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CBS Commentary -- Richard Roth:

The Soviet View of President Ford

One Soviet intellectual, a man who reads a wide range of American publications, as well as the Soviet press, said he found an American magazine's recent caricature of President Ford as a clown offensive and hard to understand.

"We regard your new President as a simple man," he said, "but certainly not a simpleton." He was offering praise. He said, "President Ford strikes us as a man of the people."

He had read there are pictures of Lincoln and Truman in the President's office, and he liked that.

Generally the Russians are pleased with what they've seen of President Ford. The press here has been kind to him, unkind to his critics, who are usually called spoilers of detente.

The descriptions, "warm working relationship" and "business-like discussions" between President Ford and Communist Party Chief Brezhnev during the Vladivostok summit were widely reported and often repeated.

But also repeated here is the opinion that the Russians want to deal with the American people and not just with an American President. It is said here the time is ripe for better relations with the United States. In a highly frank discussion one Soviet official said he was impressed by President Ford.

"Mr. Ford seemed friendlier, more like the Russians," he said, "than President Nixon." But unwilling to commit himself to one man and his policies, the official added, "I think now we could get along with any American President."

He described relations between the Soviet Union and the United States in terms of a long freight train. "That train is moving very fast," he said, "and it would be very difficult for any one man to stop it."

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CBS Commentary -- Phil Jones:

Has Mr. Ford Changed?

The Ford's depart Vail today. It's been a good visit for them and a good visit for this local ski resort. Even though the promoters have said over and over that they didn't want all

the publicity of a President skiing on the slopes here, to turn this town into a Presidential winter playground or for it to ever be called the Winter White House.

As the Ford's leave their will undoubtedly be a log of discussion among local residents on whether or not Mr. Ford has changed from the days he used to come here as a Congressman and a Vice President to ski. And even while he was here, some of the local people were saying they thought they saw a change.

As a local newspaper editor put it, "Jerry seems uptight this year."

And there were some changes. Last year as Vice President, Mr. Ford would stand very casually and talk with a small group of reporters, answering any questions regardless of how sensitive they might be.

This year he tried to act relaxed, but he was uneasy. And as the questions would get sensitive and tough, he would move on saying, "I'll see you all later." This year there was not that relaxed, warm Christmas eve package opening session where reporters were invited last year.

Perhaps the President hasn't changed. Perhaps he thinks he hasn't changed. But perhaps he doesn't want to change. But for this reporter, and for many of the local residents here, during these past twelve days there has been a reoccurring observation of what a difference a year can make in a man and his style when that person just happens to have become the President of the United States.

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CBS Commentary -- Mitchell Krause:

#### The New Economic Phenomenon - Deflation

With the post-holiday sales now in full swing it's time to get the feel of the new phenomenon of deflation. Deflation is the opposite of inflation and it refers to declining prices.. But how real or how permanent is this happy new condition?

Today's price drops can be put into two categories, retail and raw material. First, the typical but this year greater desire on the part of retail merchants to clear their shelves of unsold winter and gift merchandise and to pay their bills. This year it started before Christmas at many stores and the price cuts were often bigger than in previous sales, partially because prices were much higher to start with.



### Conference Committee Approves \$5.5 billion for Unemployed

House and Senate conferees agreed on a bill authorizing \$5.5 billion for unemployment programs, all networks reported. One-half of the money would be used to create 330,000 public service jobs. The rest would provide unemployment compensation for those not already entitled to the benefits, and for some public works projects.

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### Roy Ash Resigns

All networks reported that the President accepted the resignation of Roy Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, with praise for Ash's dedication and ability. Harry Reasoner (ABC) said White House sources predict that Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development James Lynn will be appointed as Ash's successor.

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### President Leaves on Vacation Sunday

President Ford said Tuesday the first family will leave early next Sunday to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Vail, Colorado, and he planned to make it a working vacation.

"I'm going to work a good part of every day," Ford told reporters in his Oval Office.

"Eight o'clock Sunday morning," said Ford when asked when he and the family plan to leave for the Colorado ski resort.

The President said he had talked by telephone with his son Jack, 22, in Aspen, Colo., "And he said there was skiing."

The President will be taking his wife Betty and daughter Susan, 17, along to Vail, where the Ford family has spent a number of winter holidays before.

Mrs. Ford said earlier she thought other family members and friends would be coming by during the visit, expected to end a day or two after New Year's.

"I'm going to have to get my ski legs in shape," Ford told reporters en route to Washington Monday after the Martinique summit meeting.

Parkinson (on film) said, "I've always had faith this would be the outcome."

Mitchell and Mardian sped out of the courthouse in Mitchell's limousine without talking to the newsmen.

From the Wires ✓

Mrs. Ford's bad back kept her off skis. Betty Ford still is suffering from her back ailment but appears to be happy with her active social life with old friends in this Rocky Mountain ski resort. Mrs. Ford has not skied in years because of a chronic arthritic condition in her lower back and neck.

Mrs. Ford still is undergoing chemotherapy as a result of her breast cancer surgery Sept. 28. Her doctor says she will have to continue the treatment for an indefinite period.

But the President and her children gave her two new stylish ski outfits for Christmas -- one bright yellow, the other green. She has been wearing ski clothes as she goes to luncheons and shopping in Vail Village.

The Fords have partied nearly every night and entertained friends at their rented chalet both on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

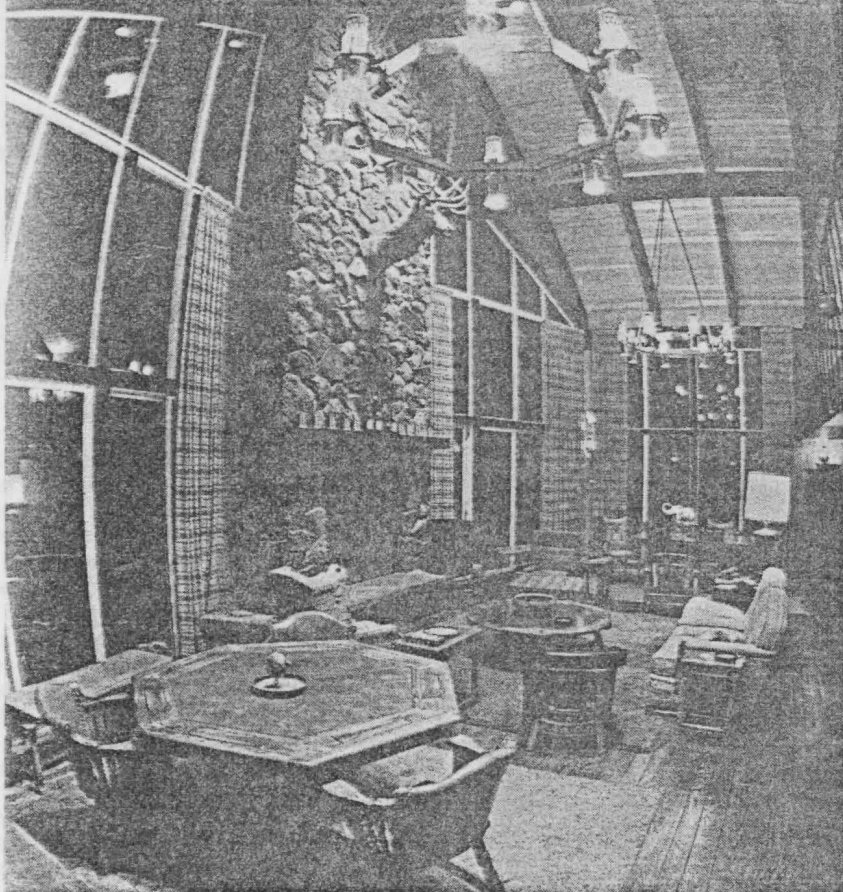
Mrs. Ford was expected to become more involved in White House activities when she returns to Washington with the President Thursday.

Rockefeller, Kissinger Ending Vacations

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will return to Washington Thursday, ending a week's vacation at the Dorado Beach Hotel. Hugh Morrow, Rockefeller's Press Secretary, said the two visitors, who arrived separately a week ago, will fly back together with Mrs. Kissinger on Air Force 2 in the late afternoon.

Mrs. Rockefeller will return to New York on a private jet, leaving about the same time, he said.

Puerto Rican Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon, who has been bedridden much of the holiday period with a back ailment, made the trip to Dorado 35 miles from San Juan to meet with the two U.S. visitors New Year's Day.



Stott Shot—Vail

Ford's hideaway: The Bass living room, the President with coach Hoeger, downtown Vail (below)

Lester Sloan—Newsweek



AP

## Guess Who's Coming to Ski?

Holiday excitement was building in Vail, Colo., last week as the town strung brightly colored lights on its home-grown Christmas trees and the nightly snow flurries promised good vacation skiing. More than Christmas was in the air: Vail also was preparing to welcome its second-hometown boy, Gerald Ford, who has temporarily traded his own modest condominium for the seven-bedroom house of his friend, Dallas oil investor Richard Bass. On the eve of the Fords' twelve-day family skiing holiday, NEWSWEEK's Martin Kasindorf paid a visit to Vail and filed this report:

**T**he two-story, \$300,000 Bass house sits in a posh cul-de-sac against the mountains, ever so slightly removed from the touristy center of town. Hardly the most sumptuous house on affluent Mill Creek Circle, the building, whose windows and doors are painted a screaming turquoise, is within easy skiing distance downhill to Gondola No. 1, the main ski lift up Vail Mountain. Cheek by jowl are the handsomer homes of Milwaukee architect Fitzhugh Scott and Wichita millionaire Harlan House, who recently joined Dick Bass in building a roofed, heated swimming pool costing \$65,000. Last week, government workers were busy installing three guard kiosks outside the Bass house, and Secret Servicemen with walkie-talkies were checking out

the neighborhood and Purcell's Restaurant, where the First Family likes to eat.

This will be the ninth Christmas in Vail for the Ford family. It is their kind of town. Tailored to the tastes of solid people like Gerald Ford, who have made it in life and want to spend their leisure hours well, Vail is a gleaming, expensive, spotless fairyland of imitation Austrian clock towers and restaurants with names like St. Moritz. While Vail lacks the charm of its rival resort, Aspen, 94 miles away, a century older and far more chic, its convenience, its 100 square miles of superb skiing and its luxury draw such rock-solid celebrities as former New York Mayor John Lindsay, Illinois Sen. Charles Percy and IBM's Thomas J. Watson Jr. "Vail is a family town," says Calvin Thomas, publisher of the weekly Vail Villager. "If I were out chasing broads, I'd go to Aspen."

**Crust:** No happy hunting ground for intellectuals, Vail has an upper crust of middle-brow Middle Western businessmen and professionals. The first mayor of the town, which was incorporated in 1966, was Ted Kindel, the son of Ford's old Grand Rapids scoutmaster. Originally called the Dallas Alps because so many of the first investors and skiers came from Texas, Vail is still a second home to John Murchison of the Dallas oil family and wealthy Dallas real-estate developer Trammell Crow. There are also 1,200



## FORD-VAIL

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL FLY TO COLORADO SUNDAY MORNING FOR THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY SKIING VACATION IN THE WESTERN SLOPE RESORT TOWN OF VAIL.

AIDES HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS FORD'S PLANS BUT WHEN A REPORTER ASKED HIM AT AN OVAL OFFICE PICTURE-TAKING SESSION WHEN HE PLANNED TO LEAVE, THE PRESIDENT REPLIED, "8 O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING."

WITH FORD AT THE TIME WERE OFFICIALS OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, INCLUDING RESIGNING DIRECTOR ROY L. ASH.

ASKED IF HE WAS GOING TO TAKE HIS BUDGET ADVISERS WITH HIM, FORD GRINNED AND SAID, "I'M GOING TO WORK A GOOD PART OF EACH DAY."

FORD AND HIS FAMILY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY. THE PRESIDENT ORIGINALLY HAD HOPED TO GO TO COLORADO THIS WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY BUT POSTPONED HIS DEPARTURE BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL SESSION.

FORD ALSO TOLD NEWSMEN HIS SON, JACK, NOW IS AT ASPEN, COLO., AND REPORTS "THERE IS SKIING."

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(COLORADO WHITE HOUSE)

VAIL, COLO. (UPI) -- WHEN PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS FAMILY ARRIVE SUNDAY, THEY WILL STEP INTO A SETTING HAVING ALL THE APPEARANCE OF A SWISS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT YULETIME.

THIRTY INCHES OF SNOW FELL LAST WEEKEND AND RESIDENTS ARE TRANSFORMING THE TOWN INTO A PICTURE-BOOK FANTASYLAND.

TRADITIONAL DECORATIONS CONSISTING OF NATURAL GREENS, COLORED LIGHTS AND RIBBONS HAVE BEEN HUNG ON THE TOWN'S LAMPPOSTS AND A TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE FOUNTAIN IN THE TOWN SQUARE FRIDAY.

MAYOR JOHN DOBSON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY ACCOMPANIED BY STROLLING CAROLERS TO BEGIN A SERIES OF FESTIVITIES LASTING THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE DENVER CIVIC BALLET WILL PERFORM "THE NUTCRACKER SUITE" SUNDAY AND SANTA AND HIS ELVES, TOGETHER WITH STROLLING CAROLERS AND MUSICIANS, WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS THROUGH THE TOWN HANDING OUT CANDY CANES TO CHILDREN.

"THE ENTIRE TOWN IS ONE BIG BUNCH OF FESTIVE PEOPLE," SAID PAM CONKLIN, A SPOKESMAN FOR VAIL ASSOCIATES. "WE TRY TO MAKE IT AS JOYOUS AS WE CAN AND STILL KEEP TO THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. WE TRY NEVER TO FORGET WHAT THE HOLIDAY IS ALL ABOUT."

ON CHRISTMAS EVE TOWNSPEOPLE WILL LIGHT LUMINARIOS -- BROWN PAPER BAGS HALF-FILLED WITH SAND AND CANDLES -- IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

NUMEROUS CHURCH SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED IN THE VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DAY, AND OFFICIALS SAID PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS FAMILY WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE OF THEM.

OTHER FESTIVITIES PLANNED DURING THE HOLIDAYS INCLUDED A SKATING PROGRAM AT THE TOWN'S ICE RINK AND A SPANISH PINATA FESTIVAL AT LIONHEAD, IN THE WEST PART OF TOWN. CLIMAXING THE FESTIVITIES WILL BE A TORCHLIGHT PARADE BY THE VAIL SKI PATROL DOWN GOLDEN PEAK ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, PRECEDED BY A LAVISH FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

SECRET SERVICE OFFICIALS IN DENVER SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE UTMOST SECURITY TO FORD AND HIS FAMILY WHILE TRYING TO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

"WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO IT WITHOUT DISRUPTING ANY OF VAIL'S NORMAL ACTIVITIES," SAID GLENN WEAVER, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DENVER SECRET SERVICE OFFICE. "IT'S A LARGE ENOUGH AREA THAT WE THINK WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SECURITY WITHOUT INTERRUPTING ANYONE WHO'S COME THERE TO SKI."

WEAVER SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO CLOSE ANY OF VAIL'S SLOPES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF FORD AND HIS FAMILY.

"THE PRESIDENT WILL SKI ON THE SLOPES LIKE EVERYONE ELSE," WEAVER SAID. "HE'LL HAVE AGENTS WITH HIM, OF COURSE, BUT WE DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS THERE."

FORD, WHO WILL BE STAYING AT A LODGE OWNED BY DALLAS BUSINESSMAN RICHARD BASS, ALSO WILL BE GUARDED AROUND THE CLOCK THERE.

"WE'LL SET UP A PERIMETER OF SECURITY AROUND THE HOME JUST AS WE WOULD ANYWHERE THE PRESIDENT GOES," WEAVER SAID. "HE'LL GET ALL THE SECURITY HE NEEDS BUT OUR AGENTS WILL TRY HARD TO BLEND INTO THE BACKGROUND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE."

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his Yule home  
in Vail.

# Ford Visit to Vail Will Be Veiled in Anonymity

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — When President Ford arrives in this snow-covered Rocky Mountain ski resort for Christmas vacation, he'll find the town poised to politely



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**SNOWY WALK**—President and Mrs. Ford walk through falling snow after dinner at a restaurant late Sunday. The Ford family is on a two-week ski vacation in Vail, Colo.

## Critical Tests for Ford

*President Will Return to Capital Today  
With His Original Problems Unsolved*

By JOHN HERBERS

Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Jan. 1—When President Ford returns to Washington tomorrow, he will face a series of critical tests for his Administration, which is

in the House of Representatives.

Like many highly placed politicians long in Washington, Mr. Ford has associated socially



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# Ford, Advisers Narrow Energy Options

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developed the resort.

After the reception, he had dinner in his \$100-a-day house with the energy and economic advisers.

## ENERGY CHIEFS

Heading the group that met Friday with the President were Interior Secretary Rogers C. B.

Morton, chairman of the Energy Resources Council, and Frank Zarb, federal energy administrator.

Others included were Treasury Secretary William E. Simon; Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Also participating were

James T. Lynn, secretary of housing and urban development, who reportedly discussed possible ways of saving heat in homes; Donald Rumsfeld, White House chief of staff; William Seidman, a presidential assistant for economic affairs; Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state for economic affairs; Milton Friedman, an economist who is a presidential

speechwriter; William Eberle, a special trade representative, and two other Federal Energy Administration staff members, Eric Zausner and John Hill.

The meeting was the third in recent weeks between President Ford and his advisers on energy matters.

"The issues and choices facing him are tough," the President's press secretary noted.

"It's not a question of bringing in options A, B, C or D and saying, 'Pick one of the

# Ford Signs Addition Of \$8 Billion to Budget

By FRED BROWN

Denver Post Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo — An \$8.66 billion measure to supplement the

1976 appropriations for education programs of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

House bill.

The measures were among six whose approval was announced Friday by the White





# Ford's vacation becomes busy work session

by Peter Cary

President Ford's ski vacation turned into a work session this past week as

His advisors didn't get to ski either.

"I guess it's too late for you to do any skiing," he reportedly told them. "but

Nessen would discuss no details of either meeting, saying they would be revealed in the President's State of the Union message

courier to the President. He skimmed the report Thursday night and studied it Friday.

Saturday Nessen read his

cept to indicate that some of the "others" the President would meet with would be Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Secre-

includes a \$200,000 appropriation for the pension and office expenses of former president Nixon, which was drastically reduced by

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President Ford calls it a day on the slopes and heads back to his chalet in Vail, Colo.

—Associated Press



—Associated Press

President Ford calls it a day on the slopes and heads back to his chalet in Vail, Colo.

# *The President Hits the Slopes*

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Wearing a bright orange ski jacket, President Ford wasted no time getting on

rived in Colorado from Washington.

With his ski instructor, Dennis C. Hoeger, along

his first holiday since he took office five months ago.

**HE CHATTED** with staff

Ford said he was putting off any decisions on energy and economic matters until he returns to Washington.

tion's economic and energy problems, the President was asked.

"I think the fact that I am





United Press International

Garbage collectors having breakfast with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, to right of center, rear, and an aide, left, yesterday at the Elysée Palace in Paris. They left with Christmas gifts.

## Notes on People

# Giscard Toasts Garbage Men at Palace

In Paris early yesterday, the four men who collect garbage on Avenue Marigny at the Elysée Palace

day. The San Clemente post office reported that gift packages had numbered 6 to 10 a day for several weeks. The

ernor-elect of Oregon, the state that introduced the 55-mile speed limit, has to go to driver's school before in-

Royal Order of Vasa (class) by the King of Sweden. A painter who began her art career at the a

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United Press International

**President Ford and his wife, Betty, raising glasses in a New Year's toast at Vail, Colo., where the President and his family have been spending a two-week vacation. Yesterday, Mr. Ford watched football on TV and skied. Family returns to Washington today.**

# Pictures: The Photographer Willing

An estimated 8,000 photographs found under the staircase of the Darien, Conn., home where the late photographer Margaret Bourke-White once lived will be turned over to Syracuse University under a court settlement.

Bourke-White, one of the first four photographers to work for Life magazine, willed her entire collection of photographs to Syracuse University upon her death in 1971.

William B. Sheek and John L. Clark found the prints after they bought the Connecticut house. At first, they claimed the pictures as their own. Later, they turned over the pictures to a court-appointed custodian when executors of the Bourke-White estate sued.

## Gift Exchange

President and Mrs. Ford observed an economy-

minged Christmas in their gifts to one another. The President gave his wife, Betty, a yellow quilted bathrobe. She gave him a pair of bookends from Williamsburg, Va.

The Fords gave each of their three sons a watch and daughter Susan, 17, a long informal gown of green jersey.

## Bare Facts

A nude model, who sued Foxlady magazine for running photos of him wearing only a T-shirt, has lost his court case. He claimed acute embarrassment and said he had never approved the pictures.

## Personalities

Jan Koering sued the magazine after it ran the photos under the heading of "Locker Room Sensation."

The publisher of the magazine argued that Koering had been paid \$750 to pose and had done so for more than 50 photographs and also "had appeared in various other nude layouts" for such magazines as Penthouse and Viva.

"It is inconceivable that the publication would embarrass or humiliate a nude model who has professionally appeared in the nude on numerous occasions," said the publisher.

Judge Campbell M. Lucas

agreed, and denied Koering's suit.

## Arrested

Actress Esther Williams, 51, of Beverly Hills, has been arrested and booked for investigation of drunken driving, the California Highway Patrol said.

She was stopped about 11:30 p.m. Christmas night when her weaving car passed a highway patrol car in excess of the 55 miles per hour speed limit, police said.

The incident occurred on the Ventura Freeway near Camarillo, about 50 miles north of Los Angeles.

Officers said Miss Williams failed a sobriety test and was held in jail for an hour and a half before her husband, actor Fernando Lamas, posted \$300 bail. Lamas had been riding with his wife.

From staff reports and news dispatches



By Frank Johnston—The Washington Post

Susan Ford, 17, daughter of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, and her boyfriend, Gardner Britt, wait in line for ski lift tickets at Vail, Colo., yesterday.

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# Scientists Seek Ties With Ford

By Judith Randal

Star-News Staff Writer

It has been almost two years since former President Richard M. Nixon disbanded the White House Of-





Betty Ford (right) and Sheika Gramshammer, a friend, embrace on street in Vail, Colo. AP

**Ford vetoes TVA, health care bills;  
signs 15 others at Colo. retreat**

*Denver Post*  
**Woman Revived  
By Skier-Agent  
On Vail Slopes**  
*Jan. 5, 1975*

VAIL, Colo.—A Secret Service man has been credited with saving the life of a 29-year-old Florida woman whose heart stopped after a skiing mishap on Vail Mountain.

The White House press office said Sam Phillips, who was skiing with President Ford's son, Jack, revived the woman by applying closed-chest heart massage. The incident occurred Sunday on Vail's Lodgepole run.

According to Press Secretary Ron Nessen, the woman had fallen and apparently broken a leg. When the Ford party arrived, she was hysterical and hyperventilating (breathing dangerously fast).

At one point, she stopped breathing. Phillips pounded on her chest to get her heart going again, Nessen reported.

Two ski patrolmen with a toboggan were called to the scene, and the injured skier was taken down the slope to the Vail Valley Medical Center.

The woman, who was discharged Sunday night, declined to be identified.



President in Vail: Over film of the President with a ski instructor, Tom Brokaw reported that the President was presented with a pin in recognition of his skiing skills. Brokaw said the President was made an honorary member of the ski instructor's organization, with the condition that he confine his teaching to members of the Secret Service and White House staff members.

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## Ford's Son Plays Role in Ski Rescue

VAIL, COLO. Dec. 30 (UPI) —President Ford's son Jack and two Secret Service agents helped rescue a Florida woman who became so hysterical from a skiing fall high on Vail Mountain that her heart stopped, presidential press secretary Ron Nessen said today.

Nessen said Secret Service Agent Sam Phillips got the 29-year-old woman's heart beating again by administering closed heart massage.

A representative of the Vail ski resort where the Ford family is visiting said the woman was from Stuart, Fla., but had asked that her name be withheld. The incident occurred Sunday.

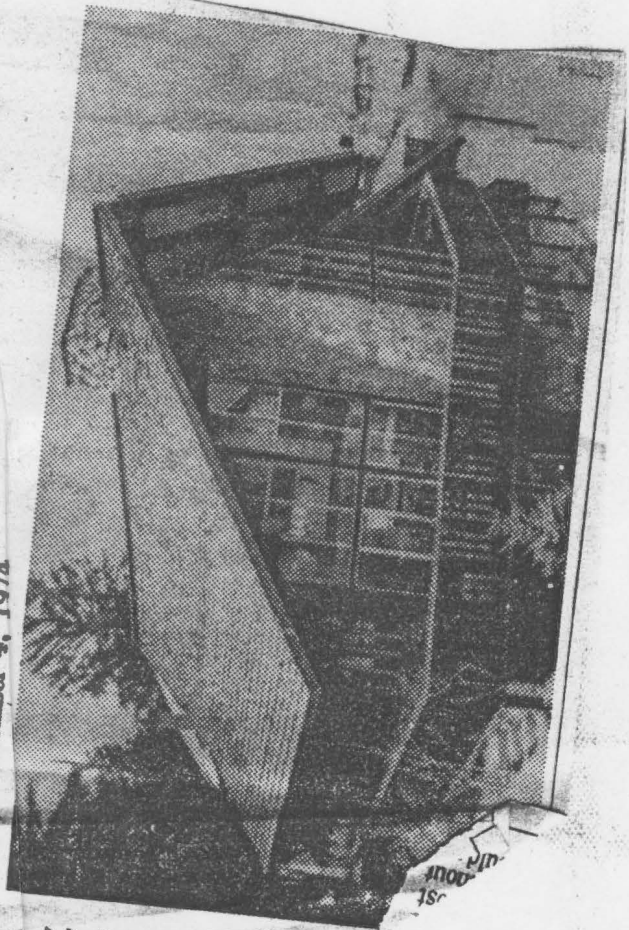
The resort representative, Pam Conklin, said the woman was removed from the mountain in a stretcher-litter by Vail ski patrolmen. The woman was examined at a Vail hospital and later released.

Nessen said Jack Ford, 22, was skiing Lodgepole Trail near the top of the 10,000-foot mountain with Secret Service agents Phillips and Dave Behler and a ski patrolman when they found the woman lying in the snow.

Nessen said she "appeared to be very upset", he said she was "hysterical and was hyperventilating — breathing very quickly" and appeared to have broken her leg.

Ski patrolmen were summoned on a nearby emergency telephone, Nessen said, but the woman's heart stopped beating before they arrived. He said Phillips applied closed heart massage by "just thumping on her chest [with his hand], and her heart started beating again."

Jack, a student at Utah State, spent last summer as a National Park Service ranger in Wyoming. He is one of the president's three sons.



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house, owned by oilman, will be used by President Ford during his visit.



Denver Post Photo by Steve Larson  
**PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN RELAXES AS HE DISCUSSES STRIP-MINING BILL WITH REPORTER**  
Tom DeCaire, wearing black sweater, an aide to Nessen, looks on. Nessen announced veto of the bill.

December 18, 1974

The Vail Villager

# *Ford to have two ski instructors this year*

by Kristin Rud

One result of the change in status of Gerald Ford from Vice President to

one ski instructor, the Ford family will have two this year.

Denny Hoeger has been teaching skiing to the Fords

this year will be assisted by another Vail instructor, Brad Lichtenheld.

Denny started out teaching two of Ford's children,

Last year, four secret servicemen and one ski patrolman also skied with the President, and those arrangements will probably





# At a Village In the Snow

*By Peter Eichstaedt*

Special to The Washington Post

VAIL, Colo.—President Ford and his family are



Associated Press

*President Ford, left, and ski instructor Dennis Hoeger making a run down a slope at Vail, Colo., last year.*

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FORD-CHRISTMAS CORRECTION

WASHINGTON FORD-CHRISTMAS (N87) TO CORRECT LOCATION OF FORD SKIING TRIP AND CLARIFY THAT WHOLE FAMILY GOING SUB SECOND GRAF: THE FIRST FAMILY ACTUALLY WILL BE SPENDING THE CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY AT THE SKI RESORT OF VAIL, COLO. BUT: 3RD GRAF.

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Stuffing Stockings with the Fords.

Roger Mudd (CBS) read the following sent from Vail by Helen Thomas, UPI:

The family drew lots to decide who would stuff each other's stocking. Mrs. Ford drew her husband's name and bought several small inexpensive and gag gifts. Jack drew his mother's name. Ford got to fill the stocking of Deedee Jervis, Steve's girlfriend. Susan's girlfriend Barbara Manfuso, of Chevy Chase, Md., got to stuff her stocking. Susan filled Jack's stocking, Gayle stuffed Steve's stocking and Deedee stuffed Gayle's. Steve filled the stocking of his brother Mike and Mike got Barbara's stocking to fill.



## (FORD VACATION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID TUESDAY THE FIRST FAMILY WILL LEAVE EARLY NEXT SUNDAY TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS IN VAIL, COLO., AND HE PLANNED TO MAKE IT A WORKING VACATION.

"I'M GOING TO WORK A GOOD PART OF EVERY DAY," FORD TOLD REPORTERS IN HIS OVAL OFFICE.

"EIGHT O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING," SAID FORD WHEN ASKED WHEN HE AND THE FAMILY PLAN TO LEAVE FOR THE COLORADO SKI RESORT.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH HIS SON JACK, 22, IN ASPEN, COLO., "AND HE SAID THERE WAS SKIING."

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TAKING HIS WIFE BETTY AND DAUGHTER SUSAN, 17, ALONG TO VAIL, WHERE THE FORD FAMILY HAS SPENT A NUMBER OF WINTER HOLIDAYS BEFORE.

MRS. FORD SAID EARLIER SHE THOUGHT OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WOULD BE COMING BY DURING THE VISIT, EXPECTED TO END A DAY OR TWO AFTER NEW YEAR'S.

"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GET MY SKI LEGS IN SHAPE," FORD TOLD REPORTERS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON MONDAY AFTER THE MARTINIQUE SUMMIT MEETING.

THIS WILL BE FORD'S FIRST TRIP TO VAIL AS PRESIDENT. IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE FAMILY WENT THERE FOR THE YULETIDE HOLIDAYS AND STAYED IN A \$50,000 CONDOMINIUM WHICH FORD OWNS.

BUT BECAUSE OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEED FOR MORE PRIVACY, FORD IS SWAPPING RESIDENCES WITH HIS FRIEND HARRY BASS, A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE TEXAN WHO IS PERMITTING FORD TO LEASE HIS FIVE-BEDROOM CHALET.

THE BASS HOME IS IN A CUL-DE-SAC AT THE BASE OF THE SKIING MOUNTAIN NEAR THE MAIN PART OF THE RESORT VILLAGE. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS RENTED TWO NEIGHBORING HOUSES FOR PRESIDENTIAL AIDES AND SECURITY MEN.

FORD WILL BE TAKING ALONG ONLY A SKELETON STAFF AND HAS PUT OUT THE WORD THAT HE DOES NOT VIEW THE VAIL HOME AS A WINTER WHITE HOUSE. SOME OF HIS SENIOR ADVISERS WILL BE FLYING OUT FROM TIME TO TIME OVER THE HOLIDAYS TO HELP FORD WRAP UP HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO CONGRESS IN MID-JANUARY.

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## (FORD'S SKI HOLIDAY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WANTS TO BE CONSIDERED JUST ANOTHER VACATIONER WHEN HE BEGINS HIS WORK AND SKI HOLIDAY AT VAIL, COLO., THIS WEEKEND, RON NESSEN SAID THURSDAY.

FORD, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FAMILY, A SMALL STAFF AND AN ENTOURAGE OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, WILL FLY TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING FOR A TWO-WEEK YULETIDE STAY.

"THE PRESIDENT FEELS THAT HE IS ONLY ONE OF THE VISITORS TO VAIL," SAID WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY NESSEN.

"A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE...A LOT WILL SPEND A LOT OF MONEY THERE AND THE PRESIDENT FEELS THAT WE SHOULD DISRUPT PAYING VISITORS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE."

AT THE SAME TIME, NESSEN SAID THAT FORD "UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO COVER THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," WHEN HE IS ON THE SLOPES IN PUBLIC VIEW.

FORD PLANS TO GO SKIING SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND WILL POSE FOR PICTURES WITH HIS FAMILY COMING DOWN FROM THE SKI LIFT. THERE ALSO WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE, BUT MOSTLY FORD WILL BE COVERED BY A "PROTECTIVE POOL" WHICH WILL CLOCK HIS COMINGS AND GOINGS ON THE SKIS AND IN THE BAVARIAN-STYLE HAMLET OF VAIL.

FORD'S ELDEST SON MIKE, 24 AND HIS WIFE GAYLE WILL ARRIVE AT THE WHITE HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT AND WILL FLY WITH THE PRESIDENT, MRS. FORD AND SUSAN, 17 TO COLORADO.

SONS JACK AND STEVEN WILL JOIN THE FAMILY IN VAIL.

FORD IS LEASING A 7-BEDROOM CHALET FROM DALLAS OILMAN-CATTLE RANCHER RICHARD D. BASS WHO ALSO HOLDS A NEARLY 21,000 ACRE FEDERAL COAL LEASE IN NORTHERN WYOMING FOR STRIP MINING.

A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THURSDAY SAID A CONTROVERSY HAS DEVELOPED OVER WHETHER FORD KNEW THAT THE OWNER OF THE VAIL HOUSE HELD THE LEASE AT A TIME WHEN FORD WAS DUE TO ACT ON A STRIP MINE CONTROL BILL.

"THE PRESIDENT TOLD ME 'THE FIRST TIME I KNEW HE (BASS) OWNED ONE OUNCE OF COAL WAS WHEN I READ IT AT 7 A.M. IN THE NEW YORK TIMES'," NESSEN SAID.

"THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT MAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AND STRIP MINING DECISIONS BASED ON WHOSE HOUSE HE RENTS."

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# **Mrs. Ford Will Shop in Vail**

By ANN SCHMIDT

Denver Post Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — As she unveiled the Christmas decora-

tion, Mrs. Ford said she was in simpler days of yore when all decorations were handmade.

As in the case of the main tree, state rooms on the first floor

in their lives for a wedding present.

Answering questions about her health, Mrs. Ford said she

The Christmas decorations in the family quarters on the second floor are very similar to those in the public rooms, Mrs.

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# New Presidential Playground—The White White House

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## Presidential Playground

By PAUL HEALY

Of The News Washington Bureau

Vail, Colo.



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# *The First Family's Fashionable Schuss*

By Nina S. Hyde

President Ford's skiing may not be much improved, but his new ski garb meets



# First Lady's Talk Shocks Some Leaders

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Religious and antipornography leaders say they are aghast, shocked and appalled at First Lady Betty Ford's comment

A-2 The Bradenton Herald, Tuesday, August 12, 1975

## Ford Rating in Poll Slips to Low of 42%

By JOHN HERBERS

Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 25—Wide-spread concern over the nation's economy has caused President Ford's popularity with the American people to slide to its lowest point since he took office less than five months ago, according to the most recent Gallup Poll.

The poll, taken between Dec. 6 and Dec. 9, showed that 42 per cent of the national sample questioned approved of the job Mr. Ford was doing, while 54 per cent disapproved and 4 per cent registered no opinion.

Shortly after Mr. Ford took office last August 9, his approval rating, based on a similar sample of about 1,000 adults, was 71 per cent.

The result of the poll was released for publication.

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In Vail, Colo., President and Mrs. Ford met with members of their family to exchange Christmas presents. At right is Barbara Mantuso, a friend of their daughter, Susan. Mr. Ford wears sweater with word "WIN" embroidered on it.

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By Frank Johnston—The Washington Post

**HOLIDAY JOURNEY**—President and Mrs. Ford walk their dog, Liberty, during a stopover in Avon, Colo., en route to a two-week ski vacation in Vail. During the trip, Mr. Ford told reporters on Air Force One he would divide his time about equally be-

tween work and skiing. The Washington Post's Carroll Kilpatrick reported. Mrs. Ford said she hoped to do cross-country skiing. In Vail, the President took to the slopes with his instructor. The temperature was near zero and snow was falling.

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# Ford: Mideast War Likely

By Helen Thomas

United Press International

VAIL, Colo. — President Ford firmly believes there is a "high likelihood of war in the Middle East" unless

over cabinet. While refusing to get into a "numbers game," Ford noted that "some people have been there a long, long time . . . I think they all

ports there is a National Security Council contingency plan for the United States to take over some Arab oil fields — or help Israel to do so — if there is another



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## Ford begins work vacation

by Peter Cary and  
Peter Eichstaedt

President Ford began his ski and work vacation this weekend with a ski session less than two hours after his Sunday arrival, and a Monday morning phone call to Dr. Henry Kissinger instructing him to get a full report on the recent CIA furor.

Ford arrived at the Dick Bass house Sunday in the most severe snow storm of the year following a helicopter ride from Grand Junction. By 2 p.m. Ford was on the slopes in bright

called Kissinger, head of the National Security Council, and told him to get a full report from the CIA on alleged illegal activities during the previous administration.

The New York Times printed a story last week alleging spy work by the CIA on U.S. citizens during the Nixon administration. The CIA is prohibited by charter from carrying on any surveillance of U.S. citizens in-country — those responsibilities fall to the FBI.

The President's ski outing Sunday afternoon was relaxed and short. He

that his new bright orange parka, brown pants and red and white hat looked "snazzy," Ford said he hoped his skiing would match his outfit.

When he boarded the lift and was on his way, a cheer went up from the crowd to which he responded with a smile and a wave.

Ford intends to ski as much as possible while in Vail. He plans to work mornings, ski mid-day and work again for a short while in the late afternoon. He has more than 150 pieces of Congressional legislation

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# Ford Acts on 17 Bills After Ski Runs

By FRED BROWN

Denver Post Staff Writer

VAIL, Colo.—President Ford spent 3½ hours skiing on Vail's long, broad slopes Monday, returning at 2 p.m. to tackle the "working" part of his Christmas vacation.

The President then took action on 17 of some 150 bills sent to him in the final days of the 93rd Congress.

He signed 15 but vetoed two measures, bringing to 18 the total of bills he has refused to approve since taking office less than five months ago.

Among those signed was a bill to increase by 12 per cent pension payments for more than one million veterans and one million survivors of veterans, and a measure to make antitrust violations under the Sherman Act felonies instead of misdemeanors and raising maximum fines from \$50,000 to \$1 million for corporations.

The vetoes involved:

—A request by the Tennessee Valley Authority to defer payment of a \$425 million debt to the U.S. Treasury so it could install pollution controls.

—A bill providing federal revenue-sharing funds for health services that would have aided such programs as family-planning services and research, community mental health centers, migrant and neighborhood health centers and rat control.

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## Ford orders Kissinger to probe CIA

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford

The New York Times Sunday reported

"The Justice Department has no role at Sparkman, D-Ala., who will take over as

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—Associated Press

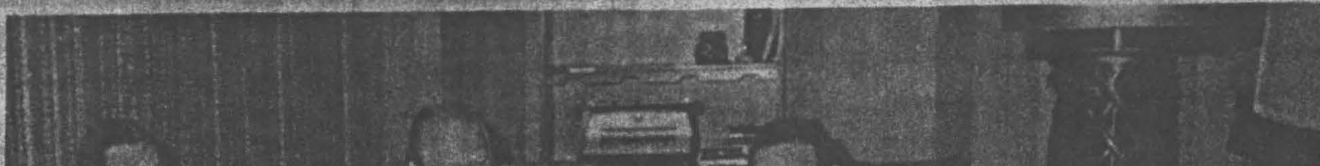
**Mrs. Betty Ford and Mrs. Shieka Gramshammer embrace happily during a shopping tour in Vail, Colo. Mrs. Gramshammer is the wife of Pepl Gramshammer, former Austrian Olympic skier who also is a ski instructor and Vail restaurateur.**

# Ford sets rules for economy plan

by Peter Cary

At his vacation retreat here in Vail in a state little affected by the country's

The second was termed by the President a more "philosophical" phase. The advisors discussed the underlying forces that effect







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# Fords Attend Yule Service

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford and his family attended an early church service and sang Christmas carols and hymns before celebrating the holiday today by exchanging gifts and having guests in for a traditional turkey dinner.

Ford also planned to keep to his holiday plan of doing some work on Christmas morning and skiing for two hours.

The Fords hung red felt stockings on Christmas Eve.

to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kindel, former residents of Grand Rapids, Mich., who have been involved in the development of this Colorado ski resort.

The guests included the Fords and their family and the Browns and their five children. The Kindels also have five children.

It was as they were going to the Kindel home that Mrs. Ford surprised the President in responding to a reporter's question and said the family would exchange gifts.