged into a crowd and
shook hands with several Girl Scouts.

The gift was a dark green, leather-bound book depicting community
actions that will be undertaken by scouts throughout the country. It
was presented by three cadettes, Ann and Mary Fourneller, both 14, and
Flores Gardner, 13, of troop 1293 in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ford said the Girl Scouts had met past challenges with
"imagination and deed." While constantly changing, the organization
will "remain constant in its goal of "freedom of expression for the
individual," Mrs. Ford said.

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Betty Ford Says She'll Speak Out

From News Service

CLEVELAND — Betty Ford, whose frank expressions of opinion have stirred the public on more than one occasion, said yesterday she will continue to speak out because "being a housewife does not require silence." The President's wife has been criticized for her outspoken comments on a range of issues from sex to marijuana. She defended the practice in a speech before an audience of several thousand — possibly her biggest audience to date — at the Greater Cleveland International Women's Year Congress.

She flew here from Washington for the day to make the speech promoting ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and to lunch with Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, former president of the U.N. General Assembly, and a group of Cleveland's most influential women.

WHILE MRS. Ford spoke, a small group of young women at one side of the auditorium held an orange banner with black letters reading: "Stop Ford's cutbacks of food stamps, social services; stop price hikes, end military spending.

The group identified themselves as the "Women Against War and Fascism." They left the hall after Mrs. Ford completed her speech and stood outside chanting.

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Mrs. Ford remained to hear Mrs. Pandit, expressing her views as a longtime diplomat, tell the gathering: "I have never tried to be a cheap imitation of a man. I didn't want to be."
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(WHITE HOUSE BASH)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BROADWAY STAR PEARL BAILEY DANCED WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, SANG A DUET WITH ACTOR OMAR SHARIF AND HEISTED VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S HORN-RIMMED BIFOCALS DURING A SWINGING EVENING AT THE WHITE HOUSE MONDAY.

PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS WIFE BETTY, ELEGANT IN A BROWN AND WHITE ESTEVEZ GOWN, STAYED ON THE DANCE FLOOR UNTIL 1:30 A.M., EST, LONG AFTER SADAT, THE GUEST OF HONOR, AND HIS WIFE HAD DEPARTED.

MISS BAILEY, WHO HAS PERFORMED SEVERAL TIMES AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WAS AT HER BEST AT THE SADAT DINNER, WINNING SEVERAL STANDING OVATIONS AND THE LONGEST APPLAUSE HEARD IN THE EAST ROOM IN MANY A YEAR.

"IT WAS BRILLIANT," SAID SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. "SHE KISSED ME."

MISS BAILEY BEGAN TO SNARE HER AUDIENCE WHEN SHE BORROWED ROCKEFELLER'S GLASSES TO READ A SONG. SHE PUT THEM ON, THEN CRACKED, "WHERE DID THE PEOPLE GO?"

HANDING THEM BACK, SHE ADVISED ROCKEFELLER, "DON'T SIGN ANYTHING WITHOUT THESE." BUT LATER ON IN THE BANTER HE HANDED THE SPECTACLES BACK TO HER AND SAID HIS WIFE, HAPPY, WOULD LEAD HIM HOME.

THEN SHE SANG ABOUT PLACES ON THE SADAT ITINERARY, BRINGING GLEEFUL HOULS WHEN SHE REACHED "I'LL TAKE MANHATTAN." THAT WAS FOLLOWED UP WITH "CHICAGO" AND "THE EYES OF TEXAS."

DURING ONE OF HER MOST FAMOUS NUMBERS, "HELLO DOLLY," FORD ROSE FROM HIS CHAIR AND TWRLED HER AROUND FOR THE FINALE.

MISS BAILEY RETURNED TO THE MICROPHONE TO SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FORMER STAGE STAR NANETTE FABRAY, MISS FABRAY, WHO HAS A HEARING DEFECT, RESPONDED IN SONG AND SIGN LANGUAGE WITH "SOMEBWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW," REDUCING MANY TO TEARS.

MISS BAILEY AND HER HUSBAND, DRUMMER LOUIS BELLSON, WERE INVITED TO SPEND THE NIGHT.

UPI 10-28 10:31 AES
I'm elated! You've restored my faith in the press, and Steve Ford has restored my faith in people (in higher-up positions). Cheryl Bonser's article (Oct. 16), "Steve Ford: Good Name for a Cowboy," was practicing something I thought the press knew nothing about—"if you can't say something good about someone, don't say it at all." The article was so good it made my day; and for the first time made me feel like someone in the White House finally is someone I'd love to meet.

LINDA WEAVER Norwalk

Can't you people find more interesting items to print than the lackluster ambitions of Steve Ford, the mediocre son of a mediocre father? Shame on you for wasting so much space!

EDWARD NEWMAN
Woodland Hills
A Piddling Story
Susan Ford brought four of the five 5-week-old puppies of Liberty, the First Family’s golden retriever, into the White House press room to perform for assembled staffers and media persons. They performed as might have been expected. Two of them left puddles on the gold carpet.

—David Broder
WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BETTY FORD, WHOSE DOCTORS SAY IS IN "EXCELLENT HEALTH" WITH NO SIGNS OF CANCER, HAS TAKEN ON MORE OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES AND WILL MAKE A SPEECH IN CLEVELAND SATURDAY.

WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN DR. WILLIAM LUKASH SAID THURSDAY FOLLOWING A MEDICAL CHECKUP AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL SHE SHOWED NO EVIDENCE OF A RECURRENCE OF THE DISEASE MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER UNDERGOING REMOVAL OF A CANCEROUS BREAST.

MRS. FORD CONTINUES TO TAKE CHEMOTHERAPY EVERY FIVE OR SIX WEEKS TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENT OF CANCER FOLLOWING HER OPERATION ON SEPT. 29, 1974.

THE FIRST LADY WILL FLY TO CLEVELAND SATURDAY TO TAKE PART IN A LOCAL MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. SHE'LL SPEAK ON "WOMEN AS A FORCE FOR PEACE."

ON SUNDAY, MRS. FORD WILL PARTICIPATE IN A GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM AT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND THE FOLLOWING DAY SHE WILL PLAY HOSTESS TO VISITING PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS MRS. FORD WILL NOT YET TAKE ON A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES, BUT SHE APPARENTLY IS BEGINNING TO INCREASE SUCH APPEARANCES ON A CAREFULLY PACED SCALE. SHE DOES NOT PLAN TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY FOR TWO DAYS OF REPUBLICAN FUND RAISING EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

SHE APPEARS DRAWN AND TIRED AT TIMES, BUT MADE TWO STAND-IN APPEARANCES FOR THE PRESIDENT THIS WEEK WHILE HE WAS RECOVERING FROM A SINUS COLD. SHE PLANTED AN AMERICAN ELM ON THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS AND POSED FOR PHOTOGRAPHS WITH STACIE MECHAM, LL., OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., THE 1976 EPILEPSY FOUNDATION POSTER CHILD.

FOLLOWING THE FOUR-HOURS OF TESTS AT BETHESDA, LUKASH SAID THURSDAY THE PRELIMINARY TESTS WERE "ENTIRELY NORMAL" AND THERE WAS "NO INDICATION OF ANY RECURRENT OF CANCER."

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CLEVELAND (UPI) -- BETTY FORD, whose frank expressions of opinion have stirred up the public on more than one occasion, said Saturday she will continue to speak out because "being ladylike does not require silence."

Mrs. Ford has been criticized for her outspoken comments on a range of issues from sex to marijuana. She defended the practice in a speech prepared for an audience of several thousand -- possibly her biggest audience to date -- at the Greater Cleveland International Women's Year Congress.

She flew here from Washington for the day to make the speech promoting ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and to lunch with Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the U.N. General Assembly, and a group of Cleveland's most influential women.

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She said the amendment "will not be altered the fabric of the Constitution -- or force women away from their families."

She has been "distressed," she said, that one outgrowth of the argument over ERA "has been the lack of appreciation of the role of women as wives and mothers."

"In trying to open up choices and opportunities, women must not underestimate their accomplishments in the home," she said. "We have to take that 'just' out of 'just a housewife' and show our pride in having made the home and family our life's work."

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Cleveland (UP) -- Betty Ford declared Saturday that being the president's wife will not stop her from supporting the Equal Rights Amendment or speaking out on other issues because "being ladylike does not require silence."

Mrs. Ford, who often has been criticized for her outspoken comments on everything from sex to marijuana, made her remarks in a speech prepared for an audience of several thousand at the Greater Cleveland International Women's Year Congress.

She flew here from Washington to make the speech but took time to have lunch with Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, and a group described as some of Cleveland's most influential women.

Mrs. Ford's speech deplored the restrictions still placed on women's behavior. She called for ratification of ERA in 1976 and said the American housewife has been too much maligned.

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UPI 10-25 1:21:02 PED
WASHINGTON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, WHO STIRRED HEATED DEBATE LAST YEAR WHEN SHE CAMPAIGNED FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, WAS TO BE A FEATURED SPEAKER TODAY AT A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND.

SHE WAS TO ADDRESS THE GREATER CLEVELAND CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR ON THE OPENING DAY OF A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES.


MRS. FORD, ACCOMPANIED BY SIX MEMBERS OF HER STAFF AND 15 REPORTERS, WAS TO FLY TO CLEVELAND ABOARD A 40-PASSENGER MILITARY DC9 JET.

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The top 50

America's most influential women are named — writers, activists and politicians dominate

In this the International Women's Year, Americans have become increasingly conscious of the impact of women in business, in the professions, in the productive life of the nation generally.

To determine America's 50 most influential women, a panel of men and women — including newspaper editors, teachers, writers, feminists, publishers, and social commentators from around the country — was polled. Each member of the panel selected 50 names from a list of 250 prominent American women.

The resulting consensus is striking for several reasons. A vast majority of those selected are writers; activists and politicians. Noticeably lacking from the list are women in business — board members, and directors of banks and corporations. There is also a lack of women in the pure sciences.

Perhaps this reflects the scarcity of women in these fields; perhaps it reflects a bias on the part of the nominators, most of whom are in the field of communications. But it does seem to prove that those women deemed most influential are also those who are most visible.

Katharine Graham, Publisher.

When Katharine Graham was honored by "Ms. Magazine" last year, she declared that she preferred Mrs. to Ms. and disliked being called "the most powerful woman in America." The daughter of millionaire publisher Eugene Meyer, she is given to salty language and hard work. She is publisher of the influential Washington Post and controls the parent company which owns Newsweek and radio and television stations. She pushed the Post's Watergate exposes which helped bring about the resignation of President Nixon.

Before that, she was among those who battled and defeated the Nixon Administration over the right to publish the Pentagon Papers. Her charmed life has been marred by one tragic event: the suicide of her husband, Post publisher Phillip Graham, in 1963. A month later, she succeeded him and has been gaining prestige and power ever since.

Carla Anderson Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

When lawyer Carla Anderson Hills was nominated as Secretary of H.U.D., one senator objected that she lacked background in the field. He didn't stand a chance. The obvious intelligence and astuteness she displayed during hearings won her quick confirmation and, at 41, she became the third woman in the country's history to hold Cabinet rank.

She already had achieved eminence in her profession as the first woman assistant attorney general since Woodrow Wilson's administration, overseeing 200 lawyers in

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October 31, 1975

Dear Jeffrey:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of The Lantern. The photo in the paper was terrific and I know Mrs. Ford will enjoy seeing it.

I also appreciate your sending me a copy of the photo of Mrs. Ford and Janet Dunbar. I will make sure that both get them.

Many thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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First Lady visits Ohio

Betty Ford traveled to Cleveland Saturday to give a speech on women's consciousness at the International Women's Congress at Public Auditorium. See stories on page 3.
Madame Pandit, addressing the Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year, said, "I've never tried to be a cheap imitation of a man; I didn't want to be."

"I believe the best way to celebrate International Women's Year is to examine the very real problems women face today, not the progress of yesterday," Mrs. Ford said.

"This year is not the time to cheer the visible few, but to work for the invisible many, whose lives are still restricted by custom and code," she said.

"When I was growing up, my father would say, 'Don't you underestimate accomplishments in the home. We have to take that job out of just a housewife,'" she said.

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By Debbie Periman

CLEVELAND — First Lady Betty Ford was in Cleveland Saturday and made a stop at the child care center where Laura Wilchek, 8, of North Olmsted asked, "Where is your husband?"

"He's back home working," Mrs. Ford answered. "He can't always come where I come, and I can't always go where he goes."

"Where is your husband?" asked six-year-old Laura Wilchek. "He can't always come where I come, and I can't always go where he goes," answered Mrs. Ford during a visit to a child care center in Cleveland Saturday.

MADAM Vijaya Pandit, former president of the United Nations General Assembly also spoke.

29 days of The Battle Hymn of the Republic were played by a narrator extolling "The hand-pumping, Constructers, bureaucrats, grandmothers, immune except babies, who in a wet one planted on their heads."

"It is likely for some to vote," Ford said.

"For these non-voters, I'm told you are to vote. For some, I'm told you are to vote. For some, I'm told you are to vote. For some, I'm told you are to vote."

Mr. Ford said he would see the Congress of Women for a few days of the conference before he returned to women at what he called a "bureaucrats, grandmothers, immune except babies, who in a wet one planted on their heads."
28 October 1975

Mrs. Ford
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Sheila:

Many thanks for your assistance. Without your help, I doubt I would have had the opportunity to shoot some of the photographs I did. Enclosed you will find some of the shots I took. One of the first lady during the luncheon at the Bond Court, and another of Janet Dunbar. Please forward these to both of them.

Again, thanks

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Jeffrey Ypsilantis
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