

Tuesday, Jan. 27 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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The President and Mrs. Ford will host a black-tie dinner honoring The Prime Minister of Israel and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.

Carol Burnett and Helen Reddy will entertain in the East Room following dinner. There will be dancing in the Grand Hall to the Marine Dance Combo after the entertainment.

Approximately 160 guests will attend. They will be seated in the State Dining Room and in the Red Room. Round tables will be used -- 12 in the Dining Room and four in the Red Room.

In continuing Mrs. Ford's interest in emphasizing American art and artists, the focal point of each table will be a Malcolm Moran sculpture. Based in Carmel, Calif., most of Moran's work is in bronze, mounted on bases of Monterrey jade and burl redwood.

Much of Moran's work is on an individual basis for private collectors. Fourteen of the sculptures on display at the dinner are on loan from individual owners, including Bing Crosby, Mrs. Clint Eastwood, US Ambassador to Brussels and Mrs. Leonard Firestone, Mrs. Samuel F.B. Morse and New York Times photographer Terry Zabala.

Many of the pieces of art represent scenes from the Pacific Coast, particularly the Monterrey area. Many typify natural scenes of the rough coastline, wind-shaped cypress trees or wharf activity. Some of the sculptures are young children in action and some depict a specific incident.

Flowers on the tables were chosen to complement the sculptures and are primarily wild flowers one would find in natural settings. Interspersed with baby's breath, the blossoms are arranged at the burl wood bases of the sculptures. The flowers are primarily in pale pastel shades and include freesia, ranunculus, delphinium, violets, iris, tulips and others of the small blossom families. The arrangements rest on beds of ivy and moss. Danya Pelzman with Charles Schwartz and Son, the firm who handles Moran, volunteered her services as a designer for the dinner.

Pale green tablecloths will be used in the Dining Room, red tablecloths in the Red Room. Ten votive candles will be placed on each table. The Johnson china, Morgentown crystal and vermeil flatware will be used.

The menu: Red Snapper Bisque; Supreme of Striped Bass; Saffron Rice; Green Beans with water chestnuts; Tomatoes Provencale; Hearts of Palm and Watercress Vinaigrette Salad; Orange Sherbet with fresh fruit; and demitasse.

The wines: Paul Masson Dry Sherry; Louis Martini Pinot Chardonnay; and Shramsburg Blanc de Blancs.

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