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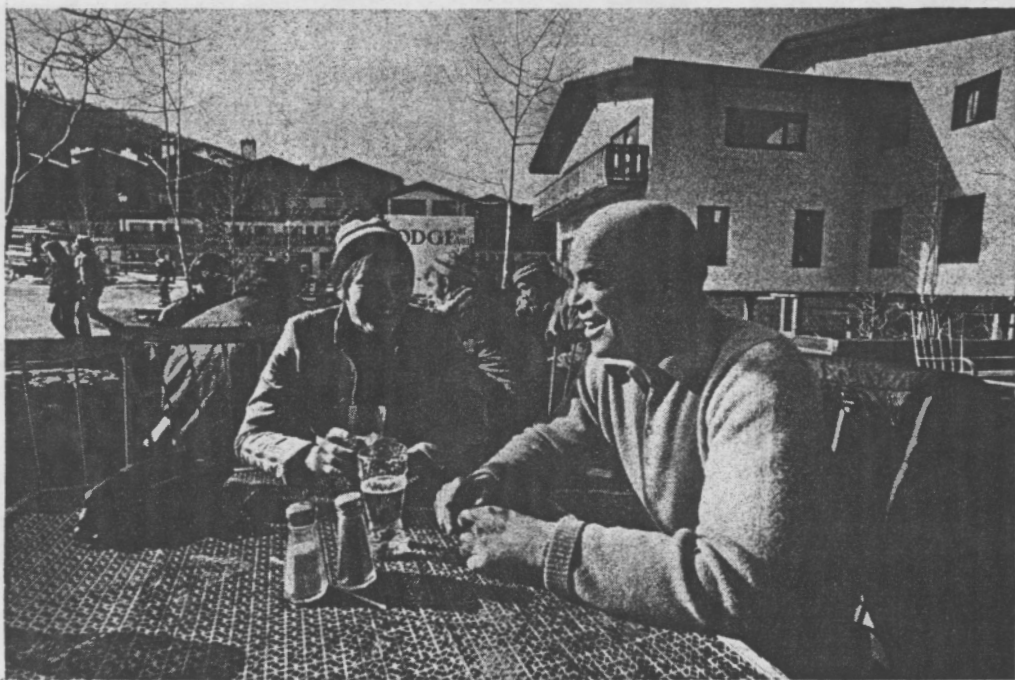
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# IN **STYLE**

## **JERRY FORD'S SHANGRI-LA IS NAMED VAIL—AND PETE SEIBERT BUILT IT**



MICHAEL SALAS (2)

**Seibert and his second wife, Joy, married for only three months, stop for a beer on the sunny terrace of a Vail lodge.**

**The President, an enthusiastic intermediate skier, paused to admire the view during a run at Vail last winter.**



gone free and so will hold out against convicting his subalterns. Frates played particularly heavily on the former President's absence, until, with the jury out of the room, Sirica cut him short. At one point, the judge edged toward expressing his own apparent misgivings about the Nixon pardon, then caught himself; he said only that it was irrelevant to the trial—that the defendants were “all over 21” and could have said no even to a direct Presidential order to “stonewall” Watergate. He proposed, as an analogy, a case in which five men get caught robbing a bank and one, by luck or pull, engineers a pardon for himself. “Does that mean,” asked Sirica, “the jury must acquit the other four who were equally guilty?”

“No, sir,” said Frates.

“Absolutely not,” said the judge.

“Of course not,” said Frates.

The judge echoed the sentiment in the instructions he prepared for the jur-

## Tough Choices in the Snow

Gerald Ford went skiing for Christmas as usual, but it wasn't the same.

The snow at Vail, Colo., lay deep and crisp and even, and Ford was in his best skiing form, skimming the powder with a finesse that left his instructor beaming. But there were bumps along the way. The Secret Service had ruled that he couldn't even stay in his own condominium. A new Gallup poll found that his popularity had waned to an all-time low of 42 per cent—down 29 points since he took office. Fully 158 bills left by the outgoing 93rd Congress lay on his desk. He had to contend with allegations of illegal domestic spying on Americans by the CIA—and Ford's advisers on energy and the economy, whom he had summoned to help prepare the programs he will announce in his mid-January State of the Union speech, brought only chilling

ing firm)—warned at a press conference that the energy crisis posed the most serious economic threat since the Great Depression. They urged Ford to adopt stringent, mandatory measures—among them, stand-by rationing power and stiff petroleum taxes.

Ford himself conceded in an interview with UPI's Helen Thomas that public cooperation had failed, and promised “very strong measures” to curb oil consumption. In the same interview, he reiterated that only a “family tragedy,” such as a recurrence of his wife's breast cancer, would deter him from running for President in 1976—and he confirmed some long-expected changes in his Cabinet. Housing



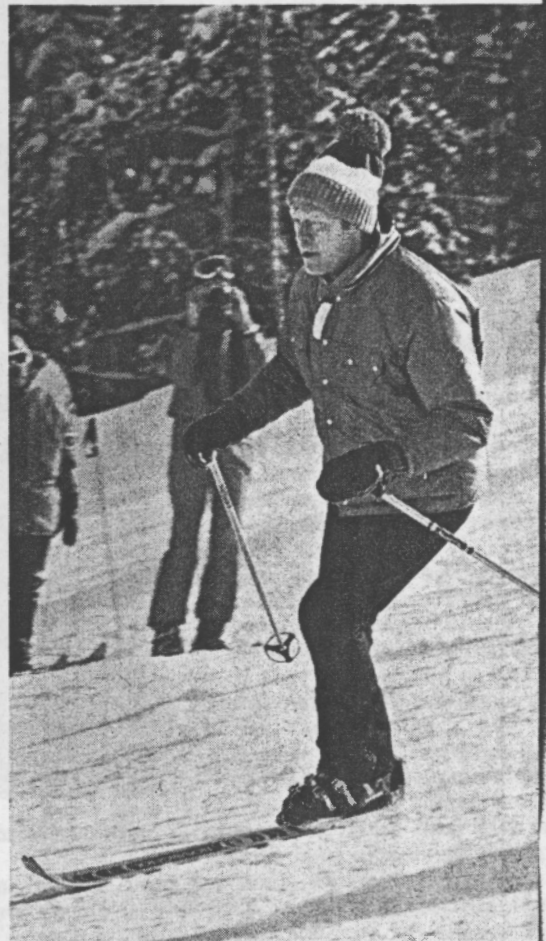
The White House

Ford with family, on the slopes: “Scrooge came with Santa Claus”

ors this week, pronouncing the pardon “extraneous” to their deliberations and instructing them to disregard it. But the question of justice as well as the burden of judgment rested finally with them. They are mostly black (eight of twelve), mostly women (nine of twelve) and mostly of ordinary callings (a doorman, a dime-store clerk, a retired maid); they are a slice of a Washington life far distant from that of the five privileged white men sitting before them. They have sat impassively through their three-month confinement with the Watergate crimes, betraying little of their emotions and nothing of their intent. It was they who were to cast America's verdict on Watergate this week; it was for them to bring what Gerald Ford called “our long national nightmare” to its denouement at last.

White House aide Donald Rumsfeld was the taskmaster, and he drew an uncharacteristic bit of Presidential grumping. “Scrooge came with Santa Claus,” Ford told newsmen. “Rumsfeld came.”

Presidential duties took up more than half his holiday time, and while Ford said the idyllic mountain setting made it “hard to concentrate,” he was sensitive to gathering pressure for tough policy decisions. He cleared a fifth of the bills awaiting him, vetoing two as inflationary. And as he prepared for an all-day session Friday with his senior energy advisers, a new, high-powered citizens' group—including such luminaries as former Secretaries of Commerce John T. Connor (now chairman of Allied Chemical) and Peter G. Peterson (chairman of Lehman Brothers, the investment-bank-



Barry Stott

Secretary James T. Lynn will be replacing departing Roy Ash as budget director; Edward Levi, president of the University of Chicago, will be nominated for outgoing Attorney General William Saxbe's job, and James Schlesinger, contrary to speculation, will be kept on as Secretary of Defense. Without being specific, Ford made it clear that he would soon be replacing some remaining holdovers from the Nixon Cabinet.

**Plaid:** For all the demands of his office, Ford managed to have one of the folksiest Presidential holidays since LBJ's day. Forsaking suit and tie for turtle-necks, plaid trousers and moccasins, he





Stott Shot—Vail

Ford's hideaway: The Bass living room, the President with coach Hoeger, downtown Vail (below)

Lester Sloan—Newsweek



AP

## Guess Who's Coming to Ski?

Holiday excitement was building in Vail, Colo., last week as the town strung brightly colored lights on its home-grown Christmas trees and the nightly snow flurries promised good vacation skiing. More than Christmas was in the air: Vail also was preparing to welcome its second-hometown boy, Gerald Ford, who has temporarily traded his own modest condominium for the seven-bedroom house of his friend, Dallas oil investor Richard Bass. On the eve of the Fords' twelve-day family skiing holiday, *Newsweek's* Martin Kasindorf paid a visit to Vail and filed this report:

**T**he two-story, \$300,000 Bass house sits in a posh cul-de-sac against the mountains, ever so slightly removed from the touristy center of town. Hardly the most sumptuous house on affluent Mill Creek Circle, the building, whose windows and doors are painted a screaming turquoise, is within easy skiing distance downhill to Gondola No. 1, the main ski lift up Vail Mountain. Cheek by jowl are the handsomer homes of Milwaukee architect Fitzhugh Scott and Wichita millionaire Harlan House, who recently joined Dick Bass in building a roofed, heated swimming pool costing \$65,000. Last week, government workers were busy installing three guard kiosks outside the Bass house, and Secret Servicemen with walkie-talkies were checking out

the neighborhood and Purcell's Restaurant, where the First Family likes to eat.

This will be the ninth Christmas in Vail for the Ford family. It is their kind of town. Tailored to the tastes of solid people like Gerald Ford, who have made it in life and want to spend their leisure hours well, Vail is a gleaming, expensive, spotless fairyland of imitation Austrian clock towers and restaurants with names like St. Moritz. While Vail lacks the charm of its rival resort, Aspen, 94 miles away, a century older and far more chic, its convenience, its 100 square miles of superb skiing and its luxury draw such rock-solid celebrities as former New York Mayor John Lindsay, Illinois Sen. Charles Percy and IBM's Thomas J. Watson Jr. "Vail is a family town," says Calvin Thomas, publisher of the weekly *Vail Villager*. "If I were out chasing broads, I'd go to Aspen."

**Crust:** No happy hunting ground for intellectuals, Vail has an upper crust of middle-brow Middle Western businessmen and professionals. The first mayor of the town, which was incorporated in 1966, was Ted Kindel, the son of Ford's old Grand Rapids scoutmaster. Originally called the Dallas Alps because so many of the first investors and skiers came from Texas, Vail is still a second home to John Murchison of the Dallas oil family and wealthy Dallas real-estate developer Trammell Crow. There are also 1,200

Newsweek



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Rocky Mountain News—5

# Killer's wife, mother seek pardon by Ford

By DAVID E. GREENBERG

News Staff

VAIL — Ever since the Magi followed the eastern star, Christmas has been the time for pilgrimages, for journeys in search of redemption.

The Tullys came to the ski town in search of President Ford, who, they believe, can redeem a confessed Mafia "hit man," John Patrick Tully, by granting executive clemency.

By their own admission John Tully is a murderer, a cocaine smuggler and an armed

against the Campisi mob, a major Mafia clan in New Jersey.

According to Mrs. Hilda Tully, the mobster's wife, Tully claimed that when he agreed to turn state's evidence against the Campisis, state and federal prosecutors guaranteed him lenient

agreed that her husband would get a lighter sentence than any of the Campisis.

In a column dated Sept. 10, 1975, Anderson reported that "within a week after his decision to testify, all nine of the Campisi mobsters pleaded guilty in return for reduced

# *Ford Tumbles on Slope, Nessen Trips on Poll*

By STAN CARTER

Of The News Washington Bureau

Vail, Colo., Dec. 26 —

President Ford took a tumble on the ski slopes today, and his press secretary apologized for a bobble of his own.



# Ford to have two ski instructors this year

by Kristin Rud

One result of the change in status of Gerald Ford from Vice President to President is that instead of

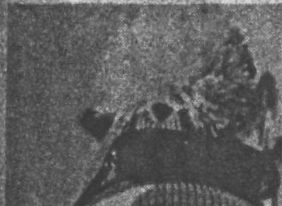
one ski instructor, the Ford family will have two this year.

Denny Hoeger has been teaching skiing to the Fords the past five seasons and

this year will be assisted by another Vail instructor, Brad Lichtenheld.

Denny started out teaching two of Ford's children, Susan and Steve, several years ago. At that time, Ford had a weak knee from

Last year, four secret servicemen and one ski patrolman also skied with the President, and those arrangements will probably undergo very little change. According to Bob Dorf, Ford skied almost unnoticed last





(FORD)

(BY RICHARD LERNER)

VAIL (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TOOK A LAST RUN DOWN THE SLOPES TODAY BEFORE CLOSING HIS SKI VACATION BY ATTENDING A DINNER IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY HIS CHIEF POLITICAL FUND-RAISER.

MANY GUESTS WERE ASKED TO GIVE \$1,000 TO HIS 1976 CAMPAIGN.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID A WHITE HOUSE LAWYER CONCLUDED, "THIS IS NOT A FUND-RAISER UNDER THE LEGAL DEFINITION" AND "THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT GO" IF HE SAW ANYTHING WRONG WITH THE REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

BUT OTHER PRESIDENTIAL AIDES SAID FORD HAD TRIED TO PERSUADE SHEIKA GRANSHAMMER, A FRIEND AND FORMER LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRL, TO DROP HER PLANS. THEY SAID FORD FEARED THE DINNER MIGHT BE VIEWED AS A POLITICAL EVENT WHILE HE WAS ON A VACATION AND SOME MIGHT DEMAND HIS CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION PAY FOR PART OF HIS EIGHT-DAY VACATION.

FORD, PLANNING TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW, WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS FINAL DAY OF SKIING BY MRS. GRANSHAMMER AND OTHER PERSONS, INCLUDING BILLY KIDD, A FORMER CHAMPION WHO TEACHES SKIING AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLO.

THE DINNER WAS IN HONOR OF THE FORDS, BUT FIRST LADY BETTY FORD HAD A FEVER AND WAS NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

NESSEN SAID MRS. GRANSHAMMER INVITED 52 COUPLES TO TONIGHT'S DINNER AND SHE SENT MANY OF THEM A SEPARATE "PLEDGE CARD" SOLICITING DONATIONS TO FORD'S CAMPAIGN. HE SAID 11 COUPLES CONTRIBUTED \$10,000 AS OF DEC. 23.

BUT NESSEN SAID SHE SENT MORE THAN 100 SUCH CARDS TO VAIL RESIDENTS AND SOME PEOPLE ATTENDING THE DINNER WERE NOT ON THE MAILING LIST.

"NOBODY IS GOING TONIGHT BECAUSE THEY GAVE \$1,000 AND NOBODY NOT GOING IS NOT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GIVE \$1,000," HE TOLD REPORTERS IN RESPONSE TO EXTENDED QUESTIONING.

NESSEN SAID ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN TO MRS. GRANSHAMMER AND SHE NOT ONLY WAS PAYING FOR THE ENTIRE DINNER HERSELF BUT SHE ALSO DID NOT KNOW WHO CONTRIBUTED.

"MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NOBODY IS BEING CHARGED TO GO TO THE DINNER," HE SAID, ADDING THAT AT FUND-RAISING DINNER, A CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED AND TICKETS ARE SOLD.

"IT WOULD CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE TRIP AND WOULD CHANGE THE FINANCING OF THE TRIP" IF FORD WENT TO AN OFFICIAL FUND-RAISING EVENT IN VAIL, NESSEN SAID, ADDING THAT IF THE DINNER WERE A FUND-RAISER, THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WOULD ORDER PART OF THE TRIP BE PAID FOR BY FORD'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

MRS. GRANSHAMMER, WHOSE HUSBAND PEPI OWNS ONE OF VAIL'S FANCIEST RESTAURANTS AND HAS OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS, WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD FORD LAST SUMMER SHE WANTED TO HELP HIS CAMPAIGN AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE INVITED TO THE DINNER WERE REPORTED TO HAVE FELT THAT THEY WERE UNDER PRESSURE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION IF THEY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION.

NESSEN SAID THE WHITE HOUSE EMPHASIZED THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER IF IT WERE A FUND-RAISING AFFAIR.

HE SAID WILLIAM NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULING OFFICE, TOLD HER IN A NOV. 14 LETTER: "THE PRESIDENT REALIZES AND APPRECIATES YOUR EAGERNESS TO AID HIS 1976 CAMPAIGN EFFORT BY HOSTING A FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY WHILE HE IS IN VAIL; HOWEVER, THE TRIP WILL BE A WORKING VACATION ONLY. THEREFORE, THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY DURING HIS VAIL STAY."

NESSEN ALSO SAID AN OFFICIAL OF FORD'S ELECTION COMMITTEE TOLD MRS. GRANSHAMMER IN A MID-NOVEMBER TELEPHONE CALL THAT "NO FUND-RAISING EFFORTS COULD BE TIED TO THE DINNER" AND "THERE SHOULD BE NO CONNECTION" BETWEEN HER EFFORTS TO RAISE MONEY AND THE DINNER INVITATION.

NESSEN SAID THE SINGING GROUP "THE INK SPOTS", NOW PERFORMING AT A NIGHT CLUB OWNED BY THE GRANSHAMMERS, WAS ENTERTAINING AT THE DINNER, BUT IT APPEARED REPORTERS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO COVER THE AFFAIR BECAUSE "IT IS BASICALLY A PRIVATE DINNER" AND FORD DID NOT WANT IT TO BE A NEWS EVENT.

NESSEN SAID FORD MIGHT HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE LATER THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD BE WORKING ON THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS THAT HE WILL DELIVER TO CONGRESS JAN. 19, THE DATE THE LAWMAKERS RECONVENE AFTER A MONTH-LONG HOLIDAY RECESS.

NESSEN SAID FORD ALSO WOULD SOON BE WRAPPING UP HIS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 1977 FISCAL YEAR.

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Los A. Times  
12/30/75

# Ford Packs His Skis to Face Drifting Paperwork

BY DAVID LAMB  
Times Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo.—President Ford wound up his Rocky Mountain vacation Monday, skiing with former champion



DAILY NEWS  
 12/23/74



## Ford Set To Ski-daddle

Washington, Dec. 22 (News Bureau) — President Ford, cleared his desk after another round of meetings today and prepared to fly to Vail, Colo., tomorrow for his Christmas skiing vacation.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said that the President had worked on the budget, the State-of-the-Union message to be delivered to Congress on Jan. 19, and on pending congressional matters.

Mrs. Ford will accompany the President when he flies to Vail tomorrow morning. Their children — Mike, Jack, Steve and Susan — are already at the ski resort. —Paul Healy

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Los Angeles Times

# Ford's Prize Gift— Fresh Powder Snow

President Enjoys Excellent Skiing,  
Has Christmas Dinner With Family

BY DAVID LAMB  
Times Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo.—President Ford did not get a \$3,000 gold watch that he had jokingly told his wife last week he wanted for Christmas. He got four turtle-neck sweaters



Star 12/25/75

OFFICIAL Washington is mostly out of town, skiing. President Ford is giving wife Betty a ski sweater. The President's photographer David Kennerly is giving Mrs. Ford a Chinese vase decorated with dragons which he picked up in China. Kennerly went in with Jack and Steve Ford to give the President a suede blazer. Susan Ford will be receiving a batik skirt which her friend and mentor brought back from Jakarta.

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FORD

BY FRANK CORMIER

VAIL, COLO. (AH) -- PRESIDENT FORD SEEMS BENT ON BEING A ONE-MAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THIS WEATHER-STRICKEN MOUNTAIN RESORT,; 049:)-6.6, & 5 3 (80, & "EXCELLENT, GREAT," ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY IT'S ONLY FAIR TO GOOD.

SNOWLESS FOR ABOUT A WEEK, VAIL MAY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEKEND

MAYBE LONGER -- FOR ENOUGH SNOW TO QUALIFY FOR FORD'S HIGH RATING. THE PRESIDENT'S ENTHUSIASM, EXPRESSED WITHIN HOURS OF HIS ARRIVAL HERE TUESDAY, PROBABLY REFLECTED THE FACT THAT HE'D BEEN AWAY FROM THE SLOPES SINCE HIS VAIL HOLIDAY LAST CHRISTMAS.

RED INK BY ROCKS POKING THROUGH A SPARSE SNOW COVER. VAIL HAS HAD 64

INCHES OF SNOW SO FAR THIS YEAR, ABOUT HALF THE NORMAL AMOUNT.

HE LAUNCHED HIS VACATION BY PITTING HIS SIGNATURE ON A NUMBER OF PENDING BILLS, INCLUDING THE COMPROMISE TAX MEASURE THAT EXTENDS 1975; 5-7 :75 6,59 5 3 1845 0/ .9,5 91 1976.

THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE TAX CUT MEASURE AND 18 OTHER BILLS ON AIR FORCE ONE DURING THE FLIGHT HERE FROM ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. STEPPING OFF THE PLANE, HE DECLARED, "IT'S TOO NICE A DAY TO STAY INSIDE," AND HE HEADED FOR THE SKI SLOPES.

MOST OF THE TIME THE PRESIDENT IS HERE HE WILL BE RELAXING, BUT THERE ARE 19 MORE BILLS AWAITING HIS SIGNATURE AND HE WILL ALSO WORK ON HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

THE ENTIRE FORD FAMILY IS HERE AND WENT TO A LOCAL HOTEL TUESDAY NIGHT FOR A FONDUE DINNER WITH FRIENDS, MRGM AND MRS. JIM BROWN OF KENOGAN, UTAH, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN.

FORD PLANS TO RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON DEC. 30. HE USUALLY STAYS ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST OUTING ON SKIS PRODUCED A NEAR-MISHAP. PAYING HEED TO WELL-WISHERS GATHERED NEAR HIM

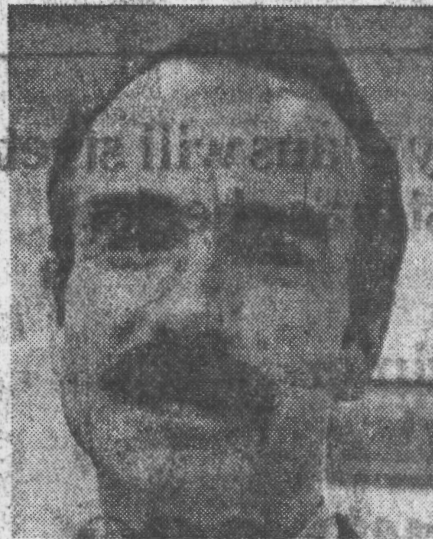
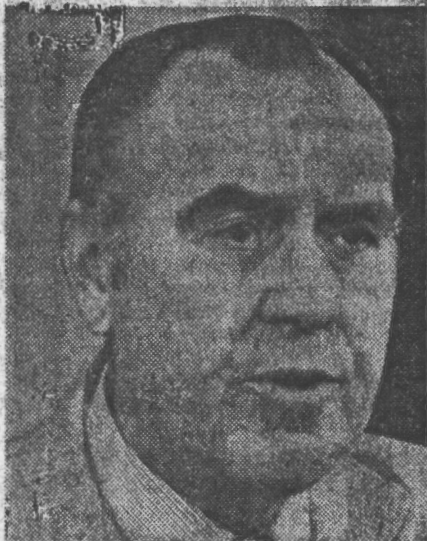
AT A CHAIR LIFT, HE DID NOT SEE AN EMPTY CHAIR SWINGING INTO POSITION BEHIND HIM. THE CHAIR GRAZED HIS BACK AS HE WAS PULLED ASIDE BY SECRET SERVICE AGENT LARRY BROWN. THE SAME BODYGUARD WHO DEFLECTED THE GUN AIME LYNETTE FROMME IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF., L

ST SEPTEMBER.

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Associated Press photos

Two Christmas gifts and a complaint: Dale Anderson, left, Patricia Hearst and C. Gordon Liddy.





White House Photo via UPI

Betty Ford shows a Japanese robe, a gift from daughter Susan, to President

Ford as they open Christmas presents at their Vail vacation home.

# Ford Family Celebrates White Christmas at Vail

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

presidential challenger  
Ronald Reagan.

The President gave as well

difficult slope of Vail Mountain.

Mr. Ford, who appeared

## They've Arrived



UPI photo

President Ford and his wife, Betty, arrive at Walker Field in Grand Junction, Colo., with part of their household in tow. The President has his son, Jack's, puppy Reva, on the leash and Mrs. Ford is with Liberty. The President and his family will be in Vail for a one-week ski holiday. (Story on page 6.)

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(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

VAIL (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS LAST FULL DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS VACATION TODAY BY ENJOYING THE MORNING ON THE SKI SLOPES BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW.

FORD STILL MUST ACT ON ABOUT TWO DOZEN PIECES OF LEGISLATION PASSED BY CONGRESS BEFORE IT ADJOURNED DEC. 19. HIS AIDES HAVE NOT INDICATED WHEN FORD WILL ACT ON THE MOSTLY NONCONTROVERSIAL MEASURES.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY FORD WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE LATER THIS WEEK AFTER HE RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

HE ALSO SAID FORD'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS JAN. 19 WILL CENTER ON "WHERE HE WANTS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS."

NESSEN SAID FORD HAS BEEN STUDYING AND "GETTING HIS THOUGHTS TOGETHER" ON THE MAJOR ADDRESS WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. HIS FEDERAL BUDGET FOR THE 1977 FISCAL YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS ON JAN. 20, NESSEN SAID.

THE PRESIDENT DID SOME WORK THIS MORNING AND THEN HEADED FOR THE SLOPES WITH FOUR PROMINENT VAIL WOMEN, INCLUDING PENNY TWEEDY, FORMER OWNER OF TRIPLE CROWN WINNER SECRETARIAT.

ALSO SKIING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE 11,000 FOOT VAIL MOUNTAIN WERE CHAMPIONSHIP SKIER BILLY KIDD AND HENRY PATTY, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRENCH SKI EQUIPMENT FIRM ROSSIGNOL.

ASKED WHY MOST OF FORD'S SKIING PARTNERS WERE WOMEN TODAY, NESSEN SAID THAT FORD "SAVED A DAY TO SKI WITH WOMEN EACH YEAR".

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BY FRANK CORMIER

VAIL, COLO. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD, HEADING HOME AFTER AN EIGHT-DAY SKIING HOLIDAY, MAY FIND HIS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE EMBROILED IN CONTROVERSY BECAUSE OF A DEPARTURE-EVE PARTY IN HIS HONOR.

THE KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER THE MONDAY NIGHT PARTY WAS PLANNED AS A SOCIAL GATHERING BY FORD FUND-RAISER SHEIKA GRAMSHAMMER OR TO FUNNEL MONEY INTO FORD'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. FORD, WHO PLANNED TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON TODAY, SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF MRS. GRAMSHAMMER WAS RAISING MONEY FOR HIM.

FORD SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN SAID FORD'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND AIDES HAD TRIED TO KEEP THE DINNER OUT OF THE FUND-RAISING CATEGORY.

NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS THE EVENT ORIGINALLY WAS PLANNED AS A \$1,000 A COUPLE FUND-RAISER. BUT HE SAID THAT WOULD HAVE MEANT THE PRESIDENT

FORE

OF FORD'S FLIGHT TO COLORADO BECAUSE PART OF THE TRIP, PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS, WOULD THEN BE CLASSIFIED AS POLITICAL.

A FORD AIDE WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED SAID MRS. GRAMSHAMMER WAS CAUTIONED BY THE FORD COMMITTEE TO MAIL CARDS SEEKING MONEY FROM VAIL RESIDENTS ONLY AFTER THE PARTY. THIS SOURCE SAID SHE APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD, SENDING THE CARDS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE INVITATIONS.

NESSEN ACKNOWLEDGED MRS. GRAMSHAMMER HAD MAILED ABOUT 100 PLEDGE CARDS BEFORE THE DINNER. HE SAID CARDS AND INVITATIONS WERE NOT IN THE SAME ENVELOPES BUT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT IN THE SAME MAIL.

MRS. GRAMSHAMMER SAID MAILING THE PLEDGE CARDS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PARTY. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS FROM RESIDENTS THAT THEY WERE BEING ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ATTEND THE PARTY, SHE SAID, "PEOPLE CAN GIVE WHAT THEY WANT. THERE IS NO FORCE. THEY CAN GIVE \$10 OR WHATEVER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'VE GIVEN."

BUT SOME VAIL WINTER RESIDENTS REPORTED THEY HAD BEEN SOLICITED TO GIVE \$1,000 A COUPLE FOR THE DINNER AND SAID THEY FELT PRESSURED.

EDS: FORD SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AT 5:15 P.M. TODAY.

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(BETTY)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

VAIL, COLO. (UPI) -- BETTY FORD DID HER LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY, ADMITTED THE HOLIDAY HAS BECOME COMMERCIAL BUT SAID THAT IT IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR FOR HER BECAUSE "THE FAMILY IS ALL TOGETHER."

THE FIRST LADY ALSO SAID SHE HAS MADE A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION "TO TRY TO AVOID MAKING THOSE REMARKS I COME OUT WITH SO CANDIDLY."

BUT WITH A QUICK AFTERTHOUGHT, AND A BRIGHT MISCHIEVOUS SMILE, SHE ADDED:

"AFTER ALL THESE YEARS YOU CANT TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS."

WEARING A BRIGHT YELLOW SKI SUIT OVER A ROYAL BLUE TURTLE NECK SWEATER, MRS. FORD HELD AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE NEAR THE FORDS SWISS-STYLE LEASED CHALET AT THIS WINTER RESORT WHERE THE FIRST FAMILY IS SPENDING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN RESPONSE TO A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS, SHE ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT GET UPSET -- "AND NEITHER DO I" -- OVER THE NEWS ACCOUNTS OF HIS MISHAPS AND SEEMING PRONENESS TO ACCIDENTS.

ACTUALLY, MRS. FORD SAID, "I THINK HES WELL COORDINATED, AND IVE KNOWN HIM 27 YEARS."

AS FOR THE ATTEMPTS ON THE PRESIDENTS LIFE, MRS. FORD SAID SHE BELIVES THAT NOT ONLY HER HUSBAND BUT "ALL CANDIDATES" ARE VULNERABLE. "BUT THIS IS SOMETING YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH. YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE A LOT OF FAITH," SHE SAID.

MRS. FORD LOOKED AS IF SHE WERE ON TOP OF THE WORLD, AND WAS QUITE AT EASE IN FIELDING THE QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS.

"I FEEL MARVELOUS," SHE SAID. "JUST GREAT."

SHE SAID IT WAS GOOD FOR HER HUSBAND TO HAVE A HOLIDAY AWAY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, ALTHOUGH SHE NOTED HE STILL WORKS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IN THE MORNING AND LATE AFTERNOON AFTER SPENDING A FEW HOURS ON THE SKI SLOPES. "HE LIKES TO GET AWAY," SHE SAID. "WERE ALL SORRY THE TRIP IS SHORT THIS TIME."

THE FORDS WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DEC. 30 BUT HAVE NOT YET MADE THEIR NEW YEARS EVE PLANS.

AS FOR CHRISTMAS, MRS. FORD SAID, "ITS THE ONE TIME WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN ALL THE FAMILY IS TOGETHER."

"IM JUST HAPPY TO HAVE THE FAMILY TOGETHER AND PEACE IN THE WORLD. THERES NO BETTER TIME FOR US."

"WE REALLY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER CHRISTMAS HAD BECOME TOO COMMERCIAL, SHE REPLIED:

"DO THINK THE COMMERCIALISM IS TOO BAD, BUT IT CAN BE GOOD FOR PERS."

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VAIL, COLO. (UPI) -- THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROLERS ARE READY FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S STAY IN THIS ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESORT, BUT THE WEATHER FORECASTS SAY NO FRESH SNOW, NOT EVEN FOR PRESIDENTIAL SKIING.

ALTHOUGH THE SLOPES WILL BE WELL COVERED WITH SNOW WHEN FORD, HIS WIFE BETTY AND THEIR SON JACK ARRIVE TODAY, NO SNOW IS IN SIGHT FOR SEVERAL DAYS. VAIL HAS NOT HAS A SNOW STORM IN MORE THAN A WEEK.

THE FORDS' OTHER CHILDREN, SUSAN, MICHAEL AND STEVEN, ARRIVED EARLY AND ALREADY HAVE SPENT THREE DAYS SKIING THE WIDE OPEN SLOPES OF THE AREA. DESPITE THE LACK OF POWDER COVERING, ALL THREE SAID THE SKIING WAS GOOD.

THE TOWN, WHICH WELCOMES THOUSANDS OF SKIERS DURING THE HOLIDAY, HAS BEEN DECKED OUT LIKE A SWISS VILLAGE AT CHRISTMAS, COMPLETE WITH LIGHTS AND FESTIVE TRIMMINGS.

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FORD (TOPS N8)  
BY FRANK CORMIER

VAIL, COLO. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS DINING TONIGHT WITH 52 COUPLES INVITED BY A WOMAN WHO IS RAISING MONEY FOR HIS 1976 CAMPAIGN. A SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH THE PARTY SAID SOME CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS WILL BE THERE.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER ANY OF THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND WOULD BE PAYING GUESTS, BUT HE SAID HE COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY.

"SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING ARE NOT CONTRIBUTORS AND SOME WHO ARE CONTRIBUTORS ARE NOT COMING," NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS. BUT ANOTHER SOURCE F

MILIAR WITH THE PARTY PLANNING SAID SOME \$1,000 CONTRIBUTORS WILL BE AMONG THE GUESTS.

NESSEN MADE CLEAR THAT FORD'S AIDES AND THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE HAVE GONE TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO PUT THE DINNER OUTSIDE THE FUND-RAISING CATEGORY. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS SAID THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WOULD PICK UP HIS CAMPAIGN-RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES.

THE DINNER WILL BE AT A NIGHTCLUB OPERATED BY SHEILA GRAMSHAMMER, WIFE OF FORMER OLYMPIC SKIER PEPI GRAMSHAMMER, AT THIS SKI RESORT WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAS SPENT HIS CHRISTMAS VACATION. NESSEN SAID MRS. GRAMSHAMMER HAS BEEN TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR FORD'S 1976 CAMPAIGN.

MRS. GRAMSHAMMER MAILED OUT ABOUT 100 PLEDGE CARDS TO PROSPECTIVE CAMPAIGN DONORS AS WELL AS INVITATIONS TO THE DINNER, NESSEN SAID. HE SAID CARDS AND INVITATIONS WERE NOT ENCLOSED IN THE SAME ENVELOPES, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT IN THE SAME MAIL.

ASKED IF FORD WAS CONVINCED OF THE PROPRIETY OF ATTENDING THE DINNER DURING WHAT IS OSTENSIBLY A VACATION TRIP WHERE TRAVEL, STAFF AND SECRET SERVICE EXPENSES WERE BEING PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT, NESSEN REPLIED: "YES. HE WOULDN'T GO OTHERWISE."

THE PRESIDENT IS PAYING HIS OWN CONDOMINIUM RENTAL AND OTHER PERSONAL EXPENSES.

TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY DONORS WILL ATTEND THE DINNER, NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS TO CROSS CHECK A GUEST LIST, WHICH HE DID NOT PROVIDE, WITH A LIST OF DONORS, WHICH HE SAID WAS AT THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON.

NESSEN SAID 11 PERSONS HAD RETURNED PLEDGE CARDS WORTH \$10,000 TO THE COMMITTEE AS OF DEC. 23 AND REFERRED REPORTERS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A MORE UP-TO-DATE TOTAL.

IN WASHINGTON, A STAFF MEMBER AT THE COMMITTEE SAID IT WAS OPERATING WITH A SKELETON STAFF DURING THE HOLIDAYS, BUT ADDED: "OUR FINANCE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

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FORDS' CHRISTMAS  
BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD MAY CUT SHORT HIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SKIING VACATION IN COLORADO BECAUSE HE AND CONGRESS HAVE SOME UNSETTLED DIFFERENCES OVER TAX CUTS AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES INDICATE FORD NOW HAS SCHEDULED ONLY A WEEK IN VAIL, COLO., FROM DEC. 23 TO DEC. 29. ORIGINALLY, THE PRESIDENT PLANNED AT LEAST A TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY STAY.

CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL NEXT WEEK TO A BILL EXTENDING THIS YEAR'S TAX REDUCTIONS. FORD IS EXPECTED TO VETO THE BILL BECAUSE IT PROBABLY WILL LACK A SPENDING LID HE HAS SOUGHT. CONGRESS THEN WILL ATTEMPT TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.

FORD ALSO IS PLANNING TO SALUTE CONGRESS AT A BIG WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS BALL TO WHICH ALL SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS ARE INVITED. THE BLACK-TIE PARTY DEC. 17 IS THE BIG EVENT ON THE FORDS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL CALENDAR.

THE FORDS ALSO ARE PLANNING SPECIAL PARTIES FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS, CHILDREN OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHO HELPED PROVIDE THIS YEAR'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD HAD MADE NO FIRM CHRISTMAS VACATION PLANS BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE BATTLE WITH CONGRESS OVER TAX-CUT LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID WEDNESDAY.

"THE SITUATION IN THE DAYS AHEAD IS SOMEWHAT FLUID, AND THE PRESIDENT WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH TIME HE CAN TAKE ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM," SAID DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY JOHN HUSHEN.

THE POSSIBILITY OF FORD STAYING IN WASHINGTON FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR CAME AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE ARRANGED A TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY FROM DEC. 20 TO JAN. 3 IN VAIL, COLO.

OTHER OFFICIALS SAID PRIVATELY A FIVE-DAY VACATION, DEC. 23-28, HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

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(FORD VACATION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD PLANS TO GO TO VAIL, COLO., FOR A CHRISTMAS SKIING VACATION WITH HIS FAMILY BUT TO STAY ONLY FIVE OR SIX DAYS BECAUSE HE FEELS HE SHOULD GET BACK TO WORK RATHER QUICKLY, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER ALSO SAID FORD WAS WAITING TO SEE HOW CONGRESS PROGRESSES ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION AND "IF CONGRESS IS IN SESSION OVER CHRISTMAS, THEN THE PRESIDENT WILL BE IN TOWN."

IF CONGRESS COMPLETES ITS WORK BY ABOUT DEC. 20, GREENER SAID, THE PRESIDENT HOPES TO LEAVE DEC. 23 OR 24 FOR VAIL. HE SAID FORD PLANS TO RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE DEC. 29 RATHER THAN STAY THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY AS HE DID LAST YEAR.

GREENER SAID FORD WOULD BE DOING SOME WORK IN VAIL, BUT HAD DECIDED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO RETURN SOON AFTER CHRISTMAS TO WORK ON THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE AND LEGISLATION HE WILL SEND CONGRESS IN JANUARY.

ASKED IF FORD WAS "SEEKING TO AVOID CRITICISM FOR EXCESSIVE TRAVELING BY CUTTING DOWN HIS STAY IN VAIL," GREENER SAID, "NO, HE IS SEEKING TO RETURN TO HIS OFFICE WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO BE."

HOWEVER, OTHER WHITE HOUSE AIDES SAID FORD'S PLANS WERE MOTIVATED MAINLY BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THEY SAID THE PRESIDENT AND SOME OF HIS ADVISERS FEARED THAT VOTERS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES MIGHT HOLD IT AGAINST FORD IF HE SPENT SUBSTANTIAL TIME ON THE SKI SLOPES AFTER MAKING MANY POLITICAL TRIPS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

AFTER GREENER ANNOUNCED FORD'S TENTATIVE PLANS AT THE REGULAR DAILY WHITE HOUSE NEWS BRIEFING, REPORTERS TOLD HIM A NEW GALLUP POLL SOON TO BE PUBLISHED FOUND FORMER CALIFORNIA GOV. RONALD REAGAN'S RUNNING SUBSTANTIALLY AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE 1976 NOMINATION IN A SURVEY OF REPUBLICAN VOTERS.

THEY NOTED THAT THE RESULTS WERE A SHARP REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS STANDINGS AND ASKED IF HE OR THE PRESIDENT HAD ANY REACTION. GREENER SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE POLL AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER FORD WAS AWARE OF IT.

BUT HE SAID FORD GOT A RUNDOWN ON THE OPERATIONS OF HIS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY THE CHAIRMAN, HOWARD "BO" CALLAWAY, DURING A CABINET MEETING WEDNESDAY, AND THAT CALLAWAY TOLD THE PRESIDENT HE EXPECTED HIM TO WIN THE FIRST GOP PRIMARY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE FEB. 24 AND THE THIRD, IN FLORIDA, ON MARCH 9.

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(PRESIDENTIAL VACATION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD PLANS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN VAIL, COLO., WHERE HIS FAMILY TRADITIONALLY TAKES A HOLIDAY SKI VACATION, A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID MONDAY.

UNLESS CONGRESS IS IN SESSION, DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER SAID, FORD WILL BE IN VAIL FROM DEC. 23-30.

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BETTY FORD SAID YESTERDAY THE FAMILY USUALLY GOES SKIING AND EXCHANGES CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

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DARLYNE DAVIS

# Hurry and Wait

## ...You're In The White House Press Pool

Scott Clarke

You will see them in Vail whenever you see the President. They plod along in the snow, encumbered with cameras and sound equipment, prodded by secret servicemen, scribbling notes while the Chief Executive goes about his business or pleasure.

They are the "pool" of the White House Press Corps. Like bird-dogs on a routine hunt they search out details, and, while the corps is a massive and prestigious institution, they number from one to perhaps fifteen persons. While the corps is cumbersome they are mobile, waiting, often bone-tired -- to travel with the President on Air Force One, to watch him tee-off, to shiver on a ski slope, to parade with him down Main Street or to squeeze into a state fair crowd and watch him judge a show pig.

Delegations to the pool are made

# Ford Gives Up Pretense Of Being At Work

St Louis Post-Dispatch 12-26-74

By JAMES DEAKIN

Washington Correspondent

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 26 — Notes from a frostbitten reporter:

The White House carefully arranged for photographs of President Gerald R. Ford hard at work in Vail before it permitted photographers to go up on the ski slope to take pictures of him hard at play.

Mr. Ford apparently realized it was a charade. After shuffling through a few papers and knitting his brow in presidential concentration, he gave up the pretense and started chatting with reporters.

of the agents cuts in smoothly and unobtrusively to ease the citizen-skier away.

Mr. Ford has been wearing a different parka each day, apparently as a security precaution. The first day he was resplendent in a bright orange parka. The next day he wore a brown par-

ka and the day after that he was in blue.

There had been reports that the Secret Service was going to put decoy agents on the slopes, dressed like the President. None has been spotted and the Secret Service says it is not using

decoys, which means either that it is or is not.

Department of Deep Inner Significance: A spectator on the ski slope

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## Press Finds Itself Out In Cold

■ FROM PAGE ONE

Tuesday told the President, "We're really proud to have you here in Vail."

Mr. Ford on the skiing this year: "It's been super, really. It's been cold, but the snow is ideal. It's been just right."

Reversing a family tradition in which Mr. and Mrs. Ford and their children opened their Christmas gifts on Christmas eve, the Ford family waited until



—Associated Press

**A SNOWBALL FOR MISTY** — Susan Ford tosses a snowball to Misty, one of the Ford family pets, just before she left for a day of skiing at Vail, Colo., yesterday. Misty is one of the litter of puppies from President Ford's Golden Retriever Liberty. Susan and her two brothers, Steve and Mike and Mike's wife began their Christmas vacation early. President and Mrs. Ford aren't due to arrive in Vail until tomorrow.



**Newsmakers----** *Los A. Times, 2/22/75*

## DC-3 Still 'First Class' Transportation

—Ford watchers began what looks like a hard-working holiday. Susan Ford, dressed in green and white and with friend Brian McCartney, a ski patrolman, at her side, began her first day on the Vail, Colo., slopes. Steve Ford, wearing his cowboy hat, skied with a Secret Service agent in another party, and Mike Ford was in still another group with his wife. President and Mrs. Ford and their other son, Jack, are due Tuesday.

—By Jennings Parrott

## Notes on People

# Bennington Trustees to Review Dr. Parker

Bennington College trustees, responding to a faculty vote of no-confidence in the school's president, announced yesterday that they would

is a daughter of former Gov. W. Averell Harriman.

Following a stroke he suffered on the Caribbean Island of St. Martin, Ken W.

retary, and Thomas C. Reed to be Secretary of the Air Force.

William E. Zeckendorf, the real estate developer, and

equipment for the Presidential visit.

His father was Theodore Roosevelt's coachman in Oyster Bay, L. I., and Leonard

## Names/Faces

### Tears and Wilted Carnations in Moscow

It was all tears and wilted flowers when Yelena Sakharov arrived back in Moscow for a greeting by her husband, dissident Soviet physicist (and Nobel Prize winner) Andrei Sakharov. Mrs. Sakharov arrived on a flight from Paris after accepting her husband's prize in Oslo Dec. 10, and the Sakharov family's status was pretty well spelled out by the Soviet customs people, who detained Mrs. Sakharov for two hours and confiscated some copies of her husband's works (but not, apparently, the Nobel Prize itself). At any rate, they were finally reunited in a tearful embrace, Sakharov whispering, "Oh, my dear, my dear!" The physicist, known as the father of the Soviet H-bomb, was carrying a newspaper—wrapped parcel, which he opened to reveal six rather sick-looking red carnations and a single white, unidentified flower. He laughed and told reporters the flowers had frozen in the sub-zero Russian winter. Mrs. Sakharov had to leave the \$143,000 prize money back in Western Europe. And he can still laugh?

### Latest Ford Ski Bulletin

Correction: President Ford will be schussing and sitzmarking on his own this Christmas out on the ski slopes of Vail, Colo. His longtime ski instructor, Dennis Hoeger, who reported only yesterday that he expected to be giving El Primo anti-rotational lessons as usual, is going to spend the holidays with his family in Denver. "He's just going to chew them up alone this year," said Hoeger, apparently referring to the ski slopes, not the presidential skis. The Chief Executive will not be completely bereft of instructional talent on his six-day vacation, however. Pepi Gramshammer, an old friend who happens to be a former Olympic skier, will accompany the President on his forays into the Colorado snowbanks.

# Names/Faces

## Why Is This Man Shaking?

If you thought flesh-pressing in the grand manner went out with LBJ, you just don't know Donald H. Rumsfeld, the new defense secretary. In one of the strangest announcements to issue from the Pentagon



in at least a week, Rumsfeld has offered to shake the hand of each and every one of the 22,000 military and civilian employees in the huge building starting next Monday. There is some fear that if they all accept the offer there will be, like the fabled marching Chinese, a line that never ends. But Rumsfeld's aides anticipate only about 3,000 showing up, because many Pentagon people will be taking Christmas week off and also, as one official said (confirming a widely held opinion), "some people never get the

word." Rumsfeld has set aside three hours for the handshaking, or 3¼ seconds per shake. It is not clear what Rumsfeld is running for.

## Going to Press With Jackie

We get a glimpse into the mysterious world of book publishing today, thanks to Tom Guinzburg, president of Viking Press and, more important, Jackie Kennedy Onassis' boss. He reports that a book Viking plans to publish, called "A Changing Destiny," will be based on a planned exhibit (that's right, a planned exhibit) which Jackie helped put together in her capacity as a \$200-a-week consultant. The book, like the exhibit, will be about the changing role of women in the 18th century (that's right, 18th), and Guinzburg said if his famous consultant hadn't been in on the exhibit planning, the book "wouldn't have come to Viking." He seemed pleased.

## It's Those Right Turns That Are Tricky

In addition to his other troubles, President Ford has "some old rotational habits" his skiing instructor is trying to break him of. "He moves his shoulders in the direction of his turn," explains Dennis C. Hoeger, Ford's ski coach for the past seven years. "I'd like to have him turn more with his legs." Hoeger, who will give the President a few lessons over the holidays if he can find a place to stay in Vail, Colo., says Ford is a much better skier than your average man of 62 because of his physical fitness and agility. Teaching a president isn't like handling a class of beginners, Hoeger says. "It's not your traditional stand-on-the-hill class lesson you normally see," he said. "His skiing time is limited, so we don't have much time to stop and talk, but I do point out things I want him to do."



**newsmakers----**

LA Times  
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# Ford's in a Rut, Ski Instructor Says

—This can be an exasperating time of the year for ski instructors, what with all the duffers wanting to hotdog it on the slopes. Dennis C. Hoeger, 29, who will be working in Vail, Colo., has one 62-year-old male client he has been coaching for seven years, and he is still trying to break him of a few bad habits—such as rotating his shoulders in the direction of his turns. "I'd like to have him turn more with his legs," Hoeger said of President Ford, who flies to Vail Monday for Christmas holidays. The Secret Service apparently has more confidence in Ford's ability than Hoeger. They don't blink an eyelash, he said, when the President zips down a slope.



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VAIL, COLO. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WILL HAVE TO DO WITHOUT THE GUIDANCE OF HIS REGULAR SKI INSTRUCTOR WHEN HE ARRIVES HERE FOR AN EIGHT-DAY CHRISTMAS STAY. THE INSTRUCTOR IS TAKING A CHRISTMAS VACATION OF HIS OWN.

DENNIS C. HOEGER, WHO HAS BEEN SKIING WITH THE FORD FAMILY FOR FIVE YEARS AND WAS FORD'S TEACHER A YEAR AGO, WILL REMAIN IN DENVER TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HIS FAMILY.

FORD WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON EARLY TODAY.

COLD, PARTLY CLOUDY WEATHER WAS FORECAST HERE, WITH NO MENTION OF SNOW. IT HASN'T SNOWED FOR A WEEK, BUT A 32-INCH BASE WAS REPORTED AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH TWO FEET OF SNOW MIDWAY DOWN THE HILL.

ROBERT DORF, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VAIL SKI SCHOOL, SAID HOEGER DECIDED IT WOULD BE "JUST TOO MUCH OF A CRUNCH" TO TRY TO GET IN ENOUGH INSTRUCTION DURING FORD'S EIGHT-DAY STAY. THE PRESIDENT SPENT TWO WEEKS HERE LAST YEAR.

NONETHELESS, FORD WILL HAVE PLENTY OF COMPANY ON THE SLOPES, INCLUDING SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, MEMBERS OF THE VAIL SKI PATROL AND PEPI GRAMSHAMMER, A FAMILY FRIEND AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL SKI TEAM.

GRAMSHAMMER SAID THE 62-YEAR-OLD FORD HAS RARELY FALLEN IN THE SIX YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN SKIING TOGETHER AND SKIS WELL ENOUGH TO HANDLE ANY OF VAIL'S RUNS. HE SAID HE PROBABLY WILL GIVE THE PRESIDENT POINTERS BUT ADDED: "WE'RE NOT GOING OUT THERE AND TALK ALL DAY ABOUT TECHNIQUE."

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# Ford Casts Work Aside, Schusses Away in Colorado

BY DAVID LAMB

Times Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo.—His 35,000 Christmas

## FORD IN VAIL

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ditures. If he had not signed the bill, the average U.S. taxpayer would have been paying \$6 more a week starting Jan. 1.

Ford signed also legislation establishing a national policy of coordinating and planning for the "increased use" of the metric system in the Unit-



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**MUTTERING**—President Ford has more than he can handle with family dog Liberty and puppy belonging to son Jock as he leaves

White House for trip to Vail, Colo. But Betty and a new approach carried the day. Officer at right is Army Gen. William A. Brown Jr.

AP Wirephotos



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**FORD FAMILY CHRISTMAS:** President and Mrs. Ford with their family before the fireplace in their quarters at Vail, Colo., after the gifts were  
from the left: Michael, Steven and

John, and, in front, Susan, who holds Misty, one of the Ford dogs. Next to her is Liberty. Yesterday, the President skied for three hours and said that the conditions were "just ideal." Details are on Page 18.

White House Photograph via United Press International

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Skating Is Good, So Is Turkey

# Ford Plans Some Work Breaks

By Frank Cormier  
Associated Press

VAIL, Colo. — President Ford says he plans to tackle a ration of official business before spending more time on the ski slopes.

The President helped his

fasting on pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. The turkey dinner kept them at home in the evening for the first time since the President's arrival here Tuesday afternoon.

THEIR MENU was

I ordered one and everyone in the family bought me one."

He presumably was exaggerating, since he told another group he was given four — the number on an official White House listing of gifts

# Names/Faces

## Raised Eyebrows Dept., JFK Div.

Latest entry in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Stakes for mares and fillies is a San Francisco socialite named Joan Hitchcock Lundberg, 42, who claims to have been Kennedy's inamorata for three years when he was a U.S. senator. "He was a very busy fellow," said Mrs. Lundberg, who has been married four times and has four children. "A wonderful guy and a lot of fun." She claims she was only one of a long "exclusive" list of women who had affairs with the king of Camelot over the years, and said when her liaison with Kennedy became "obvious," she was no longer welcome at the home of the Peter Lawfords, Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law. "He liked to think he could determine a woman's intelligence by looking at her eyebrow structure and the way her eyes were spaced," said Mrs. Lundberg, who is, naturally, writing a book. There are believed to be a number of grade-school sweethearts yet to be heard from.

## What Happened to Our Bridge?

'Tis, after all, the season to be jolly, and go on vacation, so who can blame President Ford if he can't provide a breakdown of the \$9.3 billion public works bill he just signed? Queried by reporters, the White House was unable to give any details of the culverts, bridges and abutments authorized by the legislation, which is commonly referred to as the pork barrel. And can one decently blame the Office of Management and Budget? Or, jolliest of all, perhaps, the congressional committees that handled the bill? Of course not. Everyone is off on vacation. It will all come out in due time, after the holiday festivities.

## Christmas Greetings To and Fro

Former President Richard M. Nixon got a Christmas telephone call Thursday from his successor and pardoner. White House Press Secretary Ronald Nes- sen reported that President Ford called Nixon at San Clemente to wish him and his wife a merry Christmas. No details of the conversation were available, and it apparently was not taped. As for the incumbent himself, Ford fielded holiday calls from Bob Hope, Melvin R. Laird and the President's brother, Richard, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

## The Olympic Team Makes a Choice

Is there a reflection on President Ford's skiing ability here? While he was wolfing down elkburgers with the Vail Ski Patrol, Betty Ford was lunching with members of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team. The First Lady was wearing the white ski togs her husband gave her for Christmas. Perhaps more significant than any of that, though, is the fact that the Fords were invited to dine last night with Richard Bass, a Dallas oil man whose home the First Family borrowed for their Christmas skiing vacation.

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## SLOPES TERMED 'IDEAL' BY FORD

After Opening Gifts, He Skis  
In Colorado for 3 Hours—  
'Says, 'I Feel Great'

By PHILIP SHABECOFF

Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 25—Presi-

### '12 Turdnecks'

About a dozen Secret service agents and ski policemen surrounded the President as he descended "the Simba trail," a ski slope that was closed off for the President's exclusive use. The two women originally applied for permission to picket the White House, but apparently changed their minds when they found that the President had left for Colorado.





United Press International

**IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF SKIERS:** President Ford laughing yesterday after taking a spill at Vail, Colo. He was unhurt, and skied on. From his vacation home, Mr. Ford issued a statement on heroin smuggling. Page 37.

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## Some at Dinner for Ford Had Been Asked for Gifts

By PHILIP SHABECOFF

Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 29—A friend of President Ford who is one of his campaign workers has generated some political complications for the President by and that some of those asked for pledges not be invited to the dinner.

Mrs. Gramshammer, who

*Andy Rivers*  
*203 A. Times* 12/29/75  
**EVERYTHING'S 2ND TO SKIING**

# Ford Taken in Stride by Vail's Affluent Crowds

**BY DAVID LAMB**  
Times Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo.—Whether he is skiing or partying—both of which he does well—Vail's No. 1 vacation citizen enjoys a low-keyed profile in this chic resort, which prides itself on

publicized Vail as a year-round resort—something we're very intent on doing."

But even without the President, this 13-year-old resort would do quite



**SNOW SHOW**—President Ford ended a run at Vail, Colo., by heading into a group of reporters and then coming to a quick stop, to the amusement of Secret Service guards and the reporters. AP Wirephoto.

## *L.A. Times 12/25/75* Ford Attends Church Service After Spill on Slopes

**BY DAVID LAMB**  
Times Staff Writer

**VAIL, Colo.**—President Ford took

with well wishers, spent nearly three hours on the slopes and retired to his rented condominium while Mrs. Ford walked through Vail to do some last-

On Christmas Eve, while carolers bundled up against the cold strolled through the narrow streets and the village square was abuzz with



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## Jews of the Week



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President and Mrs. Ford arrive in Grand Junction, Colo., for a week's vacation skiing at Vail, Colo. The President leads son Jack's puppy, Revd, and Mrs. Ford leads the family's Liberty.

# *Dinner Caps President's Vail Vacation*

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo., Dec.

charged to his campaign committee. While Nessen gave no figures, he said this would cost more than the \$52,000 the dinner was in-

Mr. Ford's election committee and an enthusiastic booster of the President.

On Nov. 12, at a time the White House was officially

to Mrs. Gramshammer in subsequent telephone calls, Nessen said.

However, Mrs. Gramshammer sent out more than

the Gramshammer pledge cards.

The press secretary said that the matter had been reviewed by Bob Visser, legal



## The Weather

Today—Partly cloudy, high near 50.  
The chance of rain is 10 per cent.  
Sunday—Partly cloudy, high near 50.  
Yesterday—10 a.m. air quality index  
was 5; Temperature range was from 48  
to 35. Further details are on Page D2.

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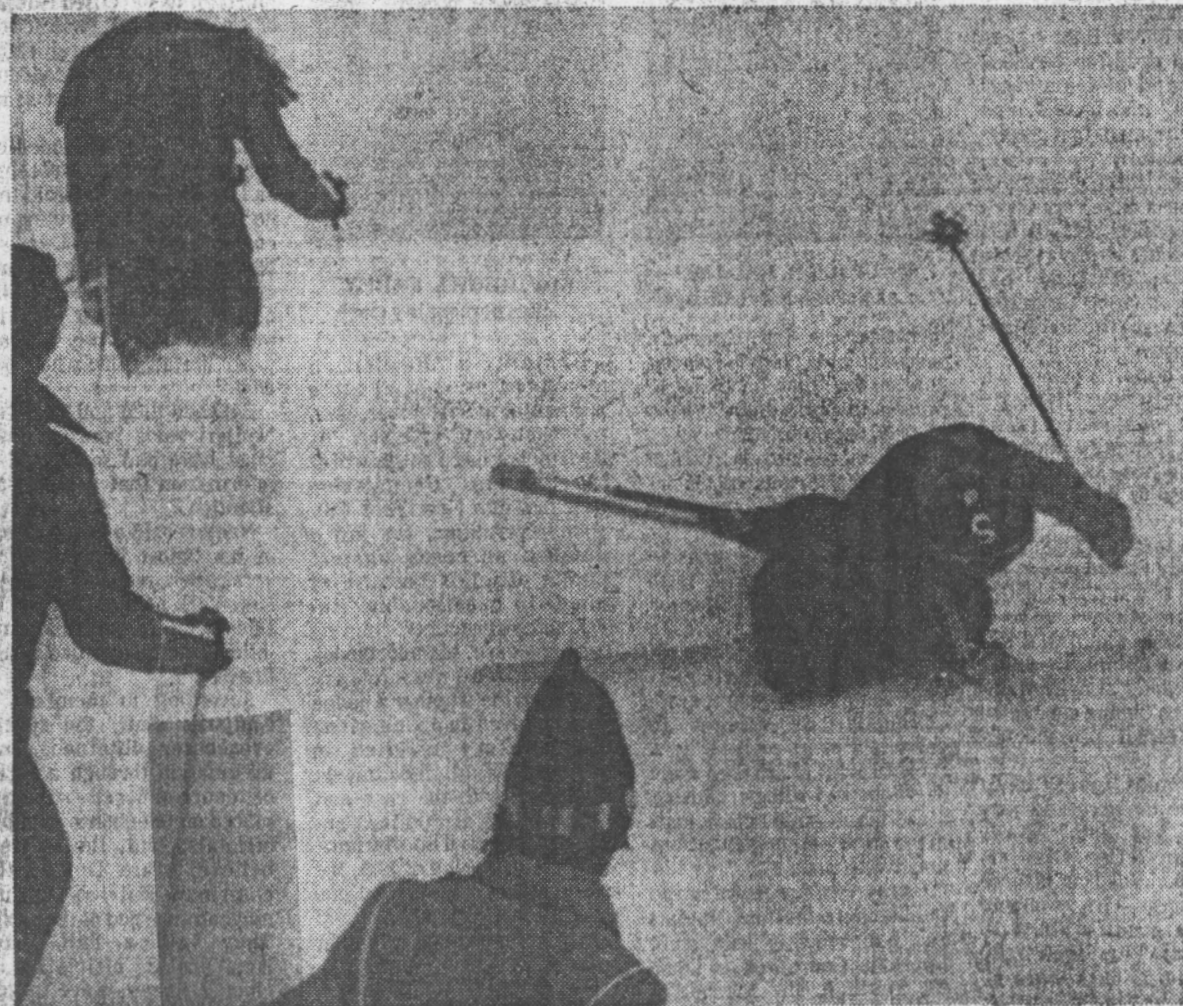
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**PRESIDENTIAL SPILL**—President Ford falls during morning ski run in Vail, Colo., left, but manages a smile for members of the U.S. ski team who were accompanying him. Mr. Ford was not hurt. Story Page A3.

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# Ford Relaxes, Leaves

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VAIL, Colo., Dec. 27—At times during his happy Christmas week of skiing and partying, it seemed as if Gerald R. Ford couldn't have cared less about being







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President Ford talks with Mrs. Shelka Gramshammer after he finished his last run down the ski slopes at Vail, Colo., yesterday. Mrs. Gramshammer gave a dinner

party for the Fords last night which originally had been intended as a fundraiser but then changed to a private party.

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Fundraiser Or Fundraiser?

## Ford Going-Away Party Stirs Up Political Storm

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford, in accepting an invitation to a party in his honor, has kicked up a political-fuss and raised the question: When is a fundraiser not a fundrais

"Some of the people coming to the party are not contributors, and some who are contributors are not coming," Nessen said. "I can't say that all the people invited received pledge