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Los Angeles Times

Ford Completes Weekend Swing of N.H., Counts on Swaying Undecided Voters

BY JACK NELSON

Times Washington Bureau Chief

DURHAM, N.H.—President Ford Sunday completed a two-day swing through New Hampshire, buoyed by a large crowd of campaign volunteers he is counting on to tap an unusually large reservoir of undecided voters in the state's Republican primary.

The President, his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, shook hands with about 1,000 persons attending a rally for volunteers and their families at a junior high school in Concord.

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Ford Launches N.H. Campaign

By Edward Walsh

Washington Post Staff Writer

CONCORD, N.H., Feb. 7 — President Ford launched his campaign for election in his

the first test of strength between the President and Reagan and is being watched closely by GOP officials throughout the nation many

that would break up the nation's oil companies. "Well-managed oil companies are the best way to solve the energy problem," he said.

Reagan has attempted to capitalize on that feeling and, in his Nashua speech, the President sounded a similar theme.

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Hildegards and her 70th birthday cake.

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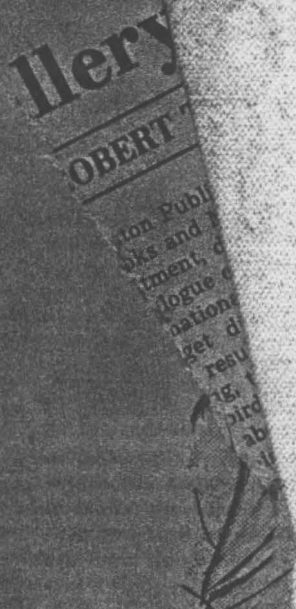
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Mr. Ford vs. Mrs. Ford

President Ford would be a better man and a better leader if he paid more heed to his wife, Betty, who is court's decision. It should be up to the states to write their own abortion laws, he says. Apparently he would



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1975

The Major Events of the Day—Section 1

International

China disclosed yesterday that Hua Kuo-feng, a relatively unknown Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Security, had

QUOTATION OF THE DAY: "I hope no one will contend that the cure for unemployment is to build Government breweries to brew Government

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FORD OPENS DRIVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE IN LOW-KEY STYLE

Lectures on Revenue Sharing
and Renews Opposition to
Federal Job Proposals

THE CAMPAIGN IS SUBTLE

Alde Says President Seeks
to Stress His Competence
and Self-Confidence

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Special to The New York Times

CONCORD, N.H., Feb. 7 —
President Ford brought his cam-



Post 1/31/76

Reagan's Old Aide to Help Ford

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

Ronald Reagan's first campaign manager is to be brought into Florida in an attempt to rescue President

Ford Returns to New Hampshire but Appears to Play Down Its Importance

BY RUDY ABRAMSON
Times Staff Writer

KEENE, N.H.—The White House Thursday appeared to be carefully playing down the importance of the first contest between President Ford

and Jimmy Carter in this state," he said. "I think we will do very well."
But when he was asked to assess the impact of a loss to Reagan here, Ford told reporters at the airport, "I don't think it will be too harmful."

ing deadline for the April 27 Pennsylvania primary to pass without putting himself in the race. Earlier he opted not to oppose Ford in Vermont.
Though Ford has indicated so far that he plans to campaign mainly by



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former Mayor Jim Mastello for the night. Ford paid a half-hour visit to a nursing home.
He is scheduled to meet with campaign workers here early today, then go to Portsmouth for an address at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast, then to Dover for an appearance at a high school assembly and a visit to a rehabilitation center before returning

Who's Horsing Around With Whom?

—Those who have wondered if it might be a herd of



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THE CAMPAIGN CONNECTION—Betty Ford chats with a prospective voter Saturday from her husband's campaign headquarters in Nashua, N.H.

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Ford to Stress 'Soft Sell' In New Hampshire Tour

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 — Republican Leadership Conference President Ford, whose bid for re-election in Dearborn, Mich., with the Republican Presidential out making any request for

Half the Voters Expected To Stay Away From Polls

By **CHRISTOPHER LYDON**

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—The composition” and “decay” of the traditional two-party system. But all of them see the alignment and de-alignment of voting groups as a riddle at

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By **TERRI FOSTER**
And **NICK COWENHOVEN**

DOVER — President Ford today predicted that within two years the United States will embark on a shipbuilding and fleet modernization program that will exceed any previous U.S. naval expansion effort.

However, he also said he had provided added funds to federal agencies engaged in research and development of solar energy systems, increasing research budgets by about 35 per cent to \$120 million. He called solar energy a great energy potential but warned that significant progress would not come "overnight."

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Los Angeles Times

'BIPARTISAN' GROUPS DOMINATE AGENDA

Ford to Project Busy Image in N.H.

BY BUDY ABRAMSON

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—President Ford plans to attend only

saying that his travels were "presidential."

In recent months, he has stayed more in Washington.

White House officials Monday left open the possibility

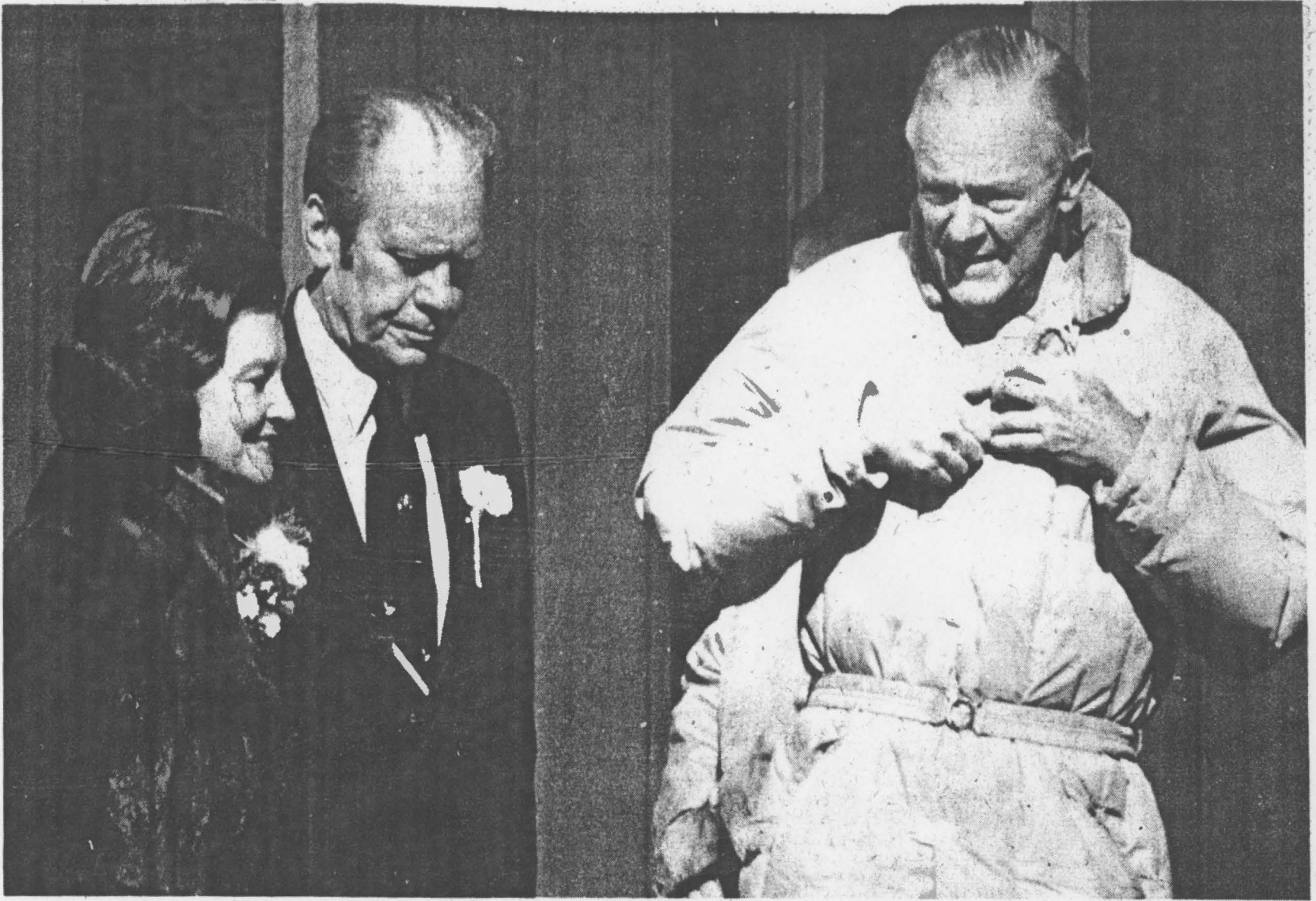
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Personalities

"This is my first time here in Cambridge. I must say that I don't know why I got all dressed up to get a crock," and with that dash of decorum Bette Midler accepted Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatrical

October, delivered the first draft on Jan. 16 but P.E.A. Films "failed and refused" to pay the balance of the agreed \$75,000 due him.

Film producer Blake Edwards'



As most of Dover area citizens cheered the arrival of President and Mrs. Ford, Former Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, dressed in ski suit, waited at the Ramada Inn for a noon visit with the pair. Newsmen

were expecting an early afternoon announcement from the Lodge forces.

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Supporters of Ford and Carter 'Invade' Florida

By ROY REED

Special to The New York Times

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 22

—Two of the Presidential candidates saw an opening in Florida this weekend and took it.

While reporters were focusing on New Hampshire, where

"We're not dummies," Pete Secchia, the organizer of the Grand Rapids trip, said with a grin.

Georgians Ring Doorbells

While the Michiganders got their pictures taken and collected voters on the streets of

encouragement for Jimmy Carter," Doreen Carr of Ringgold, Ga., wrote to one voter.

Maxine Reese talked to the Floridians about Plains, Ga., where she and her friends the Carters live. She said she told them, "we have 683 people

cause their presence helped contradict a report being heard here that "Georgians don't like Jimmy," he added.

The Carter people here hope to ring 90 percent of the doorbells in this county by March

One of the President's half brothers, Thomas Ford, was on the trip. He said a second half brother, Richard, had intended to come, but had been hurt in a gymnasium accident. He slipped and tore a leg muscle while jumping rope. Thomas

Ford N.H. Campaign Shifts

By David S. Broder

Washington Post Staff Writer

CONCORD, N.H., Jan. 30 — President Ford's campaign has written off its effort to build a local grass-roots organization in New Hampshire as a failure.

The decision — confirmed today at a meeting between Stuart Spencer, No. 2 man on the President's national campaign committee, and John Michels, the New Hampshire Ford chairman — is to throw the available volunteer manpower into an effort to reach Republican voters by telephone before the Feb. 24 primary with Ronald Reagan.

The New Hampshire decision comes on the heels of a similar switch in strategy in Florida, where Mr. Ford's campaign organization has failed to attract a significant number of volunteers. In

Florida, also, the Ford committee is now putting an emphasis on phone banks in an effort to match the Reagan campaign.

The Reagan campaign has already completed one phone canvass of New Hampshire and is starting on a second round, while the Ford campaign is recruiting volunteers to man its 75 phones.

Reagan also enjoys a lead on personal campaigning and radio-television spots, but the Ford campaign will challenge in all three of those fields, as well.

Despite the apparent need for a catch-up effort in every phase of the campaign, Spencer pronounced himself "very satisfied" with the New Hampshire situation today and said a poll taken for Mr. Ford last weekend shows "we have a lead . . . and we think we can win."

Spencer gave no figures but said the survey showed "it's a horse race, but our support is firmer than it was."

He asserted that controversy about Reagan's proposal to transfer \$90 billion worth of federal domestic programs to state and local governments had weakened the former California governor's support among undecided voters and had firmed up the President's backing.

That assertion was sharply challenged by Reagan's backers. Jim Lake, the deputy director of the national Reagan campaign, said that polling in New Hampshire after the first of Reagan's three January visits to the state showed high awareness of the plan and 70 per cent approval of the proposal among those

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Ford, Pushing N.H. Drive, Rips Reagan

By Edward Walsh

Washington Post Staff Writer

KEENE, N.H., Feb. 19— President Ford, returning to New Hampshire for a final push for votes before Tuesday's crucial first presidential primary, made his

think they should be treated fairly and that it is pure political demagoguery to allege otherwise."

In his speech, Mr. Ford alluded to several of Reagan's

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The Reagans (left) greet parishioners after services in Concord, N.H. At right, the Fords arrive for services at St. John's Episcopal Church here.

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The New York Times/Teresa Zabala

President and Mrs. Ford take time out for ice cream during tour of a shopping center at Nottingham, N.H.

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N.H. SING-ALONG WITH THE FORDS



—Associated Press

President Ford (second from right) and Mrs. Ford (fourth from right) are joined in a neighborly sing-along at Keene, N.H., yesterday by a group of residents at

Harper's Acres Retirement Home. The Fords returned to the Granite State to campaign for his renomination. Their sojourn was to last two days, the White House said.

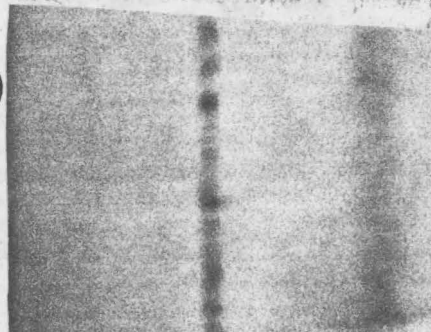
Firming Up New Hamp

GOP Heavyweights on Location

By James R. Dickenson
Washington Star Staff Writer

KEENE, N.H. — President Ford and Ronald Reagan are making their final campaign trips to New Hamp-

FORD STRESSED his accomplishments as President and hit at Reagan's controversial proposal to turn \$90 billion in federal programs and taxes back to the states and suggestion that the Social Security tax



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at waist She's no Olympian, but . . .

(UPI)

. . . by the time the 1976 presidential campaign is over, Susan Ford, daughter of the President, may feel as though she's been in a

marathon. Here she skis on Mt. Cranmore while campaigning for her father in New Hampshire.

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NEWS (E)
FRAMINGHAM, MASS.
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Susan Ford gives trophies

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford will present ski trophies this weekend during a political campaign swing for her father in New Hampshire.

A spokesman for the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce said Miss Ford will arrive at Mt. Cranmore Saturday and will be met by local officials.

The President's daughter will present trophies to winning ski racers of the day with a special plaque for David Currier, a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team, who came home last month from Europe after breaking his leg.

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Susan Ford to ski in N.H.

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — President Ford has no announced plans to ski in New Hampshire this weekend, but his daughter Susan will slide down Mt. Cranmore, and hand out trophies to winners of the state championships, as well.

Miss Ford is due here Saturday afternoon to present trophies to winners of the day's competition. Local officials say she'll attend a reception for racers, then go out on the town Saturday night with David Currier of nearby Madison, N.H. He is a member of the U.S. national ski team who broke a bone in his leg while preparing for the Winter Olympics.

Sunday Miss Ford plans to ski the competition course on the mountain before heading south to join her parents.

Her ski jaunt appears to be an effort by the Ford campaign to blunt criticism which erupted over the Christmas holiday when the President took his family skiing in Colorado.

White House spokesman Ron Nessen said Ford chose Colorado over the state with the nation's first primary was because New Hampshire ski slopes were usually icy at Christmas.

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NEW LONDON, CONN.
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Susan Ford keeps 'low key' in N. H. campaign

By MOLLY BOLTON
Associated Press Writer
NORTH CONWAY, N.H.

years because of the time and pressure of the job.

private life, she said, "Sure, I'm ready."

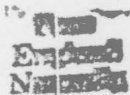
take an active part in her father's campaign, but she

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But there's always a disagree with Ron."

STANDARD TIMES
NEW BEDFORD, MASS.
S. 63,259

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Susan dates N.H. skier

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford met her handsome blind date on a New Hampshire ski slope

nearby Madison, N.H., was to pick Miss Ford up for dinner and an evening on a town with a population of 3,000.

the pocket of her muskrat coat and said, "This is for you, David." It was a blue and white lapel pin reading "Presi-

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Susan Dances and Dates for Daddy

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford dated and skied with the hometown hero, danced a junior high hop and promised to come again to the slopes which make the Mt. Washington Valley



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slope and shouted, "I'll be back."

When she and the handsome, blond Currier were introduced Saturday, he kissed her on the cheek at the urging of photographers. But as their night

dancing to "Saturday Night" with such fervor the floor shook.

When Miss Ford presented trophies at a state ski meet, one tall, bearded skier arrived to pick up his silver cup with a paper

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Seek lure sporting, cultural events to Mt. Washington Valley area

Three prominent New Hampshire men have launched a campaign to bring nationally-prestigious sporting and cultural events to this four-season recreation area, with

Near the stadium, Hatch is constructing an indoor tennis club which will contain six courts and a spacious convention center. Both the stadium and the convention

facilities, Westhall the promotional expertise, and Leighton is providing the support of the Carroll Reed organization. In 1972 Westhall was in-

ENTERPRISE (E)
BROCKTON, MASS.
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NORTH CONWAY, N.H.
(UPI) — Susan Ford will present ski trophies this

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Susan's visit will include date with Olympic skier

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) —Susan Ford will go out on the town in this White Mountain ski mecca Saturday night with a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski team, who came home from Europe last month when he broke a leg.

David Currier, 23, of nearby Madison, N.H., was picked to escort the President's daughter on her campaign visit to New Hampshire because "he's helped us a lot here in the valley...and he's clean cut, clean-shaven — an all-American boy, hard to find these days," said David Ingemie of the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The help was the skiing success of Currier, a homegrown product of this resort area. Currier trained through the racing program at the Eastern Slopes Ski Club, located at Mt. Cranmore. Miss Ford will hand out trophies there and ski the North

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Hildegarde and her 70th birthday cake.

"I wish I had some of that talent," President Ford commented as he inspected a White House-arranged grab bag of Bicentennial gifts that have been pouring in from a knitting, crocheting and carving American public.

Grinning at an antique gilt mirror bearing portraits of him and all previous Presidents, a gift from Vail, Colo., resident Keith W. Caroselli, the President said the Bicentennial "brings out the kind of talent that we have that you don't see unless we have an occasion like this."

this week because of illness.

Princess Anne has told a British magazine that her immediate plans do not include having a family, but, the Princess explained, "Right now I've got this ambition to achieve the 1976 Olympics" as a member of the British riding team. The princess then went on to describe her home life with Capt. Mark Phillips, the man she married in November, 1973. She and Phillips "sort of

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Susan To Present Skiing Trophies

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Skier To Escort Ford's Daughter

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford will go out on the town in this White Mountain ski mecca Saturday night with a member of the Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitabuh, Austria there and ski the North Conway Trail before the giant slalom Sunday in the state high school ski championships.

Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitabuh, Austria

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They Waited in Cold

Icy Greeting for Susan At N: Conway Ski Area

^{at 11:20 a.m.}
NORTH CONWAY, (AP) — Susan Ford, campaigning in Northern New Hampshire for her father Saturday, got a rather icy reception from skiers still riled by a faux pas from presidential news secretary Ron Nessen.

Miss Ford was 30 minutes late for her first appearance, which left some of the 600 spectators waiting in near-zero cold for more than an hour. The initial White House schedule set her arrival time at 3 p.m. That was later

of those waiting on the slopes said they were not told.

KISS EARNS BUTTON

Miss Ford presented injured Olympic skier David Currier with a plaque honoring his contributions to junior skiers, in New Hampshire. Currier, who broke his leg two weeks ago in pre-Olympic trials at Innsbruck, responded with a kiss. Susan responded with a President Ford button.

Her father was in New

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Susan Ford's campaign strategy—being seen

NORTH CONWAY, N.H.

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President, Mrs. Ford Susan Coming to N.H.

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President Gerald Ford will visit New Hampshire for two days this weekend in his bid for the Republican nomination in the state's first-in-the-

and motor to Salem where she will visit the Lancaster Public School Workshop for Handicapped Children.

Susan will head up north to

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Olympic Skier to Escort Susan Ford While in N.H.

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NORTH CONWAY, N.H. area. Currier trained through
(UPI) — Susan Ford will go the racing program at the
out on the town in this White Eastern Slopes Ski Club,
Mountain ski mecca Saturday located at Mt. Cranmore.

As of Wednesday night the White House hadn't told him what sort of entertainment would be on the agenda, and

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Susan Ford campa

By JOAN DEPPA

NORTH CONWAY, N.H.
(UPI) — Susan Ford dated and skied with the hometown hero, danced at a junior high hop and promised to come again to the slopes which make the Mt. Washington Valley one of the most popular ski regions in the East.

While President Ford was speechmaking in southern New Hampshire, his daughter was campaigning in her own style during the weekend — no speechmaking, just being seen as friendly and unassuming, a good sport who can take a joke and make small talk with fellow skiers.

About as near as Miss Ford

came to discussing politics was a brief news conference on the ski slopes Sunday morning after testing the trails with escort David Currier, 23, of nearby Madison, a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team who was forced to sit out the Innsbruck games when he broke a leg.

Susan told reporters skiing in New Hampshire is excellent no matter what White House press secretary Ron Nessen said. Nessen's comment in December the first family would not spend Christmas in New Hampshire because its slopes tend to be icy then created a furor in the state tourist industry and probably cost Ford votes.

Miss Ford said there were "a

few icy spots" on Mt. Cranmore but no more than would be found "anywhere." She waved to the crowd seeing her off at the ski slope and shouted, "I'll be back."

When she and the handsome, blond Currier were introduced Saturday, he kissed her on the cheek at the urging of photographers. But as their night on the town (pop. 3,000) progressed, it became clear they really were hitting it off. They smiled at each other frequently, joked and at one point were spotted holding hands.

After dinner at a popular apres-ski restaurant, the couple attended a junior high dance at the North Conway community

Signs quietly in N.H.



President Ford's daughter Susan is shown skiing with her escort, Olympian David Currier of

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY
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MANCHESTER, N. H.
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SATURDAY

President Gerald Ford flies

in Hanover has 9:30 to 11 a.m. family program "Survival in Winter", 10:30 a.m. to noon "Miniature Worlds in Winter: Photography Workshop 1", and 1:30 p.m. "Identifying Trees in Winter" field trip sponsored jointly with Hanover Conservation Council.

Fourth Annual Railroad Days for railroad fans will be held all day today and Sunday by Wolfeboro Branch Railroad Club at Wolfeboro Railroad Station and at adjacent Hatch Theatre.

Business and Professional Women's Clubs will hold annual winter board meeting beginning this afternoon and continuing

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Susan Ford Dates And Skis With Hometown N. H. Hero

By JOAN DEPPA
NORTH CONWAY, N.H.
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HYANNIS, MA.

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Susan Ford may dance in N.H.

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford may drop in at a junior high school dance here Saturday night when she arrives in New Hampshire for a weekend of campaigning with the President and Betty Ford.

A spokesman for the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce said Miss Ford will arrive at Mt. Cranmore at 4 p.m., Saturday, and will be met by local officials including Herbert Schneider, general manager of Mt. Cranmore, Scott Saunders, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and

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Susan Ford Plans to Ski Mt. Cranmore

MT. CRANMORE
NORTH CONWAY, N.H.

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Peek At The Wheel

MT. CRANMORE
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President Ford, completes two day campaign tour, and attend church services in p

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90,000 persons pass through on a peak day. The annual cash flow in the three banks in the valley is \$200 million, Ingemie said.

Currier has two brothers and a

sister, all roughly college age, all of whom ski. "It's kind of hard not to ski growing up in the Mount Washington Valley," he said.

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persons are expected to compete in the state championships, which feature slalom Friday, a giant slalom Saturday and a slalom Sunday. There are separate events for junior and senior

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Betty Ford provides livelier moments on the campaign trek

By Donnie Radcliffe
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The ovation was thunderous — 3,500 cheering, whistling, applauding University of New Hampshire students and faculty members on their feet telling Betty Ford and her husband what word thus far had not:

Whatever problems Gerald Ford may have in the New Hampshire primary, Betty Ford — and her outspoken



important. I feel she can influence him."

Betty Ford can "influence" her husband is not the question so much as whether she can influence voters. After results of a Harris poll last November revealed her to be one of the most popular wives of an American President, President Ford's campaign officials could hardly overlook her as a campaign asset. Even in New Hampshire,

Fords last Saturday at Manchester Airport — where the most generous crowd count was 1,000 — began to dissipate as Betty Ford moved along her own campaign trail. In Salem, she visited some handicapped youths and spirited elderly people who gathered at an elementary school to perform for her.

There was little remarkable about the visit to the school (Eunice Shriver had been there the day before)

amending that introduction of herself to "the wife of your President" as she made 10 or so telephone calls to undecided voters.

Not one of the people she talked to challenged her about issues, however. Not even abortion, asked a reporter, since there is a difference of opinion between her and the President? "You know that," she said, grinning, then turned away.

William Loeb and his Manchester

ing phones right off the hook when her pro-abortion stand came out.

"An artificial issue," said one Dartmouth College student, "because Loeb is pushing it and the media is playing into his hand."

Betty Ford is not without her other critics, though some leading Republicans in the state see them as no major threat. She will cost him few votes, they maintain, and perhaps even win him a few. Those Republi-

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Hampshire Will Get Fords in Full Force

By FRANK VAN RIPER

Washington, Feb. 2 (News Bureau) — President Ford, his wife, Betty, and their daughter Susan will fly to New Hampshire this weekend for two days of campaigning and speechmaking aimed at blunting the strong effort of Ronald Reagan in the state's first-in-the-nation presidential primary Feb. 24.

The Ford's itinerary, released by the White House today, in-

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Ford to Stress 'Soft Sell' In New Hampshire Tour

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 — President Ford, whose bid for the Republican Presidential nomination rests on making the most of his White House incumbency, will take part in only one overtly political event

Republican Leadership Conference in Dearborn, Mich., without making any request for personal support and then delivered a nonpartisan, Bicentennial speech to the Virginia General Assembly in the restored

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Personalities



United Press International

Hildegarde and her 70th birthday cake.

"I wish I had some of that talent," President Ford commented as he inspected a White House-arranged grab bag of Bicentennial gifts that have been pouring in from a knitting, crocheting and carving American public.

this week because of illness.

Princess Anne has told a British magazine that her immediate plans do not include having a family, but she



FORD IN NEW

By Richard Reeves

“...He was traveling around trying to prove that he can read and write, that he’s competent. It’s tough to prove a negative...”

When the president made his way into the Nashua High School gymnasium, the band struck up “The Party’s Over.”

After two hours at the head table, smiling at 1,200 guests in the gym, Gerald Ford led the applause as the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce presented its annual “Citizen of the Year” award to Sam Tamposi—Tamposi is the New Hampshire finance chairman for Ronald Reagan.

Dennis Sullivan, the mayor of Nashua, presented the key to the city to the president, noting that Reagan’s name had been on well-lit theater marquees for years, then going on, “In this time of energy-conserving, President Ford needs only one electric light bulb to show his talents while his opponent is used to many glittering lights.”

Things like that happen to Gerald Ford. It was his first official campaign swing—all expenses paid by the President Ford Committee—of his first presidential contest, the February 24 match with Ronald Reagan in the New Hampshire primary election, and at non-partisan events like the Chamber of Commerce dinner, he was appearing “presidential”—no snowy-shoed handshaking for the leader of the free world.

He made only five major stops in 40 hours outside Washington and those almost seemed scheduled to minimize favorable television, newspaper, and magazine coverage. It seemed a shame because the people of New Hampshire so obviously liked Jerry Ford. I’m not sure all of them thought he should be president, but thousands of happily waving people clustered along roadways and intersections during his hour-long drive from Concord to Durham, families standing in front of their homes or by cars parked in the snow, groups of a hundred at circles in towns like Epsom. The president could have swept through New Hampshire in triumph, going from town to town, giving

frosty Fourth of July speeches in the squares, answering a few questions. At the least, it would have been triumphal television. Fun, too.

Instead, he cheerfully suffered the small humiliations of the Nashua Chamber; briefed 250 state and local officials, many of them Democrats, on the federal budget in Concord; shook hands with a crowd of 700 Ford “volunteers,” many of whom later admitted they were not really working for him but wanted to meet him; conducted a hyperbole-hyped press conference with state reporters; and held a very impressive question-and-answer session with 3,500 students and friends at the University of New Hampshire.

The press conference was televised statewide (at 12:30 on a Sunday afternoon), but even in New Hampshire, Americans had a tough time getting a fair picture of the rest of Ford’s tour—and most of it would have made the president look pretty good.

The campaign swing was on a weekend—February 7 and 8—effectively eliminating stories in *Time* and *Newsweek*, which close their editions on Friday and Saturday. National newspapers have early deadlines for Sunday editions, so their coverage was limited on Saturday events; the biggest and best Sunday event, the university appearance, was too late for anything but brief mention in Monday-morning papers. As for network television, the Saturday-night news was pre-empted by golf, tennis, and the Olympics, and the university stop was too late for Sunday evening, ending up in Monday-night bits light on Ford and heavy on correspondents’ viewpoints.

In New Hampshire, where the first voters are, that meant that most people got two versions of the trip in William Loeb’s papers—the New Hampshire *Sunday News* and Monday’s *Manchester Union Leader*—without any balance from media not quite as sure that

Ronald Reagan is the last, best hope of Western civilization. (Under the headline “ICY GREETING FOR SUSAN AT N. CONWAY SKI AREA,” the *News* front-paged an Associated Press report that the president’s daughter was 30 minutes late for an appearance, deeply offending “cold, hungry” skiers.)

The scheduling didn’t make sense to me at first—few appearances, badly timed. The timing I put down to smug inexperience on the Ford staff. If there is any urgency around Ford, a feeling that the man is fighting for his political life, you could not find it listening to Richard Cheney and Ron Nessen of the White House or Stuart Spencer and Peter Kaye of the President Ford Committee in the bar of the Nashua Holiday Inn on Saturday night—maybe because their total national campaign experience is about a half hour.

General incompetence I could understand. What I couldn’t figure out was the theory. Ford was acting more “presidential” than Nixon in his non-campaign of 1972—he was doing George Washington, only once deigning to directly ask for “your support,” then quickly adding, “But whether or not you help in that regard, you have already given me great, great encouragement. . . .” What were they trying to accomplish: with budget briefings for selectmen and endless rounds of non-partisan questions and answers? Representative James Cleveland, the president’s New Hampshire chairman, finally made it clear, telling someone: “We’ve got to show that Jerry can handle himself, that he’s not a dummy.”

“I am not a dummy!” The president was traveling around—one weekend in New Hampshire, the next in Florida—trying to prove that he can read and write, that he’s competent, that he can handle the job. Tough—it’s tough to prove a negative. After Ford’s one-hour-and-32-minute budget briefing—punctuated, by actual tedious count, with

Betty wins in New Hampshire

MARY McGRORY

DURHAM, N.H. — A stout, short, middle-aged woman was struggling through the press of cameramen and reporters in the sheltered workshop for the retarded at the Lancaster Elementary School. She

