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## IN HER OWN WORDS

After World Wars I and II and Korea, Americans were quick to adopt the orphans of the battlefield. Vietnam has produced the same loving, charitable reaction. For three weeks, as the military situation in South Vietnam worsened, a baby lift brought some 1,400 children to adoptive families in the U.S. The total may reach 2,000 as orphans continue to arrive in the U.S. but at a slower rate.

Although the issue is understandably emotional, a few experts have carefully weighed the pros and cons of such cross-cultural adoptions. Among the most articulate is psychologist Edith Lord, 67, a University of Miami professor who spent 14 years in Africa and the Philippines as a human resources officer with the State Department. Author of 28 psychological and cultural texts and a great-grandmother, Dr. Lord discussed the rush to adopt with Andy Taylor for PEOPLE.

**W**hat is behind the huge American demand for Vietnamese orphans?

Believe me, I am for babies. And I realize that most of the adoptive parents have waited a year or more for a Vietnamese orphan. But their motivations are varied. Some are the healthy motivations of emotionally mature people. But there are also unhealthy motivations. The media have pretty much made Americans feel terribly guilty about the Vietnam war: it's our fault. We destroyed the country. We killed the mamas and the papas. Now look at the poor babies. Having made us feel guilty, the media now come around and say, "Here's a way to assuage your guilt: take a baby." That, I'm afraid, is not a very healthy motivation. I've seen pictures of people greeting these orphans, and I am concerned about those who seem to look at them as toys, something to play with. This is meeting the needs of what I call "carnivorous parents."

*Who are these carnivorous parents?*

These are parents who emotionally feed on their children—who don't necessarily have to be orphans. It's a kind of role reversal, the parent expecting the

child to meet the parent's emotional needs, rather than the parent seeing himself as the caretaker of the child.

*Would adopting a Vietnamese orphan appeal particularly to parents whose own children have somehow disappointed them?*

Absolutely. And this type of parent is likely to say, "That Vietnamese child will be so grateful to me for doing this. All his life he will be grateful to me. He won't turn his back on me as my own children have."

*Is there a general awareness that some of the people who now want to adopt may be reacting irrationally to the plight of the orphans?*

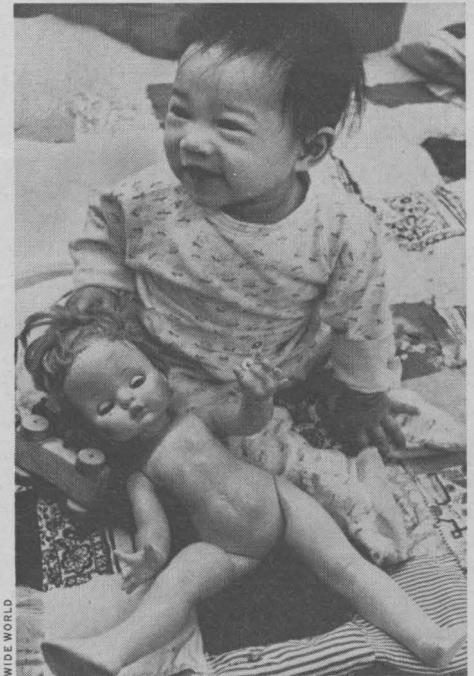
I doubt it. In fact, I think very little introspection has been going on in this situation. A number of these persons who reacted emotionally should stop and think: wait a minute, why am I doing this? What will be the consequences the day after tomorrow—and the year after next? If they did that, I think quite a few would call the adoption agency back and say, "Hey, cancel my order." Probably 70 percent of the people who grabbed the phone and said, "Gimme a baby," would probably not be effective parents.

*Certainly this doesn't apply to all the Americans who have adopted Vietnamese orphans?*

Most are people who have been working on adopting an orphan from Vietnam for a year or two, and they are in a different category. Most have thought about it, have submitted to the screening of adoption agencies and were found worthwhile as persons who could make fine parents.

*Are the adoption agencies able to do a proper job of screening?*

Not always. If the baby lifts continue, children will have to be given food, a place to sleep and someone to protect and care for them. I'm afraid it will become accepted that just about anyone will do. Yet, proper screening is so necessary.



WIDE WORLD

**Even after a three-day trip from Vietnam to Kellers Church, Pa., this orphan had strength enough to play with her new American doll.**



UPI

**Jeffrey Mathews, 5, of Jackson, Calif., holds his new Vietnamese sister, Julie, 7 months. The Mathews had waited two years for their baby.**

*Calif trip*  
Mrs. Ford Displays Inner Strength During California Trip

First Lady Betty Ford, during her recent trip to California, displayed a private, inner strength -- a characteristic highlighted in small, informal groups where she appeared the most at ease, Ann Compton (ABC) reported in a report on the trip.

"At Pepperdine University, her first afternoon in Los Angeles, Mrs. Ford appeared totally at ease at a lawn party. When Betty Ford moves through a crowd she leaves a wake of surprised whispers: 'Isn't she beautiful?' they say; 'Oh, she's so small.' "

"Betty Ford is tiny; some say frail. Even her hands seem too delicate for all that handshaking. But there is strength there," Compton said. "No one can tell that just eight months ago she lost her right breast and arm muscle to cancer or that during a winter another problem struck and she was bedridden with arthritis in her back for weeks." In a rare interview on board her Air Force jet, Mrs. Ford insisted that now even with a heavy schedule she feels fine.

"If her health holds up, there will be more traveling, speeches, appearances, and charity dinners like the ones in Beverly Hills and San Diego on this trip," Compton said.

Once shy and reserved, she appeared at ease in crowds during her four-day stay in California. She mingled freely, smiled almost constantly, and made several speeches, several of them impromptu. Mrs. Ford is not a polished speaker. She speaks softly and slowly. Yet, the nervousness she displayed a year ago in one of her rare public speeches while her husband was Vice President has lessened sharply.  
(5/25/75)

Betty Ford in Tip-Top Shape  
by Marjorie Hunter  
(Excerpted from the N.Y. Times)

*cash trip*

Betty Ford showed no signs of weariness after her first long trip on her own since undergoing a radical mastectomy last fall. She insists that she feels fine and has regained her strength. In fact, she says, she feels much better than she did before the operation. "I feel very strong," she said this week in an interview. "I feel I've gained my strength back. I feel in tip-top shape."

Her coloring is good and her complexion flawless. She looks far younger than her 57 years. She is slim, some think too much so for her 5 feet 6 inches, but she says she prefers to be thin.

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"For the society dinners Betty Ford's into a longer dress and a more subdued composure than earlier in the day. The crowds at the \$50 and \$100 a plate Fine-Arts fund-raiser seemed rich, right of center, and Republican. Mrs. Ford seemed a little ill at ease. Her sustained smile seemed to harden into a strained smile. Big parties like these do not seem to bring out the strong side of Betty Ford," Compton said.

"Part of the private strength of Betty Ford is her determination to do some of the things in life she just wants to do," Compton said. "Now that her health is no restriction on her travel, Mrs. Ford got her wish to visit the San Diego Zoo. She was not disappointed. In fact, she seemed more loose and happy than at any other time on the trip. "There were motherly moments with baby animals. This was one of those glimpses of the private Betty Ford coming through, doing what she really enjoys."

"At times, Mrs. Ford is a woman of commitment," Compton said. "On her last morning in California, Mrs. Ford was determined to visit the Vietnamese refugees waiting for release from the 8-tent cities at near-by Camp Pendleton, not because her husband or his advisers told her to go. She said she didn't even tell them." Mrs. Ford said her commitment does not include adopting a Vietnamese child or family, Compton said, but she hopes the gesture of her visit would inspire others.

Mrs. Ford, on film, said she did not feel her position as First Lady constrained her public expressions about women's rights, since she considers herself an American citizen first. If she had had more time, Mrs. Ford said she would like to travel to states which are considered on the borderline of approving the Equal Rights Amendment.

Compton concluded that Mrs. Ford's strength is showing more and more. -- ABC AM America (5/23/75)

WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1975

**FOR ART'S SAKE:** Betty Ford's southern California visit was highlighted by a \$100-a-plate dinner in her honor Monday night, by the American Art Assn. in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. "She was a dancer and loves esthetic and beautiful things," said Florence Malouf, founder of the



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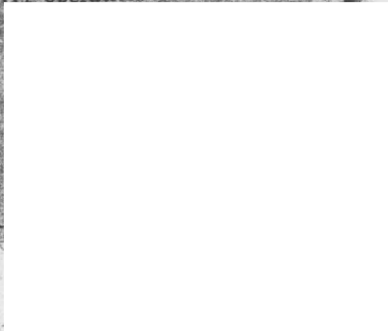
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DAILY NEWS, MON

### Betty's Off To California

Washington, May 18 (UPI) — Betty Ford left today for California on her first major solo trip since her breast cancer operation. The first lady's



—Photographs From UPI

On a visit to the San Diego Zoo, First Lady Betty Ford gets acquainted with 16-month-old Loretta Lynn, a rare pigmy chimpanzee.

*The National Observer, May 31, 1975*





**BLUE-RIBBON EVENT** — First Lady Betty Ford cuts a golden ribbon opening the new Asian section of the Fine

Arts Gallery in Balboa Park, to the delight of Henry Gardiner, gallery director. At right, Mrs. Ford addresses

members of the Fine Arts Society. — Photos by Thane McIntosh, Evening Tribune Staff Photographer

By BARBARA HERRERA

If First Lady Betty Ford likes the feeling of being protected, then she should enjoy her role as the President's wife.

She came to town yesterday and was nibbled by an aardvark, kissed a chimpanzee, curtsied to an elephant and snipped a golden ribbon opening the new Asian section of the Fine Arts Gallery in Balboa Park.

But always she was surrounded by the tall, watchful agents of the Secret Service, who saw to it that her contact with the public was limited to smiles, waves and handshakes.

And efforts by the press to talk to her were effectively intercepted by the agents' broad shoulders.

Her day here began with a tour of the San Diego Zoo and ended with an appearance at a \$50-a-plate dinner to benefit the Fine Arts Society.

She planned to go on this morning to Camp Pendleton to visit with Indochinese refugees before winding up a four-day trip which included her acceptance in Los Angeles Monday night of the distinguished woman of the year award from the National Art Assn.

Yesterday viewed from over the

Cold winds blew out of a leaden sky to greet Mrs. Ford and her party at the zoo. But the attractive, 5 ft. 7 in. First Lady emerged smiling from the sparse crowd of spectators and sea of photographers and reporters awaiting her.

Her size 6 figure showed off enviably a red-and-white polka dot dress and white jacket by Albert Capraro, the New York designer of medium-priced clothes boosted toward stardom by Mrs. Ford's recent patronage.

Pulling on a red poplin raincoat and waving to spectators, she boarded a bus for a 40-minute tour of the zoo. Seated on the back seat between two Secret Service agents, she faced as though it wasn't there the phalanx of cameras aimed at her from the press in front.

Behind her came a second bus loaded with more Secret Service agents and press looking about as enthusiastic as a busload of gamblers returning from a losing weekend in Las Vegas.

But, finally, it was the bear grotto that won over the passengers. Frieda, a polar bear, continued sleeping with her back to the First Lady, but big, brown Chester played it cool with a wave and Gladys, the spectacled bear, favored the guests with a salute.

After the bus tour, it was on to the sea lion show and then the Children's Zoo, where Mrs. Ford stopped to give the press a "photo opportunity" while she greeted a baby elephant. At the zoo nursery she cuddled Loretta Lynn, baby chimp, while a

tiny aardvark nibbled happily at her ankle.

Concluding her zoo tour by proclaiming it "the finest in the country — if not the world," she followed with a visit to the La Jolla home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parma, long-time friends, with whom she lunched on Mrs. Parma's homemade vegetable soup and asparagus rolls.

Back at the Fine Arts Gallery, members of the supporting Fine Arts Society were putting finishing touches on arrangements for the evening's 50th anniversary events — the ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening the renovated Asian section of the gallery and the dinner to follow.

By 7 p.m. a mixed bag of business executives, art boosters and local political figures, including Mayor Wilson and his wife, Betty, was awaiting the First Lady's arrival.

The men had fetched their black ties and tuxedos and the ladies glittered in brocades, lames, sequins and diamonds.

Fifteen minutes later Mrs. Ford arrived, wearing the same gown of sequined and embroidered blue chiffon which she wore last week to a

director, and Mrs. Jack L. Oatman, president of the Fine Arts Society — just those three and about a dozen jostling reporters and photographers and a half dozen staff members.

And in a rare, self-revealing moment, the First Lady paused wistfully before a Japanese screen depicting a journey from Japan to China.

"I regret that my visit there," she said, referring to China, "was in an official capacity so that I could not see the country in a natural way. I would like to go back again as a private citizen."

Mrs. Ford visited China when her husband was House minority leader.

After the tour of the Asian paintings, sculpture, ceramics and screens housed in the new section, Gardiner pronounced the First Lady "very well-informed about Asian art. She has had opportunity apparently to visit many fine museums."

Still looking fresh, despite the long day, Mrs. Ford mingled with the 270 dinner guests at a reception before dinner, then joined them for the four-course banquet in the James S. Copley Auditorium, where they

## FINE ARTS SOCIETY REELECTS MRS. OATMAN AS PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jack L. Oatman last night was reelected president of the Fine Arts Society of San Diego during a

sons elected to three-year terms on the board for the first time. Other new trustees include Ben A. Arlic

Amendment, said she might favor a softening of marijuana laws and got in some hot water over pro-abortion views — limited her remarks here yesterday mostly to polite greetings.

Shenefield, secretary. Norton S. Walbridge was reelected executive vice president and Albert P. Teetzel, treasurer.

Shenefield was among nine per-

Donni, Mrs. Merin Gale, Mrs. Robert L. Maw and Franklin L. Miller.

Mrs. Norton S. Walbridge, completing six years as a trustee, was elected a life trustee.

Then, whisked through the way by the ever-present Secret Service, Mrs. Ford was conducted on a private tour of the galleries by Henry Gardiner, Fine Arts Gallery

Dean Crowder, wife of an executive director of Sharp Hospital, "because everything was so casual. The lady set the tone herself by putting everyone else at ease."



**GUEST OF HONOR** — Mrs. Ford tours the San Diego Zoo, ringed by reporters and Secret Service agents. She called the zoo the nation's finest. — Photo by Joe Flynn

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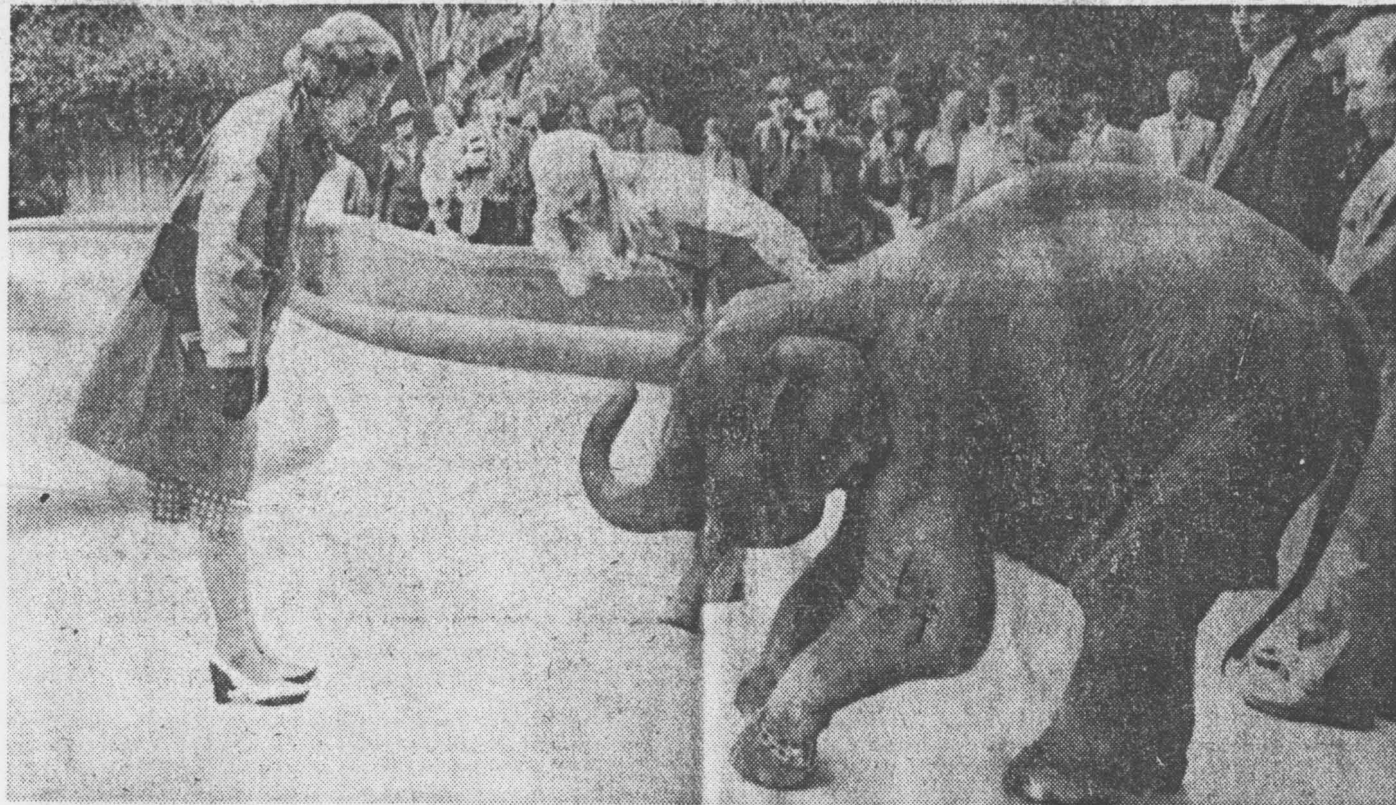
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# Stop the World

## Brezhnev illness reported

Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev may be suffering from cancer of the jaw, the Daily Telegraph's Moscow correspondent reported today. The correspondent, John Miller, said there were "fresh reports" that Brezhnev, 68, was having radiation therapy for jaw cancer. Miller said Soviet officials were telling Western embassies that the Soviet Communist Party chief would be recuperating for several weeks at his hunting lodge. The Telegraph correspondent pointed out that such information from Soviet sources about a top-ranking Soviet leader's health were most unusual, and he suggested that they were leaks aimed at heading off Western speculation that Brezhnev's absence from Moscow was due to trouble within the ruling Polit-



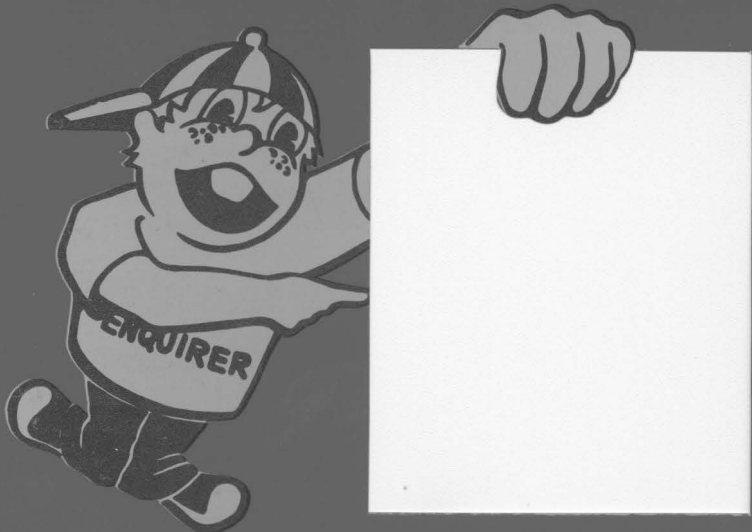
**A HEFTY WELCOME FOR FIRST LADY** — Connie,

to California to spotlight the arts. She was expected to

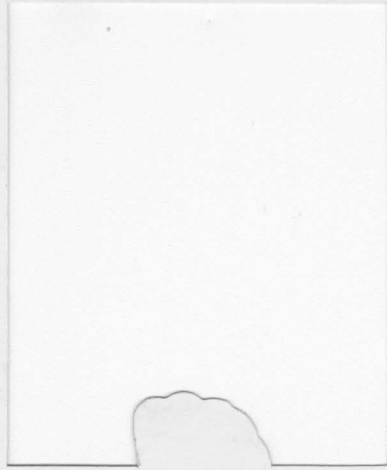
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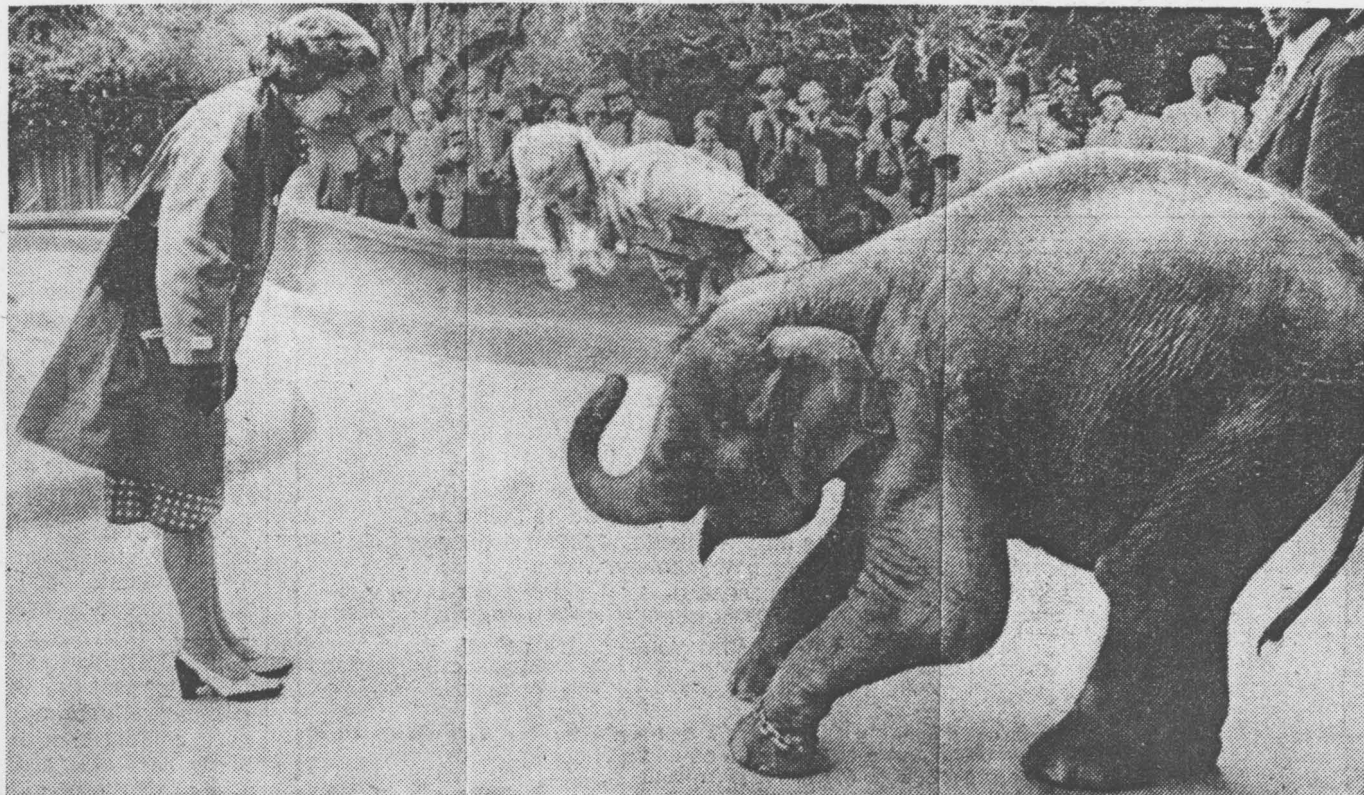
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**Elephant Curtsies for Betty Ford:** "How do you do, Mrs. Ford?" Connie the baby elephant seems to say as she curtsies for the



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# Straws in the Wind

BY OPAL CRANDALL  
(Substituting for  
vacationing Eileen Jackson)

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Last fall, Mrs. Jack L. Oatman, president of the Fine Arts Society of San Diego, sat down and penned a note to First Lady Betty Ford, inviting her to be a guest at

Invitations have been sent to many relatives of original members. They include Mrs. G. Aubrey Davidson Jr., daughter-in-law of G. Aubrey Davidson; Mrs. Walter G. Farrell, daughter of Frank J. Belcher; Chester Dorland, son of Willet S. Dorland; Miss Leda Klauber, sister of Miss Alice Klauber; Mrs. Marie McRae Temple, daughter of Col. Milton R. McRae; Mrs. Ann Hardy Davis, daughter of E. L. Hardy; Mrs. Hal G. Evarts Jr., daughter of Mrs. Clinton G. Abbott and Thomas W. Sefton, son of Mrs. J. W. Sefton.

Also Mrs. Alfred R. Mitchell, whose late husband was an original member. Sons and daughter of W. Templeton Johnson who have been invited include Dr. Allen W. Johnson of Long Beach, Winthrop Johnson of Covina, Mrs. Harry C. Parker and A. Delafield Johnson.

# HAZEL TOW

*EVENING TRIBUNE - Society Editor*

**DATEBOOK DATA** — Things will be buzzing in Balboa Park's museum complex on May 20, particularly at the Fine Arts Gallery. That's the date of the Fine Arts Society's 50th anniversary meeting and a visit by First Lady Betty Ford to cut a ribbon opening the new Asian Art

ART ARENA

# Asian galleries ready opening by First Lady

By JAN JENNINGS  
TRIBUNE Art Writer

Preparation is in progress for the annual meeting and President's Reception of the Fine Arts Society to be held May 20 at the Fine Arts Gallery.

This is the 50th anniversary

of the gallery from UCLA and his master's degree from Columbia University. He holds another graduate degree, equal to a doctorate, from Sogetsu College in Tokyo.

His background in Oriental arts includes several years of work in the cultur-

subconscious." Wherever they stem from, her paintings offer an exhibit of note, worth a visit. They will be on view through May 18.

New members of Triad Gallery are Shirley Kalish, printmaker; Jeanne Otis,

## Wallace talk set Saturday

"Wonderful Things — Little Known Works of Art From Everywhere" will be

## Art Preview Tonight

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wilson Jr. will be chairmen of hosts and hostesses who will

... and Fresno State College. He currently teaches courses in Western and Oriental art history.

Reservations may be made at the gallery.

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## Invitations ready for First Lady fete

Invitations to 50th anniversary events of the Fine Arts Society with First May S. Marcy Sculpture Courtyard for a reception at 7 p.m. followed by dinner in

## First Lady To Visit For Gallery Event

First Lady Betty Ford will be in San Diego to open the Fine Arts Gallery's new Asian galleries on May 20. Mrs. Jack L. Oatman, Fine Arts Society president, announced.

"The 50th annual meeting of the Fine Arts Society of San Diego has been set for Tuesday, May 20, in order



## Betty Ford set to cut ribbon

First Lady Betty Ford will be the honored guest at the 50th annual meeting of the Fine Arts Society May 20 and will cut the ribbon officially opening the Asian Galler-

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BY OPAL CRANDALL

When Mrs. Glenna Finch East accepted the cuisine chairmanship for the 50th annual dinner meeting of the Fine Arts Society she had no idea that First Lady Betty Ford would be among dinner guests.

But Mrs. East, a well-known local artist, and her cochairman, Mrs. Walter F. Carpenter, are not easily overwhelmed. They found a local caterer whose knowledge of food is wide and varied, and working together they compiled a menu elegant enough for a president's wife.

# Straws in the Wind

By Eileen Jackson

First Lady Betty Ford, who has gained a reputation for meticulously arranged parties at the White House, gives no more thoughtful attention to party detail than the San Diego Fine Arts Society. The society yesterday completed plans for her

## How Zoonooz Travels

First Lady Betty Ford heard an enthusiastic report about the San Diego Zoo from her son, Jack, who toured it on a recent visit here. His report and a copy of the Zoological Society's Zoonooz, convinced

committee and a student of the Japanese art of origami, will fashion gold paper cranes as favors for guests.

Mrs. Langford Brown of Chula Vista, aided by friends, will fold linen napkins in the charming lotus design in complement to the evening's Asian theme and the table centerpieces by members of Ikebana In-

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# Straws in the Wind

By Eileen Jackson

Ancient arts of the Orient will be featured in decor at the Fine Arts Society's 50th annual meeting, reception and dinner on May 20 when the First Lady, Betty Ford, will be distinguished special guest. Mrs. Ford will cut the ribbon opening the newly roofed and installed Asian Galleries.

Henry G. Gardiner, director of the Fine Arts Gallery who recently received a letter from the First Lady thanking him for courtesies involving this event, plans to take Mrs. Ford on a tour of the new Asian galleries and other Oriental exhibits in the East Wing.



The San Diego chapter of Ikebana International will provide distinctive decor. Mrs. Richard E. Senn, decorations chairman for the dinner and chairman of the Asian Arts Committee, and Mrs. B.D. Gaw, president of the chapter, are

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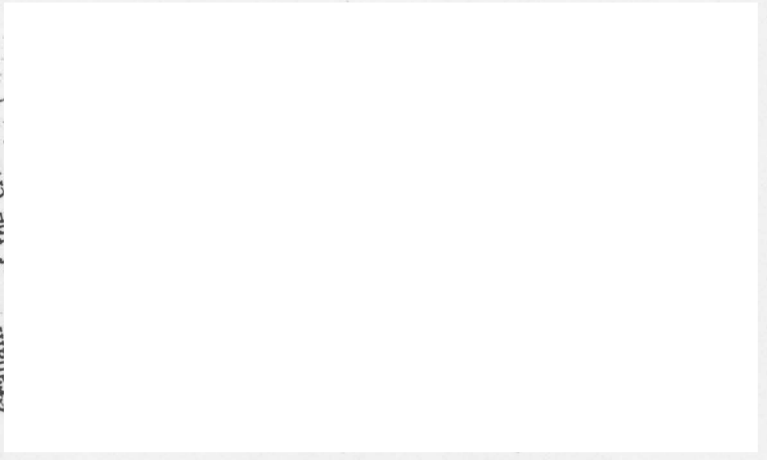
**SPECIAL EVENT** — Ikebana International members are donating their talents to provide an appropriate floral background for the official opening of the new Asian Arts galleries at the Fine Arts Gallery on May 20. First Lady Betty Ford will cut the ribbon opening the galleries, a project conducted by the Asian Arts Committee in honor of the late Carl Skinner, longtime member of the gallery staff and curator of Asiatic Arts.

Adding to the Asian atmosphere being created for the occasion will be Japanese music with Mrs. Kazumi Mizuno playing the *koto*, a 13-stringed, six-foot instrument during



**FIRST LADY COMES TO CALL** — Betty Ford is escorted to car at L.A. Airport by Mayor and Mrs. Tom Bradley, who supplied roses. Mrs. Ford arrived Sunday for a four-day visit during which she will receive award and do some sight-seeing. On the plane she told reporters she feels "marvelous" and termed "hearsay" reports that her health might preclude President running in '76.

**First Lady takes tour of camps**  
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**SERVING UP A TOURNAMENT** — John Tracy Clinic Auxiliary members Mrs. William Aldrich, Barbara Anderson, Mrs. Joseph W. Harper and

Mrs. George Fitzpatrick, from left, get together at the Norman Blanks' castle-style home to plan Tennis and Crumpet Tournament for May 10 and 17.

## ON VIEW

# Mrs. Ford to Be Honored Again

**BY JODY JACOBS**

Times Society Editor

Mrs. Gerald Ford will be back in Los Angeles on the night of May 19 to accept the National Art Assn.'s Distinguished Women of the Year award. It will be presented to her midway through the association's Americana Dinner in the Beverly Wilshire's Grand Ballroom, according to president and NAA founder Mrs. Thomas Malouf. The NAA has been contributing funds since last year to the

Then there was the party in the English Tudor castle style home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blank where plans were finalized for the annual Tennis and Crumpet Tournament that begins May 10 and winds up with an all-day affair on May 17. Hugh Hefner is again opening up his Playboy Mansion West for the final day of this John Tracy Clinic benefit, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner (she's

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**GETTING ACQUAINTED** — Betty Ford strikes up friendship with young chimp during a visit to the San Diego Zoo. Mrs. Ford was here to help

open Asian section of the Fine Arts Gallery last night. She returned to Washington today. Story, photos, page E-1. — Photo by Jerry Rife

## First Lady tours camps, meets refugee leaders

By **JOHN KERN**  
TRIBUNE Politics Writer

**CAMP PENDLETON** — First Lady Betty Ford, saying she wanted

Ky in the tent in which he is living in the refugee camp.

Ky expressed his gratitude for the help "on behalf of my people."



JACK SMITH

## Standing On His Dignity

It's been a year or two, as I remember, since we first heard from the people who publish the National Social Directory, inviting us to submit our names. We demurred on that occasion. I just didn't feel our family was ready. Now they're after us again.

They have sent us an application blank, along with a printed statement under what evidently is the seal or coat of arms of the National Social Directory. It consists of a shield emblazoned with the initials N.S.D., a scroll with the name spelled out, and, roosting on the shield, a large bird with wings spread. I would say it was an eagle, but the neck is too long for an eagle. More likely it's a goose with an eagle's head.

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# Betty Ford at Pepperdine Ritual

BY BETTY LIDDICK  
Times Staff Writer

It was as though everybody had agreed in advance on a part to play.

First Lady Betty Ford smiled a lot and gave an all-purpose speech in the "thrilled-and-delighted-to-be-here" mold, showing little of the fire that has endeared her to feminists for her support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Guest of honor Pearl Williams dispensed wit and wisdom appropriate to the celebration of her 106th birthday.

A departing Secret Service man did a near half gainer into a rolling car to the accompaniment of applause.

Photographers crowded round for the obligatory picture of Mrs. Ford hugging two children. And reporters dogged her every step, alert to some telling sign of her health.

In short, Mrs. Ford's participation Monday in Pepperdine University's annual Foster Grandparents' Day had every ritual known to public ceremony. There were speeches, poems, proclamations, kisses, corsages, pin presentations, birthday cakes, more kisses, congratulations, songs, everything except the invocation of motherhood.

### Oldest Foster Grandparent

The 109 retired men and women in the federal Foster Grandparents program whom Betty Ford had come to honor loved every minute of it. Especially Mrs. Williams, who was recognized as the nation's oldest foster grandparent. She works four hours a day, five days a week at a Head Start Center at Pepperdine.

"I didn't party when I was young," she said. "Now that I'm old I can enjoy the fuss."

It was still dark when Mrs. Williams woke up Monday morning at 4. Usually she lolls around till 5 or 5:30 and steadies herself with the belief that "people are people." Today she surrendered to nervousness about the First Lady's visit.

Mrs. Williams, who was one of the models actress Cicely Tyson used in creating her TV portrayal of ex-slave Miss Jane Pittman, traded her everyday granny apron and starched cap for a long pink dress and white shawl. A few minutes before 1 p.m., her son-in-law, Raymond Stafford, drove her from the home she shares with his family in Compton to Pepperdine's South-Central campus.

### Cameras at the Ready

There, behind the gates on the provost office lawn, the foster grandparents plus another hundred guests drank



CANDLES, CONGRATULATIONS—First Lady Betty Ford helps Pearl Williams celebrate 106th birthday. Times photo by Larry Bessel

a Pepperdine choral group, entertained. One song, two, three.

A couple of students watching Mrs. Williams concluded she looked remarkably fit for 106. "Let's shout out, 'She's only 80,' when Mrs. Ford arrives," one said.

A jet, pale and silver, slid by overhead. Dr. Wilburn re-

## National Art Assn. Honors First Lady

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## San Diego Zoo Entrances Betty Ford, and Vice Versa

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — Betty Ford toured the San Diego Zoo yesterday and exchanged waves with bears, petted a nasty tempered rhinoceros named Rottney, fed food to a friendly baby elephant and saw a show of trained sea lions.

"I rate it best in the country," Mrs. Ford said after a 90-minute tour of the nationally famous zoo. "It's probably the best in the world. I don't know, I haven't been to all of them."

Mrs. Ford disclosed dur-

ter," Mrs. Ford leaned over to one of her Secret Service agents who was sitting on the outside and whispered something in his ear.

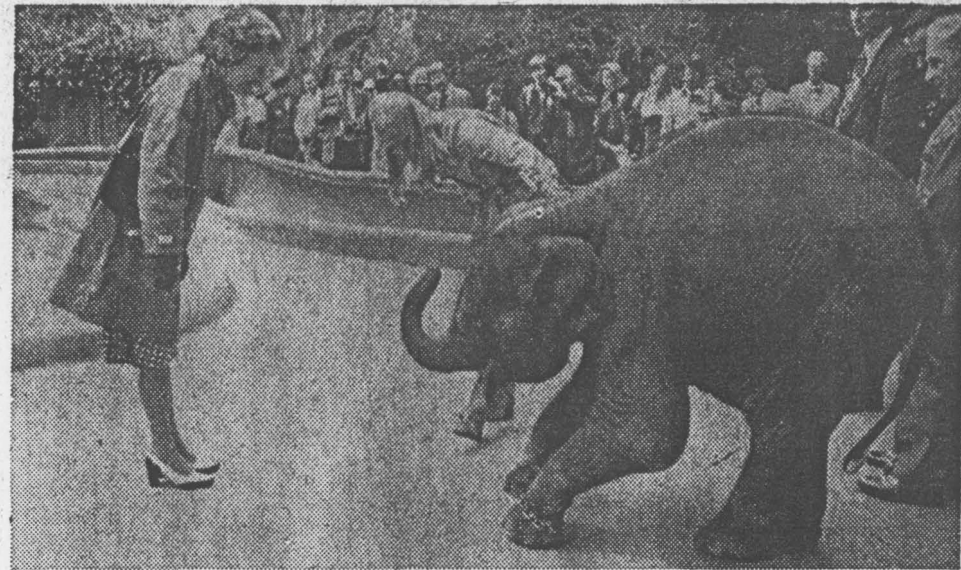
"I wondered why I had to sit on the outside," he told her.

MEANWHILE, saying she acted on her own, Mrs. Ford delayed her return to Washington so she could visit "Little Saigon" today for a first hand look at

how Vietnamese refugees live.

She told reporters she decided without consulting her husband to see the refugee camp on sprawling Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base between San Diego and Los Angeles.

There are more than 18,000 refugees, including about 1,000 Cambodians, in eight camps on the base, most of them housed in tents.



Betty Ford and 'Connie' trade bows.

ON VIEW

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# Top o' the Pops for the First Lady

**BY JODY JACOBS**  
Times Society Editor

By Monday night, Mrs. Gerald Ford should qualify as a miniexpert on current popular music trends. Tonight at the white-tie White House dinner for the shah of Iran and his empress the entertainment bonanza is Ann-Margaret. And Monday night in Los Angeles when Betty Ford becomes the National Art Assn.'s Wom-

strictly as a guest, she stresses, Tuesday night when fine arts director Henry Gardiner christens the new Asian Arts Gallery, funded for the most part by the Samuel I. and John Henry Foundation. That night Mrs. Ford may just stay over as the houseguest of her good friends (skiing buddies, too) the Leon W. Parmas.

Meanwhile, back at the White House, our own David Jones is al-

## FIRST LADY MAY VISIT

Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — First Lady Betty Ford, wife of the President, may attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the San Diego Fine Arts Society in San Diego May 9.

By White House

San Diego Union, 3/13/75

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1975

TO: Mrs. Ford

FROM: Sheila

# Betty Ford 'in Tip-Top Shape' After Grueling Four-Day Trip



United Press International

Betty Ford during her recent four-day trip to California. Events included a dinner in Beverly Hills where she was presented with a portrait of herself, a visit to the San Diego Zoo and a birthday party for Pearl Williams, a 106-year-old foster grandmother, in Los Angeles.

By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 24—

For four days, Betty Ford





President's Welcome of Mrs. Ford Had a Political Tone

President Ford personally welcomed First Lady Betty when she arrived at the White House Wednesday night after a four-day trip to California. (Shown on CBS film)

"It was an event White House news advisers decided needed some news coverage, no particular reason given for what would have normally been a private affair," Phil Jones (CBS) reported. "But it did have some political advantages: One, to show that Mrs. Ford was still in good shape after a tough travel schedule, and therefore, evidence to dispel persistent rumors that the President won't run in '76 because of Mrs. Ford's health."

Mr. Ford's official candidacy campaign and chairman will be announced shortly after the President returns from Europe in early June, Jones reported. Ford intends to enter several primaries including those in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, California as well as a few in the Midwest.

"He has promised incumbent Republican senators that he will integrate his Presidential campaign with theirs, "thus avoiding a repeat of 1972 when then President Nixon had a separate Presidential campaign," Jones said.

Presidential aides believe Ford's campaign momentum has already started with his handling of the Mayaguez incident, Jones said. -- CBS Morning News (5/22/75)

Ford to Ask Congress to Re-Establish White House  
Office of Science and Technology

President Ford said Thursday he wants to re-establish the White House Office of Science and Technology and the post of science advisor to the President.

Ford told a group of eight Congressmen in a White House meeting that he would send a draft bill to the Congress shortly asking for creation of a science advisor who would have a staff of 10 to 15 assistants.

ABC reported President Nixon had abolished the office because of budget problems. -- AP; UPI; ABC; NBC (5/22/75)

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—United Press International

**Los Angeles Mayor and Mrs. Tom Bradley greet First Lady Betty Ford on her arrival at Los Angeles International Airport for a three-day visit in California.**

## *Health No Political Factor* **Betty Ford Feeling Fine**

From News Services

**LOS ANGELES**—First Lady Betty Ford says she feels "marvelous" and that rumors that her health might prevent the President from running for elec-

When a reporter asked if this trip, coming on the heels of the election campaign rumors, was meant to indicate that she was indeed healthy, Mrs. Ford pointed out that "it was

were amazed at how relaxed and how very calm and cool he remained during the whole dinner, although they realized that he knew all this was going on and naturally was very anxious to



*Jacqueline Getty; Merle Oberon; Janice Taper; Maude Chasen; Alice Laykin; Michael Riordan, Ms. Getty's son; Judy Freisen; Betty Ford; Nancy Reagan*



Photos by Alan Berliner

**FORD FANFARE:** "When the First Lady is interested in art," said Jacqueline Getty, "it really helps." It was Betty Ford's first post-op appearance without her husband, at the National Art Assn. dinner in Beverly Hills this week. Nancy Reagan was another political wife who made it solo (her husband was in Washington) and was overheard telling Grace

Salvatori, "I'm so embarrassed to be without my beau." Grace replied, "Well, you're going to have to get used to it, honey." Ms. Ford complimented Californians on their "great interest in art" and, the following day, left for San Diego to visit the zoo and cut a ribbon on a new wing of the Fine Arts Gallery before flying back to Washington.

WWD - 5/22/75

(BETTY)

(BY SARA FRITZ)

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, WHO CAME TO THE WEST COAST TO BE HONORED AS A DISTINGUISHED WOMAN IN THE ARTS, BEGAN MONDAY BY PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANOTHER WOMAN -- 106-YEAR-OLD PEARL WILLIAMS, THE NATION'S OLDEST FOSTER GRANDPARENT.

MRS. FORD WAS TO GO TO A CEREMONY AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY TO HONOR MRS. WILLIAMS, A WOMAN WHOSE LIFE STORY HAS FASCINATED THE FIRST LADY.

MRS. WILLIAMS, WHO CELEBRATED HER 106TH BIRTHDAY MONDAY, CAME TO CALIFORNIA ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO IN A CONESTOGA WAGON AND SINCE 192 HAS WORKED EVERY DAY IN A HEAD START CENTER ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

BORN IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA., IN 1869, JUST SIX YEARS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION WAS ISSUED, MRS. WILLIAMS WAS ALSO ONE OF THE MODELS WHICH ACTRESS CECILY TYSON USED FOR HER ROLE OF "THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITMAN" -- THE STORY OF A FORMER SLAVE WOMAN WHO WITNESSED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960S.

FOLLOWING HER VISIT WITH MRS. WILLIAMS, MRS. FORD WAS TO BE HONORED MONDAY NIGHT AT A BLACK TIE DINNER PARTY AT THE PLUSH BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL BY THE NATIONAL ART ASSOCIATION.

MRS. FORD WAS TO BE NAMED THE ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED WOMAN OF THE YEAR -- AN HONOR WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN BESTOWED UPON SUCH WOMEN AS MRS. WILLIAM P. ROGERS, MRS. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, CLAIRE BOOTHE LUCE AND MRS. RONALD REAGAN.

GUESTS AT THE DINNER WERE TO INCLUDE ART LINKLETTER, MRS. REAGAN, JONATHAN WINTERS AND HELEN REDDY.

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(POLLUTION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SAID WEDNESDAY HIS AGENCY IS DRAWING UP STRICTER EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS FOR TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES.

RUSSELL TRAIN, TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE, ALSO DISCLOSED THAT EPA IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP TIGHTER GASOLINE EVAPORATION CONTROLS.

TRAIN SAID EMISSION CONTROLS HAVE INCREASED THE PRICE OF CARS BY \$100.

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MRS. FORD

BY FRANCES LEWINE

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD PLANNED A PERSONAL VISIT TO CAMP PENDLETON TODAY TO SEE FOR HERSELF HOW SOME OF THE 18,000 VIETNAMESE EVACUEES THERE ARE GETTING ALONG.

THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE DECIDED ON HER OWN TO GO. "I HAVEN'T TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT," SHE SAID.

MRS. FORD WAS IN CALIFORNIA ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT, MAINLY TO PROMOTE THE ARTS. SHE TOLD HER STAFF SHE WANTED TO TRY TO FIT IN A TRIP TO CAMP PENDLETON IF IT COULD BE WORKED OUT.

"I'M GOING BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST, OF COURSE," THE FIRST LADY TOLD REPORTERS TUESDAY NIGHT AS SHE LEFT A DINNER CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINE ARTS GALLERY OF SAN DIEGO, WHERE SHE CUT A GOLD RIBBON OPENING A NEW ASIAN WING.

HER PLAN TO MAKE THE PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THE REFUGEE CAMP CAME AS A SURPRISE ADDITION TO HER SCHEDULE AND SENT HER AIDES AND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS SCURRYING TO CAMP PENDLETON TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

MRS. FORD WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A FIRST-HAND REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE STATUS OF THE REFUGEES, WHO ARE STILL AWAITING PROCESSING TO HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES.

CAMP PENDLETON IS A MAJOR RELOCATION CENTER FOR THE REFUGEES AND 18,000 ARE THERE NOW, INCLUDING SOME 1,100 CAMBODIANS. MANY OF THEM ARE CHILDREN, AND MRS. FORD SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE SOME OF THE REFUGEES PERSONALLY AND ALSO TO TALK TO CAMP OFFICIALS.

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(BY SARA FRITZ)

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ACCOMPANIED BY CAMP OFFICIALS, SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND A SMALL CONTINGENT OF REPORTERS, MRS. FORD WALKED THROUGH CAMP 8, STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A SCHOOL WHERE CHILDREN WERE LEARNING THE SONG, "THIS LAND IS OUR LAND" AND WATCHED SEVERAL CHILDREN PLAYING ON A SWING AT A PLAYGROUND.

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PEOPLE



United Press International

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Tuesday, May 20, 1975

**And Mrs. Ford Does the Honors**

Meanwhile, not far away, Mrs. Nixon's successor, Betty Ford, who was being honored as the National Art Association's "distinguished woman of the year,"



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(BETTY)

(BY SARA FRITZ)

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (UPI)--FIRST LADY BETTY FORD FLEW HERE TUESDAY ON THE SECOND LEG OF HER FIRST MAJOR SOLO VENTURE OUTSIDE WASHINGTON SINCE RECOVERING FROM SURGERY FOR BREAST CANCER LAST YEAR.

FORD VISITED THE CITY'S NATIONALLY FAMOUS ZOO BEFORE ATTENDING THE OPENING OF A NEW WING OF THE FINE ARTS GALLERY.

THIS WAS THE SECOND AND LAST STOP ON MRS. FORD'S FOUR-DAY TRIP TO THE WEST COAST, A TRIP IN WHICH SHE HAS EXHIBITED HER ABILITY TO ENDURE A RELATIVELY HECTIC SOCIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE RECOVERING FROM HER CANCER SURGERY LAST SEPTEMBER.

THE FIRST LADY AROSE EARLY TUESDAY IN LOS ANGELES FOLLOWING AN OPULENT PARTY GIVEN IN HER HONOR MONDAY NIGHT BY THE NATIONAL ART ASSOCIATION, A GROUP OF MORE THAN 400 WEALTHY CALIFORNIANS WHO PAID AT LEAST \$100 EACH TO SEE AND HONOR HER AS THEIR "DISTINGUISHED WOMAN OF THE YEAR."

AFTER BREAKFAST, SHE BOARDED HER AIR FORCE JET AND FLEW DIRECTLY TO SAN DIEGO FOR HER VISIT TO THE ZOO. AIDES SAID SHE DECIDED TO SEE THE ZOO ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HER SON, JACK, 24, WHO WENT THERE RECENTLY AND GAVE HIS MOTHER "AN ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT."

MRS. FORD'S SCHEDULE INCLUDED A BUS TOUR OF THE ZOO, A SEA LION SHOW AND A WALK THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S SECTION.

MRS. FORD'S TUESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE INCLUDED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OPENING THE ASIAN WING OF THE FINE ARTS GALLERY, A RECEPTION, HER SECOND BLACK TIE DINNER IN AS MANY NIGHTS AND A TOUR OF THE ASIAN COLLECTION.

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*Dailey News Tuesday, May 20, 1975*

## **Mrs. Ford in L.A. for Arts Award**

Los Angeles, May 19 (AP)—First lady Betty Ford followed a relaxed schedule today as she prepared to receive the National Art Association's 1975 Distinguished Woman of the Year Award.



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BETTY LEAD  
BY FRANCES LEWINE

CAMP PENDLETON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAT ON A COT IN A TENT TODAY TO CHAT WITH FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN CAO KY. TWO MONTHS AGO HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HER IN HIS SAIGON VILLA.

MRS. FORD SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF AT THIS MARINE BASE TO LEARN HOW 18,000 VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ARE FARING IN THE CAMP'S "LITTLE SAIGON."

KY INVITED MRS. FORD INTO HIS SPARSELY FURNISHED TENT.

MRS. FORD TOLD KY THAT ONLY A SMALL MINORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OBJECTED TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE REFUGEES.

"GENERALLY YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR WARMTH AND UNDERSTANDING," SHE TOLD THE FORMER VIETNAMESE LEADER. "THERE ARE A FEW WHO ARE PERHAPS NEGATIVE, BUT ONLY A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE."

KY SAID THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT TO THE REFUGEE CAMP "WILL BE A BIG, BIG BOOST FOR MORALE."

FORMER CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT SAUKAM KHOY AND HIS WIFE STOPPED THE FIRST LADY IN FRONT OF HER CAR AND ASKED HER TO TAKE A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE HELP GIVEN 101 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED ONLY THAT MORNING.

MRS. FORD STOOD ON A BASKETBALL COURT IN THE RECREATION AREA TO TALK TO THE REFUGEES GATHERED AROUND A LOUDSPEAKER.

SHE SAID: "I WANTED TO BRING THE WARMTH OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO YOU WHO HAVE COME SO FAR FROM YOUR HOMELAND.

"MY HUSBAND, OUR CHILDREN AND I HAVE SUFFERED WITH YOU, WITH WHAT YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH AND I ONLY HOPE THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU SOME HELP AND INSPIRATION AND SOME SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE AND THE WARMTH FROM OUR HEARTS THAT I BRING FROM US AND FROM THOSE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

ALTHOUGH "THE ROAD MAY SEEM LONG TOWARD ADJUSTMENT TO YOUR NEW COUNTRY, WE WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES," SHE SAID.

MRS. FORD DECIDED TO MAKE THE VISIT TO THE REFUGEE CAMP AS PART OF HER FOUR-DAY TRIP TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO, THE LOHVOSWUR

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 BETTY FORD  
 BY FRAN LEWINE

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- RECEIVING A DISTINGUISHED WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR HER INTEREST IN THE ARTS, FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAID SHE BELIEVES "CHILDREN ESPECIALLY SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO ART."  
 "APPRECIATION OF ART IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY COSTS NOTHING," THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE POINTED OUT. YET, IT PROVIDES "SO MUCH PERSONAL JOY, GROWTH AND UNDERSTANDING" THAT ITS BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN "GO ON AND ON THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES."

MRS. FORD SPOKE AT A \$100-A-PLATE DINNER OF THE NATIONAL ART ASSOCIATION WHERE SHE WAS HONORED MONDAY NIGHT BEFORE 450 GUESTS IN A BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL BALLROOM DECORATED WITH CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS. FORMER CALIFORNIA FIRST LADY MRS. RONALD REAGAN, A PREVIOUS WINNER, PRESENTED THE 1975 AWARD -- A PORTRAIT OF MRS. FORD BY CALIFORNIA ARTIST FRANCIS O'FARRELL.

AS THE PORTRAIT WAS UNVEILED, MRS. FORD SAID SHE WAS "DELIGHTED WITH IT." SHE ADDED JOKINGLY, "I JUST WISH I LOOKED THAT WELL."  
 THE FIRST LADY WENT ON TO SAN DIEGO TODAY FOR ANOTHER ART EVENT, THE OPENING OF A NEW WING OF THE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS THERE. AND SHE ADDED A SPECIAL SIGHTSEEING TRIP OF HER OWN TO THE SAN DIEGO ZOO.

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 MRS. FORD-REFUGEES (TOPS 18)  
 BY FRANCES LEWINE

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD PERSONALLY TOURED THE CAMP PENDLETON MARINE BASE TODAY TO BRING "SOME SUNSHINE" AND "THE WARMTH FROM OUR HEARTS" TO SOME 18,000 VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES.

THE REFUGEES, ENCAMPED AT THIS SPRAWLING SEASIDE BASE AWAITING HOMES IN AMERICA, WERE GIVEN PERSONAL ASSURANCES BY THE FIRST LADY THAT THEY ARE WANTED IN AMERICA. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ADJUST AT FIRST AND "THE ROAD MAY SEEM LONG," YOU ARE WELCOME AND "WE WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES," SHE SAID.

MRS. FORD SPENT AN HOUR AND 40 MINUTES AT THE SPRAWLING SEASIDE BASE, KNEELING DOWN TO TALK TO VIETNAMESE CHILDREN, DRESSED IN OVERSIZE MILITARY JACKETS TO WARD OFF THE NON-TROPICAL MORNING CALIFORNIA CHILL.

FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMSE PREMIER NGUYEN CAO KY INVITED HER INTO HIS "HUMBLE PALACE" -- A REFUGEE TENT. THEN SHE SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH FORMER CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT SAUKAM KHOY AND HIS WIFE.

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MRS FORD SAID SHE HAD COME JUST FOR THAT REASON, TO TAKE BACK PERSONAL WORD OF THE PROCESSING OF THE REFUGEES. SHE TOLD THE MARINE BASE COMMANDANT, BRIG. GEN. PAUL C. GRAHAM, THAT SHE IS BEING ASKED WHY IT WAS TAKING SO LONG TO CLEAR THE REFUGEES TO NEW HOMES.

BASE OFFICIALS TOLD HER OF A "DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT" THAT HAD BEEN THRUST UPON THE BASE AND SAID SECURITY CLEARANCES WERE CREATING A "BAD LOGJAM"

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MRS. FORD ATTENDS LOS ANGELES DINNER AND BALL IN HER HONOR BY THE NATIONAL ART ASSOCIATION.

VISITS SAN DIEGO ON TUESDAY TO OPEN NEW WING OF THE FINE ARTS GALLERY ON THE GALLERY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.



—Staff Photo by Thane McIntosh

First Lady Betty Ford discusses problems of the Vietnamese refugees at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps

Base with Nguyen Cao Ky, former vice president of South Vietnam, right, and federal coordinator Nick Thorne.

## FIRST LADY TOURS PENDLETON

San Diego Union  
5/22/75

# Mrs. Ford Praises Refugees As Prospective U.S. Citizens

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By DONALD H. HARRISON  
Staff Writer

Her speech climaxed an hour-long tour of Camp Pendleton's processing center and of Tent Camp 8, where 5,400 of 18,000

the tent he shares with a dozen people, and invited her to step inside "my humble palace."

## Mrs. Ford Honored in Beverly Hills

A dinner given Monday night by the National Art Association and honoring First Lady Betty Ford as "Distinguished Woman of the Year" was Beverly Hills at its most elegant," NBC's Frank Bergholtz reported. NBC film also showed Mrs. Ford at a 106th birthday party for one of the most active members of a Los Angeles foster grandparent program. Mrs. Ford (on film) said it was also the birthday of her 19-year old son Steve. -- NBC Today Show (5/20/75)

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### Around the Nation

# First Lady Visits Refugees

**CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.**—First Lady Betty Ford yesterday visited "Little Saigon" and told the Southeast Asian refugees that this country "will be glad to have you as citizens of the United States."

Mrs. Ford spent about one hour at the giant Marine base, the temporary home for more than 18,000 refugees, before returning to the White House at the end of a four-day visit to the West

criminal case last year recommended six weeks after the shootings that at least six guardsmen be prosecuted. The Akron Beacon Journal reported.

Internal departmental memoranda disclose that Robert A. Murphy, then deputy chief of the Civil Rights Division, recommended on June 19, 1970, that the guardsmen be prosecuted for violating the dead students' civil rights, the paper said Tuesday in a

His original death penalty was commuted after the California death penalty law was declared unconstitutional. The parole board set the parole date under a new policy of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to establish specific release dates for all California inmates who now serve "indeterminate" sentences.

### Stranded Cambodians

# Camp Pendleton Refugees Welcome First Lady



First Lady Betty Ford is surrounded by young Vietnamese children as she stops to visit with them during tour of the refugee

camp set up at Camp Pendleton. She spoke with many of them and visited with former Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky of South

Vietnam who is staying at the camp. Her visit to the settlement was part of four-day visit to Southern California.



—Staff Photo by Thane McIntosh

Brig. Gen. Paul C. Graham, commanding general of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, escorts Mrs. Betty

Ford through the school for Vietnam refugees that has been established at the base. (Story, Page A-1)

Mrs. Ford Visits Refugees at Camp Pendleton

First Lady Betty Ford visited Camp Pendleton, Calif., Wednesday and told the Southeast Asian refugees America "will be proud to have you as citizens of the U.S."

Mrs. Ford spent about one hour at the Marine base, temporary home for over 18,000 refugees, before returning to the White House at the end of a four-day visit to the West Coast. She spoke with many of the refugees, ABC/CBS reported. She asked why it took so long to process them and was told only 5,000 had American sponsors. And former Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky promised Mrs. Ford the refugees would not take jobs away from Americans and would largely avoid the cities, settling instead in agricultural areas.

Mrs. Ford (on ABC/CBS film) said: "I came because I wanted to meet each and every one of you. I wanted to bring the warmth of the people of the United States to you who have come so far from your homeland."

"Mrs. Ford said she did not ask her husband whether she should come; she didn't ask him what to say," Ann Compton (ABC) reported, and CBS noted. "She told the refugees she will tell the President what she saw," Compton said. -- AP; UPI; ABC; CBS (5/21/75)

Camp Pendleton Houses Skilled Refugees; Not So On Guam

Camp Pendleton refugees are having resettlement problems despite the fact 58 per cent of them are professional, white-collar, or skilled workers, CBS said.

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MRS. FORD-REFUGEES (TOPS 13)

BY FRANCES LEWINE

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD PERSONALLY TOURED THE CAMP PENDLETON MARINE BASE TODAY TO BRING "SOME SUNSHINE" AND "THE WARMTH FROM OUR HEARTS" TO SOME 18,000 VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES.

THE REFUGEES, ENCAMPED AT THIS SPRAWLING SEASIDE BASE AWAITING HOMES IN AMERICA, WERE GIVEN PERSONAL ASSURANCES BY THE FIRST LADY THAT THEY ARE WANTED IN AMERICA. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ADJUST AT FIRST AND "THE ROAD MAY SEEM LONG," YOU ARE WELCOME AND "WE WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES," SHE SAID.

MRS. FORD SPENT AN HOUR AND 40 MINUTES AT THE SPRAWLING SEASIDE BASE, KNEELING DOWN TO TALK TO VIETNAMESE CHILDREN, DRESSED IN OVERSIZE MILITARY JACKETS TO WARD OFF THE NON-TROPICAL MORNING CALIFORNIA CHILL.

FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PREMIER NGUYEN CAO KY INVITED HER INTO HIS "HUMBLE PALACE" -- A REFUGEE TENT. THEN SHE SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH FORMER CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT SAUKAM KHOY AND HIS WIFE.

KHOY, STOPPING THE FIRST LADY IN FRONT OF HER CAR, ASKED HER TO TAKE A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE HELP GIVEN 101 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, WHO ARRIVED ONLY THIS MORNING.

MRS. FORD SAID SHE HAD COME JUST FOR THAT REASON, TO TAKE BACK PERSONAL WORD OF THE PROCESSING OF THE REFUGEES. SHE TOLD THE MARINE BASE COMMANDANT, BRIG. GEN. PAUL C. GRAHAM, THAT SHE IS BEING ASKED WHY IT WAS TAKING SO LONG TO CLEAR THE REFUGEES TO NEW HOMES.

BASE OFFICIALS TOLD HER OF A "DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT" THAT HAD BEEN THROST UPON THE BASE AND SAID SECURITY CLEARANCES WERE CREATING A

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**THE NEW CONNECTION** — From left, Mmes. Furst at a working session for the L.A. Free Clinic  
Norton Simon, Gil Friesen, Burt Pines, Lionel Benefit of "French Connection II" on Wednesday.  
Times photo by Larry Bessel

## ON VIEW

# Top o' the Pops for the First Lady

**BY JODY JACOBS**  
Times Society Editor

By Monday night, Mrs. Gerald Ford should qualify as a miniexpert on

strictly as a guest, she stresses, Tuesday night when fine arts director Henry Gardiner christens the new Asian Arts Gallery, funded for the most part by the Samuel I. and John

The invitations are Pan Am passenger coupons. The "stewardesses" are members of The Spinsters (for this French celebration otherwise known as Les Spinsteurs) and the

September 29, 1975

Dear Ms. Cullen:

Thank you so much for sending the August issue of Palm Beach Life.

Mrs. Ford thoroughly enjoyed the article about the National Art Association's dinner in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld  
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Bernice Pons Cullen  
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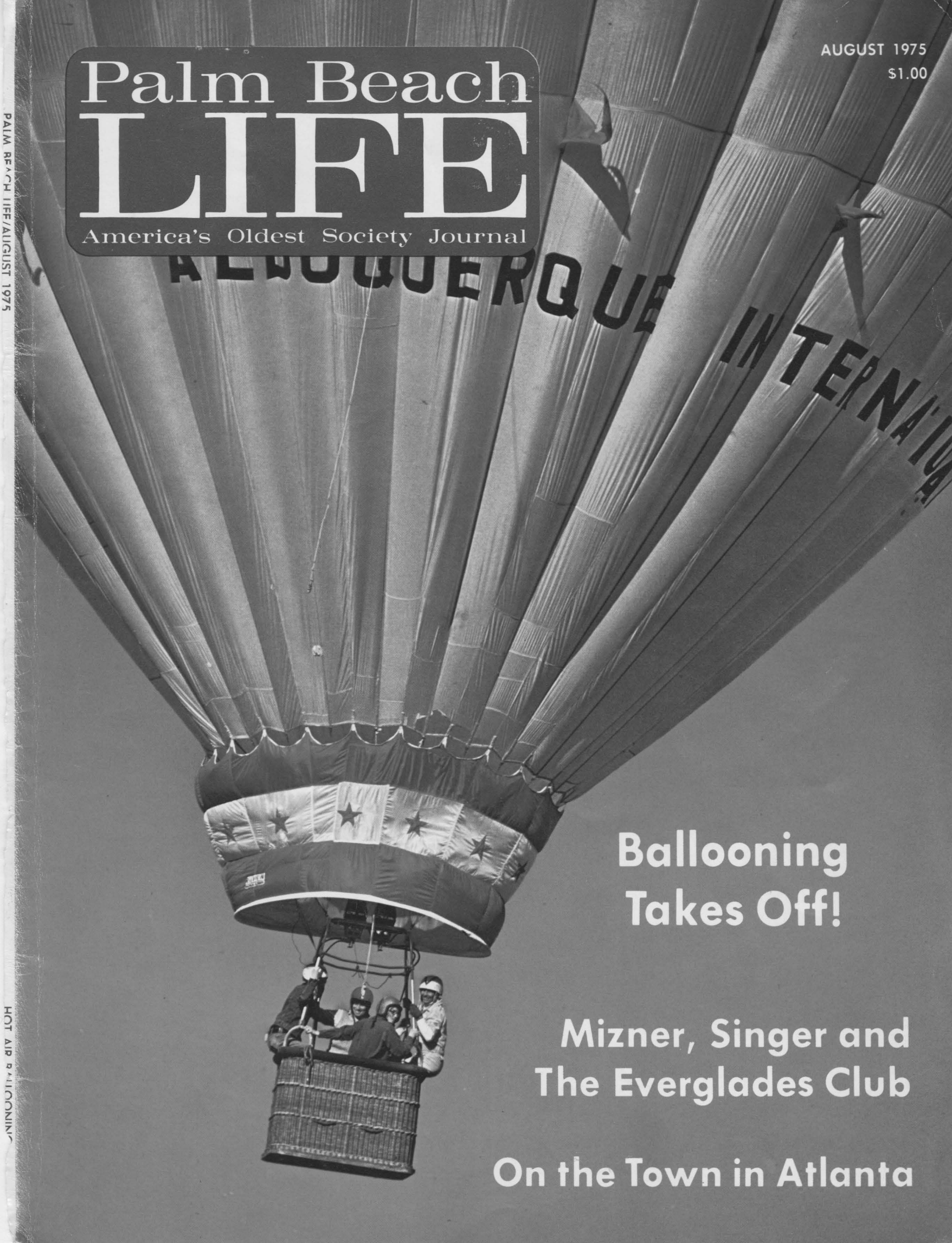
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By BERNICE PONS

## Betty Ford — "Woman of the Year"

Mrs. Gerald Ford's unaffected beauty and charm endeared her to the California Southland when she came to Los Angeles to accept the National Art Association's "Distinguished Woman of the Year Award."

The formal elegance of the association's gala Americana Dinner in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel's Grand Ballroom honoring the First Lady was without precedent in opulence.

Wearing a Capraro sheer, lavender, floral-print dinner gown with matching capelet that reached just below the waistline, lavender shoes and crystal droplet earrings, the First Lady's attractiveness was complemented by the tens of thousands of Cymbidium orchids massed on the tables and throughout the ballroom. Mrs. Bert Bergess Malouf, her son Robert and daughters Mrs. Gerald Lowell Hall and Mrs. Lewis M. Keegan gathered the flowers from the Maloufs' extensive orchid gardens on their two-acre family estate in Holmby Hills.

Mrs. Leonard K. Firestone acted as patroness chairman from her busy post in Brussels where her husband is the U.S. ambassador to Belgium.

Mrs. Robert Johns Clark, chairman of the evening, is the only member in Southern California of the Fine

Arts Committee of the State Department in Washington, D.C. "Midge" Clark wore a Giorgio di Sant'Angelo long-sleeved, form-fitting dress of white crepe with floor-length ties of red and blue, carrying out the evening's Americana theme all the way. Her co-chairmen were Mrs. Robert Finch and Mrs. Arthur "Art" Linkletter.

The \$150-a-couple dinner benefited the Fine Arts Committee of the State Department's "Americana Project." For the first time in history the Department of State has, in its new building in Washington, handsome reception rooms in which the secretary of state receives and entertains the leading figures of the world. More internationally prominent persons are entertained here than in any other rooms in the United States, as they are also used for official functions by the President, Vice President, the Chief Justice and members of the Cabinet.

The Fine Arts Committee, since 1961, has been embarked on a long-range voluntary program to furnish these diplomatic rooms with handsome American antique furniture, original oil paintings of historic events and other examples of the decorative arts.

Betty Ford's interests focus on the arts so it was especially fitting that she



Art Linkletter, Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Mrs. Frances O'Farrell and Mrs. Thomas Malouf (left to right) in front of Mrs. O'Farrell's portrait of First Lady Mrs. Gerald Ford. (Hoover)