

POOL REPORT

President's trip to Capitol for State of the Union

(No untoward incidents)

President, with no overcoat, was picked up at Oval Office. He wore a dark blue suit, white shirt, red tie. He entered line in which Mrs. Ford and Susan were waiting. Also Alan Greenspan. Motorcade off at 12:46 p.m.

On way, they passed through line of "Silver rights now" demonstrators along 17th St., but nothing untoward. Normal route up Independence Ave to Capitol. Traffic had been stopped by police.

Arrived House side of Capitol 12:52.

We ~~back~~ saw the President enter ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the elevator that serves the Speakers' Lobby at 12:52, then pool was ushered to House floor.

In chamber, Speaker Albert and VP Rockefeller were waiting.

Happy Rockefeller was in front-row seat of visitors gallery in a dark dress.

Mrs. Ford appeared soon thereafter, along with Susan and Greenspan.

They sat in this order:

Susan Mrs. F Greenspan unknown man Happy Rocke

While waiting, diplomatic corps entered. Dobrynin took third seat

(1½ min applause)
Ford ~~xxxx~~ entered at 1:07 p.m. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
He waved, nodded, smiled but shook no hands as he walked down center aisle escorted by senior members. Shook with Albert and Rockefeller
Ford takes rostrum, another minute applause. He stands with hands crossed in front of him.

1:09 p.m. speech starts. Lasts until 1:50.

Eight Interrrrrupted by eight moderate rounds of applause, mostly from GOP side.

Only one major deviation from text:

Page 12, paragraph 2, after second sentence ending: "...such limitations"x insert:

"Legislative restrictions intended for the best motives and purposes can have the opposite result, as we have seen most recently in our trade relations with the Soviet Union."

Routine return; leave 1:57, arrive 2:04 at Oval OFFICE

SEATING IN EXECUTIVE GALLERY FOR STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Rumsfeld, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Buchan, Susan Ford, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Greenspan, Mr. Friedersdorf, Mrs. Rockefeller.

SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Mrs. Scali, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Butz, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Saxbe, Mrs. MacGregor, Mrs. Simon, Mr. Siedman, Mrs. Burns.

THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Mrs. eger, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Weinberger, Mr. Train, Mr. Zarb, Mrs. Byrnes.

FOURTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Mrs. Laird, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife, Supreme Court Wife.