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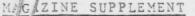
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DENT PATHS CROSS: Susan Ford, daughter of President Ford, greets Sen, Richard S. Schweiker, Ronald Reagan's selection for a running mate, during a Minnesota delegation caucus in Kansas City Tuesday. AP Wirephoto 76-71. Pg



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U.S. News and World Report, 8/30/76

But exposure to the sophisticating in- mases in Colorado, are joyful. to visit." Although admitting he is still rigors of a part-time job as an Associated

September 7, 1976

Dear Mr. Grant:

It was so much fun seeing you again at the convention, and I just wanted to say you were terrific to participate in the program. Mrs. Ford is still on "cloud 9."

Susan Ford would love for you to autograph the enclosed photo. I hope it is not an imposition.

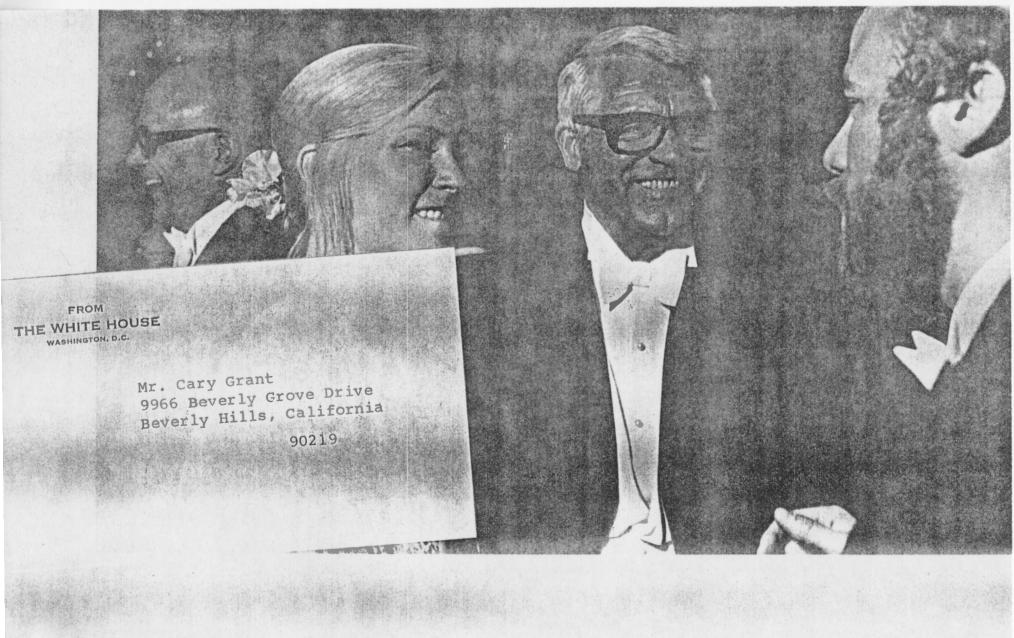
Many, many thanks. All my best.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Cary Grant 9966 Beverly Grove Drive Beverly Hills, California 90219

Enclosure



In his brief remarks to the crowd, the President made no mention of Reagan or of the grueling round of primaries and state conventions leading to Wednesday night's climax.

But when he was introduced to the crowd, Mr. Ford's youngest son, Steve, a rodeo enthusiast, could not resist a a jab at Reagan.

"We're not country gentleman cowboys where I come from." he said, an obvious reference to Reagan, a former actor who appeared in a number of movie westerns and who now lives on a ranch in California. The President left Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland this after, noon as a thunder torm was closing in on the Washington area, Accompanying him on the flight were his wife, Betty, White House speech writers and presidential aides not already in Kansas City and Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.).

Javits, who had been in Philadelphia to attend the funeral of an assistant, could not arrange commercial transportation to Kansas City and was invited to fly to the convention with the President, the White House said.

### REPUBLICANS'76

## FORD'S CAMPAIGN WILL BE

The Fords got plenty of political experience in race for the nomination. Now those skills will be put to the test in the race for White House.

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young man who just two years ago dismissed the White House as "a nice place to visit." Although admitting he is still Limitation Talks, African nationalism and tax reform. When one student asked how he turned out to be so well intry "was screwed over beyond its wilde dreams" by Nixon's actions in the Wate gate era, and maintains that the For

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Jack's style is to aim at the youth vote with question-and-answer sessions on campuses.





DAVID HUME KENNERLY

Recent family portrait: Standing behind the President and Mrs. Ford are, from left, Susan, Steve, Jack, Michael and his wife, Gayle. Family's golden retriever is Liberty.

said of his life at the White House: "When it was all over, you'd be left holding the bag .... You'd have gotten used to the glamour and the things that come with it.... If I did that, in two or six years I'd be spoiled."

Mass. Mike has stuck to his guns from the beginning-determined to graduate from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and to keep completely out of the public eye while he is doing it.

He is the most serious and reflective of the Ford offspring, and is committed KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- SCHEDULED FOR A POLITE TWO-MINUTE APPEARANCE MONDAY NIGHT, PRESIDENT FORD'S YOUNGEST SON STEVE TURNED IT INTO SOMETHING OF A POLITICAL COMING OUT PARTY.

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STEVE HAD BEEN KNOWN CHIEFLY OUTSIDE HIS FAMILY FOR SHYNESS EVEN BIGGER THAN THE TEN GALLON WHITE STETSON HAT THE STUDENT COWBOY WEARS.

OLDER BROTHER JACK WAS THE FAMILY'S BUDDING POLITICIAN. YOUNGER SISTER SUSAN WORE THE GLAMOUR. STEVE ONLY RELUCTANTLY EMERGED FROM HIS CALIFORNIA COLLEGE AND RANCH STUDIES FOR CAMPAIGN LIFE WITH FATHER.

SO MONDAY IT WAS JACK WHO WAS DISPATCHED TO MEET DELEGATIONS AND IT WAS STEVE WHO WAS PICKED TO ESCORT SUSAN TO A DANCE FOR YOUNG FORD WORKERS.

STEVE HOPPED UP ONTO THE STAGE IN A THREE-PIECE BLUE SUIT AND A FUNNY THING HAPPENED. THE SHYNESS DISAPPEARED.

STEVE THREW OPEN HIS JACKET, SHOOK OFF HIS STETSON, POINTED A FINGER TO THE SPOTLIGHTS AND BEGAN DANCING AND IMPROVISING WORDS TO THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC.

"I'M ... GOING ... TO ... KANSAS CITY ... " HE BEGAN.

STANZAS LATER, HE ENDED, "MAKING FORD THE ONE !"

THE CROWD CHEERED, PICKED UP THE SONG AND DANCED TO STEVEN'S LEAD. STEVEN DANCED SIDEWAYS AND BACKWARDS AND THEN DONNED THE HEADGEAR OF THE COMBO MEMBERS.

THE TWO MINUTES ON THE PLATFORM STRETCHED TO AN HOUR. "SPECTACULAR !" SAID SUSAN.

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It's country-and-western time at the Trade Mart Disco, and getting very muchinto the spirit of things with the revelers is Steve's sister, Susan (right). NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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the only type of person who can win the Presidency, maybe there's some flaw in our system.

In the past Jack's relentless-often guileless-candor has got him in trouble (as when he admitted too publicly

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the White House next January. But judging from their gusto in Kansas City last week, they are going to try their hardest not to let that happen.

-DANIEL CHU with JANE WHITMORE and THOMAS M. **DeFRANK** in Kansas City





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'Fellow Kansans' Gov. Robert Bennett (left) shared the platform yesterday with Susan Ford, daughter of President and Mrs. Ford, after he introduced her as "a fellow Kansan or at least a part-time Kansan" at a session with his del-

egation to the Republican National Convention. Miss Ford, who will attend the University of Kansas this fall, sported a button with the phrase, "Betty Ford's Husband for President." (Staff photo by Wes Lyle)

# Kansans Greet Their' Susan

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By Ray Morgan Kansas Correspondent

Susan Ford led a star-spangled team to call on the Kansas delegates to the Republican National Convention yesterday and asked them to vote for her father, President Gerald Ford.

Included in the group that accompanied Miss Ford to the Trade Mart Holiday Inn across from the Municipal Airport to woo the already solidly Ford delegation were Earl Butz, agriculture secretary; Gov. Daniel J. Evans of Washington, former chairman of the National Governors Conference; Sen. Peter Domenici, the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from New Mexico in 40 years, and Rep. Al Cederberg, (R-Mich.), who served in the adjoining district to Ford when he was in Congress.

Miss Ford, who is to attend the University of Kansas this year as a photojournalism student, told the cheering Kansas delegates: "I want to try to convince you of the kind of dedication my father gives to the job of being President. THE KANSAS CITY TIMES Wednesday, August 18, 1976 CS

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## Susan's Gift

Susan Ford waved (left) to a chee ing crowd of young Ford suppor ers as she approached the Kanso City Museum of History and Sc ence, 3218 Gladstone. Miss For presented to the museum a dre worn by her mother on her first da in the White House. The your supporters (below) cheered Mi Ford as she left the museum.

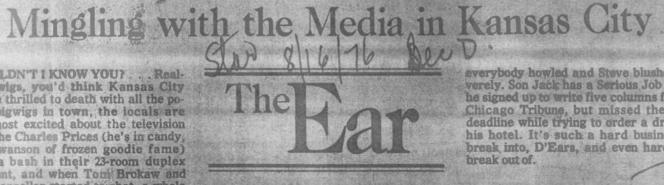
(Staff photos by David S. Wing

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ULDN'T I KNOW YOU? .... Realrwigs, you'd think Kansas City be thrilled to death with all the pobigwigs in town, the locals are most excited about the television The Charles Prices (he's in candy. Swanson of frozen goodie fame) a bash in their 23-room duplex uent, and when Tom Brokaw and hancellor started to chat, a whole eavesdroppers leaned in for po-And the second se



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everybody howled and Steve blushed severely. Son Jack has a Serious Job here: he signed up to write five columns for the Chicago Tribune, but missed the first deadline while trying to order a drink in his hotel. It's such a hard business to break into, D'Ears, and even harder to break out of.

AIN'T BEEN NO.D.C. FOLKS HERE, ALL AND AL

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1976



