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DOUGLAS SUCCESSOR
BY MARGARET GENTRY

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SEARCHING FOR A NOMINEE TO THE SUPREME COURT, PRESIDENT FORD MAY TURN TO A LIST HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH WOMEN AND CONSERVATIVES.

FIRST LADY BETTY FORD HAS LOBBIED WITH HER HUSBAND IN THE PAST TO NOMINATE A WOMAN TO THE FIRST AVAILABLE VACANCY ON THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT.

THE VACANCY CAME WEDNESDAY WHEN JUSTICE WILLIAM DOUGLAS RETIRED DUE TO ILL HEALTH.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY THEY DON'T KNOW HOW FORD WILL GO ABOUT CHOOSING A NOMINEE FOR THE LIFETIME JOB, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.

BUT MRS. FORD'S PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF A WOMAN NOMINEE HAS PROMPTED LEGAL EXPERTS AND POLITICIANS TO SUGGEST SEVERAL POSSIBLE WOMEN CANDIDATES.

AMONG THEM ARE CARLA HILLS, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MARY COLEMAN; U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE SHIRLEY HUFSTEDLER OF LOS ANGELES; U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CORNELIA KENNEDY OF DETROIT; AND FORMER DEMOCRATIC REP. MARTHA GRIFFITHS OF MICHIGAN.

ATTY. GEN. EDWARD LEVI, TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY WILLIAM COLEMAN AND SENATE MINORITY WHIP ROBERT GRIFFIN ARE AMONG THE MEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE NOMINEES.

THERE ARE NO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING QUALIFICATIONS OF POSSIBLE SUPREME COURT NOMINEES, IN CONTRAST TO A RATHER RIGID SYSTEM FOR CHOOSING NOMINEES FOR OTHER FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS. EACH PRESIDENT IS LEFT TO DEVISE HIS OWN METHOD OF FILLING VACANCIES ON THE HIGH COURT.

"THIS IS THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST ONE AND I DON'T KNOW HOW HE WOULD GO ABOUT IT," SAID ONE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL.

AS THE SEVERITY OF DOUGLAS' ILLNESS FOLLOWING A STROKE BECAME MORE APPARENT IN RECENT MONTHS, FORD HAD BEEN QUESTIONED OCCASIONALLY ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS HE WOULD SEEK IN A SUCCESSOR.

HE HAS SIDESTEPED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD BECOME THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO NOMINATE A WOMAN, AND HE HAS SAID HE FEELS NO OBLIGATION TO CHOOSE A NOMINEE MATCHING DOUGLAS' DECIDEDLY LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY.

FORD ALSO HAS SAID HE LEANS TOWARD A YOUNGISH NOMINEE.

OF THE POTENTIAL WOMEN CANDIDATES, MRS. COLEMAN SEEMS TO FIT SEVERAL OF THE CRITERIA. AND SHE MAY HAVE A BONUS IN BEING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HOME STATE.

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Will Ford Name a Woman to Douglas Post?

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

President Ford is expected to move rapidly — and with a noncontroversial nominee, perhaps, a woman — to replace Justice William Douglas on the Supreme Court.

A prompt nomination of a person who would have little trouble in the Senate appears to be the only approach Ford could take to be assured of succeeding. The dramatic choice of history's first woman nominee would fit that approach. If the President does not offer a

"guaranteed" nominee, there is a strong possibility of a stall in the Senate by liberal Democrats that would keep his choice waiting at least until after Ford's own popularity has been tested in the New Hampshire presidential primary Feb. 24.

"The feeling here," a Senate Democratic source said last night, "is that if Ford goes under in the New Hampshire primary, his nominee will go under with him."

ALREADY, some Democrats are saying that the President has a Christmas deadline to get a new jus-

tice approved. He can meet even that deadline, some of these lawmakers insist, only if he proposes someone that would generate no particular controversy.

It is unknown how close the President is to making a final choice. Douglas' retirement yesterday, because of deteriorating health, was not a surprise to the White House, but few if any plans had been made about choosing a replacement.

White House staff members have been discussing, at least informally, possible replacements. A presidential aide said the President would

move "rapidly," but not immediately.

It is understood at this point that one member of Ford's Cabinet and one member of the Senate — both very likely to get swift approval — are prime candidates, if not in fact the leading ones.

THEY ARE Housing Secretary Carla A. Hills, 41, a former California lawyer and Justice Department official, and Sen. Robert P. Griffin, 52, a Michigan Republican, deputy Senate GOP leader, and an old friend and political counselor to Ford.

A third person considered at this

point to be almost as strong a prospect as Hills or Griffin is Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi, 64, a former law professor and president of the University of Chicago. He is Jewish — said to be an advantage — but his age and some conservative positions he has taken publicly might bring on a strong challenge.

Hills would be the first woman ever nominated to be a justice, and that fact alone would make her virtually unchallengeable, Senate sources say. Griffin is in the same category merely because he is a member of the Senate, and senators do not reject their brethren.

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"I have been bothered with incessant and demanding pain which depletes my energies to the extent that I have not been able to shoulder my full share of the burden."

Justice William O. Douglas

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Sheila Weidenfeld

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Douglas Quits Court on Advice of Doctors

Says Stroke Made It Impossible for Him to 'Shoulder My Full Share of the Burden'

BY LINDA MATHEWS
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Justice William O. Douglas resigned from the Supreme Court Wednesday on the advice of his doctors, ending a judicial career unprecedented in American history, both for its length and productivity.

The 77-year-old justice, who had served on the high court longer than any other man, said he was leaving the bench because the crippling stroke he suffered last Dec. 31 had made it impossible "to shoulder my full share of the burden."

Through a twist of fate, Douglas' resignation opened the way for the first Supreme Court nomination by President Ford, who, as House minority leader, had led an impeachment drive against Douglas five years ago.

For Ford, however, the vacancy may turn out to be more of a headache than a blessing. He will be under pressure to please his party's conservatives but, if he comes up with an undistinguished nominee, he could be subjected to criticism from other quarters, particularly the legal fraternity.

The President faces another problem—winning confirmation for his choice in a Senate dominated by Democrats. Any nominee undoubtedly will receive intensive scrutiny, particularly because Senate Democrats bristle at the idea of an unelected President making an appointment that could permanently tip the balance of power on the Supreme Court.

Within minutes of the Douglas announcement, key Democratic liberals said, off the record, that only a male nominee of unquestioned stature and

ability or a woman would stand much of a chance of being confirmed before next year's presidential election.

But if Ford nominates anyone "the least bit controversial," one source said, Senate Democrats probably would attempt to stall a floor vote on confirmation until after election day, 1976. A vote almost certainly would be delayed until it was clear whether Ford would be the Republican nominee for President, Democratic sources indicated.

The screening of potential candidates to succeed Douglas is being conducted by presidential legal counsel Phillip W. Buchen, and, according to Dep. Pres Secretary William L. Greener, the President hopes to submit a nominee to the Senate in "about a week."

Greener could offer no guidance on the criteria that will guide the search for a new justice or the number of candidates under consideration. He said that speculation that Ford might break with tradition by naming a woman was "just that, speculation," but he declined to rule out that possibility.

Women lawyers and judges figured prominently in the guessing, nevertheless, particularly because Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, press secretary to First Lady Betty Ford, told reporters Wednesday that Mrs. Ford planned to step up her lobbying efforts for a woman Supreme Court justice, who would be the first in history.

Among the women being mentioned are Carla Anderson Hills, sec-

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(NEW JUSTICE)

(BY JAMES KIDNEY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE WORKED INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS TODAY PREPARING ITS REPORT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF 11 MEN BEING CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT FORD TO SUCCEED WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS ON THE SUPREME COURT.

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, THE PANEL CHAIRMAN, SAID MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW NAMES "OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AT LEAST." AN ABA SPOKESMAN SAID "THEY HAVEN'T COMPLETED ANYTHING" AND MIGHT NOT FINISH UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

ABA RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NO BINDING EFFECT ON FORD, WHO MAY SELECT SOMEONE NOT ON THE LIST. BUT THE SENATE WILL SEEK AN ABA RECOMMENDATION ON WHOEVER IS NOMINATED.

THE LIST CONTAINS ONLY NAMES OF MEN, WHILE A CAMPAIGN HAS DEVELOPED AMONG WOMEN'S GROUPS TO PERSUADE FORD HE SHOULD NAME THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO THE COURT.

CHRISTOPHER SAID HE WOULD KEEP ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI ADVISED ON THE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS AS IT WORKED THROUGH THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

SUNDAY EVENING, CHRISTOPHER SAID ONLY ABOUT HALF THE NAMES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, AND, "WE'RE STILL FAR FROM COMPLETION."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE ABA STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL JUDICIARY WOULD TALK BY TELEPHONE, AND NO FURTHER MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED.

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CARLA HILLS

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MRS. HILLS WOULD BE THE FIRST WOMAN JUSTICE AT A TIME WHEN FEMINIST GROUPS AND FIRST LADY BETTY FORD ARE PUSHING FOR SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

SHE IS FROM CALIFORNIA, WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE THAT HAS EXISTED, SINCE DOUGLAS WAS FROM WASHINGTON STATE. SOME LIBERAL SENATORS QUESTIONED HER QUALIFICATIONS TO BE HUD SECRETARY, HAVE NOT BEEN HAPPY WITH HER PERFORMANCE, AND COULD OPPOSE HER NOMINATION ON GROUNDS SHE LACKS EXPERIENCE.

SHIRLEY HUFSTEDLER

A JUDGE OF THE 9TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, MRS. HUFSTEDLER, 50, HAS BEEN A STATE OR FEDERAL COURT JUDGE SINCE 1961. SHE IS A DEMOCRAT AND MIGHT BE MORE LIBERAL THAN FORD WOULD LIKE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS SAID HE DOESN'T THINK THE IDEOLOGICAL STANCE OF A JUSTICE CAN BE PREDICTED IN ADVANCE.

EDWARD M. LEVI

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AT 64, IS ONE OF THE OLDER PEOPLE TO BE MENTIONED FOR THE VACANCY. HE IS JEWISH. HIS APPOINTMENT, LIKE THAT OF GRIFFIN, WOULD MEAN THAT FOUR OF THE NINE JUSTICES WOULD BE FROM THE MIDWEST. HE WAS BORN IN CHICAGO AND IS A FORMER UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESIDENT.

VINCENT L. MCKUSICK

A PORTLAND, MAINE, ATTORNEY, MCKUSICK, 54, IS A REPUBLICAN AND WAS A CLERK TO THE LATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER. HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD REINSTATE A TRADITION, NOT FOLLOWED IN RECENT YEARS, OF HAVING A NEW ENGLANDER ON THE COURT.

DALLIN OAKS

PRESIDENT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, OAKS, LIKE DOUGLAS, IS A FORMER LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR. AT 43, HE WOULD BE THE YOUNGEST NOMINEE SINCE DOUGLAS WAS NAMED AT AGE 40. A MORMON, HE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE FIRST OF THAT FAITH ON THE COURT. HE WOULD BE THE SECOND CURRENT JUSTICE FROM THE MOUNTAIN STATES, JOINING BYRON R. WHITE OF COLORADO.

PAUL RONEY

A JUDGE OF THE 5TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN NEW ORLEANS, RONEY IS HIGHLY REGARDED AMONG HIS FELLOW JUDGES. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF A PANEL NOW WORKING ON CONTROVERSIAL GUIDELINES FOR RESTRICTING PRESS COVERAGE OF TRIALS. HE IS FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., AND WOULD BE THE SECOND JUSTICE FROM THE SOUTH, JOINING LEWIS F. POWELL JR. OF VIRGINIA.

JOHN PAUL STEVENS

A JUDGE OF THE 7TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS SINCE 1970, STEVENS IS A FORMER SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK AND SERVED IN 1951 AS ASSOCIATE COUNSEL OF A HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE. HE IS 55 YEARS OLD AND FROM CHICAGO.

J. CLIFFORD WALLACE

A JUDGE OF THE 9TH CIRCUIT, WALLACE IS FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AND HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD PRESERVE THE WEST COAST REPRESENTATION ON THE COURT.

ABA Gets List

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

President Ford and Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi talked over possible Supreme Court nominations yesterday, and Levi asked a lawyers' group to review a new list of candidates.

It was unclear today whether the new list was suggested by the President or his staff, or was a joint selection of his and Levi's or other presidential aides.

The number and the identity of those on the list were not disclosed.

The names were given to the American Bar Association's Committee on the Federal Judiciary, which on Monday has given Levi an "initial oral report" on 16 persons previously submitted for review.

ALTHOUGH the committee could act speedily again, as it did on the first list, the fact that more names were suggested to it may mean that Ford would not make his final selection this week.

It has been assumed that he would act quickly to find a replacement for retired Justice William O. Douglas, to reduce the possibility that Senate action might be delayed into the new year and thus become enmeshed in the presidential campaign.

The White House and Justice Department refused to describe the Ford-Levi conversations yesterday about the court vacancy. Only the fact that it was discussed was reported. Levi had gone to the White House supposedly to discuss other matters.

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The attorney general left Washington later in the day to go to Arizona to make a speech.

said there had been only limited contact by key senators with Ford on the nomination question.

The Steering Committee of conservative Senate Republicans has been offering reactions to the White House, by telephone, to names figuring in

whom are believed to have considerable support among senators.

McCLURE described Griffin yesterday as "everybody's second choice," and added that he did not think that was "a

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(NEW JUSTICE)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI HAS RECEIVED A RUNDOWN FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF POTENTIAL NOMINEES TO THE SUPREME COURT, SOURCES SAID TODAY.

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ABA COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE NAMES ON TWO SEPARATE LISTS OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, SUBMITTED AN ORAL REPORT TO LEVI AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OVER THE WEEKEND.

CHRISTOPHER, A LOS ANGELES LAWYER, HAS BRIEFED LEVI SEVERAL TIMES AS THE ABA COMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE NAMES.

THE FIRST LIST NAMED 11 MEN, INCLUDING SEN. ROBERT GRIFFIN, D-MICH., AND SOLICITOR GENERAL ROBERT BORK. LEVI WAS FILLED IN ON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS EARLY LAST WEEK.

A SECOND, SHORTER LIST, SUBMITTED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER ABA REVIEW, REPORTEDLY INCLUDES TWO WOMEN -- U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE CORNELIA G. KENNEDY OF DETROIT AND HOUSING SECRETARY CARLA HILLS.

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND BRIEFING WITH LEVI DEALT MAINLY WITH THE NAMES ON THE SECOND LIST, SOURCES SAID.

PRESIDENT FORD HOSTS THE ANNUAL DINNER FOR THE JUDICIARY TONIGHT. SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, CHIEF JUDGES FROM THE VARIOUS FEDERAL CIRCUITS AND THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF STATE SUPREME COURTS WILL ATTEND, BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FORD WAS EXPECTED ON HIS CHOICE FOR THE VACANT SEAT ON THE HIGH COURT.

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Levi Offers ABA Another List of Court Prospects

Woman Jurist Is Among Those Proposed; Names May More Closely Reflect Ford's Preferences

BY LINDA MATHEWS

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—The search for a new Supreme Court justice was expanded Tuesday as Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi submitted the names of additional prospects to the American Bar Assn. for study.

Although the list was confidential, The Times learned that it included at least one woman, U.S. Dist. Judge

the first list or that he had rejected those 11 prospects, sources said.

"The President just wants to cast a wide net," one source said. "Lots of names have been suggested to him and he wants to consider all serious candidates, in a thoughtful, deliberate way."

It was not known for sure how many names appear on the new list,

2 Women Now on Court Lists

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

The Ford administration reportedly has asked a lawyers' committee for its reaction to two women as possible Supreme Court nominees.

Sources on Capitol Hill said today that President Ford and Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi have submit-

Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee was scheduled to meet in closed session to discuss a proposal by four of its Democratic members that hearings be held later this week on the factors that ought to guide Ford in finding a successor to Douglas.

THE IDEA was mentioned only briefly at a committee meeting yesterday, and discussion of it was postponed until this afternoon.

Democratic Sens. Philip A. Hart, Edward M. Kennedy, Birch Bayh and James Abourezk offered the proposal, saying that the Senate should not only con-

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The Nominee: Women Left Off Bar List?

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

An American Bar Association committee is expected to meet this weekend to discuss its reaction to a list of possible Supreme Court nominees submitted to it by the Ford administration.

The 12-member ABA committee probably will give its views, at least in preliminary form, no later than

There has been heavy speculation here that Ford would nominate a woman — the first in history. His wife, Betty, has been putting public pressure on him to do so, and she continued to apply that pressure in a meeting with reporters yesterday.

The names reported by The Times as being on the list included Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., the deputy GOP leader in the Senate; Rep.

Successor to Justice Douglas

Speculation Focuses on Women

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By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

While there is no indication that President Ford has a specific successor in mind for William O. Douglas, there is a widespread belief in the White House and Washington legal circles that he will take advantage of the vacancy to name the first woman justice

"You'd have to place a big bet on Carla Hills," said one well placed Washington attorney, in a reference to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the only woman in Mr. Ford's Cabinet.

But there also was frequent mention for two other women—Rita Hauser and Betty Southard Murphy,

Labor Relations Board.

Hauser, a New York attorney with the firm of Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, is the former U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

All three women are Republicans. Two other women who were mentioned but are considered less likely

ask him to name a woman to the high court.

"I got a woman into the Cabinet," she said. "I never give up. I'm working on getting a woman on the Supreme Court as soon as possible. I always have it in the back of my mind."

In a brief exchange with reporters yesterday the President acknowledged that



Associated Press photo
William O. Douglas as he left home in capital yesterday.

Court Pick Seen In a 'Few Weeks'

By JEFFREY ANTEVIL

Washington, Nov. 13 (News Bureau)—White House officials said today that President Ford feels it is urgent to restore the Supreme Court to full strength as quickly as possible and is likely to name a successor to retired Associate Justice William O. Douglas "within the next few weeks."

Ford's White House counsel, Philip Buchen, said that the President would make his selection from a wide-ranging list of names submitted from many sources. Buchen and Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen

and juvenile court judge for 12 years before she won election to the state supreme court by an overwhelming margin in Nov. 1972. She is married to Calhoun County (Mich.) Circuit Judge Creighton R. Coleman.

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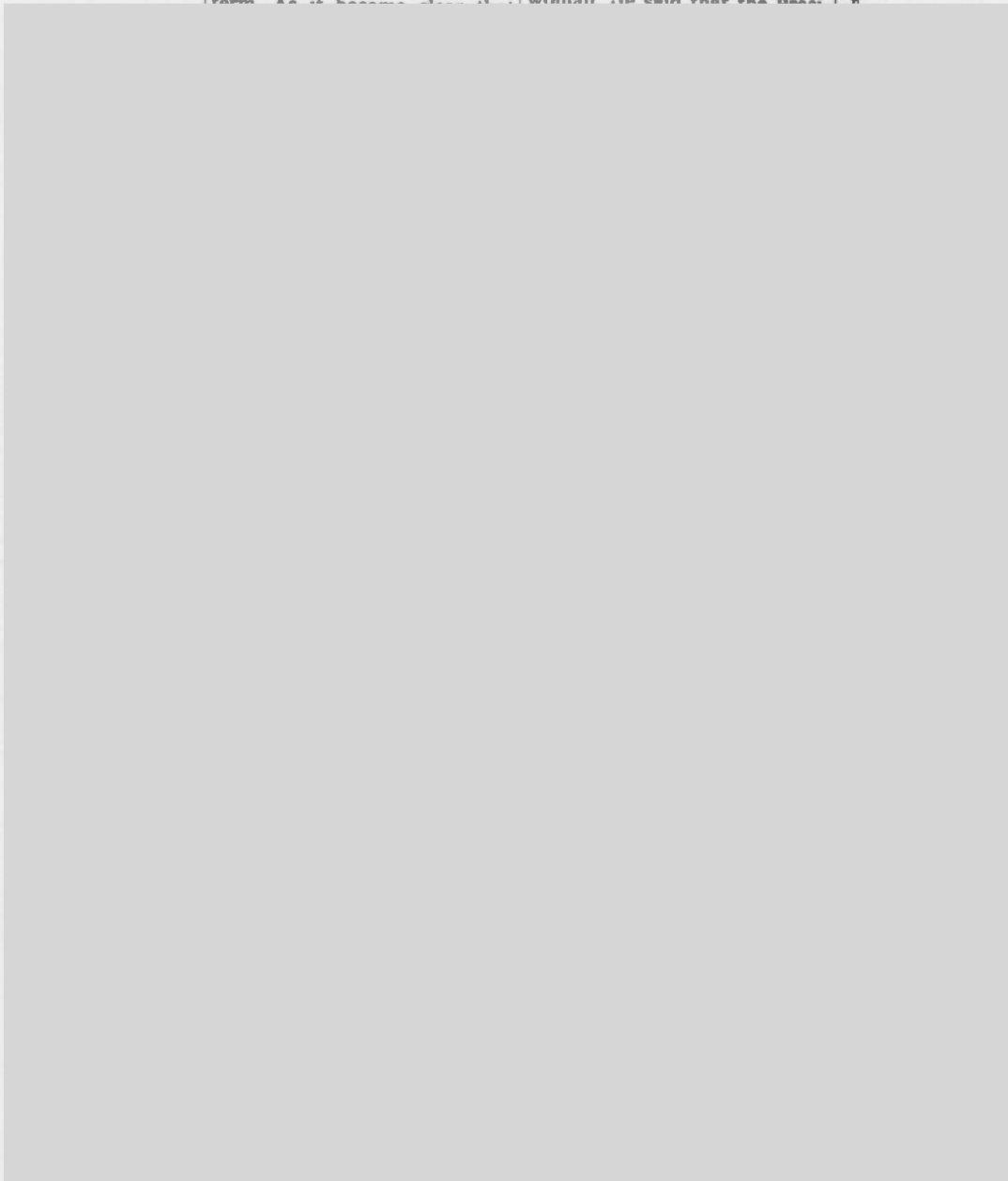
By **NICHOLAS M. HORROCK**
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12— President Ford is "actively" considering appointing a woman to succeed Justice William O. Douglas on the Supreme Court, according to highly placed Administration sources.

These sources said that an "important factor" was that Betty Ford has long urged her husband to appoint the first woman Justice should a vacancy occur during Mr. Ford's term. As it happens, the

of the candidate were to be made entirely on the basis of legal qualifications, the nominee probably would not be a woman. But Supreme Court appointments traditionally have satisfied a mixture of political and legal criteria.

Richard B. Cheney, chief of the White House staff, however, said it was "sheer speculation" to suggest that Mr. Ford was likely to appoint a woman. He said that the Presi-



... source said that if the selection integrity."

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(NEW JUSTICE)

(BY JAMES KIDNEY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEVERAL TOP CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANT SEAT ON THE SUPREME COURT WERE SUMMONED TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY, NOT TO END THEIR NERVOUS ANTICIPATION ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S CHOICE, BUT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE JUDICIARY.

ABOUT 120 PERSONS, INCLUDING MOST OF THE SUPREME COURT'S CURRENT JUSTICES, CHIEF CIRCUIT JUDGES AND THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF STATE SUPREME COURTS WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

INCLUDED ON THE GUEST LIST WERE ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI, HIS DEPUTY, HAROLD TYLER, AND SOLICITOR GENERAL ROBERT BORK. ALL THREE HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE HIGH COURT SEAT RESIGNED BY WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THAT FORD WOULD ANNOUNCE HIS CHOICE FOR THE BENCH AT THE DINNER DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER AND OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY.

FORD WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS PRAISING THE FEDERAL COURTS, AND BURGER WOULD RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIARY, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID.

MEANWHILE, AN OFFICIAL AT THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION INDICATED THAT A SPECIAL ABA COMMITTEE VIRTUALLY HAD COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF ABOUT 20 NAMES ON TWO LISTS OF POTENTIAL COURT NOMINEES.

AMONG THOSE ON THE LIST, ASIDE FROM LEVI, BORK AND TYLER, ARE SEN. ROBERT GRIFFIN, R-MICH., SEVERAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND TWO WOMEN, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE CORNELIA KENNEDY OF DETROIT AND HOUSING SECRETARY CARLA HILLS.

THE ABA SPOKESMAN SAID "THE BALL IS NOW WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT," MEANING LEVI NOW HAD THE ABA'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND WOULD GIVE THEM TO THE PRESIDENT. FORD IS NOT OBLIGED EVEN TO CONSIDER WHAT THE ABA HAD TO SAY ABOUT EACH NAME OR SELECT HIS NOMINEE FROM THE LISTS.

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A Woman Justice Might Be All Right, but Vice President?

BY GEORGIE ANNE GEYER

ROCKFORD, Ill.—They are well-dressed and largely conservative, the 1,000 members of the prestigious, 57-year-old Rockford Women's Club. They are definitely world-conscious but they are also happy in their homes.

No women's libbers here!
But when I spoke here last week in their elegant clubhouse in this quintessentially all-American city on the plains, it was clear (again) that many well-meaning and not-so-well-meaning people are totally missing the depth of feeling about women among women.

When I asked the audience how many

only divide the country more than it would aid the cause of justice. But then there are other important arguments—and these are the ones I lean to.


In terms of changing present lines and layers of prejudice and discrimination, you come to a time when it is necessary to pave the way with a first, dramatic change. In terms of the Supreme Court, this is particularly important today, when most law schools have 40% and even 50% women students, and many of the class leaders are women.

But there are also important subtleties that have not been taken into consideration.

The Nation

Gurney Decries 'Get Gurney' Fixation

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Former Sen. Edward J. Gurney says the governments's decision to retry him on two criminal charges is an "enormous disparity of



Ford Challenged to Appoint a Woman

NASHVILLE — Gov. Roy Blanton, in naming a woman to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, has challenged President Ford to name a woman as a Supreme Court justice to fill the vacancy created by

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COURT NOMINEE (TOPS ALL PREVIOUS)

BY W. DALE NELSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A LAWYERS' COMMITTEE SCREENING POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT NOMINEES COMPLETED THE FIRST STAGE OF ITS WORK TODAY, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN WHEN RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT GO TO PRESIDENT FORD. MEANWHILE, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SAID HE HOPES THE PRESIDENT WILL NOMINATE A WOMAN.

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MET UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT MAKING ITS INITIAL REVIEW OF 12 NAMES SUGGESTED AS REPLACEMENTS FOR JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, WHO RETIRED LAST WEEK BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WARREN CHRISTOPHER OF LOS ANGELES, IN A TENTATIVE REPORT TO ATT. GEN. EDWARD LEVI FOR TODAY, SAID PANEL MEMBERS WOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOME CITIES FOR CONTINUED INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE BACKGROUNDS AND LEGAL REPUTATIONS OF THE POTENTIAL NOMINEES.

AN ABA SPOKESMAN SAID NO RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO LEVI OR FORD. "THE PROCESS WILL GO ON," HE SAID. "THEY (THE COMMITTEE) MAY OR MAY NOT MEET AGAIN."

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD TOLD REPORTERS THE APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED WOMAN IS "LONG, LONG OVERDUE". "WOMEN COMPRISE 52 TO 53 PER CENT OF THE ELECTORATE, MANSFIELD SAID. "I SEE NO REASON WHY THERE SHOULD BE ANY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN APPOINTMENT TO THE COURT OR ANYTHING ELSE." MANSFIELD SAID HE IS CERTAIN THERE ARE PLENTY OF WOMEN QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

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(DOUGLAS REPLACEMENT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- WHILE PRESSURE FROM WOMEN MOUNTED FOR A FEMALE ON THE SUPREME COURT, PRESIDENT FORD'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY FORD WILL CHOOSE "THE BEST QUALIFIED PERSON HE CAN FIND" TO REPLACE AILING WILLIAM DOUGLAS ON THE HIGH BENCH.

"HE WILL DO IT WITH GREAT DELIBERATION," WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS.

FORD CONSIDERS SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS A PRESIDENT IS CALLED UP ON TO MAKE," SAID NESSEN, ADDING THAT THE CHOICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID EARLIER THE NOMINATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

"I DON'T THINK HE (FORD) HAS HAD TIME TO DRAW UP A LIST," SAID NESSEN.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER SAID TODAY THERE ARE ONLY FOUR FULL-TIME, ACTIVE WOMEN JUDGES IN THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THEY ARE SHIRLEY HUFSTEDLER, THE HIGHEST RANKING OF THE FOUR, WHO SITS ON THE 9TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS; CONSTANCE MOTLEY, A DISTRICT JUDGE IN NEW YORK CITY; CORNELIA KENNEDY, A DISTRICT JUDGE IN DETROIT; AND JUNE GREEN, WHO SITS ON THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT

SEVERAL STATES HAVE WOMEN ON THEIR SUPREME COURTS, INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA AND MICHIGAN.

WHOEVER SUCCEEDS DOUGLAS WILL PLAY AN UNUSUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE FOR A NEWCOMER TO THE SUPREME COURT, BECAUSE A LARGE NUMBER OF MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES ARE UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

TWO CURRENT JUSTICES -- BYRON WHITE AND POTTER STEWART -- ARE CONSIDERED "SWING" VOTERS, SOMETIMES SIDING WITH THE FOUR JUSTICES CONSIDERED CONSERVATIVE AND SOMETIMES WITH THE TWO REMAINING LIBERALS. A THIRD "SWING" VOTER COULD THUS WIELD EXCEPTIONAL INFLUENCE.

AMONG THE MAJOR ISSUES THE COURT HAS ACCEPTED FOR DECISION THIS TERM ARE:

-- WHETHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS CAN REFUSE TO ADMIT MINORITY APPLICANTS.

-- WHETHER WOMEN ARE ENTITLED TO PREGNANCY BENEFITS AS PART OF AN EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARE PLAN.

-- THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE 1974 FEDERAL CAMPAIGN SPENDING ACT. THE COURT HAS ALREADY HEARD ARGUMENTS ON THAT CASE.

-- WHETHER AN EMPLOYER GUILTY OF PAST EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION MUST MOVE MINORITY EMPLOYEES AHEAD OF WHITES ON THE SENIORITY LISTS. THIS CASE, TOO, HAS ALREADY BEEN ARGUED THIS TERM.

-- WHETHER EITHER PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR MINORS OR CONSENT OF THE HUSBAND ARE REQUIRED BEFORE A WOMAN CAN OBTAIN AN ABORTION.

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THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS TODAY CALLED ON FORD TO APPOINT A WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT AND SUBMITTED A LIST OF 16 POTENTIAL CANDIDATES -- INCLUDING THREE FEDERAL JUDGES, FOUR LEGAL SCHOLARS AND NINE WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

THE CAUCUS' REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE MEANWHILE SUBMITTED A SEPARATE LIST OF FOUR NAMES, INCLUDING ELLEN PETERS OF YALE LAW SCHOOL, HUD SECRETARY CARLA HILLS, FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE CORNELIA KENNEDY OF MICHIGAN AND SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE SYLVIA BACON OF WASHINGTON.

ALL BUT JUDGE BACON WERE INCLUDED ON THE FULL CAUCUS LIST. THE OTHERS WERE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT JUDGE SHIRLEY HUFSTEDLER OF CALIFORNIA, FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE CONSTANCE MOTLEY OF NEW YORK, RUTH BADER GINSBERG OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, HERMA HILL KAY OF BERKLEY LAW SCHOOL, SOIA MENTSCHIKOFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW SCHOOL, FORMER REP. MARTHA GRIFFITHS, D-MICH, AND SEVEN CONGRESSWOMEN.

THE CONGRESSWOMEN WERE BELLA ABZUG, D-N.Y.; YVONNE B. BURKE, D-CALIF; MARGARET HECKLER, R-MASS., ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, D-N.Y., BARBARA JORDAN, D-TEX., PATSY MINK, D-HAWAII; PAT SCHRODER, D-COLO.

FRANCES "SISSY" FARENTHOLD, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUCUS ADVISORY BOARD, COMMENTED THAT FORD "HAS AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY" TO APPOINT THE FIRST WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT. "WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT HE WILL BE JUDICIOUS IN HIS SELECTION, MAKING SKILL, INTELLECT AND INTEGRITY THE ONLY CRITERIA."

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SUPREME COURT NOMINEES(NL)

BY PEGGY SIMPSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT FORD TO NAME A WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT WAS STEPPED UP TODAY, AND A LAWYERS COMMITTEE SCREENING POTENTIAL NOMINEES COMPLETED THE FIRST STAGE OF ITS WORK.

BUT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD WHEN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S COMMITTEE WOULD SEND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO FORD. IT MET UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY SCREENING A DOZEN NAMES AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS TO JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, MEANWHILE, SUBMITTED A LIST OF 16 WOMEN JUDGES, LEGAL SCHOLARS AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE WHO IT SAID HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES.

AND JILL RUCKELSHAUS, WHO HEADS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR COMMISSION, SENT FORD A LETTER URGING HIM "IN THE NAME OF SIMPLE JUSTICE TOO LONG DENIED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE A WOMAN AT LAST ON THE SUPREME COURT."

WARREN CHRISTOPHER OF LOS ANGELES, HEAD OF THE ABA COMMITTEE, SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL MAKE A PRELIMINARY REPORT TO ATTY. GEN. EDWARD BREWSTER TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE BACKGROUND AND LEGAL REPUTATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUALS.

INCLUDED IN THE WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS LIST WERE CARLA HILLS, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND A REPUBLICAN, AND SHIRLEY HUFSTEDLER, A DEMOCRAT WHO IS A JUDGE ON THE 9TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

BOTH ARE CALIFORNIANS AND BOTH ARE REPORTED AMONG THE PERSONS BEING SCRUTINIZED BY THE ABA.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESIDENT RUTH CLUSEN SENT FORD A TELEGRAM SAYING, "WE JOIN WITH BETTY FORD IN URGING YOU TO APPOINT A WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT TO SUCCEED JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS. THERE IS, AS YOU KNOW, NO SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED WOMEN WHO COULD FULFILL THIS IMPORTANT POST. SUCH AN HISTORIC ACT WOULD REAFFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT WOMEN ARE ABLE TO SHOULDER THE BURDENS OF HIGH OFFICE AND SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING JUSTICE FOR ALL AMERICANS."

DR. DOROTHY HEIGHT, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, SAID THE VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN THE COUNCIL WERE SENDING TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF A WOMAN.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, DR. MARJORIE BELL CHAMBERS OF LOS ALAMOS, N.M., NOTED THAT THE ACTION PLAN ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY CALLED FOR WOMEN TO BE INTEGRATED INTO ALL LEVELS OF THE NATIONAL LIFE. SHE SAID APPOINTING A WOMAN TO THE COURT WOULD BE A NECESSARY STEP FOR SUCH INTEGRATION AND NOTED MANY OTHER NATIONS HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT.

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BULLETIN

FORD-NOMINEE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAS CHOSEN U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN PAUL STEVENS OF CHICAGO TO SUCCEED RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

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TERHORST

By J. F. TERHORST

Stevens Could Make a Difference

Washington—No public office in America offers one a greater opportunity to take the long view of the affairs of the republic than the U.S. Supreme Court. That opportunity, to be creative instead of merely conformist, now has been extended to John Paul Stevens.

Justice Stevens has joined the high court in a propitious manner and at a propitious moment.



In the two weeks that his nomination was before the Senate, it was evident to even the most activist liberals that President Ford had indeed made a superior choice. Stevens' credentials of intellect, personal character and temperament, plus five years' experience on the Appellate Court in Chicago, were quite unassailable. So the 55-year-old jurist sailed through, except for a quibble here and there, in sharp contrast to the Senate fights over the Haynsworth and Carswell nominations.

But the consensus on Stevens' qualifications does more than give him a good start among his eight seniors on the bench.

UP-045

(DOUGLAS REPLACEMENT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WILL CONSULT MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND OTHER GROUPS BEFORE NAMING A REPLACEMENT TO RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN, TALKING WITH REPORTERS EN ROUTE TO DURHAM, N.C., GAVE NO FIRM COMMITMENT THAT FORD WOULD ABIDE BY ANY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. FORD WAS IN THE SOUTH FOR A SERIES OF REPUBLICAN APPEARANCES.

A NUMBER OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESSING FORD TO APPOINT THE FIRST WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT IN HISTORY. NESSEN DID NOT SAY WHETHER WOMEN'S GROUPS WOULD BE AMONG THOSE CONSULTED BUT HE SAID FORD DOES NOT HAVE "AN INCLUSIVE LIST OF CANDIDATES."

NESSEN SAID FORD HAD NOT MADE ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE ABA BUT HE UNDERSTOOD ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI "IS CONSULTING WITH MEMBERS OF THE BAR AND THE PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY WILL CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE BAR WHEN HE MAKES HIS DECISION."

LEVI HAS SHOWN SOME NAMES TO FORD "AS PART OF THE PROCESS" OF ASSISTING IN REPLACING THE AILING DOUGLAS, WHO RETIRED WEDNESDAY AFTER 35 YEARS ON THE HIGH BENCH.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW WIDE A NET HE (FORD) IS CASTING," SAID NESSEN, AND REITERATED THURSDAY'S STATEMENT THAT FORD WOULD PICK "THE BEST QUALIFIED PERSON."

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DOUGLAS (TOPS N030)

BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- WITH PRESIDENT FORD DESCRIBED AS "VERY EAGER" TO START CONSIDERING A SUCCESSOR TO RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, ATTY. GEN. EDWARD H. LEVI TODAY SENT A LIST OF POTENTIAL NOMINEES TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FOR A REVIEW OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT HAVEL SAID THE LIST WAS PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. HE SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE THE NAMES PUBLIC OR SAY HOW MANY ARE ON THE LIST OR WHETHER THEY ARE MEN OR WOMEN.

LEVI'S ACTION AMOUNTS TO A REVIVAL OF A SYSTEM ADOPTED BY SEVERAL FORMER PRESIDENTS OF SUBMITTING NAMES OF POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT NOMINEES TO THE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR SCREENING BEFORE FORMALLY SUBMITTING A NOMINATION TO THE SENATE.

LEVI TOLD ABA OFFICIALS THEY "COULD ADD ONE OR TWO NAMES TO THE LIST IF THEY WANT TO," HAVEL SAID.

EARLIER TODAY, DOUGLAS SAID HE HOPES TO BE REMEMBERED AS "SOMEONE WHO MADE THE EARTH A LITTLE MORE BEAUTIFUL."

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RUMSFELD LEAD

BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE TODAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF DONALD H. RUMSFELD TO BECOME SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHN STENNIS, D-MISS., SAID AFTER THE 16-0 VOTE THAT HE EXPECTS THE SENATE TO ACT ON THE NOMINATION NEXT WEEK.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION PRAISING FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES R. SCHLESINGER FOR "EXCELLENCE IN OFFICE, INTELLECTUAL HONESTY ... COURAGE AND INDEPENDENCE."

RUMSFELD TOLD THE PANEL THAT PRESIDENT FORD PLANS A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE "SO ANY DIFFERENCE WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE HIM IN A TIMELY MANNER."

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NOMINEES

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five federal circuit judges: Arlin M. Adams, Paul H. Roney, John Paul Stevens, J. Clifford Wallace and William H. Webster.

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania strongly endorsed Griffin and Judge Adams in a letter to the President yesterday. He said his choice after Adams, among persons not in Congress, would be Housing Secretary

review by the ABA committee marked the first time since 1971 that an administration has been willing to do that. President Richard M. Nixon stopped the practice after the ABA criticized two of his possible nominees in 1971. Neither was nominated.

Justices Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist, Nixon's last successful nominees, were reviewed by the ABA committee only after Nixon had already announced he was nominating them.

ABA President Lawrence

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DOUGLAS SUCCESSOR (TOPS N12)
BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS "VERY EAGER" TO START CONSIDERING A SUCCESSOR TO RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS AND EXPECTS THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS, THE PRESIDENT'S COUNSEL SAID TODAY.

THE COUNSEL, PHILIP BUCHEN, SAID THE LIST OF POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS IN PUBLIC SPECULATION SO FAR IS "TOO NARROW." BUT HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT FORD MIGHT BE THINKING ABOUT APPOINTING THE FIRST WOMAN JUSTICE IN SUPREME COURT HISTORY.

BUCHEN SAID FORD WILL "MOVE JUST AS FAST AS HE REASONABLY CAN" IN NAMING DOUGLAS' SUCCESSOR. THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT THE APPOINTMENT TO "DRAG ON," BUCHEN SAID, BECAUSE HE CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO RESTORE THE COURT TO ITS FULL OPERATING STRENGTH.

THE COUNSEL SAID THE COURT HAS BEEN "SOMEWHAT DISABLED BY JUSTICE DOUGLAS' ILLNESS." HE DESCRIBED THE PRESIDENT AS "VERY EAGER TO GET ON WITH IT."

FORD WILL BE EXPECTING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE "INPUT IN WHATEVER WAY THEY DESIRE" IN SUGGESTING A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT, BUCHEN SAID.

HE SAID THE GROUP OF POSSIBLE SUCESSORS IN PUBLIC SPECULATION SO FAR IS "FAR TOO NARROW A LIST" AND THAT FORD WILL BE MAKING HIS DECISION FROM A LARGER RANGE OF SUGGESTED NAMES.

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WASHN - ADD DOUGLAS (N153)

TWO OTHERS WHO FIGURE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL SPECULATION ARE FEDERAL JUDGE CORNELIA KENNEDY AND FORMER REP. MARTHA GRIFFITHS, BOTH OF DETROIT.

SENATE SOURCES SAID SEN. GRIFFIN, A CLOSE FRIEND AND FREQUENT FORD ADVISER, HAS SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE NOMINATION GO TO A WOMAN.

FORD'S NOMINATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE.

FIRST LADY BETTY FORD HAD SAID SHE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE PRESIDENT TO PUT A WOMAN ON THE HIGH COURT, WHERE NONE HAS EVER SERVED.

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN E. BURGER SAID DOUGLAS' RETIREMENT ENDS A UNIQUE CAREER THAT SPANNED THE SERVICE OF FIVE CHIEF JUSTICES "AND SETS A RECORD THAT MAY NEVER BE EQUALED."

BURGER SAID THAT IN RETIREMENT, DOUGLAS -- AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN UNTIL HIS STROKE -- MIGHT FOREGO CLIMBING PHYSICAL MOUNTAINS FOR TACKLING THE MOUNTAINS IN THE WORLD OF IDEAS.

BARRETT MCGURN, COURT INFORMATION OFFICER, SAID DOUGLAS MADE THE DECISION TO RETIRE ON HIS OWN, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IN HIS CHAMBERS, AND MCGURN ADDED, "NONE OF THE JUSTICES SUGGESTED IT TO HIM."

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FORD EXPECTS WIFE TO URGE WOMAN JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Ford said Wednesday that his wife Betty probably would ask him to re-

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(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS LIKELY TO NAME HIS CHOICE TO FILL THE SUPREME COURT VACANCY BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHINA THIS WEEKEND, AIDES SAID WEDNESDAY. THEY SUGGESTED THE NOMINATION COULD COME FRIDAY.

IN ADVANCE OF A TELEVISED THANKSGIVING EVE NEWS CONFERENCE AT 7:30 P.M. EST, AIDES SAID FORD WAS "VERY UNLIKELY" TO ANNOUNCE HIS SELECTION FOR A SUCCESSOR TO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, WHO RESIGNED TWO WEEKS AGO.

THEY INDICATED THE FIELD HAD NARROWED CONSIDERABLY AND SAID THE FBI RAN CHECKS ON SEVERAL CANDIDATES. BUT THE AIDES NOTED FORD NEED NOT WAIT FOR FBI INVESTIGATION OF SOME PERSONS KNOWN TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION WHO ALREADY WERE CLEARED FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT JOBS. AMONG THEM ARE ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI AND SOLICITOR GENERAL ROBERT BORK.

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM HIS WIFE BETTY AND WOMEN'S GROUPS TO NAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO THE HIGH COURT.

FORD SPENT MOST OF THE DAY MEETING WITH HIS ADVISERS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. HE ALSO REVIEWED THE LATEST FIGURES ON HIS PROPOSED 1977 FISCAL YEAR FEDERAL BUDGET.

MEANWHILE, IT APPEARED UNLIKELY FORD WOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT A NEW COMPROMISE ENERGY BILL BEFORE HIS PACIFIC JOURNEY. THE MEASURE WAS DRAFTED BY HOUSE AND SENATE NEGOTIATORS, BUT A WRITTEN VERSION STILL HAD NOT REACHED HIS DESK. FORD'S ADVISERS WERE DIVIDED ON WHETHER HE SHOULD SIGN OR VETO THE BILL.

THE PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE DAUGHTER SUSAN, 18, WILL FLY TO FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, SATURDAY MORNING ON THE FIRST LEG OF A 10-DAY TRIP THAT WILL INCLUDE A FOUR-DAY STAY IN CHINA BEFORE VISITS TO INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND HAWAII, THE LAST STOP BEFORE A DEC. 3 RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

IN FAIRBANKS, FORD WILL INSPECT THE ALASKAN PIPELINE SITE SATURDAY AND IN THE EVENING HE WILL ATTEND A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SEN. TED STEVENS, R-ALASKA.

ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS PACIFIC TOUR -- AIMED AT SHORING UP U.S. INTERESTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA -- FORD WILL BEAR DOWN ON HIS DOMESTIC PROGRAM BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR VAIL, COLO., FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, DEC. 24.

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(REBOZO)

NEW YORK (UPI) -- THIEVES WHO BROKE INTO AUTHOR THOMAS MANHATTAN APARTMENT THIS MONTH WERE AFTER HIS ONLY

Ford Party for Judges Includes Some Surprises

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

President and Mrs. Ford last night entertained a houseful of judges, including a roomful of potential Supreme Court nominees.

The White House guest list for a dinner for the federal judiciary included the names of at least 22 persons who might be considered in the running for the vacancy left by the

H. Orrick Jr., Charles B. Renfrew, and John M. Wisdom.

Some possible reasons for inviting a few of these judges included their ties to Michigan — the President's home state — or their past Republican affiliations.

Engel, a Michigan judge, is the son of a former congressman whom Ford succeeded in the House of Representatives. McCree is a well known judge on the Circuit Court in



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Douglas Quits Court on Advice of Doctors

Says Stroke Made It Impossible for Him to 'Shoulder My Full Share of the Burden'

BY LINDA MATHEWS
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Justice William O. Douglas resigned from the Supreme Court Wednesday on the advice of his doctors, ending a judicial career unprecedented in American history, both for its length and productivity.

The 77-year-old justice, who had served on the high court longer than any other man, said he was leaving the bench because the crippling stroke he suffered last Dec. 31 had made it impossible "to shoulder my full share of the burden."

Through a twist of fate, Douglas' resignation opened the way for the first Supreme Court nomination by President Ford, who, as House minority leader, had led an impeachment drive against Douglas five years ago.

For Ford, however, the vacancy may turn out to be more of a headache than a blessing. He will be under pressure to please his party's conservatives but, if he comes up with an undistinguished nominee, he could be subjected to criticism from other quarters, particularly the legal fraternity.

The President faces another problem—winning confirmation for his choice in a Senate dominated by Democrats. Any nominee undoubtedly will receive intensive scrutiny, particularly because Senate Democrats bristle at the idea of an unelected President making an appointment that could permanently tip the balance of power on the Supreme Court.

ability, or a woman would stand much of a chance of being confirmed before next year's presidential election.

But if Ford nominates anyone "the least bit controversial," one source said, Senate Democrats probably would attempt to stall a floor vote on confirmation until after election day, 1976. A vote almost certainly would be delayed until it was clear whether Ford would be the Republican nominee for President, Democratic sources indicated.

The screening of potential candidates to succeed Douglas is being conducted by presidential legal counsel Philip W. Buchen, and, according to Dep. Pres. Secretary William L. Greener, the President hopes to submit a nominee to the Senate in "about a week."

Greener could offer no guidance on the criteria that will guide the search for a new justice or the number of candidates under consideration. He said that speculation that Ford might break with tradition by naming a woman was "just that, speculation," but he declined to rule out that possibility.

Women lawyers and judges figured prominently in the guessing, nevertheless, particularly because Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, press secretary to First Lady Betty Ford, told reporters Wednesday that Mrs. Ford planned to step up her lobbying efforts for a woman Supreme Court justice, who would be the first woman to serve on the high court.

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The National Women's Political Caucus today nominated sixteen women to fill the seat of retiring Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. The women, both Republicans and Democrats, include three federal judges, four legal scholars, and nine women in public life including members of the Cabinet and United States Congress.

Commenting on the list, NWPC National Chairwoman Audrey Rowe Colom said, "Our selection was based on merit and outstanding ability in the field of law. Clearly, any one of these women would serve with distinction on the nation's highest court."

"President Ford has an unprecedented opportunity to appoint the first woman to the United States Supreme Court," said Frances Sissy Farenthold, Chairwoman of the NWPC Advisory Board. "We are hopeful that he will be judicious in his selection, making skill, intellect, and integrity the only criteria."

(Copy of letter to President Ford enclosed.)



National Women's Political Caucus

November 14, 1975

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President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

Pursuant to our telegram to you yesterday urging that you appoint a woman to the Supreme Court, we are submitting the following names for your consideration. Each of the women herein named has distinguished herself in the legal field, either as a judge, legal scholar, or in public life. We do not wish to rank them, because we believe that each would be an asset to the Court and each is worthy of appointment.

Federal District Court Judges

Shirley Mount Hufstедler
Cornelia Kennedy
Constance Baker Motley

Legal Scholars

Ruth Bader Ginsberg
Ellen Peters
Herma Hill Kay
Soia Mentschikoff

Women in Public Life

Carla Hills
Martha Griffiths
Bella Abzug
Yvonne B. Burke
Margaret Heckler
Elizabeth Holtzman
Barbara Jordan
Patsy Mink
Pat Schroeder

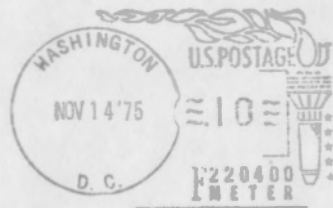
Thank you for your serious consideration of these women.

Sincerely,

Audrey Rowe Colom
National Chairwoman

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