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WASHINGTON (AP) - PRESIDENT FORD SHOWED CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT FROM HIS SINUS COLD TUESDAY; BUT MRS. FORD ALSO HAD SYMPTOMS OF A COLD.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN; REPORTING THAT FORD'S FEVER WAS SLIGHTLY DOWN AND THE PRESIDENT FELT MUCH BETTER; SAID MRS. FORD HAD JOINED THE WHITE HOUSE SICK LIST.

THE FIRST LADY HAS NASAL CONGESTION AND SLIGHT MUSCLE ACHES; BUT NO FEVER; NESSEN SAID.

WHITE HOUSE DOCTOR WILLIAM LUKASH PUT MRS. FORD ON DECONGESTANTS AND ASPIRIN AND TOLD HER TO "TAKE IT EASY TODAY."

THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED TO REST AND CURTAIL HIS ACTIVITIES; WITH ALL APPOINTMENTS CANCELED FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW.

HIS FEVER WAS DOWN TO 99.4 DEGREES TUESDAY MORNING; NESSEN SAID AND MEDICATIONS; INCLUDING AN ANTIBIOTIC WERE BEING CONTINUED.

AFTER GETTING 10 HOURS OF SLEEP MONDAY NIGHT; THE PRESIDENT NOTED "THAT REALLY MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD;" NIXON SAID.

THE PRESS SECRETARY SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THE PRESIDENT WOULD RETURN TO HIS OFFICE SCHEDULE. FORD HAS A TWO-DAY FUND-RAISING APPEARANCE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK; AND NESSEN SAID "IT'S STILL PLANNED THAT HE WILL GO."

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