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The Guest List

FROM IRELAND Dr. and Mrs. Garret FitzGerald.

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formation Services. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Sean Daly, aide-deman. Assistant Secretary of State for

Raymond Guest and Mrs. Guest, for-

John D. J. Moore, former Ambass

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodwin, Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ursomaran.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arcaro, for-

European Affairs.

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mer Ambassador to Ireland.

Assistant, the White House

Staff Assistant, the White House

Helmut Sonnenfeldt and Mrs. Sonpenfeldt. Counselor. Department of

Miss Kara Anne Kennedy, daughter of Sen. Edward Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Kilrov.

Westport, Conn., Xerox Corp.

Miss Celia MacFarland, guest of Rep. Paul McCloskey

LA Jurel Et 3/11/76 Dorothy Manners:

The first invitation from President Gerald Ford and Mrs. Ford to arrive here for the White House dinner honoring won His Eexellency. The Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. at Cosgrove, was addressed to — guess who? — The Pat pop O'Briens. That figures, Who's more Irish than Pat?

The dinner is being held St. Patrick's Day-Wednesday which doesn't give Bloise O'Brien much time to shop for a mreen dress — but she'll find one. Sure 'n' there'll be a chamrock in Pat's Iapel. Congratulations to our fine Irish latouble.

Kate Jackson is having it good and bad and sad. The sad part is that her romance with Edward Albert is ended. On top of this, the house she bought in Beverly Hills last October was robbed of everything she had in it except her skis and guitar. Not much of a surprise that she has put it on the market to sell and has moved into a hotel.

On the good side, her career is going well. Over the weekend she took off for the Florida Everglades to co-star with David Carradine in "Thunder and Lightning" for Roger Corman (20th Century Fox). Kate is making this feature while on hiatus from her TV series. "The Rookies." Her TV pilot. "Charlie's Angels." airs this week.

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President and Mrs. Ford with Prime Minister and Mrs. Liam T. Cosgrove.

The Greening of the White House

By Donnie Radcliffe and Don Shirley

President Ford had every reason to celebrate last night. He had won a sweeping victory in the Illinois primary the night before and here he was hosting the Irish prime minister on St. Patrick's Day at a black-tie

"I hope Mr. Calloway is going to return," he said. Would Morton take over the job if Calloway doesn't return? "Pat not looking for it," he said.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) joined the chorus of magnanimity toward Reagan. "I don't think Ford partisans gain much by pressuring Reagan." he said. However, he added, "I think it's probably over" for Reagan. vided by Ben Vereen, who was described as a triple threat — actor, singer, dancer" by the President. "That's a term I understand better than some of those the art people use," explained Mr. Ford.

The kinetic Vereen whipped through selections from his Tony-winning "Pippin," "Hair" and "Jesus Christ

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10:30 A.M.-ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR PRIME MINISTER AND MRS.LIAM M.COSGRAVE OF IRELAND, SOUTH GROUNDS.

11 A.M.-MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE, OVAL OFFICE.

12:20 PM.-TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON AND PRESIDENTIAL AIDE L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN, OVAL OFFICE.

8 P.M.-BLACK TIE DINNER HONORING PRIME MINISTER AND MRS.

COSGRAVE. STATE FLOOR.

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IRISH VISIT

BY MIKE SHANAHAN

WASHINGTON (AP) -- IRISH PRIME MINISTER LIAM COSGRAVE BEGAN THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY VISIT BY AN IRISH HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED STATES BY PINNING A SHAMROCK ON PRESIDENT FORD TODAY AND PRAISING A "SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

COSGRAVE, WHO ALSO ADDRESSES A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS AND WILL MAKE SPEECHES AROUND THE COUNTRY, IS EXPECTED TO URGE AMERICANS NOT TO

CONTRIBUTE TO THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE NAME OF RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF THE FIGHTING IN NORTHERN IRELAND OFTEN GOES TO BUY WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES, IRISH OFFICIALS MAINTAIN.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS WELCOMING THE CEREMONY ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE WHITE HOUSE, COSGRAVE BEGAN BEGAN AN HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER. BESIDES THE TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND, FORD AND COSGRAVE WERE EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

DURING THE WELCOMING CEREMONY, THERE WAS NO TALK OF THE VIOLENCE IN

NORTHERN IRELAND.

FORD, WHO SAID HIS MOTHER ONCE TOLD HIM HE HAD SOME IRISH BLOOD, DECLARED THAT IF NOT IRISH BY HERITAGE 'I CAN ASSURE YOU I AM FULLY IRISH IN THE SPIRIT.'

THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT 11 OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WERE IRISH AND SAID THIS COUNTRY ALWAYS HAS BENEFITTED FROM 'IRISH ENERGY, IRISH STRENGTH, IRISH DEVOTIONS AND IRISH GENIUS.'

THE IRISH PRIME MINISTER SAID TIES BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES "ARE STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE."

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(BY RICHARD GROWALD)

WASHINGTON (UPD -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY PROCLAIMED HIMSELF AN IRISHMAN AND LIAM COSGRAVE, PRESIDENT OF IRELAND, PINNED A SHAMROCK ON FORD'S LAPEL IN A ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"I AM A DISTANT KINSMAN," FORD SAID, EXPLAINING THAT HIS MOTHER HAD TOLD HIM HIS ANCESTRY ENTITLED HIM TO JOIN IN THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AM FULLY IRISH IN SPIRIT," FORD SAID.
A CEREMONY ON THE WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN TO WELCOME COSGRAVE WAS
ATTENDED BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND A HOST OF
DIPLOMATS PLUS AN ESTIMATED 2,000 IRISH AND IRISH AMERICAN ONLOOKERS.

THE IRISH LEADER CAME TO WASHINGTON TO TALK WITH FORD, TO SEEK MORE U.S. BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN IRELAND AND TO TELL CONGRESS TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO CUT OFF THE FLOW OF CASH FROM IRISH-AMERICANS TO THE OUTLAWED IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY. THE IRA IS SEEKING THROUGH VIOLENCE TO MERGE THE IRISH ISLAND'S SIX NORTHERN BRITISH COUNTIES TO THE REPUBLIC.

NEITHER FORD NOR COSGRAVE ALLOWED A FREEZING WIND TO DETER THEM IN CARRYING OUT IN CEREMONY THE BUSINESS OF WHAT COSGRAVE CALLED "FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE WARM BONDS" OF U.S. - IRISH FRIENDSHIP.

THE TWO LEADERS FACED NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THEIR POST-CEREMONIAL TALKS. THE MOST THEY COULD SUMMON IN PUBLIC TO EXPLAIN THEIR TALKS WAS FORD SAYING HE HOPES THE VISIT LEADS TO "STEADY EXPANSION OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE."

THEN, LOOKING INTO THE TELEVISION CAMERAS, FORD SAID, "I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU ON THIS MAGIC DAY, MR. COSGRAVE, TOP O' THE DAY TO YOU."

LATER, INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE, COSGRAVE PINNED ON SOME SHAMROCK HIMSELF AND JOINED FORD IN FRONT OF A ROARING FIRE IN THE OVAL OFFICE.

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—"Naturally, I regret this very much, but what can you do? I am getting old and these things happen . . . I still will enjoy each day, and keep on playing if I can." Famed pianist Arthur Rubinstein, 89, says his eyesight is failing so fast he no longer sees the keyboard—and perhaps that means his appearance Monday night in New York City's Carnegie Hall was his last Carnegie Director Julius Bloom commented, "He has only peripheral sight. But with his experience, he doesn't have to look at the keyboard often. He has hundreds of pieces stored in his head." Another source remarked, "The incredible shape he's in, he could go on forever." The Polish-born virtuoso (he prefers using "Arthur" instead of "Artur" in the United States) first played in America at Carnegie Hall on Jan. 8, 1906, and became a citizen 40 years later.

—Entertainer Ben Vereen will perform at the White House at a state dinner President and Mrs. Ford are giving on St. Patrick's Day for Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave and his wife. Tony-winner Vereen, 29, recently named Entertainer of the Year by the American Guild of Variety Artists, will do scenes from his television movie, "Louis Armstrong—Chicago Style."

—In one of her first assignments, new U.S. Ambassador to Britain Anne L. Armstrong opened a week-long exhibition of technical developments at the U.S. Trade Center in London and showed a touch of homesickness. Mrs. Armstrong, a Texan, stopped at the Texas Instruments display and told the representative, Briton Roger Storer, "If you see any people from Texas, please tell them I said hello."

—Oscar-winning composer Johnny Mercer was taken to his Bel-Air home for further convalescence after a five-month stay in a Pasadena hospital where he underwent brain surgery for a benign tumor. Mercer, 67, received Academy Awards for his songs, "Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe," "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening, "Moon River" and "The Days of Wine and Roses."

—Live chamber music is not the usual inspirational fare for passengers in the waiting rooms in the John F. Kennedy International Airport. But in Pan American World Airway's lounge they were listening to String Quartet No. 3 by Lukas Foss—directed by Foss himself and interspersed with shouts of "Not so quick. More romantic." It began when the Concord String Quartet saw it had problems with the piece and called Foss in Amsterdam, where Foss was about to conduct the Concertge-



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bouw. They wanted help over the phone but Foss, planning to fly to Kansas City for another concert, suggested they meet him at Kennedy for personal instructions because his quartet was "the craziest piece yet."

—Entertainer Jerry Lewis, celebrating his 50th birth-day, said he had only one wish: "I would like to live long enough to see a cure for muscular dystrophy." And if money and research can do it, perhaps he will. Lewis has spent half of his life fighting the inherited disease that causes an increasing weakness in muscular tissue. Since 1950, he has been national chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. and for the last 10 years his annual telethons over the Labor Day weekend have raised more than \$75 million.

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Notes on People

Crosby Gives Concert on Coast

Celebrating his "demicentennial in show business," as well as St. Patrick's Day, Bing Crosby gave his first concert at the Los Angeles Music Center Wednesday hight. He said that he would give others—also for charity in this country and in Lon-



tour which includes Montreal and Toronto, will be the first national tour for the company directed by André Eglevsky, the American ballet star who retired in 1959. A feature will be a new production by Mr. Panov of "Grand