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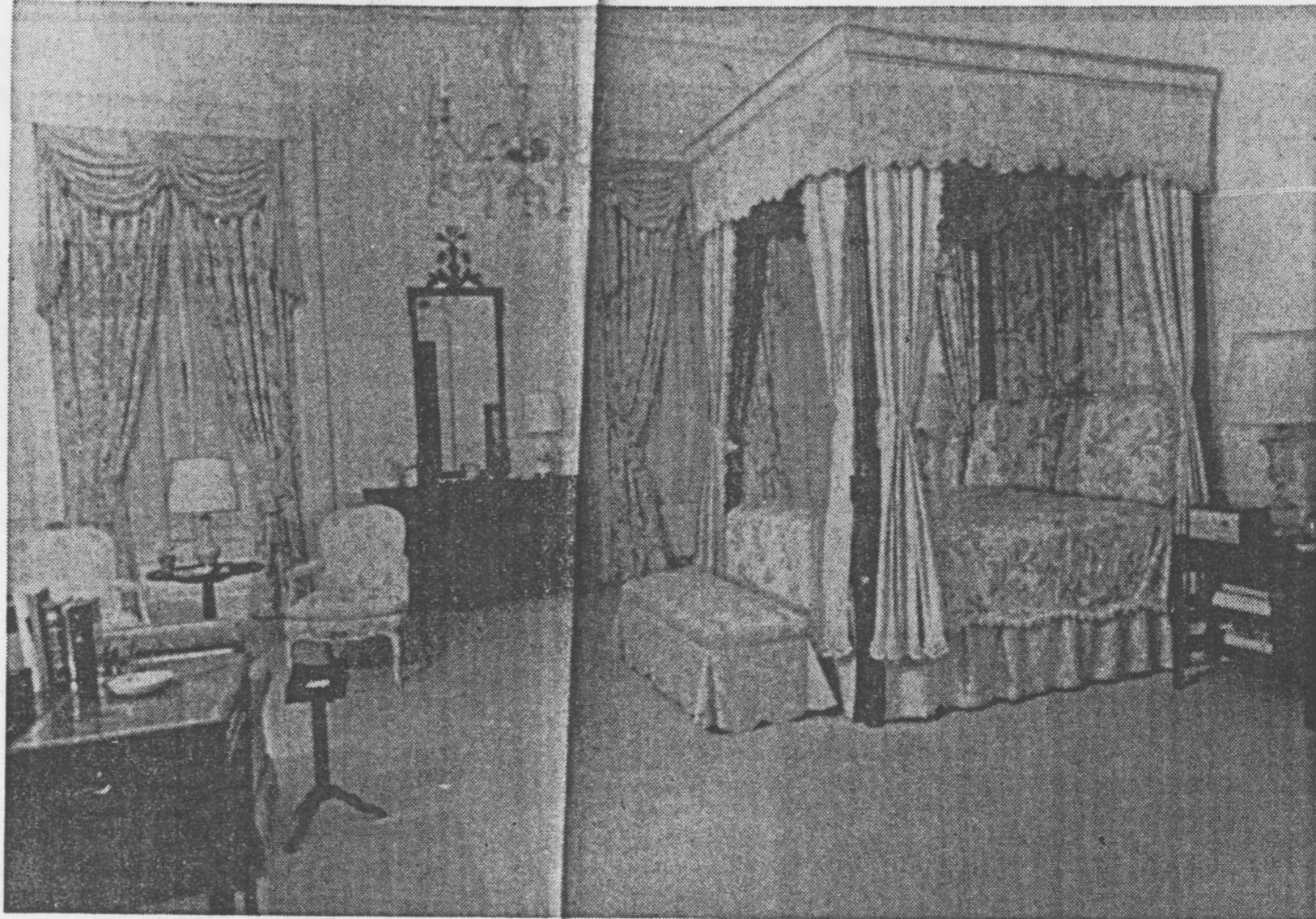
By Isabelle Shelton  
Star-News Staff Writer

President Ford may not be able to swim in the White House, at least for a while, but he will have exercise equipment to work with in the White House.

Since he and Mrs. Ford plan to make the "First Lady's Bedroom" their bedroom, he plans to run the adjacent "President's Bedroom" into a den-TV room and also install some exercise equipment there.

The \$5,000 antique canopied bed that White House Curator Clement Conger installed in the room last year for President Nixon has already been moved to storage, and Ford's favorite blue leather lounge chair and hassock have already been moved in.

The bed used by First Lady Pat Nixon also has gone to storage, and when the Fords move in late tomorrow they will find their own double bed, from their Alexandria home, waiting for them. The super-efficient White Staff will even have the Ford's padded headboard covered in fabric matching the bedspread and draperies already in the room, a green brocade with small self-pattern.



That gift, incidentally could serve as a precedent for the Fords' accepting a swimming pool, if anyone feels a precedent is needed. There have been other such gifts

small five years ago, one reason the Nixon administration had the new one built in the first place.

Institute officials say also that today's pools are much better than those built in the 20s when the

going on at the White House and they say: 'Don't work today.'"

That figure does not include the cost of a bullet-

*President and Mrs. Ford will share the First Lady's bedroom when they move into the White House tomorrow. The canopied bed used by Mrs. Nixon has already been removed and put in storage. The Fords will bring their own bed.*

Nancy Howe, who has just been named Special Assistant to the First Lady, will supervise the moving because Ford has asked his wife to accompany him to Chicago Monday, where he will address the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**THE SITTING ROOM** adjoining 17-year old painting Mrs. Ford now contemplates. Susan will leave for a week at the beach the day after the move.

Susan's bedroom, which her mother says she plans to leave unchanged, has blue walls, a bright blue rug and multi-colored floral draperies and matching bedspread. In White House records it is called the Blue Classical room.

The room used to be occupied by David and Julie Eisenhower, and Julie chose the spread and draperies, replacing blue and white ones that had formerly been in the room.

The three Ford boys live away from home, but each will be assigned a third floor bedroom to use when they visit.

**SUSAN AND HER BOTHERS** will be able to play music on the third floor, morning, noon and night, if they choose, without repeating themselves for a long time. The White House record collection, some 2,000 recordings of very type of music presented to the Nixons by the Recording Industry Association of America, is stored in the third floor long hall.

The record playing equipment is in the third floor, glassed-in solarium overlooking the South Lawn, that has been the center of social life for earlier White House young people, including Margaret Truman, Caroline Kennedy, Luci and Lynda Johnson and Tricia Nixon.

There have been other such gifts. The American Booksellers Association supplied the books in the White House library and updates the collection every four years.

The American Bowling Congress installed new bowling lanes in the Executive Office Building across the street, for use by former President Nixon and his family.

The National Society of Interior Designers donated most of the furnishings in the Diplomatic Reception Room, including the striking 130-year-old French wallpaper depicting early American scenes.

**FORD MAY GET** that White House swimming pool he obviously yearns for, and without costing the taxpayers any money.

Robert Steel, executive vice president of the National Swimming Pool Institute here, says he is proposing to the institute's 1,700 member firms that they build the pool, "as a gift to President Ford, future presidents and the nation."

Steel says he feels certain that member firms — builders and contractors across the nation — will agree.

Steel and other institute officials say they do not think it makes any sense to restore the old White House pool, which was installed during the Franklin D. Roosevelt era and closed over during the Nixon administration to make way for a new half million dollar press room.

It would cost a great deal to tear out the press room and then reinstall it elsewhere, they note. Besides, if the press room were returned to its former location, that would mean ousting Henry Kissinger from his present White House digs, which are located where the old press room used to be. Furthermore, the old press room was too

much better than those built in the 60s, when the old White House pool was installed for FDR, who needed to exercise his polio-shrunken legs.

Institute officials would like to construct a totally new pool for the President, on the South Grounds of the White House near the tennis court. The area, which is near the President's office, encompasses space used in the past for President Eisenhower's putting green, the Kennedy children's playground and kennels for the Nixon's three dogs.

Friends of the President have indicated that he, too, favors an outdoor pool, heated and perhaps equipped with a plastic bubble top so that he can use it year round.

The institute men are against the plastic bubble. It's all right for a family backyard, but "it does not go with the aesthetics of the White House," says William Markert, director of communications for the institute.

His group has in mind a 20 by 50 foot heated pool enclosed in a permanent structure, but one with glass walls that would open like sliding doors in summer, Markert said. The roof could be of fiberglass, which also could be pulled back in the summer. An enclosed walkway would connect it with the West Wing.

He would suggest a minimum size of 20 by 40 feet. That is the size of the previous White House pool, and ten feet longer than Ford's present backyard pool in Alexandria. "He might want to invite his Cabinet over to swim with him," Markert said.

Larry Paulick, the institute's director of technical service, estimates such a pool would cost "under \$100,000" if held to 20x40 feet.

"It would cost much less if built any place but at the White House. I am allowing for delays due to security, plus the days when something else was

proof glass screen that the Secret Service probably would insist on. A Congressional inquiry into spending on President Nixon's homes revealed that \$12,959.26 was spent to screen the former President's San Clemente pool.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Markert said he thinks a pool can be installed on the White House grounds in 30 to 60 days.

**IF PRESIDENT FORD** picks Nelson Rockefeller for Vice President, the U.S. Navy may get back Admiral's House as the residence for its Chief of Naval Operations.

White House Curator Clement Conger, who was helping Betty Ford on her plans to refurnish Admiral's House as a home for the Vice President (at that time Gerald Ford), says he assumes that if Rockefeller is named Vice President he would live in the house he has long owned at 2500 Foxhall Rd., which he occupies during frequent visits here.

Perhaps Congress would not like that — since the spur to take over Admiral's House for the Vice President (which the Navy had successfully resisted in the past) was the legislators' distress at all the money that had been spent installing security devices in a succession of vice presidential homes.

Rockefeller's house, in any case, seems large enough (its rooms have been variously estimated at 15 to 21), and remote enough to ease the problems of protecting it. The two-story white house is tucked back in the trees at the end of what has been called "probably the largest driveway in the city."

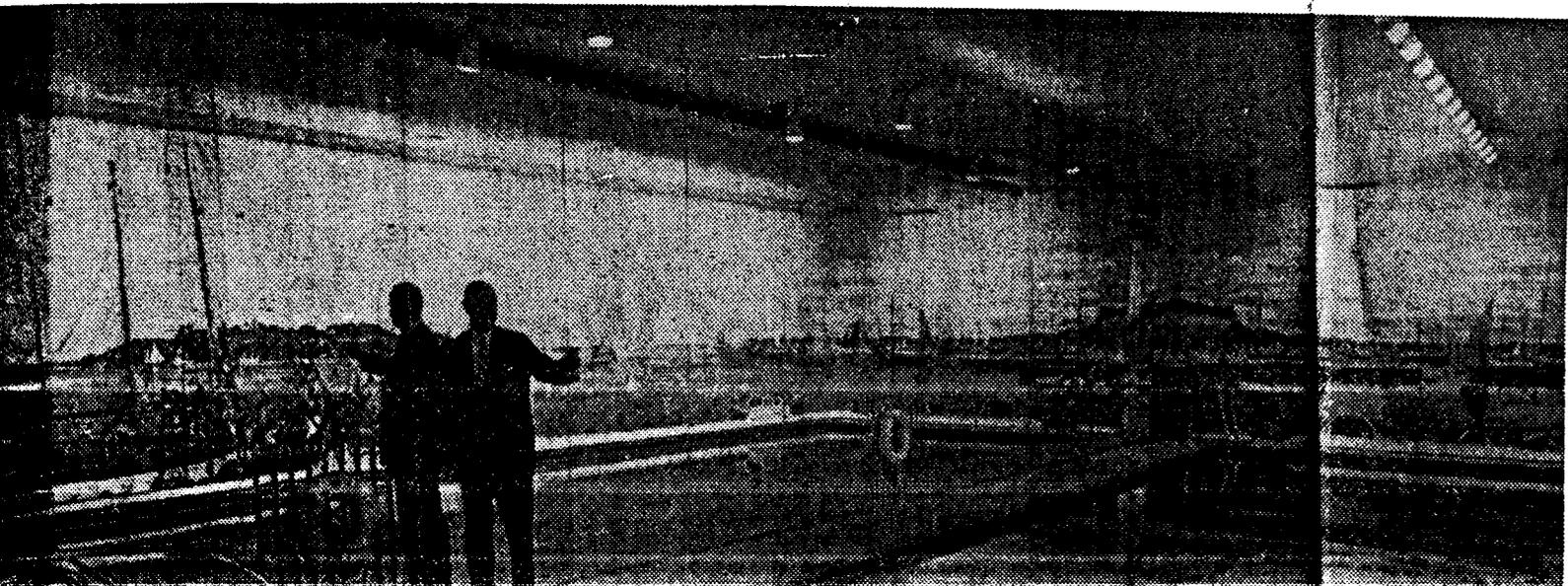
The house is rarely seen by anyone except close personal friends of the Rockefellers, but anyone who was willing to spend \$10 and promise to give a similar party of his own could have visited it in October 1968 at a fund-raising buffet supper sponsored by the United Citizens for Nixon-Agnew.

One news account of the party said the house was "furnished with comfortable, but nondescript chairs and sofas, some Early American antiques and dozens of paintings."

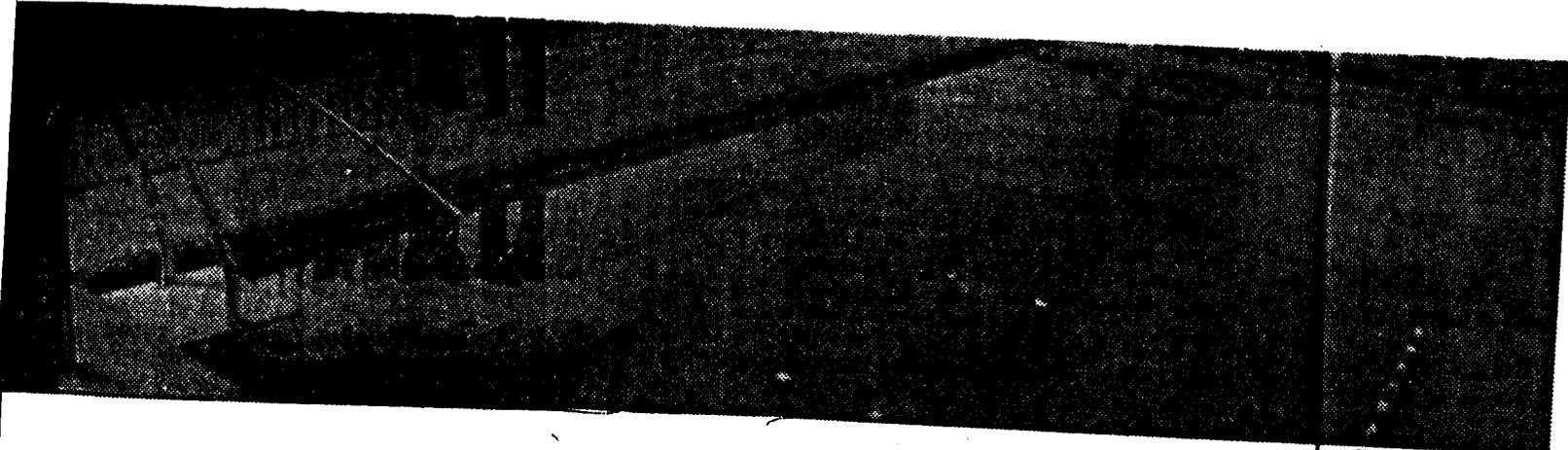
Another account called the numerous paintings "starkly modern."

**EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE** a permanent home for U.S. vice presidents, even if President Ford should tap Rockefeller and the former New York Governor should elect to live on Foxhall Road.

The move into Admiral's House was intended to be a temporary stopgap. Congress now wants to fund a bill passed in the late 60s, which set aside 10 acres of the Naval Observatory grounds where Admiral's House is now located. Preliminary plans are in a desk somewhere at GSA. Construction time is estimated at about two years after final plans are approved.



*The pool which former President Nixon covered up to build a new press room may never be seen again. Here it is shown as it was during the Kennedy administration with*



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Steve, 18, was the last Ford to finish his packing. His stereo equipment and brand-new yellow Jeep will go with him. He is the only one of three sons living with his family this summer, and has been accepted as a freshman at Duke University, although he now plans to work on a ranch in Utah for a year first. Mike is a seminary student in Massachusetts, and Jack has a summer job at Yellowstone National Park.

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JUST BEFORE she left, Susan, looking a bit sad about leaving the Alexandria home where she has lived all her life, went across the street to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Abbruzzese. Susan has often baby-sat with their children, Anne, 6 and Peter Matthew, 2, for a dollar an hour. And she has offered to take care of them at the White House when Louise Abbruzzese has her expected baby in October.

Both Mrs. Ford and Susan have also kept an eye on Annie and Peter at the Ford pool for Mrs. Abbruzzese, a non-swimmer, but she is unlikely to take Susan up on her offer, she said, because at a time like that, "I'll probably grab the first nearby person."

During his first week and a half as President, Ford commuted to the White House from the seven-room split level in a pleasant suburban neighborhood. Now the first family will have to get used to 132 rooms, complete with long lines of tourists filing through public sections of the historic mansion.

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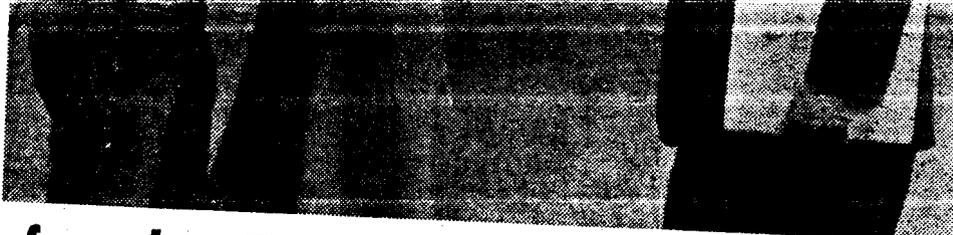
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# Imagine Problems Fords Had Moving

The little story in the newspaper the other day about the move President and Mrs. Gerald Ford made from their unpretentious home of 20 years to the White House made me happy once more to be a plain citizen.

Wouldn't it be just awful to have to pack your dear and familiar old junk into a truck headed for the White House to be photographed by television and catalogued by newspaper reporters for the whole world to see?

Moving is bad enough. I've never lived anywhere for as long as 20 years but the years I have spent in the two houses of my own have convinced me that a fire is not only more practical than a move, as the old saying has it, but sometimes preferable.

From the story I assume that the Fords weren't told to move lock, stock and barrel into the White House. Somebody told them to bring along a few things to make their own quarters homey—and they settled for that king size bed, a blue easy chair, a few potted plants and the new President's exercise machine.

What about pots and pans, pictures, records, books and grandma's old steak platter? What about Mrs. Ford's favorite rocker and maybe the lamp she likes by her bed? Did she have to clean out dresser drawer or did they pick up dresser and contents and move it as-was? If I had to clean out my dresser drawers to be First Lady I think I'd say no thanks.

Of course I know they have cooks already ensconced in the kitchen at the White House and the chances that Mrs. Ford will be down there making up a batch of biscuits or frying up a few chickens for Sunday dinner are pretty remote. But a woman who likes to cook and feels that her kind of food agrees with



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the old man and the young-uns, can't she take her own rolling pin and egg beater into the White House.

Even as I think of Mrs. Ford's kitchen gear my mind pictures my own battered and disreputable but oddly beloved lares and penates.

I'm sure they don't need my wooden spoons at the White House but if I was there and got the urge to whip up some mayonnaise one day I'd sure want that old butter paddle with the bite out of one corner to get the blender clean. I bet Mrs. Ford has similar favorites among her possessions.

Almost as bad as having the entire capitol press corps seeing my stuff arrive, looking like the Joads leaving Oklahoma for California right down to the feather beds and chicken coops, would be having Jackie Kennedy Onassis come back for a visit and catch my meal bin cheek by jowl with a Chippendale commode. And yet I wouldn't want to leave that meal bin behind. The kids and I found it on a junk pile one especially fine spring day.

It had nine coats of enamel on it and I had to labor a long time with the lye water to get it clean. Now it holds plants on the porch and gladdens my eye every time I look that way. But would it look good in the White House?

Where would I put the

sweet, gently faded rag rugs my old friend, Mattie Morris, made for me years ago? I bet there isn't a room in the executive mansion fitten for a rag rug, which is too bad because when firelight or sunlight strikes their muted colors they give me the greatest sense of comfort. I haven't waked up to priceless Oriental carpets but I'm sure it's not the same.

None of the stories told us what Mrs. Ford did about her Christmas decorations but I hope she took them along. Even with that monstrous national Christmas tree they have at the White House there must be room somewhere for a funny, tacky little personal family tree, if that's what the Fords like.

Most of all she has my sympathy about plants. Much as I'd love a hired hand in the backyard, wouldn't it be terrible not to be able to wander out in a pair of ragged jeans and plant a few zinnias and marigolds yourself? There's not even any point in her having the kitchen windowsill full of glasses and jar in which she is trying to root some slips of things. Poor Mrs. Ford.

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By JOE CAPPO  
Chicago Daily News

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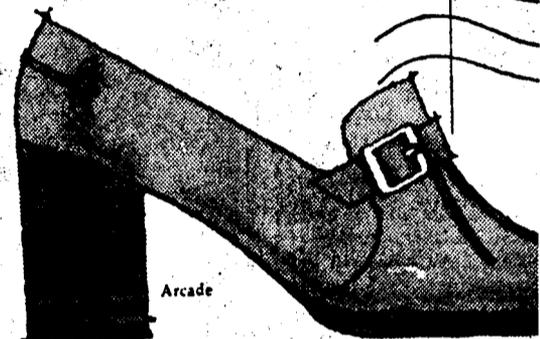
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Yesterday, after returning from Chicago, Mr. Ford received new ambassadors from Barbados, Costa Rica, Ghana, Venezuela, Spain and the Syrian-Arab Republic.

In the evening, both Fords received 100 members of his Vice Presidential Secret Servie detail and their wives at a cocktail reception.

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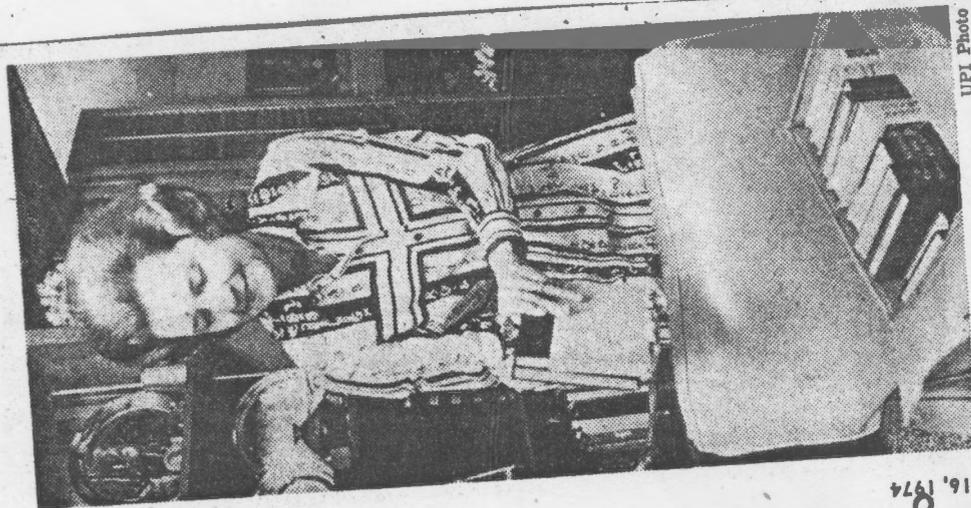




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### Packing for White House

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The rest of the Ford family will occupy the third floor of the White House although only Susan, who will be a senior this fall at Holton Arms, will be a full-time resident.

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Both Mrs. Ford and Susan have also kept an eye on Anne and Peter at the Ford pool for Mrs. Abbruzzese, a non-swimmer, but she is unlikely to take Susan up on her offer, she said, because at a time like that, "I'll probably grab the first nearby person."

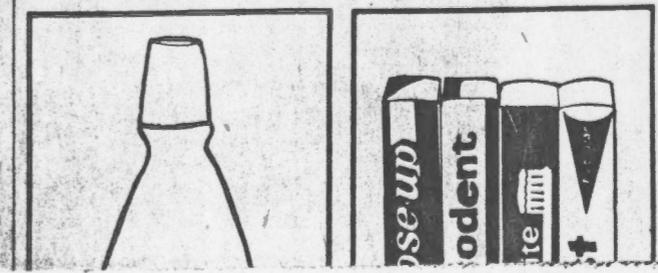
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*Stills, Crosby, Nash and Young — together again.*

## Fords and Cat Are Settled In

By Isabelle Shelton  
Star-News Staff Writer

The Jerry Fords moved into the White House yesterday and everybody seemed to feel at home right away.

When the President and his wife arrived in mid-afternoon from a trip to Chicago, they found daughter Susan's Siamese cat, Shan, curled up on their double bed, which had been moved from their Alexandria home over the weekend.

And son Steve's new chrome-yellow Jeep was parked on the South Lawn driveway, bumper-to-bumper with long government limousines.

THE DAY started early for the new First Family as President and Mrs. Ford flew by helicopter — shortly after 8:30 a.m. — for Andrews Air Force Base and the flight on Air Force one to Chicago, where Ford addressed the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Seventeen-year-old Susan also got to the White House by 8:30 wearing blue jeans and a polo shirt, as she had insisted she would, and toting her beloved — and tranquilized — cat, Shan, in a carrier.

She was up early because she hadn't slept well, Susan confided. Her parents had taken over her bedroom since their bed had already been moved to the White House, and she relegated to the living room sofa.

Susan held the fort alone for several hours, unpacking her belongings with the help of Marba Perrott of her father's Capitol Hill staff.

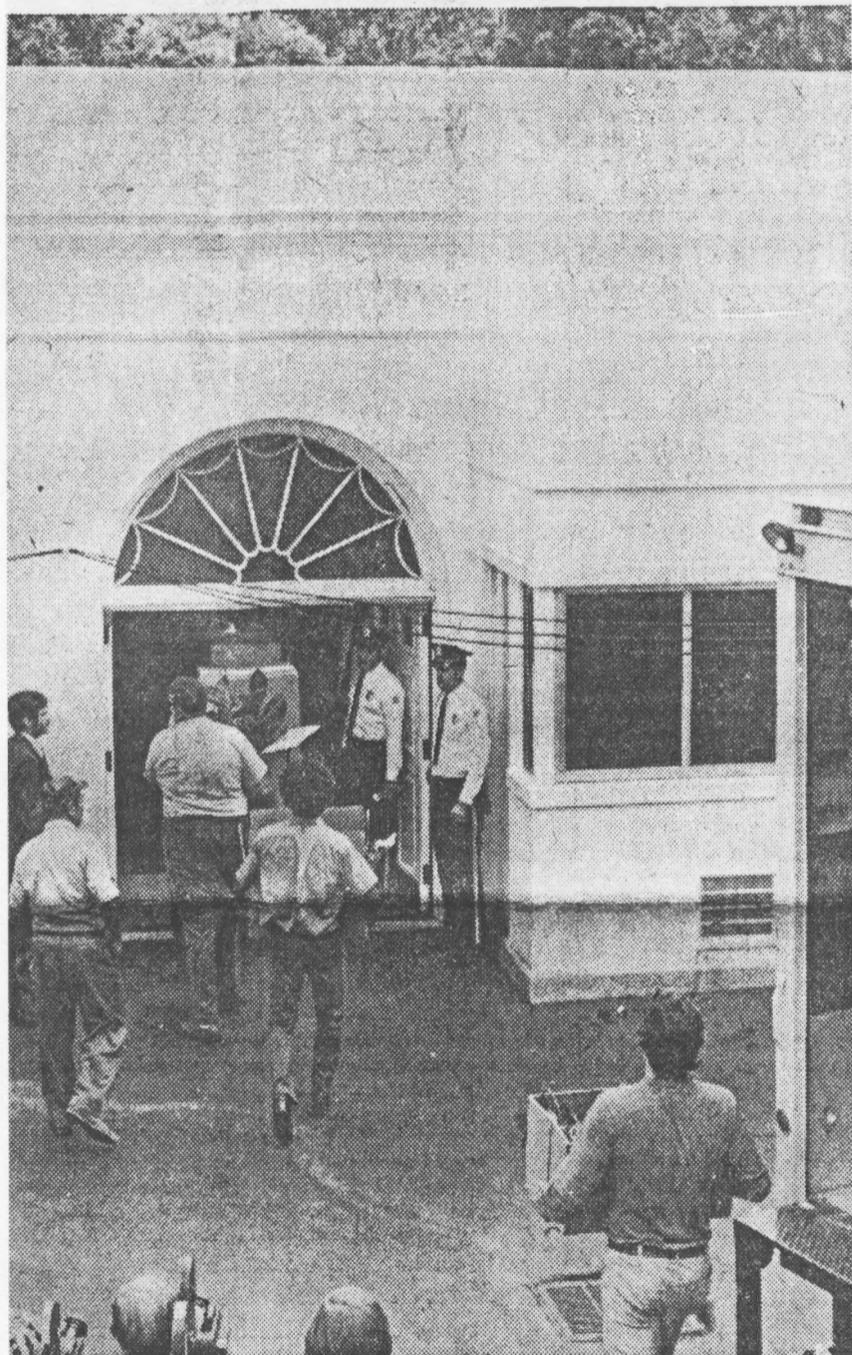
CONTRARY to an earlier report from White House curator Clement Conger, Susan had requested that both her bedroom and adjoining sitting room (the suite formerly occupied by David and Julie Eisenhower) be repainted a bright yellow, and this had been done. She will soon select new flowered draperies and a matching bedspread.

Susan ordered lunch from the usher's office (omelet and salad) and was enchanted with the speedy and flawless service.

"It's very exciting," she said. "The house is big, almost too big. But I'll get used to it, and I know we'll have fun."

Steve, 18, showed up about 2 p.m., having stayed behind to supervise the safe packing of his stereo and record collection for the second visit of the day from

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—Star-News Photographer Ken Heinen

*Movers unload furniture, etc., at White House.*

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and guided to their pedestals by a crowd of yellow-suited workers.

4,000 paintings and 2,000 pieces of sculpture.

general public enters the building, Oct. 4.) It took a crew of four men six months merely to pack all the painting in the New York warehouse.

"SOMEBODY should give them an award," said a museum employe, referring to the dozens of workers who

WHEN THE transfer is completed, probably sometime next week, approximately 40,000 square feet of art will have

# For Our First Family, It's a Moving Experience

By ANN WOOD

Washington, Aug. 19 (News Bureau)—Susan Ford put on blue jeans, a white polo shirt—but no shoes—gave her cat a tranquilizer for the traumatic move to the White House, and carried her bright red suitcases to a waiting car. It was early this morning, soon after her parents had left for a speaking engagement in Chicago.

President Ford had left his home in suburban Alexandria, Va., for the last time after his usual swim and breakfast, headed first to the White House and then Andrews Air Force Base. When he and the first lady returned late in the afternoon, home was the White House.

## She Leaves Later

Mrs. Ford left 45 minutes later to join him for the flight, and soon Susan padded out, refusing Secret Service agents' help with her bags and cat-carrying case. Then two National Park Service trucks arrived to take remaining Ford possessions to their new home.

By tonight, the Fords could sleep in their own king-size double bed. Their clothes were in White House closets, and their rubber plant was settled in the third-floor solarium. Whatever they don't take to the White House in

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