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Ford Greets Giscard, Hails 200-Yr. Amity

By STAN CARTER Washington, May 17 (News Bureau) - French President Valery Giscard d'Etaing thanked Americans today

for helping to liberate his country during World War II. and President Ford thanked France for helping the United States win its independence 200 years ago.

The aristocratic French president and his vivacious wife, Anne-Aymone, crossed the Atlantic in three hours and 37 minutes aboard a Concorde supersonic jetliner for a bicentennial state visit celebrating the Quiet Crowd, **Quiet SST**

Washington, May 17 (News Bureau) - The supersonic Concorde, with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing aboard, touched down at Andrews Air Force Base, outside the apprital today for it fint



Mme. Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing, left, President Gerald Ford, President Valery Giscard d'Estain and Mrs. Betty Ford in front of one of the tapestries brought from Versailles to the French Embass for the dinner last night.

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Extravagance With A French Accent

By Donnie Radcliffe And Dorothy McCardle

Two hundred years ago, France sent Lafayette. Last night, it sent Versailles—or at least a reasonable P. Shultz, whose husband, now president of Bechtel Corp., formerly was Secretary of the Treasury. eived

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The tent defied recognition as a tent. An estimated 1,200 yards of fabric, copied from an Empire-period

Engagement for Sinatra

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1939 and divorced 12 years later. She was granted custody of the children.

Frank and Ava Gardner were married two days after the divorce became final, but their marriage ended after two stormy years.

In 1966, at the age of 50, he married Mia Farrow, who was then 21. Two years later, Mia obtained a quickie divorce in Mexico.

Always Linked With the Beauties

Earlier in his career, Frank had been linked romantically to a succession of beautiful women: Lana Turner, Marilyn Maxwell, Anita Ekberg, Marilyn Monroe and Gloria Vanderbilt.

Betty Ford, in green and white chiffon with floating panels, went all out in decorating the State Dining Room and the adjoining Rose Room for the White House dinner honoring the French president and Mme. Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The 160 guests were scated at tables covered with white cloths printed with nosegays of spring flowers and huge centerpieces of variegated spring bouquets arranged at the base of wrought iron stands holding lighted candles. So pretty.

But the real show stoppers were the women in their finery, particularly Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing in pale green chiffon embroidered in beads and paillettes, a Jean-Louis Scherrer design. Naturally, she was on the President's right, but in the spirit of nonpartisanship or whatever, the madly elegant Mrs. Charles Engelhard, an ardent Democrat, was on his left. Mrs. Engelhard could have given lessons in chic, wrapped in black chiffon and

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The head table, backed by a Beauvais tapestry. The head table, backed by a Beauvais tapestry. We're Conquered by the Charm of the French

Giscard and His Wife Were Born to the Part

By Joy Billington Washington Star Staff Writer

Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the youngest French leader since Napoleon, stood last night in a pose characteristic of well-bred European men - feet neatly together, hands clasped behind him, a controlled smile and poised demeanor.

The American President was due to arrive. Giscard waited patiently to greet him.



News Adds Spark To Glittering Dinner By Betty Beale Washington Star Stall Writer

Sensational was the word for the din-ner French President and Madame Gisand d'Estaing gave for President and Madalile Gis-card d'Estaing gave for President and Mrs. Ford last night. The ambience of Gallic elegance, charm and music amid 18th century art and costumes coupled with victorious news for Gerald Ford in the Michigan and Mar

By Maxine Cheshire

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Rita Lachman, the Parisian who spent \$4,000 just to get her hair done for the White House State Dinner for French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing last week, was described by the French ambassador afterwards as "beyond any doubt, the most elegant woman there."

Mrs. Lachman, who goes to Alexandre's hair salon in Paris, flew her personal hairdresser here, reimbursed his employer for two weeks of earnings lost in his absence and then rewarded him with a week's vacation in the United States. All for one set and a comb-out. She had already had a shampoo.

had a shampoo. Jean-Louis Scherrer, the French couturier whose custom gowns can cost more than a compact car, had created a hand stitched white silk dress to set off a remarkable necklace and earrings made for her by VanCleef & Arpeis. Yellow and white diamonds hung to her waist on heavy ropes of amethysts, almost brown in color. A matching white silk shawl fringed in hand-

A matching white silk shawl fringed in handstrung beading was so heavy that one Frenchman who 'removed the wrap to escort her onto the dance floor quipped: "Mon Dieu! It must be bulletproo!! Weren't you clever to think of such a way to foil jewel thieves."

Mrs. Lachman, previously married to cosmetics tycoon Charles Lachman (who was the "L" in Revion), was robbed of \$1 million in jewels last year.

Potpourri

There were some spectacular jewels at the White House last week. But the prettiest may

See VIP, H4, Col.3

By Joe Heiberger-The Washington Post

Rita Lachman at the White House State Dinner:"described by the French Ambassador afterward as 'beyond any doubt, the most elegant woman there."



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(GISCARD)

WASHINGTON (UPD -- FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING SAYS HIS COUNTRY IS AS FIRM A FRIEND TODAY AS IT WAS WHEN LAFAYETTE HELPED FIGHT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR 200 YEARS AGO.

GISCARD WAS MAKING THE DIPLOMATIC ROUNDS TODAY -- A SPEECH TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS, A LUNCH GIVEN BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND A RETURN DINNER AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY FOR PRESIDENT FORD.

YESTERDAY, GISCARD COMPLETED HIS FIRST DAY IN WASHINGTON WITH AN EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT A WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER.

HE SAID, "NOBODY DOUBTS FRANCE'S COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE" AND ADDED THAT FRANCE IS A "SOLID ALLY" BECAUSE ITS ROLE INVOLVES NO SUBSERVIENCE.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE MARTINIQUE CONFERENCE WITH FORD THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE HAVE SHARED A DESIRE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD.

"ALTHOUGH OUR METHODS MAY SOMETIMES BE DIFFERENT," SAID THE FRENCH LEADER, "BOTH ARE INSPIRED BY LIBERTY."

HE SAID HE HOPED THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HAD BEEN BUILT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL REMAIN AS THE INSCRIPTION ON A TOMB IN BOSTON OF A FRENCHMAN WHO FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: "ALL ATTEMPTS PRESUMING TO SEPARATE FRANCE AND AMERICA MIGHT PROVE FOREVER VAIN."

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PRESIDENT FORD SAID, "THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE HAVE COME CLOSER AND CLOSER TOGETHER IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE" AND PLEDGED: "TOGETHER WE FACE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE."

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(GISCARD)

(BY HENRY KEYS)

WASHINGTON (UPD -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY WELCOMED FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING TO THE UNITED STATES AND SAID CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES "IS MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER."

IN RESPONSE, GISCARD TOLD FORD DURING A CEREMONY ON THE WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN HE HAD COME TO MAKE CLEAR TO AMERICANS "THAT THE FRANCE OF 1976 IS AS MUCH COMMITTED TO THE STRUGGLE IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY AS SHE WAS, ALONG WITH YOU, TWO CENTURIES AGO."

GISCARD, WHO ARRIVED WITH HIS WIFE, ANNE-AYMONE, AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MD., ABOARD A CONCORDE SUPERSONIC JETLINER, WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR SIX DAYS IN A ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER FRANCE'S IMAGE WITH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

FORD TOLD THE FRENCH LEADER HE FELT "FULL CONFIDENCE" THEIR TALKS "WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THE WORLD."

"THE LONG STANDING AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT," FORD SAID. "IN DEALING WITH FORMIDABLE ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES FACING ALL DEMOCRACIES TODAY CLOSE COOPERATION IS MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER. WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY MEET THESE CHALLENGES."

"YOU HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES AT A VERY HISTORIC TIME," FORD SAID. "YOUR VISIT IS A VERY SPECIAL AND VERY FITTING GESTURE" IN VIEW OF FRANCE'S ROLE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 200 YEARS AGO.

FORD SAID THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE WERE "STILL STEADFAST ALLIES AND STILL DEFENDING THE SAME IDEALS WE COOPERATE IN PEACE AS WE HAVE IN WAR TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE OF FREEDOM."

GISCARD, SPEAKING FIRST IN FRENCH AND THEN TRANSLATING HIS OWN REMARKS, SAID "IT IS MY SINCERE WISH THAT THIS BICENTENARY MEETING SHOULD BE FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES, FOR FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES, A FESTIVAL OF LIBERTY, THAT PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY WHICH, IF WE HAVE THE DETERMINATION, WILL CONTINUE TO SHAPE THE DESTINGY OF THE WORLD."

GISCARD SAID THAT IN THE COURSE OF TWO CENTURIES THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE HAVE REMAINED FRIENDS. "THIS EXAMPLE IS PERHAPS UNIQUE IN HISTORY," HE SAID. "WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ROLE YOU PLAYED IN DEFENDING OUR LIBERTY. THE FRENCH PEOPLE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN; THEY THANK YOU FOR IT.

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(BICENTENNIAL SONG)

WASHINGTON (UPD -- FORMER WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER HAS WRITTEN A SONG FOR AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL AND FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

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SALINGER, A CORREPONDENT FOR THE FRENCH MAGAZINE L'EXPRESS, COLLABORATED WITH SINGER GILBERT BECAUD, WHO WILL SING IT AT THE DINNER AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY TOMORROW EVENING HONORING PRESIDENT FORD.,

AN EXCERPT FROM THE SALINGER LYRICS

" I AM NOT MR. JEFFERSON

" WHO MADE FREEDOM SOUND LIKE FUN

" THAT HE KNEW FROM THE START WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

" THE RIGHTS OF MAN, JUSTICE ARE HIS SON.

"TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WE WON" UPI Ø5-17 Ø2:36 PED

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GISCARD (TOPS ALL PREVIOUS)

BY GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING OPENED A SIX-DAY BICENTENNIAL VISIT HERE TODAY CELEBRATING THE KEY ROLE FRANCE PLAYED IN HELPING AMERICA FORGE ITS INDEPENDENCE TWO CENTURIES AGO.

GISCARD CROSSED THE ATLANTIC AT A 1,350-MILE-PER-HOUR CLIP ABOARD THE CONCORDE SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT AND WAS GREETED BY PRESIDENT FORD AT AN ELABORATE WHITE HOUSE WELCOMING CEREMONY.

AFTER HIS ARRIVAL WAS SIGNALLED BY A 21-GUN SALUTE, GISCARD STEPPED TO THE PODIUM ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN AND STRESSED THE TIMELESSNESS OF THE CONCEPTS WHICH INITIALLY BROUGHT THE TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER.

"THE FRANCE OF 1976 IS AS MUCH COMMITTED TO THE STRUGGLE IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTY AS SHE WAS AT YOUR SIDE TWO CENTURIES AGO," HE SAID.

HE CALLED THE BICENTENNIAL 'A FESTIVAL OF LIBERTY' AND SAID THE FRENCH PEOPLE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION IN DEFENSE OF FRANCE'S OWN LIBERTIES.

HE SAID THE UNIFYING PRINCIPLES OF FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THE INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLES AND THE FREEDOM OF MEN, REMAIN AT THE HEART OF WORLD PROBLEMS 200 YEARS AFTER THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

GISCARD DELIVERED HIS REMARKS FROM MEMORY IN FRENCH AND THEN SERVED AS HIS OWN ENGLISH INTERPRETER, AGAIN SPEAKING FROM MEMORY.

FORD IN TURN USED THE OCCASION TO THANK FRANCE FOR HAVING SENT ITS "SONS AS WELL AS ITS TREASURE TO HELP AN INFANT REPUBLIC WIN ITS INDEPENDENCE."

HE SAID THAT CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS "MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER."

AFTER THE 25-MINUTE CEREMONY, HELD UNDER OVERCAST SKIES, THE TWO PRESIDENTS MET FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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FORD-DINNER

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD CHOSE WHITE-TIE FORMALITY AND INVITED AN ARRAY OF AMERICAN PERSONALITIES FOR A STATE DINNER TONIGHT HONORING FRENCH PRESIDENT AND MRS. VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING.

FOR THE FRENCH PRESIDENT THE WHITE HOUSE CALLED ON AMERICAN JAZZ PIANIST EARL "'FATHA'' HINES TO PROVIDE AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 157 GUESTS.

IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST ELEGANT DINNER PARTIES THE FORDS HAVE GIVEN.

FROM HOLLYWOOD, THE GUEST LIST INCLUDED ACTRESSES JUNE ALLYSON AND MARISA BERENSON, AND ACTORS RAY BOLGER AND CLINT EASTWOOD. OTHER CELEBRITIES INVITED INCLUDED COMPOSER AARON COPELAND. DANCERS MARTHA GRAHAM AND JUDITH JAMISON, BASEBALL STAR MICKEY MANTLE, FASHION DESIGNER ADELE SIMPSON, AND COLUMNIST ANN LANDERS.

A FRENCH-STYLE MENU WAS SELECTED FOR THE OCCASION, BUT THE THREE WINESSERVED WERE ALL AMERICAN -- FROM CALIFORNIA.

THE MENU INCLUDED COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON, FILET OF BEEF, ARTICHOKES, BIBB LETTUCE SALAD. BRIE CHEESE. AND A DESSERT OF A CHOCOLATE BASKET FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE MOUSSE.

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PRESIDENT FORD

10:30 A.M. - ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING. 11 A.M. - MEETING WITH GISCARD. 2 P.M. - VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AND AID DIR. DANIER PARKER. REPORT ON ITALIAN EARHQUAKE. 8 P.M. - WHITE-TIE DIINNER FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. GISCARD.

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BY FRANCES LEWINE

MOUNT VERNON, VA. (AP) -- FRANCE, WHICH GAVE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, HAS GIVEN A 200TH BIRTHDAY PRESENT IN THE FORM OF A \$1.2-MILLION SOUND-AND-LIGHT SHOW AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON HOME.

THE 47-MINUTE DRAMATIC PRODUCTION, CONSISTING OF FLOODLIGHT DISPLAYS, DRAMATIC READINGS AND MUSIC, WAS UNVEILED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND 300 GUESTS A MOONLESS, CHILL AND CLOUDY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

"BY LIGHTING UP THE SURROUNDINGS WHERE HE LIVED AND WHERE HE IS ON BURIED MAY WE BRING THE GLORIOUS FIGURE OF THE FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN NATION TO LIFE AGAIN, ' GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID.

HE GAVE THE GIFT IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS HE WAS ENDING A THREE-DAY BICENTENNIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE FRENCH PRESIDENT TODAY FLIES TO HOUSTON, TEX., AFTER A FAREWELL CALL ON FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD CALLED THE SHOW ''MAGNIFICENT'' AND ACCEPTED IT ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS "AN INGENIOUS AND VERY GENEROUS GIFT."

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Orfila's 'Inter-Horse'

Sunday, May 23, 1976

By Joy Billington Washington Star Staff Writer

OAS Secretary-General Alejandro Orfila's new 50acre spread at Middleburg will be unveiled to the public next weekend as part of the Hunt Counter history was made on horseback. Our West and South were conquered on horseback," Orfila says. The stock the partners plan to buy will be Argentine thoroughbreds, Peruvian walking horser called

and an outdoor ring is being built, the By fall, just about a

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year after the project began, Orfila will be ready for a social unveil-



By Sally Quinn

Alright. We've all had enough of the talk about whether France is a good ally to the United States, whether the United States would sacrifice Chicago assuming that that's the idea, it must be analyzed from the point of view of how good it was for us and them— "publicity wise."

The most crucial aspect of the Giseard trip?

. The guest lists.

an invitation: The dinner at the French embassy Tuesday night which in Giscard gave for Mr. Ford, the Monday night White House dinner, the luncheon which Henry Kissinger gave at the State Department Tuesday and



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Susan Ford appears deep in thought as she fistens to her father toast visit-ing French President and Mrs. Valery Giscard d'Estaing at a gala White House dinner Monday night. Giscard and his wife are in this country on a six-day Bicentennial visit to celebrate France's key role in the winning of American independence. Story on page 2,

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