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MRS. FORD

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A SPOKESMAN FOR RONALD REAGAN HAS DENIED A REMARK BY FIRST LADY BETTY FORD THAT THE REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER ONCE APPROACHED AMBASSADOR ANNE ARMSTRONG ABOUT RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH HIM BUT THAT MRS. ARMSTRONG DECLINED.

AT A NEW CONFERENCE IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, ON TUESDAY, AMBASSADOR ARMSTRONG SAID, "I HAVE NOT TALKED TO GOV. REAGAN AND I HAVE NOT SEEN ALL THE REGIONAL REPORTS FROM THE U.S. SO I REALLY HAVE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME. I AM A SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENT FORD."

MRS. ARMSTRONG WAS A SPECIAL COUNSELOR TO FORD BEFORE BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.

MRS. FORD DID NOT ELABORATE ON HER STATEMENT, MADE WHILE MEETING WITH REPORTERS DURING A WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

IN LOS ANGELES, REAGAN'S SPOKESMAN SAID, "NO THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE VICE PRESIDENCY."

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Mrs. Ford Says Envoy Rejected Reagan's Offer

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Betty Ford told reporters today that Ronald Reagan had approached Ambassador Anne Armstrong, former

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—The boffins at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena like to touch all bases. So, as a further guarantee that nothing will go wrong, they have invited, says program manager James S. Martin Jr.,

as a special guest (and perhaps technical consultant) for the landing Friday of Viking 2 on the planet Mars.

—By Jennings Parrott

Names/Faces

The Girls Talk It Over

Talking to Time Magazine, **Betty Ford** criticized **Nancy Reagan** for opposing the Equal Rights Amendment. "I just think," Betty said, "when Nancy met Ronnie that was it as far as her own life was concerned. She just fell apart at the





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Rudolf Nureyev and Christine Charlson in "Valentino," left, and Paul and Linda McCartney at the Rolling Stones concert.

Personalities

In a Time magazine interview pub. Among an estimated 250,000 rock fans

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Beatle Paul McCartney, his wife, Linda, and actor Jack Nicholson were

—Carla Hall

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BETTY-NANCY

NEW YORK (AP) -- BETTY FORD, CRITICAL OF NANCY REAGAN FOR OPPOSING THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, SAID IN A TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW, "I JUST THINK WHEN NANCY MET RONNIE THAT WAS IT AS FAR AS HER OWN LIFE WAS CONCERNED."

BUT MRS. REAGAN SAID SHE DISLIKES BEING TAGGED AS A HOMEBODY WHO DEFERS TO HER HUSBAND.

THE TWO WOMEN, WIVES OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND HIS UNSUCCESSFUL CHALLENGER, DISCUSSED THE CAMPAIGN IN INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED SUNDAY BY THE MAGAZINE.

MRS. FORD WAS QUOTED AS SAYING SHE BELIEVES MRS. REAGAN "JUST FELL APART AT THE SEAMS" WHEN SHE MET RONALD REAGAN.

MRS. REAGAN, ADMITTING THAT THE BRUTALITY OF POLITICS WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR HER TO HANDLE, SAID SHE NEVERTHELESS SPEAKS OUT ON THE ISSUES.

"WHEN I FIRST WENT INTO POLITICS, I WAS CONSTANTLY GETTING MY FEELINGS HURT," SHE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IF SOMEBODY KNOWS A WAY TO MAKE IT FEEL LESS PAINFUL, I WISH THEY'D TELL ME."

MRS. FORD SAID HER HUSBAND'S CAMPAIGN WORKERS "WERE NOT ORGANIZED EARLY ENOUGH AND WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHO TO BLAME, MAYBE THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF."

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