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GUEST LIST FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY, APRIL 8, 1975

Arrival: 6:30
Dinner: 7:00
Departure: 7:45

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Markley
Mr. and Mrs. William Whyte
The Honorable and Mrs. Clark MacGregor
Mr. and Mrs. Perkins McGuire
The Honorable and Mrs. Bryce Harlow
The Honorable and Mrs. Albert Quie
The Honorable and Mrs. Clarence Brown



Menu for Private Dinner in Family Quarters, April 8, 1975

Standing Rib Roast

Fresh Asparagus

Mixed Green Salad

Rolls

Raspberry Sherbert

Birthday Cake (white sponge cake with pastry cream filling;
says "Happy Birthday, Betty"; has one candle;
decorated with butter cream roses and cherry
blossoms)

Jim McManus
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GUEST LIST FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY, APRIL 8, 1975

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Susan Ford

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PRIVATE DINNER AND PEARL BAILEY PERFORMANCE

Tuesday - April 8, 1975

Kennedy Center

From: Terry O'Donnell ^{TOD}

- 6:30 p.m. The following guests arrive for dinner in the Second Floor Private Dining Room.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rod Markley
Mr. and Mrs. William Whyte
Mr. and Mrs. Clark MacGregor
Mr. and Mrs. Perkins McGuire
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Harlow
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quie
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown
- 7:45 p.m. You, Mrs. Ford and Susan board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Kennedy Center. (Your guests will board separate cars in the motorcade.)
- 7:50 p.m. Arrive Kennedy Center and proceed via elevator to Box Tier level.
- 7:53 p.m. Arrive Box Tier level where you will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strong, Vice-Chairman, JFK Center for the Performing Arts.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

- 7:54 p.m. Escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Strong, proceed to Presidential Box anteroom. (Beverage service will be available prior to performance.)
- 8:00 p.m. You, Mrs. Ford and Susan proceed to Presidential Box and are seated.

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8:02 p.m.

Pearl Bailey is introduced for live performance.

NOTE: There will be no intermission.

10:00 p.m.

Performance concludes.

10:01 p.m.

You, Mrs. Ford and Susan proceed to anteroom to informally greet guests.

10:05 p.m.

Pearl Bailey arrives Presidential Box anteroom.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

10:10 p.m.

Presidential Guests proceed to motorcade for boarding.

10:10 p.m.

You, Mrs. Ford and Susan, escorted by Pearl Bailey, proceed to Box Tier foyer to greet family and guests of Pearl Bailey. (Approximately 13 guests)

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10:15 p.m.

You, Mrs. Ford and Susan proceed to elevator en route motorcade for boarding.

NOTE: Pearl Bailey will bid farewell at elevator.

12:20 p.m.

Motorcade departs Kennedy Center en route South Grounds.

10:25 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

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NESSEN BRIEFING
APRIL 8, 1975
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no.
Mrs. Ford
Birthday

The President and Mrs. Ford are going to go this evening to the Pearl Bailey concert at the Kennedy Center. It begins at 8 o'clock. This is one of the President's birthday presents to his wife. Today is her birthday.

A protective pool will be taken along, assembling here at 7:30. The President and Mrs. Ford will leave the White House at 7:50.

I think we have now handed out some announcements. One is that the President is designating Secretary Simon to be Chairman of the East-West Foreign Trade Board, and Bill Seidman to be Deputy Chairman.

This board was set up last month by executive order. It has nine members. The purpose of it is to establish rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Trade Act of 1974. It reviews possibilities for better East-West trade, including agricultural trade, the transfer of technology and it also reviews Export-Import Bank credits.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITN RON NESSEN

AT 12:03 P.M. EDT

April 9, 1975

WEDNESDAY

MR. NESSEN: The President has been meeting in his office this morning with various advisers, mostly working on the foreign policy speech for tomorrow night.

✓ As most of you know, the President decided not to go to the Kennedy Center last night with Mrs. Ford so that he could continue to work on the speech, and other matters. He worked in his office last night from 8:05 to 10:45.

Q By himself?

MR. NESSEN: Most of the time by himself.

Q Ron, have you any idea at the moment how much time the President will take tomorrow night?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know.

This afternoon, we have added to the schedule a bipartisan Congressional leaders' meeting at 1:00. He will discuss with the leaders at that time some of the foreign policy issues he is going to talk about tomorrow night. I will attend the meeting and see what we can say afterward.

Q Would you possibly bring some of the leaders out here?

MR. NESSEN: I will check on that.

Q Who are the leaders?

MR. NESSEN: I have not gotten a list of attendees. I know Rhodes and Albert are in China, so they obviously won't come. I will get a list of who is participating and I will see what we can do afterward in the way of a briefing by them or me.

MORE

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BETTY 4-5

BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (UPI) -- BETTY FORD, WHO CELEBRATES HER 57TH BIRTHDAY TUESDAY, SAYS SHE DOESNT MIND TELLING HER AGE AND CONSIDERS HEALTH "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD."

"I FEEL I AM IN GOOD HEALTH AND I FEEL FORTUNATE," SHE SAID IN A BRIEF INTERVIEW SATURDAY.

THE FIRST LADY WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON FOR HER BIRTHDAY. SHE AND THE PRESIDENT PLAN TO CELEBRATE BY GOING TO THE KENNEDY CENTER FOR A PERFORMANCE BY A FAVORITE BROADWAY STAR, PEARL BAILEY.

AS FOR TELLING HER AGE, MRS. FORD SAID: "PEOPLE ARE GOING TO FIGURE IT OUT ANYWAY. SO HOW CAN YOU HELP BUT TELL IT."

SHE SAID THE FACT SHE WAS MARRIED AT THE AGE OF 30 AND HAD HER FIRST CHILD AT 32 WOULD NOT LEAVE MUCH DOUBT AS TO HER AGE.

"I DONT MIND GETTING OLD, SHE SAID, "BECAUSE THERES NO WAY TO AVOID IT. SO I MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT IT."

BUT MRS. FORD, WHO LAST SEPTEMBER UNDERWENT BREAST CANCER SURGERY AND ALSO HAS SUFFERED A PAINFUL ARTHRITIC CONDITION IN HER NECK AND BACK FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, SAYS AGE DOES NOT MATTER "AS LONG AS IM WELL AND HEALTHY."

"I FEEL I AM," SHE SAID.

WHEN SHE FLEW HERE FOR EASTER WITH THE PRESIDENT, MRS. FORD HAD BEEN SUFFERING FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS FROM HER ARTHRITIC AILMENT.

SHE SAID IT HAD BEEN A GOOD TRIP, ONE IN WHICH SHE WAS ABLE TO CATCH UP ON A LOT OF MAIL. SHE ALSO HAS DONE A LOT OF SWIMMING AND RELAXING IN THE SUN AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PRESIDENTIAL VACATION VILLA.

THE VACATION STAY ENDS MONDAY.

FORD GAVE HIS WIFE A WHITE MINK CAPELET, WHICH SHE HAS ALREADY WORN. MRS. FORD SAID HER HUSBAND "HAS AN AWFUL TIME TRYING TO THINK OF GIFTS" AND SHE HAS TOLD HIM THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE TO BUY HER ANYTHING ELSE.

MRS. FORD SAID SHE FEELS "ITS GREAT TO HAVE A SON A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OLD." HER OLDEST SON, MIKE, 25, IS A SEMINARY STUDENT IN MASSACHUSETTS AND IS MARRIED.

THE FIRST LADY, WHO HAS BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE VIETNAMESE ORPHANS BEING AIRLIFTED TO THIS COUNTRY, GOT A FIRST HAND REPORT ON THE YOUNG REFUGEES WHEN WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER DAVID KENNERLY RETURNED FROM A FACT-FINDING TRIP TO SAIGON.

"SHES WELL CAUGHT UP ON ALL EVENTS," SAID SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD, HER PRESS SECRETARY.

(DUPLICATE TO B-WIRE POINTS)

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(BETTY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BETTY FORD TURNED 57 TUESDAY. HER HUSBAND ARRANGED A BUFFET DINNER WITH CLOSE FRIENDS -- MANY OF THEM PRESIDENTIAL GOLFING COMPANIONS -- AND A TRIP TO THE KENNEDY CENTER TO SEE PEARL BAILEY.

MRS. FORD EXPECTED TO HEAR FROM TWO SONS, MIKE, 25, AND STEVE, 18, WHO ARE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. SHE RECENTLY SAID THAT ONE OF THE JOYS ON HER BIRTHDAY WAS TO HEAR FROM HER CHILDREN -- WHO CALL COLLECT.

THE GUEST LIST INCLUDED REPS. ALBERT QUIE, R-MINN, AND CLARENCE BROWN, R-OHIO, AND THEIR WIVES; WILLIAM WHYTE, VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S. STEEL CORP. WASHINGTON OFFICE, AND MRS. WHYTE; ROD MARKLEY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FORD MOTOR CO. WASHINGTON OFFICE, AND MRS. MARKLEY; FORMER WHITE HOUSE AIDES CLARK MACGREGOR, AND BRYCE HARLOW, AND THEIR WIVES; AND PERKINS MCGUIRE, AN ATTORNEY, WITH MRS. MCGUIRE.

THE GUESTS WERE INVITED FOR A BUFFET AND A TASTE OF BETTY'S BIRTHDAY CAKE -- WHITE SPONGE DECORATED WITH ROSES.

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Personalities

The First Lady's Birthday

Today is First Lady Betty Ford's 57th birthday. The President gave her a white mink capelet as a present, which she has already worn. She says he has "an awful time trying to think of gifts" and she told him he didn't have to buy her anything else.

In an interview Mrs. Ford, who had a breast removed last fall and who has arthritis, said, "I don't mind getting old because there's no way to avoid it," and she feels health "is the most important thing in the world. I feel in good health and I feel fortunate."

Car Problems

Entertainer-singer Tiny Tim, who suffered chest injuries in a three-car auto accident near Harrisburg, Pa., Sunday, was reported in satisfactory condition in the Holy Spirit hospital in Mechanicsburg, Pa. One man was killed in the accident and four others injured.

Other notables with car-related prob-

a passenger in her car when the arrest was made last Christmas.

Regal Visit

Queen Elizabeth, who has kept everyone in suspense for a year about whether or not she will attend America's Bicentennial, has finally come out with it.

The answer is . . . yes. She is expected to visit the United States in connection with her Summer trip to Canada, where she will open the Olympics in Montreal.

'Grandstanding'

The executive director of the United States Chess Club says Anatoly Karpov's comments after being named the new chess champion of the world show the Russian is an unsportsman-like "little mouse" who is "whistling in relief," because he did not have to play against Bobby Fischer.

Edmund B. Edmondson said it was "utterly ridiculous grandstanding" for Karpov to say he was ready to play Fischer.

QUOTES AND NOTES

Senate Wives

Irked with Happy

April 8 is Betty Ford's birthday. The Fords are expected to have close friends and family for dinner, and then go to the Kennedy Center for a performance by Pearl Bailey.

One of those close friends just might be presidential counselor Robert Hartmann. April 8 is his birthday, too.

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD HOSTED A SMALL DINNER PARTY IN HONOR OF HIS WIFE BETTY'S 57TH BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY, BUT DECIDED TO PASS UP A PLANNED OUTING WITH HER TO SEE PEARL BAILEY AT THE KENNEDY CENTER.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES SAID FORD STAYED BEHIND TO WORK ON THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH IS IS TO DELIVER TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TOMORROW NIGHT.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID FORD HAD ASKED SOME OF HIS SENIOR ADVISERS TO JOIN HIM FOR THE EVENING WORK SESSION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MRS. FORD, HER DAUGHTER SUSAN, 17, AND GUESTS AT THE BUFFET DINNER PARTY LEFT IN TIME TO CATCH THE OPENING OF THE SHOW.

UPI 04-09 11:27 AED

Daily News 4/19/75 p.6

She's Their Number One



Mrs. Betty Ford holds up one finger as she tells son Jack how many candles on surprise birthday cake aboard Air Force One late Monday. The President enjoys family byplay during return to Washington from Easter vacation in west. Yesterday was actually first lady's birthday—her 57th.

Associated Press Wirephoto

People 4/21/75

WIDE WORLD



Betty's birthday <

Cakes and champagne were Air Force One's fare as President Ford and aides returned to Washington from Palm Beach. Mrs. Ford's 57th birthday was celebrated on Monday.

Buffalo Evening News 4/9/75

Pearl and Two Fans

Singer Pearl Bailey greets two backstage visitors after her performance Tuesday night in Washington's Kennedy Center — Susan Ford and her mother, who was celebrating her 57th birthday. (AP)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1975 THE NEW YORK TIMES,

Notes on People

Betty Ford, 57, Marks Birthday With Buffet

Seven couples were buffet-dinner guests in the White House family quarters last night to celebrate **Betty Ford's** 57th birthday. Later they sat with the **President** and **Mrs. Ford** in the Presidential box

Mr. Henderson's appeal for a reduction in sentence. The musician also faces a \$10,000 fine.

The "dean" of state police

dropped. Mrs. McCartney, now back in England, will find out May 20 if the court will accept the alternative of a drug-counseling program for her there.

nance Ministry, which has ordered an investigation, charges that he set up dummy companies in Switzerland and illegally channeled more than \$1-million into them. Mr. Agnew has been or



Ford Going To Ford's For Premiere

By Betty Beale

Washington Star Staff Writer

President Ford will be the first president to set foot in Ford's Theatre since

It's a Sing-Along for Betty

By Isabelle Shelton

Washington Star Staff Writer

Betty Ford celebrated her 57th birthday in the Kennedy Center last night with the audience of 2,200 joining Pearl Bailey in serenading her with "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. Ford, who was seated in the presidential box with her daughter, Susan, and a party of friends, smiled broadly

had intended to present to President Ford.

The President decided at the last minute to stay home and work on the foreign policy speech he will deliver to Congress tomorrow night.

PEARL ended up autographing the football to Mrs. Ford, to whom she also presented a wrapped gift that the First Lady did not open at the Center

anteroom of the Presidential box, the singer and the President's wife walked down to the elevator arm in arm singing the "Varsity" song again, without benefit of musical accompaniment.

A CROWD of spectators standing below applauded and cheered.

At the birthday party, Mrs. Ford cut a cake that

craft); Mr. Bryce Harlow (he was formerly on the Eisenhower and Nixon White House staffs, now is chief lobbyist for Proctor and Gamble); Mr. and Mrs. Perkins McGuire (he was assistant secretary of defense in the Eisenhower administration); and Reps. Albert Quie of Minnesota and Clarence Brown of Ohio, with their

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PEOPLE/FASHION

Getting Into The Act

By Donnie Radcliffe

Neither one had thought to bring her reading glasses, and finding a mutual key was something of a problem. Otherwise, their act was rather sensational



LA Times 4/9/75 p. 3

Newsmakers----

Taxicab Is One in a Million (Miles)

—Cab driver **Robert Bender** is no ordinary jehu. But then, his 1956 Cadillac limousine is no ordinary jalopy. The odometer passed 850,000 miles in March. Bender bought the auto for \$1,500 in New York City when it had a mere 10,000.

—**George D. Aiken**, 82-year-old retired Republican senator from Vermont, has been made a full professor at the University of Vermont in Burlington. A spokesman said Aiken would give lectures rather than teach any particu-