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President Ford takes his afterlinner remarks to a group that ncluded Danny Kaye and Vice President Rockefeller on his right.

Some Stiff Upper Lips At a Glittering Dinner

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Amusements

By Isabelle Shelton and Joy Billington Star News Staff Writers

Borrowing a quote from Winston Churchill, President Ford told British Prime Minister Harold Wilson last night that the free world is not "made of sugar candy," but will find its way through the challenges it faces today. Churchill told the world in 1941. Ford recalled, that "we have not journeyed all this way across the centuries, across the oceans, across the mountains, across the praries because we are made of sugar candy.

The challenges we face today, Ford told the British leader, "are serious, they are different, and in many ways much more complex then those confronted in the Second World War. Yet I am confident that by working together, the free and democratic nations can again triumph. We are still made not of sugar candy."

WILSON, WHOSE last official visit to Washington was five years ago, and who is meeting President Ford this week for the first time, said of U.S.-British relations: "Whenever peace was in danger, whenever democracy was threatened, there were always leaders in our two countries, ... to meet whatever challenge faced us."

He is confident the same cooperation will prevail with the "still newer problems which have arisen to threaten the economic life of our own nations and of so many other nations of the world."

The tone of the evening was warm and genial as is usually the case when U.S. and British leaders meet. But there was a serious undertone, reflected in both Ford's and Wilson's toasts, and in the demeanor of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and several major congressional leaders who were at the dinner.

Ford and Kissinger both seemed to be conducting practically a lobbying operation with key legislators, apparently on both aid to South Vietnam and the administration's energy program.

They apparently felt some urgency too, about the Turkish aid program, which will be cut off next Tuesday under Congressional mandate unless the

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-Star-News Photographer Walter Oates



Two Minds On 'Hearts and Minds'

"Hearts and Minds," now playing at the Cerberus 2, is a documentary on the Vietnam War that probably will generate as much discussion and as many arguments as the war itself. Here are two looks at the controversial movie, Frank Getlein calls it "enormously intelligent, an overwhelming film," while Jeremiah O'-Leary says it's "a brilliant hatchet job, with a technique that . . . would make heroes of Attila and the Huns."



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Mr Wilson proposing a toast at the White House banquet. Facing the camera are (left to right) Mrs Ford; Mr Callaghan; Mrs Margaret Truman Daniel, daughter of the late President Truman; Mrs Wilson; and President Ford.

White House fetes Mr Wilson From Fred Emery

Washington, Jan 31.

White House insiders said it was the "most glamorous" evening the Fords have yet arranged, as the state dinner

offering a toast."

of the evening, however, in is at this time.... paraphrasing Winston Church. "The tradition of meetings because we don't even have to for Mr Wilson last night pro- ill's defiant words of 1941. between the Governments of our go back to first base and repeat

ado ski star, Mr Billy Kidd. democratic nations can again Their presence seemed to triumph. We are still not made some of the guests to liven up of sugar candy." I say, interparliamentary asso-ciations that strengthen our re-lationship—the value of them

Their presence seemed to triumph. We are still not made some of the guests to liven up the customary and perhaps jaded political stars, and the leaders of diplomacy and industry.

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industry. Mr Ford, a most enthusiastic host whose enjoyment of such affairs is palpable, seemed more at home in introducing the fabulous Miss Sills than in "I cannot recall a time when for a most enthusiastic is palpable, seemed more at home in introducing the fabulous Miss Sills than in "I cannot recall a time when for the fabulous for the great suggesting that one of the great the Anglo-American there is there is the fabulous for the angle and between the fabulous for the angle angl The fabulous Miss Sills than in "I cannot recall a time when our relationship was so close, the solution of our own our understanding so deep as it problems and those of the world, and it saves a great deal of time

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Jan. 30 (AP) apers have printed by received from a of former President ing the Thai people, erage annual income more than \$200 a year, rifice" and donate to cause.

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en convicted, charged, inen convicted, charged, inact who are still sought ations of the military service act or of the code of military justice." President also observed program "was intended de a way for many pero received an undesirable



discharge from military service, for absentee and related offenses, to upgrade their discharge certificate to a clemency discharge." Under the clemency program, applicants can get pardons by the President or conditional pardons after serving a maximum of 24 months in public service work. So far Ford has acted on 65 cases. Twenty applicants received outright pardons and about onethird of the rest were required to serve three months of alternative service.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said that he knew of no plans to extend the program beyond March 1 if the upsurge in applications continued.



Prime Minister Wilson joins President Ford for breezy welcoming ceremony on lawn of the White House yesterday.

Ford Greets Britain's Wilson

By STAN CARTER

Washington, Jan. 30 (News Bureau)—President Ford, ignoring a runny nose, gave a ruffles and flourishes welcome to British Prime Minister Harold Wilson today and told him that bold action could turn the world economic crisis into "one of

the great creative moments in our history."

The President, meeting Wilson for the first time, greeted him on the South Lawn of the White House. It was a sunny but chill day, with a temperature of about 40 degrees, and windy, Both Ford and Wilson wore business suits, without topcoats.

Ford told Wilson that the United States and Britain—"a staunch ally and steadfast friend"

Decor Is Mainly Decoys

By ANN WOOD

News

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Washington, Jan. 30 (News Bureau)—President and Mrs. Ford gave a very special party for British Prime Minister Harold Wilson tonight, complete with a decor of bird-hunting decoys.

The guest list included movie stars Cary Grant, Kirk Douglas, Warren Beatty and Danny Kaye, Soprano Beverly

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FROM: ANNE SWANSON News Summary

FYI



Ann Wilson and Betty Ford; Nancy and Henry Kissinger; Cornelius and Marylou Whitney; Nancy Kissinger's new hairdo; Babe Paley at the President's table, with the vice-president



Van Cliburn and Nancy Hanks; Warren Beatty and Michelle Phillips; Margaret and Clifton Daniels; Anne and Elliot Richardson; Sylvia and Danny Kaye

"V ariety. That's what I want to bring here," said Betty Ford as she chatted quietly with some of the non-political celebrities during a formal than it was in the Johnson days." Party lines however, didn't dampen the liberal Democrat's enthusiasm when he heard Michelle had



Babe Paley A Babe in

the White House

WASHINGTON — Harold and Mary Wilson left the party early because the Prime Minister was tired. Nancy Kissinger and Marylou Whitney were wearing the same dress. Warren Beatty said the White House was a lot less formal these days. And Babe Paley was her beautiful usual self in black velvet. They all dined at the White House, and for more on that dinner, see Eye View, page 16.

Photo by Guy De Lort

representatives to flame-retardant pajamas, and said he would bring that point up to all the com-

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Newsday, "Ford's Guns-and Margarine Budget." President Ford would boost the defense budget by more than \$9 billion to a peacetime record of \$94 billion. In effect, he is asking Congress to indemnify the Pentagon against inflation while asking the aged, poor and the unemployed to practice "honest self-denial." A guns-and-margarine budget, so to speak. Congress is not likely to go along -- nor should it. The Ford budget reflected the President's long-held desire to open an ideological dialogue over the long-term costs and benefits of programs designed to aid the aged, sick and unemployed. But that dialogue should wait until far fewer Americans need federal help.

Buffalo Evening News, "Don't Neglect Health Insurance." Problems concerning energy and the economy are very important, but they should not be allowed to shoulder aside sympathetic consideration of national health insurance in Washington this year.

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Northeast Papers

Susan Watters, Women's Wear Daily, Washington: "Variety. That's what I want to bring here," said Bett Ford as she chatted quietly with some of the non-political celebrities during a star-studded state dinner in Washin ton for England's Prime Minister, Harold Wilson. Wearing a flowing blue chiffon dress, designed especially for the night by Alber Capraro, Betty floated into the grand foyer of the White House to greet a kaleidoscope of writers, socialites, journalists and Hollywood showstoppers -- a far cry from the usual stuffy GOP White House.

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Northeast Papers

Manchester Union Leader, "Interesting Dice System." The Russians could have helped us before and they could help us now with oil supplies, but they choose not to interfere with the robber operations of the Arab states which the Russians are instead encouraging and are even supporting.