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MRS. FORD ON NIXON

Re: "Final Days" New book by Woodward &  
Bernstein

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"The Final Days"

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# Designers Honor Betty Ford

## Eleni on Fashion: Cited for Her Support of the Industry

NEW YORK — Mrs. Gerald R. Ford said yesterday, "Nixon's Final Days," the new Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein book, "will be considered fiction" in days to come. In a brief question and answer session before being presented with the 1976 Parsons Award for her inspiration and support of the American fash-

nated at the school). Mrs. Ford was aware that such fashion greats as the late Norman Norell, Adrian and Clare McCardle, among many others, had attended the school that she said, "deserves its top, top reputation."

She always has been enthusiastic about American

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LAST DAYS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAYS SHE BELIEVES A CONTROVERSIAL NEW BOOK ON RICHARD M. NIXON'S LAST DAYS IN THE WHITE HOUSE WILL EVENTUALLY BE REGARDED AS FICTION, NOT FACT.

MRS. FORD ALSO SAID PORTIONS OF "THE FINAL DAYS," BY WASHINGTON POST REPORTERS BOB WOODWARD AND CARL BERNSTEIN, "COULD HAVE BEEN OMITTED."

"I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY NOT ONLY FOR MRS. NIXON BUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY," MRS. FORD COMMENTED DURING AN APPEARANCE IN NEW YORK MONDAY. "I FEEL BADLY THAT THINGS THAT ARE IN THE PAST AND GONE ARE STILL COMING OUT."

THE BOOK CLAIMS THAT BOTH NIXON AND HIS WIFE DRANK HEAVILY DURING THE WATERGATE SCANDAL THAT LED TO NIXON'S RESIGNATION IN AUGUST 1974. IT ALSO DEPICTS A DISTRAUGHT, SUICIDAL NIXON ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE WHO WEPT DURING A MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND POUNDED THE CARPET AS HE ASKED, "WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHAT HAS HAPPENED?"

KISSINGER GAVE THE BOOK POOR REVIEWS, SAYING MONDAY THAT EXCERPTS HE HAS SEEN FROM THE BOOK WERE DISTORTED AND INSENSITIVE.

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## Personalities

The Richard Nixons, of San Clemente, Calif., spent their Saturday night dining with the James Roosevelts of Corona del Mar, Calif., a re-



*Cicely Tyson, top left, took a 10-day break from filming "The Blue*

## Carter's Feeling the Southern Hospitality

By CLYDE HABERMAN

*N. Y. Post Correspondent*

ROANOKE, Va. — Jim Tucker, a librarian for the county, stood on the corner of Campbell Av. and Second St. here waiting for Jimmy



## Betty on *The Book*

SHE DOESN'T HEM & HAW  
AT PARSONS AWARD GALA

By ANNA QUINDLEN

The program read like a list of the finest labels Seventh Avenue has to offer: Donald Brooks, Albert Capraro, Kasper, Calvin Klein, Shannon Rodgers, Chester Weinberg, Betty Ford—

ceiving her prize—a miniature sterling silver replica of the Parsons table—the First Lady fielded questions about excerpts from their new book, which portrays former President Nixon as a distraught and drinking heavily during his last months in office.

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