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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BETTY FORD PLANS TO ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND TO HOLLYWOOD, FLA., TUESDAY, BUT SHE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN OF THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS SCHEDULED DURING THE TWO-DAY TRIP, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD, MRS. FORD'S PRESS SECRETARY, ANNOUNCED THE FIRST LADY'S PLANS. OTHER AIDES SAID THAT MRS. FORD INTENDED SIMPLY TO SWIM AND RELAX AT THE DIPLOMAT HOTEL, WHERE THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WILL STAY.

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Betty Ford Making Trip

WASHINGTON — First Lady Betty Ford will accompany the President to Hollywood, Fla., next week.

"Yes, I'm going — for a rest," she said, ducking a query on whether she will personally boost the Equal Rights Amendment while in the state Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Legislature is expected to take up the controversial measure after it convenes in April. Four more states must ratify it, for a total of 38, before the ERA becomes law.

Florida is regarded as a crucial battleground by ERA backers.

Other the complaints against the two Bay Lane homes into a possible tourist attraction, the association's director says the reaction has been "delightful."

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Schoolchildren, Tourists Say, 'Hi, Mr. President'

By MIKE BAXTER
Herald Staff Writer

Twenty-year-old Massachusetts tourist Carolyn Paquin said it with flowers. "Hi," said her 18-inch-high creation of yellow hibiscus blossoms woven into a chain link fence at Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

Apart from 16 busloads of schoolchildren draffees — the majority of an airport welcoming party —

the volunteer greeters expressed no stronger motivation than curiosity.

"We figured, what the hell, we'd see his big jet coming in," explained Miss Paquin's boyfriend, Scott Chalifoux, 23.

AIR FORCE One landed near Hangar One at 3:19 p.m., and President Ford, sporting a purple-and-blue scalloped tie on a blue-and-white shirt, emerged grin-

ning to greet the crowd, grabbing a forest of out-thrust hands for about 10 minutes.

One of his greeters was nine-year-old Mark Shoaff, whose father, a state trooper would ride in the escort for Ford's black Cadillac limousine. "I don't care what your politics are," Mrs. Emma Shoaff told a reporter, "he is the Presi-

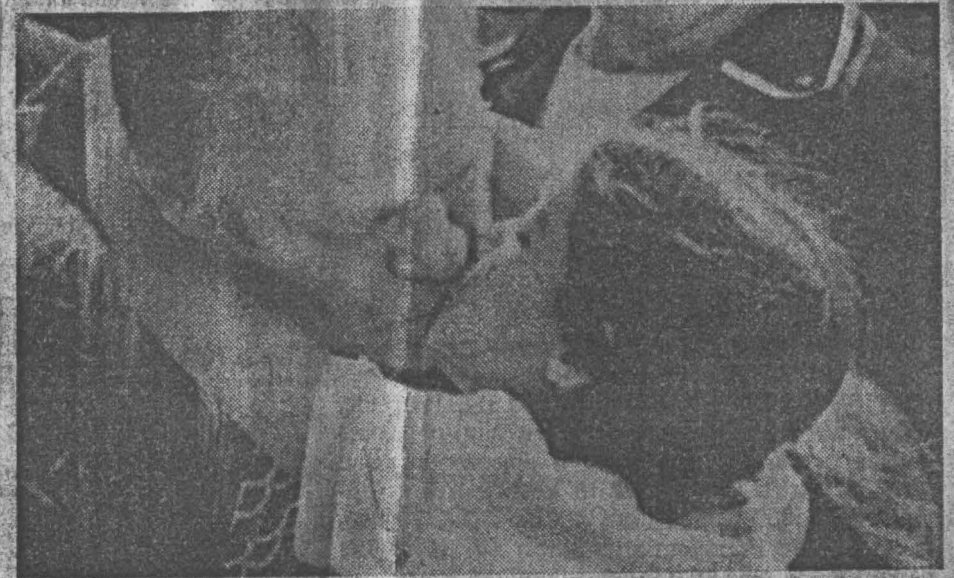
dent, and I want my children to know these values."

Trailed by an open limousine to which four Secret Service agents clung tightly, the presidential motorcade sped along Perimeter Road west to Southwest Road 84, then west past knots of neighborhood residents sporting hair curlers and beer cans, south on Interstate 95 past a mile of

backed-up traffic, then stopping for an unannounced 10-minute visit to the Florida Bible College at Hollywood Boulevard.

PRINTED signs indicated that the unannounced stop was not unexpected by the Bible College, where clean-cut theology students shook President Ford's hand. "We

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... 16 buses of schoolchildren formed welcoming party

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Presidents Today Don't Just 'Drop In'

By JANET CHUSMIR

Herald Staff Writer

At 3 a.m. Tuesday, six hours before President Ford's White House Conference begins, a flatbed truck will pull up in front of the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood.

City employees will unload 200 potted black olive and fruit trees, miniature palms and shrubs. They'll put them on the median strip of Route A1A, which is under construction, and on the hotel's sidewalk to dress up the area.

THEY'RE NOT placing them earlier because of fears they'll be stolen. In fact, a crew from the city will guard them Tuesday night. And Wednesday, when President and Mrs. Ford and administration officials have checked out, they'll whisk the plants back to the nursery.

By then, Bill Foerst, 55, will be happy to put his feet up and relax with a glass of white wine on the rocks. He's not fussy about the vintage.

Foerst, the Diplomat's operations manager, says he staged Mike Todd's gawdy little garden party for 18,000 in New York's Madison Square Garden on Oct. 17, 1957 as well as the wedding of Marge Friedland, the daughter of the Diplomat's owner, to Irving Cowan. So a presidential visit and conference on domestic and economic affairs don't faze him.

Still, a couple of days before the Fords' arrival, like a bride anticipating her mother-in-law's first visit, he was bustling around ordering shrubs trimmed, the convention

hall floors resurfaced, rugs shampooed, chandeliers shined and brass and marble polished.

He put special emphasis on "going over the suite" where President and Mrs. Ford will stay.

SAMMY DAVIS holes up in the Diplomat's super penthouse, a stunning pink-purple-orange suite with a two-story living room, mirrored walls, an antique-filled etagere and an \$800-a-day price tag.

But the Fords are "a homy family," Foerst says, so he and the Secret Service settled on a simpler suite — sitting room, bedroom, dining area, dressing area, two baths — that normally goes for \$252 a day. For the President, there's an unrevealed discount.

There were some nicks on the green-and-copper striped wall paper in the living and dining areas, so Herman Goebel, 62, born in Germany and still not an American citizen, hung new copper-colored paper. A portable kitchen concealed in an armoire was installed along with paintings by Florida artists borrowed from the hotel's art gallery. And flowers, plants, fruit, candy, a shoe shiner and new spreads for the queen-sized beds which have copper headboards. Everything was vacuumed, scrubbed, polished and freshened. A painter, with an artist's brush, even touched up the wallpaper in the hallway.

Back in October, comedian Jackie Gleason, a Nixon friend and supporter, telephoned Gen. Alexander M.



—DAVE DIDIO / Miami Herald Staff

President's Suite at the Diplomat Has Queen-Sized Beds

... it's been refurbished, spotless, ever last nit picked

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