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PEOPLE-ORIENTED ERA SEEN

Changing of the Capital Guard

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BY MARLENE CIMONS
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—It was one of those incidents that always happen at a time like this, helping to translate a fall from power into real terms—expected, but tough to take, nevertheless.

A few days after Jimmy Carter's election, Ron Nessen, press secretary to the defeated President, was lunching in his customary place in the center of the elegant dining room of the Sans Souci restaurant. Suddenly he was spotted by humor columnist Art Buchwald.

"Nessen," Buchwald said in a solemn tone, "from now on, you have to sit on the other side of the room."

It has already begun, the change that inevitably accompanies the departure of one administration and the arrival of another. And, although nobody really knows what this town is going to be like in January, people are willing to speculate a little.

Take the Sans Souci, for example, a noontime status symbol for top officialdom. It has thrived with both Republicans and Democrats since it opened during the early days of the Kennedy administration. Some believe, however, that the Carter people—with their reputation for industriousness and simple tastes—will not be comfortable in such a setting, nor likely to take many leisurely, two-hour lunches.

But dining room manager Paul Delisle, the source of the above Nessen-Buchwald tale, is confident the restaurant will flourish as always. It just may take a little time, he thinks, for the new folks to come around.

"First I have to find out who is going to be who," he said, his words heavily laced with the accent of his native France. "I have to try to learn the names and the faces. I have a funny feeling that some people from the Kennedy and Johnson administrations may be back in the White House again—and if I have those kind of people, it will be like old times."

He paused. "If not, I'll have to learn the Southern ways," he said. "We aren't going to change anything here, our menu or anything. It will be the same as it has been for the past 14 years, but they will have to realize they are not in the South anymore."

He laughed. "We're going to have to get used to their accents and they're going to have to get used to mine," he said. "In my spare time, I've been practicing how to say: 'Bye, y'all.'"

Traditionally, people in this protocol-conscious city look to the White House to set a style.

What can we anticipate from the Carters?

"I do not think that Washington is going to be quite as stuffy as it has been," said Mary Hoyt, press secretary to First Lady-elect Rosalynn Carter. "The Carters will have

a very open, warm and people-oriented White House. All of those people who walked the streets with Rosalynn and Jimmy, and all of those who offered their guest rooms and gave them sandwiches to eat in the car are going to be guests. The guest lists will not be made up of corporation heads and well-known types as much as it will of, well, people-people."

Despite the publicity regarding the Carters' fondness for square dancing and informality, people should not assume they are naive when it comes to entertaining, she said.

"People tend to forget that the Carters were in the governor's mansion and really made Georgia an international state," she said. "They did a great deal of entertaining for foreign heads of state. They had international cuisine."

The Carters are considering bringing the Danish chef who served in the governor's mansion to the White House, she said.

"Everyone forgets their experience in Georgia," she said. "They think there's going to be nothing but square dancing and clogging (a form of folk dance, popular in the South). I don't think anyone's going to clog but Amy."

Let's not forget Amy, 9, who will be the first young child in the White House since 3-year-old Caroline Kennedy and her infant brother, John-John, moved there in 1961. And Amy, apparently, is not too happy about it.

"Rosalynn has told her about the swimming pool and the big lawn, but she still doesn't want to go," Mary Hoyt said. "She

doesn't want to leave her friends and her tree house."

She sighed, remembering the American public's tendency to emulate its first family. "I suppose there will be a whole new generation of Amys," she said.

Who among the famous can we expect to see at the White House? Bob Dylan, perhaps, the folk-rock singer whom Carter quotes and whose records he enjoys. "Carter has Dylan music going all the time," Mary Hoyt said. "In fact, he reads and does work with the hi-fi going full blast."

Actor George Peppard is another who worked very hard for Carter, she said, and others include conductor Leonard Bernstein and musician Gregg Allman and his entertainer wife Cher (who conducted a political argument on the air several days before the election with her TV partner and former husband, Sonny Bono, who had sat at Betty Ford's side one night during the Republican National Convention).

"You can expect rock singers at the White House," said Joan Mondale, wife of the vice-president-elect. "It's going to be great. Very upbeat, welcoming and warm. Jimmy Carter is going to get things rolling again. He's going to

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PAUL DELISLE
Carter du Jour

Times photo by James H. Pickerell



Welcome Wagon's

Jimmy Carter waves (V) as he and wife, Rosalyn, outside South Portico of White House yesterday. President-elect met with Gerald Ford for first debates to talk about transition of power come time first lady-elect Rosalynn Carter got tour hints from Betty Ford on living at 1600 Pen

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Welcome Wagon's a Ford

Jimmy Carter waves (▼) as he and wife, Rosalynn, meet the Fords outside South Portico of White House yesterday afternoon. The President-elect met with Gerald Ford for first time since TV debates to talk about transition of power come Jan. 20. At same time first lady-elect Rosalynn Carter got tour of White House. (AP Wirephoto)

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This Time, No Debate. UPI photo. President Ford and President-elect Carter meet face to face for first time since third TV debate a month ago. Meeting at White House yesterday afternoon dealt with some of problems of transfer of government. Betty Ford and Rosalynn Carter conferred about White Housekeeping. —*Story p. 2; other pics centerfold*



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CARTER LEAD

BY LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD MET WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER FOR AN HOUR AND 15 MINUTES IN THE OVAL OFFICE TODAY, AND PROMISED TO COOPERATE 100 PER CENT TO MAKE SURE THE TRANSITION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIONS RUNS SMOOTHLY.

BOTH MEN MADE STATEMENTS ON THE MEETING TO REPORTERS GATHERED ON THE LAWN AND AS CARTER LEFT HE TURNED BACK TO FORD AND SAID: 'GOD BLESS YOU, SIR.'

'I BELIEVE THAT THE DEBATES AND THE ELECTION ITSELF HAVE REACHED A CONCLUSION THAT LEAVES THE NATION UNIFIED,' CARTER SAID.

'THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A BETTER DEMONSTRATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY AND GOOD WILL THAN SHOWN ME BY PRESIDENT FORD,' HE ADDED.

FORD SAID THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT THE TRANSITION IS WORKING SMOOTHLY AND EMHASIZED THAT HE WILL COOPERATE COMPLETELY.

CARTER SAID HE FEELS THE GRACIOUS MANNER IN WHICH FOD AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAVE RESPONDED TO DEFEAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

HE SAID HE BELIEVES OTHER NATIONS WILL BE REASSURED BY THE SMOOTHNESS OF THE TRANSITION AND THE CONTINING STABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY.

DURING THEIR MEETING CARTER ASKED THE PRESIDENT WHETHER ANOTHER ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE SUCH AS THE ONE HELD IN PUERTO RICO LAST JUNE MIGHT BE USEFUL AND FORD REPLIED, 'IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE.'

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(CARTER-FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, MEETING WITH JIMMY CARTER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ELECTION, TOLD HIS SUCCESSOR TODAY IT WOULD BE "VERY BENEFICIAL" FOR HIM TO CONFER WITH WORLD LEADERS SOON AFTER THE INAUGURATION.

SITTING BESIDE A FIREPLACE IN THE OVAL OFFICE, THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED ECONOMIC ISSUES AND OTHER TOPICS RELATED TO THE TRANSITION THAT WILL PUT A DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EIGHT YEARS.

FORD AND CARTER TALKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE SIMILAR TO THOSE HELD RECENT YEARS IN PUERTO RICO AND IN RAMBOUILLET, FRANCE. IT HAS BEEN SPECULATED WIDELY THAT A THIRD MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN TOKYO.

"HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT ANOTHER ECONOMIC MEETING, LIKE THE ONE YOU HAD IN PUERTO RICO?" CARTER ASKED FORD.

"IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE," REPLIED FORD.

"IT WOULD GIVE ME A CHANCE TO MEET SOME FOREIGN LEADERS," CARTER SAID.

FORD WENT ON: "IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE MINISTERS OF NATO AND PERHAPS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY BENEFICIAL."

APPARENTLY DISCUSSING THE BUDGETARY PROCESS, FORD TOLD CARTER: "WE ARE WITHIN REACHABLE AGREEMENT, BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME AGENCY DIFFERENCES TO SORT OUT." BUDGET DIRECTOR JAMES LYNN SAID EARLIER THAT FORD STILL WAS REVIEWING AGENCY REQUESTS, AND EACH AGENCY HAD A RIGHT TO APPEAL FORD'S TENTATIVE DECISIONS.

AFTER A BRIEF PUBLIC EXCHANGE IN FRONT OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, FORD AND CARTER SETTLED DOWN ALONE FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID THERE WAS NO AGENDA OR FIXED FORMAT SO FORD COULD FREELY SUPPLY CARTER WITH INSIGHTS ONLY A MAN WHO HAS BEEN PRESIDENT WOULD POSSESS.

EXCEPT FOR HIS VISIT WITH FORD, CARTER SPENT THE DAY AT THE BLAIR HOUSE GUEST MANSION ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TALKING WITH THE REPUBLICAN HEADS OF MAJOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND HIS WIFE, ROSALYNN, ARRIVED AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE TAN SEDAN THAT THE FORDS USE FOR UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL IN WASHINGTON. THEY WERE MET OUTSIDE BY FORD.

SMILING, VICTOR AND VANQUISHED IN THE BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY SHOOK HANDS. CARTER, WEARING A BLACK OVERCOAT, GAVE MRS. FORD A KISS ON THE RIGHT CHEEK. FORD, WEARING NO COAT OVER HIS NAVY BLUE SUIT, SHOOK HANDS WITH MRS. CARTER.

THE PRESIDENT AND CARTER WALKED TOGETHER TO THE OVAL OFFICE, ABOUT 50 YARDS AWAY, AND QUICKLY BEGAN THEIR MEETING. WITH PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS PRESENT FOR THE START OF THE SESSION, FORD AND CARTER SAT IN ORANGE ARMCHAIRS CLOSE TOGETHER AND TALKED QUIETLY.

CARTER SHOWED HIS CHARACTERISTIC SMILE WHILE FORD HAD A SOBER LOOK ON HIS FACE, WITH HIS JAW SET.

THE TWO WIVES TOURED THE WHITE HOUSE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS WHILE THEIR HUSBANDS MET.

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(CARTER-FORD)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WARMLY WELCOMED JIMMY CARTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY TO DISCUSS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. CARTER AND HIS WIFE ROSALYNN ARRIVED AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE TAN LINCOLN SEDAN THAT THE FORDS USE FOR UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL IN WASHINGTON. AS THE CAR PULLED UP, FORD AND HIS WIFE BETTY STEPPED OUTSIDE TO GREET THEM.

CARTER, WEARING A BLACK OVERCOAT, GAVE MRS. FORD A KISS ON THE CHEEK WHILE FORD, WEARING NO COAT OVER HIS NAVY BLUE SUIT, SHOOK HANDS WITH MRS. CARTER.

FORD AND CARTER ALSO SHOOK HANDS, SMILING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS OUTSIDE THE MANSION BEFORE RETREATING TO THE OVAL OFFICE. THEY SAT IN LARGE ORANGE CHAIRS BY THE FIREPLACE AND DISCUSSED THE TRANSITION FROM A FORD TO A CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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WHITE HOUSE DECOR

WASHINGTON (AP) -- QUITE BY COINCIDENCE, TWO GEORGIA DECORATOR AND DESIGN EXPERTS WERE WORKING AT THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN THE INCOMING FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER CAME TO CALL ON BETTY FORD.

WHILE MRS. FORD AND MRS. CARTER WERE HAVING TEA MONDAY AND DISCUSSING THE NEW FAMILY MOVING INTO THE WHITE HOUSE, DESIGNER EDWARD V. JONES OF ALBANY, GA., AND INTERIOR DECORATOR DAVID BYERS OF ATLANTA WERE AT WORK ON REFURBISHING THE GROUND FLOOR LIBRARY.

JONES, AN EXPERT IN RESTORATION ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN OF THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES, HAS DONE WORK AT THE WHITE HOUSE SINCE 1970 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS PRESERVATION.

BYERS IS FROM THE BROWN DECORATING CO., IN ATLANTA, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN MUSEUM AND HISTORIC HOUSE RESTORATIONS.

PRESS SECRETARY SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD SAID THE LIBRARY, WHICH WAS RESTORED AND REFURNISHED BY JACQUELINE KENNEDY IN 1962 IN THE CLASSICAL STYLE OF THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, IS BEING PAINTED, GETTING NEW DRAPERIES AND FABRIC ON THE CHAIRS.

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MRS. CARTER ARRANGED TO FLY BACK TO PLAINS, GA., TONIGHT TO BEGIN PACKING FOR HER MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE FUTURE FIRST LADY'S PRESS SECRETARY, MARY HOYT SAID THAT MRS. CARTER SAW A COMBINED CLASSROOM OF THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES AT STEVENS SCHOOL AND ADDED THAT SHE WAS "VERY IMPRESSED".

BUT MRS. HOYT SAID THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON WHETHER AMY WILL ATTEND STEVENS, AND WON'T UNTIL SHE "TALKS TO THE GOVERNOR".

MRS. FORD'S PRESS SECRETARY, SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD, SAID MRS. FORD HAD "PUT TOGETHER" SOME ALBUMS OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WHITE HOUSE WHICH MRS. CARTER CAN TAKE HOME WITH HER TO STUDY.

MRS. WEIDENFELD SAID THAT MRS. FORD ARRANGED TO SERVE TEA TO HER SUCCESSOR AND TO "ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS MRS. CARTER MIGHT HAVE ON HER MIND IN THE "STRICTLY PRIVATE" MEETING.

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Ford, Carter to Meet in White House Early Next Week

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the transition there met with a representative of the General Services Administration to hear about govern-

week Carter will come to Washington.

When Mondale arrived at the Albany, Ga., airport yesterday, he told reporters that one of the new administration's chief objectives is to

tolerate an unemployment rate of 5 per cent or more through much of his four-year term, Mondale said he thought Carter's objective is to

Hills estate to the National Park Service as a historic monument.

Nessen said the Ford family plans to spend Christmas in Vail, Colo.

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Mrs. Carter Looks Over School, Then Goes on White House Tour

By MARJORIE HUNTER
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—Rosalynn Carter had tea with Betty Ford at the White House today after inspecting a more than 100-year-old public school that her daughter Amy may attend. While their husbands conferred in the President's study, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Ford inspected a public school in Washington since Theodore Roosevelt's son, Quentin, there have been rumors that the Carters may enroll their daughter in the exclusive National Cathedral School for Girls, a private institution.

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