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Phones out of country disrupted

United Press International

LIMA — A mighty earthquake hit southern Peru today, and amateur radio operator reports from the town of Canete, 100 miles south of Lima, told of fires raging there out of control. Its population is about 5,000.

Lima itself rocked for a full minute and residents fled into the streets, wailing prayers. Another tremor came five minutes later. There was no immediate estimate of casualties or damage, and the city appeared

Harmer gets No. 2 state post

State Sen. John Harmer, a staunch fiscal conservative, today was named California's lieutenant governor by Gov. Reagan.

Harmer, 40, succeeds Ed Reinecke, who resigned yesterday minutes before being given an 18-month suspended sentence in Washington, D.C. for committing perjury before a Senate committee.

A state senator since 1966, Harmer had indicated he would accept the appointment if Reagan offered it.

as attorney general.

Harmer, backed in his November bid by some of the same men who supported



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First Lady Betty Has A Visitor

President Gerald Ford holds the hand of his wife, Betty, convalescing in the Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington. The President's cheerful visit was last night. A story about Mrs. Ford and her well-wishers is on page A4.

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Editorial Page

Tues., Oct. 1, 1974

Oil conservation and co-operation

In the assault on inflation, particu- far better position to cut consumption

point the way. It has set a strong example in
payments it is willing to make to for-

Safeguarding A-bombs

Our best to Mrs. Ford

Betty Ford has been through a tough ordeal, and we join with the rest of the country in wishing her a full recovery.

Among those who have spoken up is Marvella Bayh, wife of Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), who underwent a mas-

Specialists Will Be Consulted On Treatment for Mrs. Ford

By Victor Cohn
Washington Post Staff Writer

It will be three to four weeks before doctors decide use of one or more anticancer chemicals, hormone treatment or no treatment at all, just watchful waiting.

out with new findings. So I think the best thing to do is take the advice of some eminent specialists to decide the



Wash-Star News - 9/30/74

Doctor Explains Surgery in Breast Cancer Diagnosis

In the not too far distant future of cancer care, more and more regard must be paid to the patient's quality of life. Mean- while, we have used the best drugs which we now have as we braved the fear of surgery. These are the views of Dr. Vincent T. DeVita, director of the division of cancer control and operation — in which only more than 1,600 patients in years from now, she will. The problem is, he ex- pects to know before the patient



extensive surgery. And the less mutilating Ford. While the study involved imised, DeVita said. If she is alive and well 10 out further treatment is probably sufficient. technique will be developed which will enable surgeons cer spread. —JUDITH RANDAL

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THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Inside the r

Mrs. Ford comfortable following surgery

Washington

President Ford said Sunday that his wife, Betty, was resting comfortably after undergoing breast surgery. Saturday and was expected to have short periods of walking and sitting during the day. The President attended church services early Sunday at St. John's Episcopal Church across Lafayette Square from the White House and heard prayers for Mrs. Ford's recovery by the Rev. John W. Turnbull.

The President was accompanied by his son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle; daughter Susan and a friend, Gardner Britt; sister-in-law Mrs. Tom Ford; and a close family friend, the Rev. Billy Zeoli, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Earlier, the President had assigned Vice-President-Designate Nelson A. Rockefeller to substitute for him on a planned three-day Western trip to address students at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and a meeting in San Francisco of United Press International editors.

De la Tour painting sold

Attends Church Services

Meanwhile, the President, seemingly more rested and relaxed than yesterday, rose

N.Y. Times
Nov. Sept. 30 '74

**MRS. FORD CALLED
'ALERT' BUT TIRED**

**Condition Still Satisfactory
After Breast Surgery—
President at Church**

By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—
Betty Ford was showered with



—United Press International

President Ford and his daughter Susan leave St. John's Church.

Wife's Illness Leaves Ford's Future Uncertain

Associated Press

His wife's bout with cancer has cast a question mark over President Ford's immediate and long-range political plans.

Soon after the First Lady underwent surgery for breast cancer Saturday, Ford told aides to curtail his public schedule for the coming week.

His scheduled participation in dedication ceremonies at Washington Cathedral yesterday was canceled, as was his plan to attend tonight's National Football League game between the Redskins and the Denver Broncos.

HE HAS ASKED Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller to substitute for him on a planned speech-making trip to Utah and California tomorrow through Thursday.

Mrs. Ford was expected to be

hospitalized for at least 10 days, and White House aides said it is questionable whether the President will make any out-of-town speeches during that period.

This presumably could affect an appearance he scheduled in Vermont for next Monday, and a planned trip to Philadelphia Oct. 9 for a Republican fund-raiser.

Also in question were Ford's plans to make 25 or more speeches in behalf of Republican candidates in the two weeks prior to the November elections.

AS HE ENTERED Bethesda Naval Medical Center last night to visit with Mrs. Ford, the President was asked about his campaign plans.

"We haven't looked beyond next week," he replied.

See FORD, A-10



Sharing A Crisis Together

Arms around each other, President Ford and his daughter, Susan, leave St. John's Episcopal Church after attending Sunday services yesterday. Later, the President and other members of the first family visited Betty Ford at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where she is recovering from breast cancer surgery. Although suffering some "post-operative pain," doctors said Mrs. Ford was "alert" and the President remarked: "I feel a lot better than I did yesterday."

Story on page 2

Daily News - Nov. 9/30/74

Betty Is Alert but Feels Pain, Fatigue

By JOSEPH VOLZ

Chief of The News Washington Bureau

Bethesda, Md., Sept. 29—First lady Betty Ford was suffering some "post-operative pain," her doctors said today, a day after an operation to remove a cancerous right breast. She was also said to be "more aware of fatigue."

diameter, was discovered on her right breast.

The President said the first lady had not been due for a



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SURGERY TODAY

**Mrs. Ford
Hospitalized**

By Fred Barnes
Star-News Staff Writer

Mrs. Betty Ford, the wife of the President, will undergo surgery today for the removal of a small nodule in her right breast.

Mrs. Ford Gave No One Any Inkling

No one at yesterday's Salvation Army Fashion show knew the reason why Mrs. Gerald Ford was unable to stay longer than 15 minutes at the annual fashion event.

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scurrying, and, on arrival, Mrs. Ford waved to two

THE SHOW HAD strong Art Deco overtones beginning with the white and purple flowers and ostrich plumed centerpieces.

The runway featured white small gazebos done in





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WEATHER: Partly cloudy and cool.

Report on Mrs. Ford:

DOGS FIND NO

Betty's Doc: No Cancer Spread

By FRANK VAN RIPER

Washington, Sept. 30 (News Bureau)—Doctors reported today finding

being able to place her right hand on top of her head without sig-



THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1974

Mrs. Ford Faces Tests on Treatment

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evidence of cancer spread to other areas, her doctors remain optimistic for a prolonged sur-

the National Cancer Institute here and eBrnard Fisher of the University of Pittsburgh who is chairman of th National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project,

cancer in women with one to three so-called positive lymph nodes averages 62 per cent after five years and 38 per cent after 10 years.

Mrs. Ford Facing Tests To Determine Treatment

By JANE E. BRODY

Special to The New York Times

BETHESDA, Md., Sept. 30.—Betty Ford's physicians reported today that they had found cancer cells in two of the 30 lymph nodes removed with her right breast last Saturday.

They said that laboratory studies had found "no clinical evidence" that cancer had spread and that they were "op-

First Lady Gets Better Faster

Washington, Oct. 3 (News Bureau)—President Ford said today that his wife, Betty, was doing "very, very well" and was "two or three days ahead"



N.Y. Times - Sat. Sept 28, 1974

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MRS. FORD FACES BREAST SURGERY

In Hospital for an Operation
Today to Check Nodule

By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times



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Mrs. Ford to Undergo Breast Surgery Today

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford entered Bethesda Naval Hospital last night for surgery to remove a possible cancer of her right breast.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said surgery will be performed today to determine whether "a small nodule" in her breast is malignant. If it is, he said, surgery to remove the breast will be performed while she is still on the operating table.

President Ford left the White House late last night to visit his wife, who was described by Nessen as in good spirits when she entered the hospital at 5:55 p.m. She was accompanied

by her special assistant, Nancy Howe.

Surgery is to be performed by Navy Capt. William Fouty, chief of surgery at Bethesda. Nessen said Fouty will be assisted by Dr. J. Richard Thistlethwaite, civilian consultant to Bethesda Naval Hospital and a professor of surgery at the George Washington University medical school.

Nessen said the nodule was discovered Thursday during a regular medical checkup and that Mrs. Ford had not felt any pain or been aware of it before the examination.

"After further medical consultation, it was recom-

See FORD, A12, Col. 3

Wash. Post
9/28/74

Two of Mrs. Ford's Nodes Cancerous

Doctors Optimistic

By Stuart Auerbach

Washington Post Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford's doctors reported yesterday that they found



Surgery Study Hit

By Victor Cohn

Washington Post Staff Writer

Most of the women who cooperated in a landmark study of breast cancer

Two Nodes Are Found Cancerous

SURGERY, From A1

see what kinds of treatment should be started to increase the odds of a full recovery.

Specifically mentioned in the White House announcement were radiation therapy, hormonal therapy and treatments with powerful anti-cancer drugs, known as chemotherapy.

Coincidentally, all three treatment methods were described yesterday at a long-scheduled conference on breast cancer at the National Cancer Institute across the street from the naval hospital.

Three of the doctors who took part in the conference—Dr. Bernard Fisher of the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Paul Carbone and Dr. Douglass C. Tormey of the cancer institute—met yesterday with Mrs. Ford's doctors at the naval hospital.

Dr. Fisher reported to the conference that "the presence of cancer in the axillary (lymph) nodes carries a dire prediction."

A study of 17,000 breast cancer patients showed that 38 per cent of women with cancer cells in from one to three lymph nodes did not live five years after surgery,



INDIAN PROTEST—Royal Canadian Mounted Police break up a demonstration on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on the opening day of Parliament. Many of the Indian protesters had traveled from across the country.

Breast Cancer Study Is

COMPUTER, From A1

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President Is Told Wife Is Doing Well

White House physician William Lukash told President Ford yesterday that First hospital that Mrs. Ford "slept soundly," her temperature had dropped to near normal and

The Watergate Coverup Trial

Mrs. Ford's Illness

The country has been moved in a very deep way by the ordeal of Mrs.

Still, her case emphasizes to all women the need for early detection of

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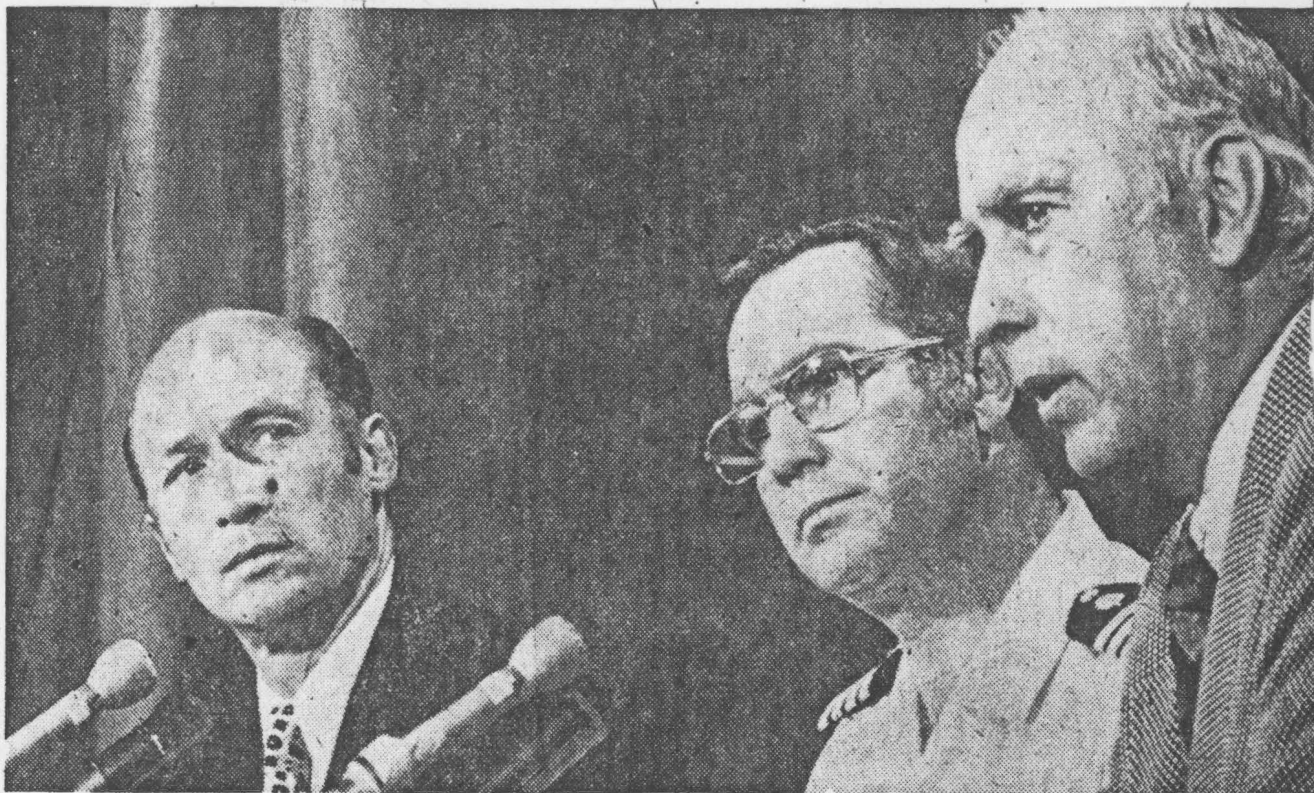
Mrs. Ford Doing O.K.

By Judith Randal

Star-News Staff Writer

Mrs. Betty Ford underwent surgery for removal of her right breast yesterday after her doctors confirmed suspicions that a nodule discovered Thursday was cancerous.

The almost three-hour operation—performed at the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, went then



—Star-News Photographer Wellner Streets

Navy Capt. William Fouty (center), chief of surgery at Bethesda Medical Center, gives a report on Mrs. Ford's condition. At left is

White House physician Dr. William Lukash. At right is Dr. J. Richard Thistlethwaite of George Washington University.

FORD'S WIFE HAS BREAST SURGERY

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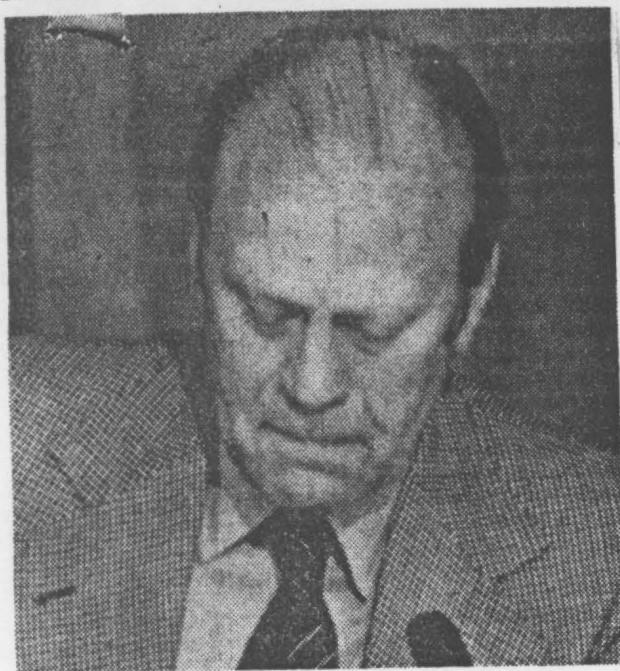
In addition to the right breast, surgeons also removed the underlying pectoral muscles and lymph-bearing tissue under the right arm.

The general prognosis [outlook] is favorable," Dr. William Fouty, a Navy captain who is chief of surgery at the hospital, said after he performed the nearly three-hour operation. "I would hope that she would live out a normal life."

However, Dr. Fouty said it would be impossible to predict recovery with any degree of certainty.

"I would say the chances of recovery are 76 per cent at this point," he said. Other medical sources commented that these chances might be significantly higher because of the relatively small size of the nodule and the early detection.

Dr. Fouty said that the grade of malignancy and whether it had spread could not be determined until the final pathology reports are made, probably within a few days. He said that these findings would



The New York Times/George Tames

During economic meeting, President Ford announced that his wife, Betty, had undergone surgery for cancer.

Ford's Wife Undergoes Breast Cancer Surgery

By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times

BETHESDA, Md., Sept. 28— The surgeons who performed the "open standard" remove her right breast mastectomy" on Mrs. Ford

Report on the Extent of Surgery Needed in Breast Cancer Intensifies Long Dispute

By JANE E. BRODY

A preliminary report on a study of breast cancer surgery has intensified a decades-long international controversy over how much surgery a breast cancer patient

removed but the muscles and lymph nodes are left in place, and the simple mastectomy followed by postoperative radiation therapy.

Thus far, all have resulted in approximately the same rate of recurrence of disease, 15 per cent after two years. At this

The most pressing question at the moment for women and their physicians is whether preliminary results of the study mean that the less extensive simple mastectomy will be as good in the long run as radical mastectomy in saving the lives of breast cancer patients.

stance, patients who had no lymph node enlargement (so-called clinical stage I) were treated either with radical mastectomy, simple mastectomy or radiation therapy without surgery. After five years, survival in all three groups was the

showed that two of them harbored cancer cells.

In a simple mastectomy, these nodes would be left in the patient and could be the source of recurring cancer five to 10 years later.

'I Don't Understand'

mitted to the procedure of their choice that they were unwilling to treat patients in a study differently.

Another problem is the mounting resistance to controlled clinical trials, in which patients are randomly assigned

Without such trials, the current state of uncertainty will persist indefinitely, Dr. Fisher insisted, and women will continue either to be disfigured unnecessarily or to receive less than the best therapy.

90,000 New Cases

delay recurrence of the disease. In this study, all women received the currently accepted treatment for their disease, radical surgery, but half were given the experimental drug and the other half received a placebo.

A Day in the Life of Gerald Ford

By Paul Healy

New York News

A typical day in the life of President Ford begins at 5 a.m., when the White House is still largely dark. After rising, he goes through a brief period of calisthenics, including riding his exercycle and exercising his kness, which underwent surgery two years ago to take care of an old football injury.

then be off to one or more of the cocktail parties, receptions, barbecues, and dinners that proliferate the year around in Washington — and which never seem to bore them.

NO LONGER is it a big surprise in the capital area when the President of the Untied States shows up. Ford has attended the annual picnic of the Alex-

athlete like his boss. A Minnesota native, who grew up in Nixon's Whitter, Calif., Rustand was an All-American basketball player at the University of Arizona in 1965 and also received an award as its outstanding graduate.

WHEN ASKED how an All-American basketball player winds up in the White House nine years later

Washington Star-News

Wednesday, October 2, 1974

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Mrs. Ford Gaining, Spirit High, Doctors Say

Associated Press

Doctors for President Ford's wife, Betty, have reported that she is regaining her strength.

She had a "very favorable day" yesterday, they

lunched on chicken noodle soup, crackers and tea.

Ford visited his wife at the hospital at 8:30 last night, taking her a green Gucci tote bag which he said was a gift from Italian President Giovanni

AFTER the 90-minute visit, Ford said his wife has made "unbelievable progress" and was in "great spirits. Doctors think she has done very well. That is, of course, encouraging."

October 4, 1974

Helen,

I thought you might like to see this. We are all wishing for a complete recovery for a wonderful woman.

Sincerely,

Theresa
Theresa

Around The Hill

with Theresa Terrell Smith

MIKE KITZMILLER, Executive Assistant to Rep. Ogden Reid (NY) has had it with politics. Mike sold all of his possessions, including his \$105,000 house in Potomac, Maryland, purchased a 38-foot sailboat, and he, his wife and 3 girls (1 set of twins) will spend six months sailing the Carribean before reaching Merida, on the Yucatan Peninsula. According to a close source, Mike knows only one person in Merida where the Kitzmillers plan to

THE WASHINGTON POST

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1974

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Mrs. Ford Continues Progress

United Press International
First Lady Betty Ford continues to make excellent recovery from breast cancer and is rapidly regaining normal

[Items appearing on this page are being talked about in Washington or other news centers]

Wage-Price Controls by May 1? . . . Doubts About Ford's Running in '76 . . . Henry Kissinger's Fleeting Fame

The White House started bracing for a flood of new demands that President Ford testify before Congress after he agreed to go to Capitol Hill to answer questions on his pardon of Richard Nixon. "Next, they'll be calling him to testify on sewer grants," an aide forecasts. "If he refuses, there will be wild charges that he is hiding something. It was not an astute political move by the President."

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Wage-price controls by May 1 are being predicted privately by some labor leaders in the wake of Mr. Ford's promise that his anti-inflation policies are "not chiseled in stone."

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It is President Ford's boundless devotion to his wife, Betty, that has convinced many that he will not run in 1976. Some even have the impression he might resign to care for her if her recovery is slow.

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Some presidential aides fear that thousands of Cuban refugees may soon protest in the streets of Washington, New York, Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico, against U. S. recognition of Castro Cuba. Theme of the demonstrations: "If the U. S. embraces Castro it will signal to the world that crime DOES pay."

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Question making the rounds in Washington: Have Secretary of State Kissinger and Defense Secretary Schlesinger buried the hatchet? Word at the Pentagon is that Mr. Kissinger personally has persuaded the President to soften his opinion of Mr. Schlesinger and keep him on the job.

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Domestic oil producers find it hard to understand why the U. S. hasn't coun-

tered steep price boosts on Mideast crude oil with embargoes on American-made drilling equipment and supplies. Says one equipment maker: "The oil sheiks depend almost wholly on parts and supplies made in this country to keep their wells producing. A harder line on our part might make them listen to reason on prices."

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Fame has its limits, too. When Secretary of State Henry Kissinger tried to place a collect phone call to the White House from a New York hotel recently, the operator asked him to repeat his name several times, then requested: "Can you spell it, please?"

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One hundred billions for defense—a 20 per cent increase? That's how much military chiefs are talking about asking from Congress next year. Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff insist that without such a boost inflation will soon make it impossible to keep defenses up to safe levels.

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Ronald Reagan's final months as Governor of California are exploding into a battle of vetoes with the State legislature. The Governor's recent turndown of 174 bills is being called "vindictive" by legislators who, in January, overrode a veto by a Governor for the first time in 28 years.

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Senator Thomas Eagleton, campaigning for re-election in Missouri, is giving voters this example of how fat can be trimmed from spending by the military: He asserts that an officers' club at Andrews Air Force Base, near Washington, D. C., is manned by eight bartenders and says wryly: "I believe they could do just as well with six or seven."

Leading Kansas Republicans say the pardoning of former President Nixon was a serious, perhaps fatal, blow to the re-election chances of Senator Robert Dole, former Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Dole is trailing and losing ground to his Democratic opponent, Representative William R. Roy.

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Fear of terrorism in Argentina is rising so fast that Latin-American Foreign Ministers are now seriously discussing the cancellation or transfer of their March meeting in Buenos Aires. This is the session at which diplomats were planning to welcome Cuba's Foreign Minister Raul Roa as a participant.

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Senator Edward Kennedy believes that he will actually gain national influence as a result of his withdrawal from the 1976 presidential race. Intimates say the Senator reasons this way: In the past, everything he said was examined for a campaign angle. But now his speeches and statements will be weighed on their merits.

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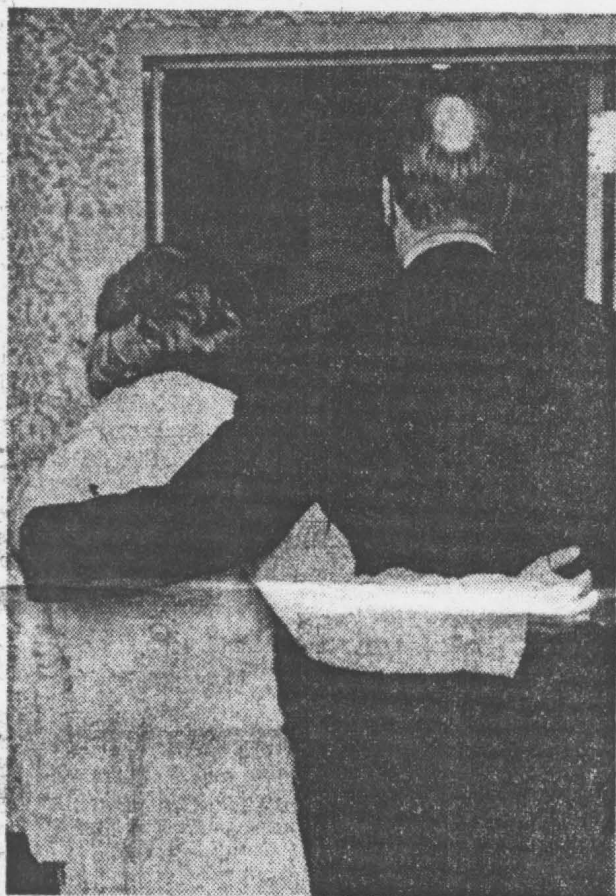
Inflation's bite on the elderly is making the Social Security "retirement test" a political issue again. Present law reduces pension benefits when an individual drawing Social Security earns more than \$2,400 a year. A growing number of candidates for Congress advocate doing away with the limitation, permitting unlimited earnings without penalty for retirees.

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According to warnings being received by the White House, main opposition to a sharply higher gasoline tax would come from Senators and Representatives of Western States, where distances between large cities often are measured in hundreds of miles.



IN 'EXCELLENT' CONDITION: Betty Ford about to pass a football to her husband at Bethesda Naval Hospital. A medical bulletin yesterday said she was in fine spirits following surgery for removal of her right breast to prevent the spread of cancer.



White House Photographs

The President accompanies Mrs. Ford back to her room.
Information about her recovery appears on Page 20.

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Mrs. Ford Continues to Make Excellent Progress, Doctors Say

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (UPI) — Betty Ford marked the end of a week of hospitalization. recuperation continue unplicated, her vital signs remain stable.

Friday, October 4, 1974



Associated Press

HOSPITAL VISIT

President Ford holds his wife's hand at Bethesda Naval Hospital where she is recov-

ering from recent breast surgery at a pace ahead of schedule.

After First Lady's Case

NEW FOCUS ON CURE OF BREAST CANCER

THE SURGERY performed for breast cancer on First Lady Betty Ford has brought a flood of sympathy to the White House—and a flood of interest among women across the nation in this



DAVID KENNERLY

At the hospital, the Fords read a "best wishes" petition from all 100 Senators.

Ford's operation, a meeting of the

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DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1974

Expect Mrs. Ford Out of Hospital Next Week

Washington, Oct. 2 (News Bureau)—First lady Betty Ford continues to make |

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—Associated Press

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

President Ford chats with White House physician Dr. William M. Lukash on the steps of Bethesda Naval Hospital last night. The President had visited with First Lady Betty Ford who remains in the hospital following breast surgery. Mr. Ford said, "She is much, much better, well enough to call our three sons."

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White House Photograph via Associated Press

S. FORD RECOVERING RAPIDLY: Betty Ford and the President reading a message from all 100 Senators as he visited her at hospital Wednesday evening. Her recovery is faster than had been expected. Page 16.

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Mrs. Ford Cheered by Her Mail; Her Rapid Recovery Continues

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—
Betty Ford, ahead of schedule
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—Official White House Photograph

MRS. FORD HEFTS A FOOTBALL

Mrs. Betty Ford, continuing her "uncomplicated recuperation" following surgery a week ago for cancer, prepares to toss President Ford a football during a stroll through the presidential suite at Bethesda Naval Hospital Friday. The picture was released by the White House late yesterday.

Encouragement, Prayers, Hope In Letters to Betty Ford

By Isabelle Shelton
Star-News Staff Writer

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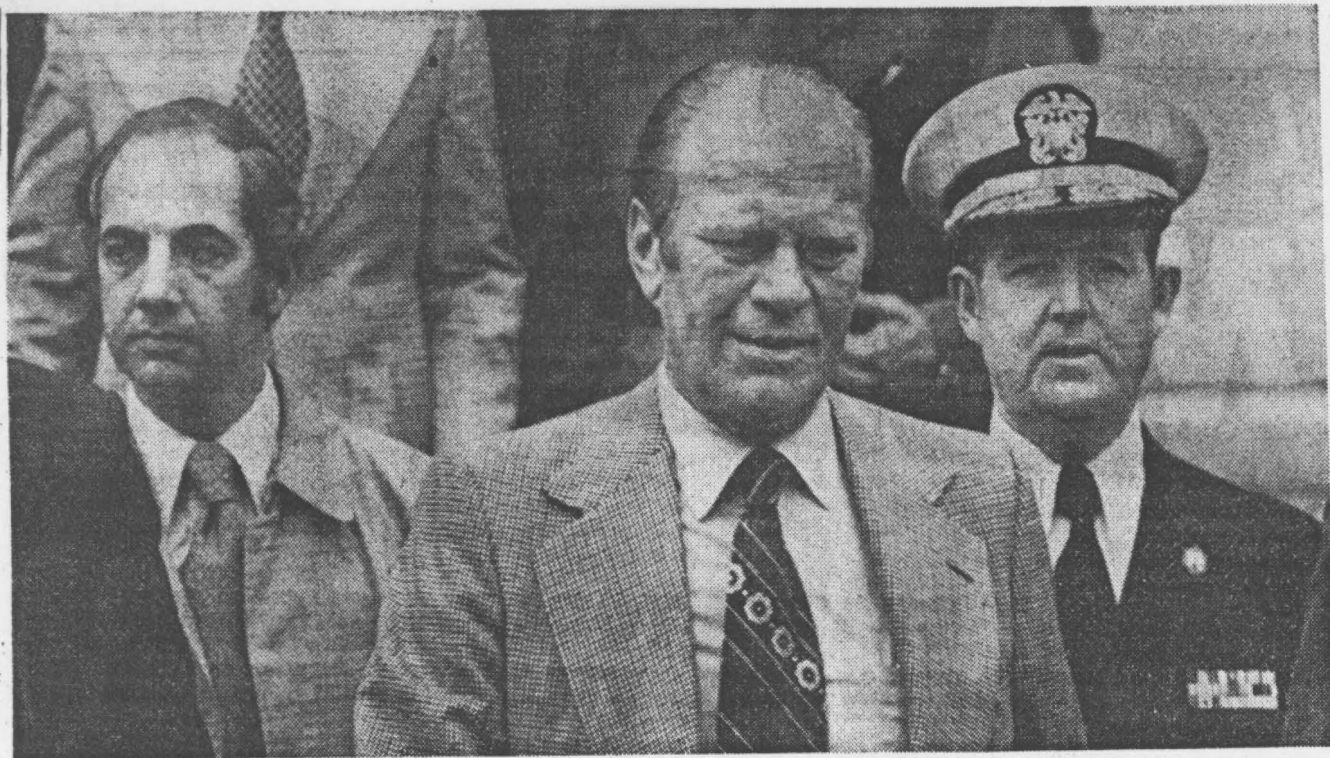
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Mrs. Ford Is Continuing Recovery, Gains Almost Full Mobility of Arm

Associated Press
Betty Ford, described as con-
tinuing to make a good re-
covery from surgery at the Bethesda naval
hospital where Mrs. Ford is
cerous right breast Saturday.
An afternoon medical bul-
letin said Mrs. Ford was



AP Wirephoto

PRESIDENT FORD LEAVING HOSPITAL SATURDAY

President visited his wife at Bethesda Naval Hospital following her surgery. He was told she was "all right."

Betty Ford Okay After Surgery

By FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Betty Ford underwent a 2½-hour operation Saturday for removal of a cancerous right breast.



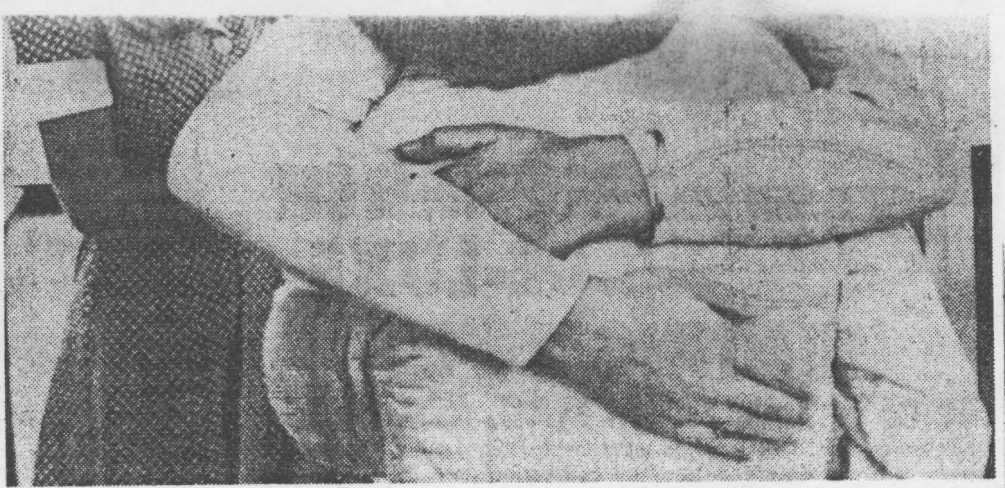
of the lymph system that extends under the armpit.

Navy Capt. William Fouty, who headed the three-man surgical team, said the outlook for Mrs. Ford is favorable. "All of the gross tumor was confined to the breast," he said.

When asked whether Mrs. Ford, who is 56, will be able to live out her normal life, Fouty replied: "I would hope that she would."

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Mrs. Ford went into the operating room at the National Naval Medical Center, in nearby Bethesda, Md., at 8:05 a.m. EDT. Surgeons first removed a nodule from the breast to determine whether it was



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FIRST LADY GETS A HUG FROM HER DAUGHTER, SUSAN

Mrs. Ford entered hospital Friday for removal of a nodule in her right breast.

Mrs. Bayh Recalls Mastectomy in 1971



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FORD KISSING HIS WIFE GOODBYE ON EVE OF OPERATION



BETTY FORD HUGGING DAUGHTER SUSAN BEFORE HER FAMILY LEFT

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crucial areas. The council has no enforcement powers, but Ford did appoint as executive director a strong advocate of Washington jawboning. He is Albert E. Rees, a Princeton economist and a Democrat. Rees shares Ford's adamant stand against imposing mandatory wage and price controls.

Ford conceded that his preliminary moves of the week, while necessary, will

THE FIRST FAMILY

Betty Ford: Facing Cancer

Gerald Ford was deep in preparations for the last of his series of economic summits Thursday morning when his wife Betty stopped in at the Be-

good friend and former Alexandria neighbor, was in the hospital, having just given birth to a girl. The Abbruzzeses had already decided to name the baby

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Mrs. Ford 170

WASHINGTON AP - First Lady Betty Ford, who underwent surgery a week ago today to remove her cancerous right breast, probably will be discharged from Bethesda Naval Hospital "next Wednesday or thereabouts," President Ford says.

"There's no use hurrying her out of there," Ford said Friday. Mrs. Ford still has to undergo tests to determine what therapy she will take, White House physician William Lukash said.

Mrs. Ford's surgeon, Capt. William Fouty, said she has been walking about her suite, answering some of the 19,000 get-well messages she has received and continuing "to progress in achieving mobility of her right arm." He said "her condition remains excellent."

Ford visited his wife Friday night, bringing with him a gift from the Washington Redskins - a football used in last Monday's game with the Denver Broncos. "It brought tears to her eyes," he said.

Mrs. Ford received applause from a small crowd outside the hospital when she came to a window to await her husband's arrival.

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Rockefeller Campaign 120

WASHINGTON AP - Aides to Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller say he is reconsidering the possibility of some political activity in the current campaign.

The issue was raised at a White House meeting between Ford and Rockefeller on Thursday but no decision was made, the aide said.

Previously Rockefeller had said he would not engage in any political activity while awaiting congressional confirmation and had canceled several scheduled appearances.

Rockefeller aide Joseph Prescio said Rockefeller will adhere to his earlier decision not to campaign against any incumbent Democratic congressmen and senators, although he may substitute for President Ford at some GOP fund-raising events.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD IS REGAINING NORMAL USE OF HER RIGHT ARM JUST ONE WEEK AFTER UNDERGOING MAJOR SURGERY FOR REMOVAL OF A CANCEROUS RIGHT BREAST.

SPOKESMAN AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL SAID FRIDAY, "HER CONDITION REMAINS EXCELLENT... SHE IS WALKING ABOUT THE SUITE, WORKING ON HER MAIL AND TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY."

HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN QUOTED HER CHIEF SURGEON, DR. WILLIAM FOUTY, AS SAYING: "THE FIRST LADY CONTINUES TO PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING MOBILITY OF HER RIGHT ARM."

A PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SAID MRS. FORD AND THE PRESIDENT TOSSED A FOOTBALL BACK AND FORTH PLAYFULLY WHEN HE VISITED HER FRIDAY EVENING.

THE BALL WAS A GIFT FROM WASHINGTON REDSKIN'S COACH GEORGE ALLEN.

MRS. FORD IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

SHE WILL PROBABLY UNDERGO ANTI-CANCER THERAPY AT THE WHITE HOUSE AS SHE RECUPERATES.

FORD TOLD NEWSMEN EARLIER, "HOPEFULLY, SHE WILL BE BACK NEXT WEDNESDAY OR THEREABOUTS."

HE SAID DOCTORS ARE "RUNNING CERTAIN TESTS AND THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T LEAVE PREMATURELY. THERE'S NO USE HURRYING HER OUT OF THERE," HE ADDED.

HER ENTIRE RIGHT BREAST AND LYMPH NODES IN HER ARMPIT WERE REMOVED LAST SATURDAY AFTER A LUMP IN THE BREAST PROVED TO BE CANCEROUS.

MRS. FORD HAS RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 4,500 LETTERS, CARDS AND WIRES FROM WELL-WISHERS, MANY FROM WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD SIMILAR OPERATIONS.

SHORTLY BEFORE FORD ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL MRS. FORD STOOD AT A WINDOW WAVING TO SEVERAL PERSONS BELOW WAITING FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE PRESIDENT.

"SHE'S AN AWFUL FLIRT," FORD SAID AFTER HOSPITAL OFFICIALS TOLD HIM ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

MRS. FORD'S SISTER-IN-LAW, JANET, THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER TOM, SAID SHE ADMIRER BETTY'S COURAGE AND DETERMINATION "TO CARRY ON FOR HER HUSBAND, HER CHILDREN AND THE COUNTRY."

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Southern Papers

Louis M. Kohlmeier, Syndicated Columnist. President Ford won no presidential race but stepped into the White House over the mess Nixon left. So Ford is bending tradition to his own needs. Unwilling to sweep the mess out of the White House door, Ford is getting rid of Nixon's men by giving them ambassadorships.

// Stephen Strang, Orlando Sentinel Star. Betty Ford's bout with cancer and its impact on other women may be the mark she leaves on the White House, the First Lady's sister-in-law [Janet Ford] said Wednesday.

"I told her after the operation there's no telling how many women's lives she's saved because she had the operation," [the First Lady's sister-in-law said.] //

New Orleans, Times-Picayune, "Fixing Economy - Do it." President Ford has naturally put pep rallies high on his list of economic-policy priorities, from the economic minisummits through an appeal to the public to send in suggestions and now to his avuncular address to the nation giving 12-point plan each citizen can follow. President Ford has complemented his cheerleading with a detailed, substantial economic program for congressional action. If Congress thinks it can do better, it should forego its customary preparatory rhetoric and do it -- or we'll all be hanged in the morning.

Birmingham News, "Ford on the Pardon." Reaction to the President's forthright statements was what the nation has come to expect of many members of Congress who seem to be infected with the spirit of inquisition and morbid suspicion. The nation deserves better than this undisguised enmity for the office of the presidency.

Charlotte Observer, "No Grain Policy in Sight Yet." If we are to avoid an annual recurrence of such on-again off-again grain deals, the United States must take two steps: First, develop a coherent grain policy that will insure adequate domestic supplies of grain and allow exporters to conduct international business in a proper fashion; second, bid farewell to Earl Butz, the Secretary of Agriculture.

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PRESIDENT AT SIDE

First Lady Has Cancer Surgery

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FIRST LADY BETTY FORD
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The Fords Simply Say Thanks

By ANN WOOD

Washington, Oct. 18 (News Bureau).
The simple White House card says:
"Our family is deeply indebted to you for your message of friendship to us during the heartwarming time of the Ford."

More than the White response to letters, pictures—received another 200.

In a volunteers acknowledge a pile of 375 have had and who are dergarment ages range from 12 to 80.

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Mrs. Harry F. Byrd Jr., wife of the inde-

pendent senator from Virginia, was the only non-Republican congressional wife who signed up to address envelopes. Considering the Fords' personal popularity and all the delighted Democrats they've had in to the White House.

unteers. They are prepared to respond as long as the mail flood lasts.

Cancer Docs Reaffirm Breast Surgery Stand

By EDWARD EDELSON

Science Editor

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White House Illnesses, Public Response

Paul Hodge

Lady's breast prompted thousands of women here and country to call for cancer and has jammed

tion with the President," Dr. Clifton Gruver, president of the D.C. Medical Society, said yesterday.

Former President Nixon's phlebitis prompted hundreds of calls and appointments.

dent Roosevelt's polio was in great part responsible for elimination of the disease . . . it accelerated support for polio research and is a good example of the effect that the illness of a prominent person can have," Dr. Fitzgerald said.

donations be made to the cancer society.

Mrs. Ford, who is reportedly making a good recovery after the mastectomy that removed her right breast last Saturday, was operated on two days after a

let doctors check their breasts . . . but this week no one has declined at the city's five health clinics," said Dr. Sami Khoury, who heads the preventive services bureau in the District's department of human re-

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By Victor Cohn

Washington Post Staff Writer

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Mrs. Ford, who Lukash said has been "progressing nicely," will now begin a series of X-ray and other scans with two aims — to check for any possible abnormalities elsewhere, and to establish baselines against which to compare future tests. Such scans usually include bone, brain and liver examinations, with blood and other laboratory tests in following weeks.

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Before the decision is made for the President's wife, whose right breast was removed Sept. 28, Lukash and Dr. William Fouty, the Navy surgeon who operated on her, expect to consult a group of selected specialists.

"We don't know yet just who they will be," Lukash said. "But breast cancer treatment has been controversial for years, and the National Cancer Institute has just come

By Victor Cohn
Washington Post Staff Writer

It will be three to four weeks before doctors decide the next step in First Lady Betty Ford's breast cancer treatment, Dr. William Lukash, White House physician, reported yesterday.

She is "steadily increasing her daily activities," said other White House officials, and may be released from Bethesda Naval Medical Center by Friday.

The next step to try to prevent a cancer recurrence said sh, could be radiation,

Washington, Oct. 7 (News Bureau) — First lady Betty Ford's "spirits and condition continue to be excellent," her doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital said today. "Mrs. Ford is up much of the time now and moving about the (hospital) suite as she wishes," the doctors said.

Navy Capt. William Fouty, chief surgeon at Bethesda and head of the surgical team that operated on Mrs. Ford for breast cancer Sept. 28, said that the first lady would leave the hospital later this week.

A White House spokesman said that Mrs. Ford had received 24,000 letters and cards of cheer and sympathy since the operation. He said that these messages were now at

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Mrs. Ford's Operation

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I found Victor Cohn's article regarding Mrs. Ford's radical mastectomy both informative and interesting, especially since I had the identical surgery in Minneapolis 12 years ago. I learned more from the article than from my surgeon.

Mary A. VanSant

Washington.

Sometimes I think you do a great disservice to your readers. While you might be doing some good (at her expense) by blazoning Mrs. Ford's operation, do you ever consider the harmful effects? I am referring to the statistics where it was stated by Dr. Fisher that 38% of the women with cancer cells in the nodes did not live five years after surgery and 62% did not survive for 10 years.

I am a cancer patient under care at NIH. Until I read your paper I had thought that my chances were very good of leading a normal life. Of the many doctors I have seen, none has ever thrown such a poor statistic at me. I don't think they would want any woman to have to cope with the idea that such a large percentage of us will not make it through 5 or 10 years. That article sounds like a death knell to me. Thanks a lot.

Evidently for the sake of "news" and filling up space, no consideration must ever be shown to the effect such news might have on people who can ill afford such a blow to their hopes for survival.

At least you could have omitted the statistics.

Suitland

Anneliese M. Mitchell

For her sake, please let's not continue with the details of Mrs. Ford's bout with cancer. If she is a sensitive individual, I would hate to be in her place and reading your newspaper.

Mrs. J. M. Wolfe Jr.

Kensington.

Twenty-two years ago I was employed as the tumor clinic secretary in a respected health facility in Urbana, Illinois. Our breast cancer patients were treated by way of the conventional biopsy-radical mastectomy approach; pathologists examined all excised tissue and pronounced grade and stage of malignancy; patients with recurrences were given X-ray therapy.

More than two decades have gone by during which scientific technology has made the jet airplane an integral part of our lifestyle; the U.S. government

waged a conflict of magnitude in far off Vietnam, efficiently sending men, supplies, and machines over thousands of miles of land and sea; scientists with the aid of millions of American tax dollars sent men into orbit and a bevy of individuals to the moon and back—of all places.

Isn't it strange that with all the ingenious accomplishments to our nation's credit, our First Lady is still given a conventional treatment used 22 years ago and, for that matter, many decades before that, to assure the cure for the illness. True, science has recently provided new therapy in the way of chemicals, and some surgeons are now more eager to offer other surgical options to women. But contrary to the ad which proclaims that we women "have come a long way," breast cancer treatment generally seems stymied on the doorstep to the twentieth century. Are our priorities out of line? One must contemplate where treatment of such cancers would be had science and technology been oriented to that goal. Is it that women, other than being the bearers of men's children, are expendable, while the use or misuse of technology for bigger jets, moon landings, and war are not?

Miriam Wiener

Alexander.

~~Wash~~ Star-News 10/5/74

President Expects First Lady Home Wednesday

United Press International

President Ford said late yesterday that he hoped wife Betty would be out of the hospital and back at the White House by the middle of next week if she continues her strong recovery from surgery for breast cancer six days ago.

"She's doing very well and the doctors are very en-

the White House Oval Office with six foreign envoys who presented their diplomatic credentials.

Shortly before the President's 8:30 p.m. arrival at the hospital, the First Lady appeared briefly at a window of her third floor quarters and waved to a crowd of perhaps two dozen well-wishers.

and he lightly tossed it back. Then the couple walked about 25 yards down the hall to Mrs. Ford's suite.

Earlier, the hospital reported in a medical bulletin that Mrs. Ford remained in "excellent" condition and spent the day walking around the presidential suite, arranging replies to many letters sent her by well-wishers and talking with members of her family.



White House from UPI



'Faith will sustain us': Before the operation, Betty was visited (above) by son Michael, his wife, Gayle, and the President—who left her with a fond goodnight kiss

BETTY FORD'S OPERATION

It was merely a routine physical check-up, much the same for a President's wife as for any adult American woman. But midway through the examination

Inevitably, the Ford family's private anguish became a public event. An hour after visiting his semiconscious wife, Ford entered the Washington Hilton Ho-

Nixon and the widespread dissatisfaction with the Vietnam amnesty program. Echoing a widely held opinion, one Democratic Presidential contender pre-

THE FIRST LADY'S FIRST CRISIS

It is one of the saddest ironies of Betty Ford's life that the discovery of her breast cancer came at a time

"When Jerry was selected as Vice President, it gave me a challenge that I needed. I'm not a bridge player or

President in 1976, for instance. Ford said demurely, "I'll be on the campaign"—but their son J.

Treating Breast Cancer

Betty Ford is only one of 90,000 American women who will discover this year that they have breast cancer. Nine out of ten can expect to be alive in 1980—if their tumors are detected and treated at an early stage. Unfortunately, most women fail—out of fear or ignorance—to examine their breasts regularly for lumps and to get regular medical check-

gency is that the original incision for the biopsy can cause some of the cancer cells to spread to other parts of the body; another is simply to avoid submitting the patient to a second operation under general anesthesia after a diagnosis of cancer has been confirmed.

There are four main breast-cancer operations from which the surgeon must

be limited to a small one. In the "simple" mastectomy, the breast is removed but the lymph nodes are not touched, and in the "lumpectomy," only the tumor or "lump" and a surrounding section of tissue are excised.

While these lesser operations may appeal to some women as being less disfiguring, most are not yet convinced that they are as effective as the radical

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WELCOME HOME—Betty Ford, flanked by daughter Susan and President Ford, waves to well-wishers at the

White House, where she returned yesterday, 13 days after undergoing surgery for cancer of the breast. Story, Page 2.

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Returns From Hospital

Betty Ford Cheered At White House

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President Ford flew by helicopter, Mrs. Ford, in a pink
coat yesterday to suburban dress and looking fit immedi-

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First Lady Returns To the White House

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Star-News Staff Writer

Smiling broadly and waving her weakened right arm energetically, First Lady Betty Ford returned



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MRS. FORD HAPPY TO BE HOME AGAIN

150 Greet Her on Arrival at
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By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times

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HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Betty Ford, back at the White House after her hospitalization for breast surgery, with the President and their daughter, Susan. Page 37.

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