

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

President Ford will honor the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party and Mrs. Gierek at a black-tie State Dinner on Tuesday, October 8, 1974 at 8:00 p.m.

President Ford will greet the First Secretary at the North Portico at 7:30pm and escort his Guest of Honor to the Treaty Room for a brief meeting. Mrs. Gierek will arrive at 7:45 p.m. President Ford and the First Secretary will meet Mrs. Gierek in the Yellow Oval Room. Preceded by the Color Guard, President Ford will escort his honored guests down the Grand Stairway and proceed to the East Room where they will receive their approximately 120 guests. The United States Marine Corps Orchestra will provide background music in the lobby as the guests are being received.

Dinner will be served in the State Dining Room where there will be a Head Table and eleven round tables covered with white organdy over yellow cloths. The Johnson china, vermeil flatwear and Morgantown crystal will be used. Vermeil, three-candle centerpieces with flowers decorate each table. Flowers used in the arrangements include yellow snapdragons, yellow and white Marguerite daisies, white miniature carnations, Red-Rover pompom chrysanthemums, white Rhodante, orange Alstroemeria, and bronze cushion pompom chrysanthemums.

Tonight's menu includes:

Coquilles Saint Jacques
Supreme of Pheasant Smitane
Wild Rice
Broccoli au Beurre
Garden Salad
Muenster Cheese
Glace Pralinee
Petits Fours

Wines include:

Louis Martini Johannisberger Riesling
Charles Krug Cabernet Sauvignon
Korbel Natural

During dessert, guests will be entertained by the Army Strolling Strings. Following dinner, coffee and liqueurs will be served in the Parlours, after which, guests will adjourn to the East Room and join the approximately 98 afterdinner guests who have been invited to a performance by the Claude Kipnis Mime Theatre.

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