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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

"BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR"

The National Theater

Tuesday - February 10, 1976

Departure: 8:00 P.M.

Attire: Business Suit

From: Terry O'Donnell *TOO*

BACKGROUND

Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller have invited you and Mrs. Ford to attend the performance of "Bubbling Brown Sugar" this evening at the National Theater. They will be your guests at 6:30 p.m. for dinner in the Residence.

Enclosed is a program which you may wish to glance through briefly.

SEQUENCE

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| 8:00 p.m. | You and Mrs. Ford and Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route National Theater. |
| 8:05 p.m. | Arrive National Theater. Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller will escort you inside the theater to your seats to view the first act of "Bubbling Brown Sugar." |
| 8:10 p.m. | Performance begins (Curtain). |
| 9:35 p.m. | Intermission. |



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9:50 p.m.

Second Act begins.

10:35 p.m.

Performance concludes.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by the Rockefellers, depart theater en route motorcade for boarding.

10:45 p.m.

Motorcade departs National Theater en route South Grounds.

10:50 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.



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Personalities

Opera star Beverly Sills says Americans should blow their horns about their own culture and stop knuckling under to Europe.

It's no longer necessary, she says, for an opera singer to have an exotic European voice. She also believes that U.S. symphonies are among the 10 best in the world and that Americans buy more classical records than do residents of any other country.

"We have taste, and if we like something we should be verbal about it," she said in a speech at Wolf Trap Farm Park. "We are behind Europe in only one way and that is in government subsidization."

Nancy Kissinger was reported up and about, drinking liquids and feeling minimal pain, following surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to relieve a chronic ulcer condition.

Forty per cent of her stomach, or the distal portion which enters into the small intestine, was removed. The 41-year-old wife of the Secretary of State

has had gastric-ulcer problems for nine years. Doctors said her condition was aggravated by extensive travels with her husband. She is expected to remain under post-operative care for another week.

The late John F. Kennedy has been voted the most popular president in American history — in a poll of more than 34,000 visitors to a presidential exhibit at a Columbus, Ohio, museum. Trailing were Richard M. Nixon, followed by Abraham Lincoln, President Ford and George Washington.

Ambassador David K.E. Bruce, who will be 78 on Thursday, was decorated yesterday with the Medal of Freedom by President Ford in a simple ceremony in the Cabinet Room. Bruce's long, varied career has included stints as United States envoy to Paris, Bonn, London and Peking and as chief delegate to the Vietnam peace talks in Paris in 1970 and '71.

As Mr. Ford presented the award, he

inquired about Bruce's early career as a lawmaker. "Was it the Maryland or the Virginia Legislature?" he asked. "Both," replied Bruce, who served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1924 to 1926 and the Virginia House from 1939 to '42.

The Fords supplied the food, but it was the Rockefellers' treat for the entertainment last night. Following dinner at the White House, the presidential and vice presidential couples saw "Bubbling Brown Sugar," the mostly black revue, at the National Theater.

They kept the audience waiting 15 minutes after the scheduled curtain time, but almost everyone in the theater stood and cheered anyway when the couples entered.

Later, everyone stood and cheered for the show, too, including the presidential party. "It's just what I needed after a hard day," the President remarked to one of the show's producers on his way to his car. "Give my congratulations to the cast."

—Hollie I. West
and Don Shirley



By Linda Wheeler—The Washington Post

Ambassador Bruce and wife Evangelina



By Joe Helberger—The Washington Post

Fords and Rockefellers at the theater

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RS. FORD-DANCERS

WASHINGTON (AP) - AFTER SEEING A PERFORMANCE OF THE NEW MUSICAL EVUE "BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR" EARLIER THIS WEEK, FIRST LADY BETTY FORD INVITED THE CAST TO TOUR THE WHITE HOUSE AND SURPRISED THEM BY TURNING UP HERSELF TODAY TO GREET THEM.

PRESIDENT FORD HAD GONE TO FLORIDA ON A CAMPAIGN TRIP. SO THE CAST HAD TO GO TO SEE HIS OVAL OFFICE.

MRS. FORD SAID THE TUESDAY EVENING SHE AND THE PRESIDENT SPENT AT THE THEATER SEEING THE MUSICAL, WHICH FEATURES THE SONGS OF HARLEM FROM THE 1920S, WAS "THE BEST THING FOR MY HUSBAND," ENABLING HIM "TO SIT BACK AND RELAX."

SHE TOLD THE DANCERS FROM THE SHOW HOW MUCH SHE HAD WANTED A CAREER IN THAT FIELD HERSELF AND SAID, "I ENVY YOU."

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WASHINGTON (UPD) -- PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD JOINED VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER AT THE NATIONAL THEATER LAST NIGHT TO WATCH A PERFORMANCE OF "BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR," A BLACK MUSICAL REVUE ABOUT HARLEM IN THE 1920S.

THE FORDS AND ROCKEFELLERS HAD DINNER TOGETHER AT THE WHITE HOUSE BEFORE THE SHOW AND WERE GREETED BY MORE THAN A HUNDRED WELL-WISHERS OUTSIDE THE THEATER, ABOUT THREE BLOCKS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, AND MORE IN THE LOBBY.

THEY STOPPED TO SHAKE MANY HANDS BEFORE MAKING THEIR WAY TO SEATS IN THE 9TH ROW OF THE ORCHESTRA. THE SHOW GOT STARTED A LITTLE LATE BECAUSE OF THE VISITORS.

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Fords, Rockefeller See 'Bubbling Brown Sugar'

Associated Press

An excited National Theater audience and a crowd outside in the street greeted President Ford and Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller and their wives last night as they attended the new musical revue, "Bubbling Brown Sugar."

Tight security drew attention to the appearance of the Fords and Rockefellers and they shook hands in the crowd as they made their way to orchestra seats.

The Rockefellers invited the Fords to see the show and the President had the Rockefellers in for dinner beforehand at the White House.

The Fords were given an ovation by the theater audience when they walked down the aisle to take front orchestra seats. They were applauded again when it was announced from the stage that Ford and Rockefeller were welcomed to the performance.

