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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

At the invitation of the United States Capitol Historical Society, Mrs. Betty Ford will serve as Co-Chairperson of the National Advisory Board for the Bicentennial "Son et Lumiere" (Sound and Light Show) which will be installed on the East Front of the Capitol. The other Co-Chairpersons are Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and William Batten of the J. C. Penney Co.

Mrs. Ford is deeply appreciative of the invitation extended by former Congressman Fred Schwengel, President of the Capitol Historical Society, and is looking forward to this active participation in the Bicentennial celebration. The President has been a member of the Board of the Capitol Historical Society since its founding in 1962 and co-sponsored, with House Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill, the bill authorizing the Sound and Light Show.

The Sound and Light Show will depict the history of the Capitol from the laying of the cornerstone by George Washington to the present time. The Capitol Historical Society is a non-profit educational organization which funds its programs -- including the Sound and Light Show -- through voluntary contributions. The show is expected to become a permanent attraction during the tourist season starting in 1976.

Other members of the Advisory Board will be Joe Albritton, L. Berkley Davis, Felix DeWelden, Ernest A. Hayes, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Goddard Lieberson, Clare Booth Luce, Jane Marilley and George Romney.

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