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THE WHITE HOUSE
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The President and Mrs. Ford have asked Carol Burnett and Helen Reddy to entertain at the State Dinner honoring the Prime Minister of Israel and Mrs. Rabin.

The entertainers will sing a medley of songs of the Sixties.

Miss Reddy is primarily known as a popular vocalist, appearing in concert and on television. Miss Burnett, who hosts a weekly television variety show, has also appeared in films and on Broadway.

Carol Burnett is in her ninth season as star of "The Carol Burnett Show," for which she has won the Emmy Award for "Best Musical/Variety Show of the Year" in '71-'72, '73-'74, '74-'75. Her awards and nominations cover a wide range from "best Comedienne" to "Best Actress in a Drama" to "Most Popular Television Star" and "Best Entertainer."

Born in San Antonio, Tex., Miss Burnett got her start in New York as the lead in the off-Broadway musical "Once upon a Mattress." She came to the national attention on the Garry Moore Show during the 1958-59 season and later with Julie Andrews for an hour-long musical "Julie and Carol at Carnegie Hall."

She is married to producer Joe Hamilton and has three children.

Helen Reddy, currently appearing in Las Vegas, is a native Australian who became a US citizen in 1974. She arrived in New York in 1966, having won over 1300 other singers in a local talent contest in Australia. Her first hit record came in 1970 in "I Don't Know How to Love Him," originally intended as a flip-side of "I Believe in Music" until it became popular. Her next big hit was "I am Woman," which became number one on the popular music charts in December, 1974.

To date, Helen Reddy has sold six million albums, seven million singles, five gold albums and four gold singles. She has won a number of awards, including the Grammy Award for "I am Woman" from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. She has been selected "Best Female Pop Vocalist" by a number of organizations, including NAACP, ABC television, and the record industry magazines Billboard, Cash Box and Record World.

She is married to Jeff Wald, who is her agent. They have two children.

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