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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF  
HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY  
THE SHAHBANOU

July 9, 1975

12:30 p. m.

Arrival:

- 12:30 p. m. . . . your guests will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the Yellow Oval Room.
- Champagne, wine and juice will be served to your guests.
- 12:35 p. m. . . . the Empress will arrive at the Diplomatic Reception Room . . . you will greet and escort the Empress to the Yellow Oval Room where you will join your guests.
- 12:50 p. m. . . . you will escort the Empress into the Family Dining Room for the Luncheon.

Luncheon:

- Round tables
- Following dessert, you will invite your guests into the Yellow Oval Room for demitasse.

Departure:

- You will escort the Empress to the Diplomatic Reception Room via elevator and bid farewell.
- Your guests will follow you to the Diplomatic Reception Room and you will bid farewell to them and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

- There will be photo press coverage.
- Guest list is attached.



- A Military Social Aide will be present.
- Background information is attached.
- Marine Harpist will be playing.

Nancy Ruwe



For immediate release  
Wednesday, July 9, 1975

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

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Mrs. Ford will host a luncheon today in honor of her Imperial Majesty the Shahbanou of Iran. The luncheon will be at 12:30 in the Family Dining Room in the Family Quarters, preceded by a reception in the Yellow Oval Room.

There will be 14 guests. A Marine harpist will provide music throughout the luncheon.

The menu: Eggs in Gelee; Cold Poached Salmon with Sauce Verte; Endive and Watercress Salad with Mushrooms; and Fresh Raspberries with Petits Fours. Robert Mondavi Chenin Blanc will be served.

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\*\*There will be photo coverage of the arrival of the Shahbanou at the Diplomatic Reception entrance to the White House. Pickup outside north entrance to press lobby at 12:15 p. m.

A small photo pool will be taken to cover a portion of the luncheon.



GUEST LIST FOR THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY MRS. GERALD FORD  
IN HONOR OF HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHBANOU, ON WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 9, 1975, AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE:

Her Imperial Majesty The Shahbanou

Mrs. Lily Amir-Arjomand, Director, Institute for the Intellectual  
Development of Children and Youth

Mrs. Louise Ghotbi, Lady-in-Waiting, personal confidante and  
companion of the Shahbanou

Mrs. Henry A. Kissinger, wife of the Secretary of State

Mrs. Hugh Scott, wife of United States Senator, Pennsylvania

Mrs. John J. Rhodes, wife of United States Representative, Arizona

Mrs. Henry E. Catto, Jr., wife of the Chief of Protocol

Mrs. Joseph J. Sisco, wife of the Under Secretary of State for  
Political Affairs

The Honorable Carol Laise (Mrs. Ellsworth Bunker), Director  
General of the Foreign Service

Mrs. Barbara Bowman, Director, Erikson Institute for Early  
Education, Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Douglas Cornell (Helen Thomas), White House Correspondent,  
United Press International

The Honorable Louise Gore, former U. S. member of the Executive  
Board of United Nations Educational, Scientific, and  
Cultural Organization

Mrs. Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee,  
Washington, D. C.



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—AP Wirephoto

### Welcome, Empress—

First Lady Betty Ford escorted Empress Farah of Iran to a White House luncheon Wednesday after the Empress arrived from Colorado. The Empress visited the Aspen Institute in Colorado where she is an honorary member.

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—Washington Star Photographer Paul M. Schmick

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## Bright Lunch

Betty Ford and Empress Farah of Iran got together yesterday for a little talk when the Shabanou dropped in for a visit and a lunch of cold poached salmon and fresh raspberries. One of the things they may have talked about was Mrs. Ford's decision to remove the wallpaper from the family dining room. The wallpaper was put there during the Kennedy administration by Jacqueline Kennedy because it was historic and depicted scenes of the American Revolution. But Betty Ford decided it was "kind of depressing," a spokesman said, and has had the room painted "a bright, sunny yellow."

