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Good Morning David and Good Morning America.

Whatever your politics...or the politics of the man in the mansion... when an

engraved invitation arrived at YOUR house...from the WHITE HOUSE...

you go...especially when the event you're asked to attend is the most elegant of all official fetes--

the State Dinner...honoring a visiting foreign dignitary...Last

Thursday night...^{and my husband's} it was my honor

to attend such a State Dinner...for West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt ...and except for a brief delay in the dinner's start...due to some

Presidential interest in the acceptance speech of Jimmy Carter at the Democratic convention...

it was an evening of eye-popping pomp and apolitical circumstance...

undeterred by the Demo doings in New York City...After your arrival's announced to those already inside...

and you've made your way down the reception line...past the President

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and Mrs. Ford...and the Chancellor and Mrs. Schmidt...you retreat to a tent on the White House grounds for dinner...a multi-course...wine-filled affair which offered ample explanations as to why Henry Kissinger wages such an unsuccessful battle of the bulge...as well as why alcoholism is such a problem with Washingtonians of all political persuasions...Among the more than 200 persons present...my dinner companions...

Secretary of the Interior Thomas Kleppe...legendary jazz clarinetist Benny Goodman...and the number one woman in the German Bundes Party... Marie Schlei...the one person you have to get to...in order to get in to see Herr Schmidt.

Unfortunately...despite the sublime Supreme of Sole Veronique...the fantastic filet of beef with Bernaise sauce...and the devlishly delicious dessert of Strawberry Vacherin with Rasperry Sauce...topped by the U.S. Army Band's singing Sargents...and after dinner

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entertainment by opera singer

Phyllis Curtin...

I was still left with a bitter
taste in my mouth...thanks

to the Washington Post...whose
reporting of the party certainly won't
win them any awards for accuracy...

and in fact, the Pulitzer Prize people
ought to take a couple of them back.

A Case in point: although neither
of the women writers assigned to the
story even bothered to ask me

directly...the Post reported that I
"descended upon Kissinger and told him
that she wanted to visit his dog,
Tyler." Well...not only didn't I know
or care that Henry had a dog...

much less one named Tyler...I was in
fact discussing the turmoil

surrounding the summer Olympics and
Mexico's condemnation of Israel for
the Entebbe raid which freed the

hundred hijack hostages. And THIS
is the paper acclaimed as America's

most accurate...thanks to Woodward and
Bernstein? All I can say is...maybe

we need to recheck some of THEIR
facts, too...in light of my own

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personal experience with the paper.

Until next time, keep thinking those
good thoughts...This is Rona Barrett
in Hollywood. AND Thank you
PRESIDENT FORD AND MRS.
FORD.

Toasts at the White House To German-American Friendship

By Jean M. White
and Jannette Smyth

As the Democrats bounced a red, white and blue ball around the Madison Square Garden Convention Hall last night while awaiting the acceptance speech of their 1976 presidential candidate, President and Mrs. Ford were at the Republican White House playing hosts at a black-tie dinner for Bicentennial visitors from the Federal Republic of Germany.

President Ford and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt began their belated exchange of toasts — delayed by a late start and a relaxed receiving line—only a few minutes after Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter began his acceptance speech.

Last night's White House dinner once again was held in the Rose Garden under the white canopy first used last week for the dinner in honor of Queen Elizabeth.

The tent was drenched by yesterday's late afternoon downpour, but that did not interfere with the proceedings. White House personnel were sent out to hold down the canopy's see-through plastic sides during the storm and the inside stayed relatively dry and useable.

In welcoming Schmidt and his West German delegation to the United States, President Ford celebrated the bonds of German-American friendship rooted in the early revolutionary days. He singled out for particular attention recent economic talks, citing the benefits of relations with developing countries and the necessity of cooperation between the independent democracies of Europe, Asia, and North America.

Schmidt, recalling that his visit marks the third time in the last two years that he has come to the United States for talks with Ford and that the American President had returned a visit to West Germany last July, pointed to the frequent exchanges as an "open manifestation" of the close relationship between the two countries.

At no time in the last 30 years, the West German leader said with special emphasis, has cooperation been closer between the two nations. With a ref-

erence to the "shadows" of the recent past fading away, Schmidt promised that Germany "never more will gamble away freedom and democracy," after making some "unspeakable errors" in the past. He termed as "good" the chance for success in moves toward relaxing tensions in Europe.

Earlier in the day, Schmidt missed no opportunity to hail German contributions to this country from as far back as Gen. Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, who served as inspector general in Washington's army. In a three-minute ceremony, Schmidt placed a wreath at the von Steuben statue in Lafayette Park. And later, in a visit to the Smithsonian's new Air and Space Museum, and specifically its "Spacearium," he presented the West German government's Bicentennial gift of the planetarium instrument itself and funds for a control system that makes the planetarium fully automated.

Arranged under the white canopy in the Rose Garden, the rectangular head table and the 16 round tables featured wood-carved American birds amid the table decorations. With a special attention to detail, the garden birds were coordinated with garden flowers, and the field birds with cactus or greenery.

For the after dinner entertainment, Phyllis Curtin, a soprano with both the Metropolitan Opera and the Vienna State Opera, made her first White House appearance in the East Room.

Among those on the guest list last night was Hans von Stackelberg, captain of the German Tall Ship, the Gorch Fock, which President Ford will visit tonight when Chancellor Schmidt plays host at a ship-side reception in Baltimore harbor.

After dinner, guests milled about in the Blue Room and Green Room as the President and Chancellor Schmidt were sequestered in the Red Room behind a phalanx of Secret Service agents and White House social aides, apparently to avoid commenting on the Carter nomination. The President usually mingles with his guests.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asked reporters what Jimmy Carter's acceptance speech was like. Told that Carter had said there would be no



West German Chancellor Helmu

more "Lone Ranger" diplomacy, of the kind Kissinger is accused of, Kissinger replied, "the Lone Ranger generally won. Have you considered that?"

the cast to visit her at the White House

ing Irene Dunne and Alan Marshall, is worth up for.

Forbidden Past," the last of the trio, bills Gardner and Robert Mitchum in a story about a girl of questionable character who comes into

s. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" (WDCA-20 at is a must for W.C. Fields fans who applauded it

The White House Sets Off the Social Tenor

Once, the Nouveau Riche Played Here

Now, the Elite Are Ever on Parade

By J. Kirkpatrick Flack

Against the background of economic depression which descended over the land in 1873 — while Charles Eliot Norton continued to mourn the passing of idealism and intellectual vitality which he felt was a prelude to degeneracy, Francis Amasa Walker resumed the statistical analyses which seemed to confirm his worst fears about America's future, and

This excerpt, a look at social life in former days, is reprinted with permission from "Desideratum in Washington: The Intellectual Community in the Capital City 1870-1900." Schenkman Publishing Company, Cambridge, Mass.

Henry Adams proceeded with the excursions in scientific history which led him to conclude that the world was being drawn inexorably and with increasing rapidity toward annihilation — President Grant began his second term in office and the grotesque spectacle of the Gilded Age lumbered on.

Many of the characteristics of this America could be discerned in Washington. Indeed, the city presented a mirror image of national culture: fortunes were quickly gained and the status of different social groups rapidly changed. The effects of these transformations were as visible in the Capital as in the nation at large. "Wealth is omnipresent," wrote newspaperman Don Piatt, "and the humanities drive about in gorgeous carriages and live among stunning upholstery." Parvenus competed with established families. Coarse showiness was manifest everywhere.

There were elements of affluence as

well as sham in the nabobs' manner of entertaining. Frank G. Carpenter ("Carp"), correspondent for the Cleveland Leader, and later a member of the Cosmos Club, reported that "the dinners of Washington could not be more expensive if their pepper and salt were grains of gold dust." Yet he detected a good deal of counterfeit.

"It is well known that Washington hostesses hire the china for their large balls and receptions. Almost every china store in this town has stocks of plain white dishes which go out and come back many times during the social season. I asked one of these merchants why the dishes used for this purpose were so plain. 'It is not because people like them,' he explained, 'but because their guests cannot so easily tell that this is the same china they are from the day before at another house.'"

It was rumored too that the fine ladies of Washington rented their jewelry.

Some observers denied that Washington had any elegance whatsoever, and upbraided life at the Capital as an existence of "veneered furniture, plated spoons," and a place where "vulgar people who amass fortunes by successfully gambling in stocks, pork or grain can attain a great deal of newspaper notoriety for their social expenditures. . ."

Jane W. Gemmill, writing for the benefit of those who could not visit the Capital and view conditions for themselves, noted that "society, as at present existing in Washington, is very peculiarly made up, and at its best very hollow and unsatisfactory." This criticism was mild compared with an account that

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By a Washington Star Staff Writer

It was seven down, and nobody could say with authority how many more to go in the parade of Bicentennial state visits by foreign dignitaries to the White House.

There were the trumpet fanfares, the stately staircase descent into the White House Lobby, the seemingly endless receiving lines and the canopied rose garden dinners by candlelight, the receiving lines and obligatory East Room entertainment.

For Helmut Schmidt, West Germany's handsome and sometimes embarrassingly candid fourth Chancellor, it was his third meeting with Gerald Ford in Washington in the brief two years since he was named to the Federal Republic of Germany's top political post.

It was certainly an occasion to ceremonially honor America by the leader of a people with strong ethnic ties to the United States, despite two gigantic and bloody battlefield confrontations in this century. (Germany contributed more immigrants to the United States in the last 150 years than any other single nation.)

BUT IT WAS ALSO an opportunity for two leaders facing similar political problems to compare notes if they had chosen to do so.

Schmidt, like Ford, is seeking this fall to retain an office thrust upon him by the resignation of his predecessor in the midst of a scandal. Both have been hurt by the world economic recession, and are claiming credit for pursuing policies in tandem, they say, that have resulted in the current upturn.

So it was that Ford was careful to note

in the traditional toast following a dinner for 170 guests that recent summit meetings between him and Schmidt were "concrete evidence" of their "determination to regain prosperity and sustained economic expansion." Schmidt, an economist who exudes competence as well as confidence, expressed similar sentiments earlier yesterday by praising the Ford initiative in setting up the recent talks on world economic problems in Puerto Rico.

The mutual back-scratching was never blatant, however, and the White House soiree last night was given over to a celebration of enduring German-American friendship.

"At no time have relations between us been closer," Schmidt told Ford in his return toast, "never more trustful and direct than today."

WITH SEVERAL references to Germany's disastrous embracing of Nazism, Schmidt (who served in the German Army during World War II) spoke reassuringly of "shadows of that recent epoch fading away."

From the perspective of 200 years, those shadows were indeed fainter. After all, there were Germans in Jamestown and Philadelphia long before the Revolution. There was Gen. Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben in George Washington's Revolutionary Army and a host of German-American patriots in the Revolutionary era. There were millions of industrious and skilled German immigrants and descendants who contributed mightily to America's industrial, intellectual and cultural growth: John Jacob Astor, Carl Schurz, John Peter Zenger,

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Commentary

Barry Goldwater (during ABC's coverage of Democratic Convention): "Both parties have lost. Independents far outnumber either party. I think the important thing is to found two new. I would hope that both parties would adhere closely to the founding concepts of our country that would Abraham Lincoln's chances be of the GOP nomination today? He'd have some but I think he'd get it." (On the subject of rats) "If it weren't for them, I'd still be selling . . . (following Rep. Barbara Jordan's keynote "If somebody feels there's a chance, or the run a black person for vice president. I can't a better one to run than this woman, not only she's a woman or black — she's both — but she's very, very intelligent. I would hate to be a keynote speech at my own convention following one."

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*Darling Sheila
wrote all
the time but get
too busy send
tear sheets -*

~~Baroness Garnett Stackelberg~~

Love to you both

Garnett

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WASHINGTON DATEBOOK

Schmidt Lauds U.S.-German Friendship

By Baroness Stackelberg

Helmut Schmidt, chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, speaks English more fluently than our secretary of state, a member of the state department comment-

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FORD VISITS GERMAN SHIP IN BALTIMORE



—Associated Press

President Ford and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (left) arrive at the German ship Gorch Fock in

Baltimore Harbor last night. Schmidt hosted a reception aboard the square-rigger for the President.

Wet Cadets in the Rigging: 'Above and Beyond . . .'

The President Seemed Impressed

By John Sherwood
Washington Star Staff Writer

BALTIMORE — It rained on the Ford-Schmidt-Gorch Fock parade last night, but all hands dressed up

the Baltimore-Washington Parkway because the foul weather grounded the helicopter that was to have flown him to his visit to the West German ship Gorch Fock, where he met West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

slippery gangplank where they were piped aboard. Nearly 80 cadets in full dress stood at attention along the yardarms and doffed their caps three times and shouted a salute.

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(SCHMIDT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND MRS. HELMUT SCHMIDT ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON THURSDAY TO A FULL MILITARY GREETING FROM PRESIDENT FORD AT A COLORFUL WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY.

WHILE SCHMIDT WILL DISCUSS U.S.-GERMAN RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WITH BOTH FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, THE OCCASION FOR HIS VISIT IS PRIMARILY AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, HE WILL DEDICATE GERMANY'S BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES -- THE EINSTEIN SPACERIUM IN THE NEW NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE. GERMANY DONATED THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED PLANETARIUM PROJECTOR, BUILT BY ZEISS, THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF THE SPACERIUM.

THE INSTRUMENT WILL PROJECT THE HEAVENLY BODIES, THEIR MOVEMENTS AND THE MOVEMENT OF SPACE VEHICLES AS THEY WOULD APPEAR AT ANY SPECIFIC TIME.

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THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS:

8:00 STAFF MEETINGS.

10:30 ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR
HELMUT SCHMIDT.

11:00 CONFERS WITH SCHMIDT.

2:00 VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER.

8:00 ROSE GARDEN DINNER HONORING CHANCELLOR AND MRS.
SCHMIDT.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A FLORIDA GOP LEADER BROKE THE BACK OF A DAINTY GOLD CHAIR, HENRY KISSINGER GOT TEASED FOR HIS "LONE RANGER" FOREIGN POLICY AND AN ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER WORE A TUXEDO WITH SEQUIN LAPELS -- ALL THIS AND MORE HAPPENED AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER PARTY LAST NIGHT

THE OCCASION WAS AN OUTDOOR BLACK TIE BICENTENNIAL FEAST FOR VISITING WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT.

WILLIAM TAYLOR OF JACKSONVILLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FLORIDA REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, CRACKED THE BACK OF HIS CHAIR IN THE STATE DINING ROOM WHICH HAD BEEN ARRANGED CABARET STYLE FOR DANCING.

THE DAZZLING TUXEDO WAS WORN BY ISAAC HAYES WHO WROTE THE BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR "SHAFT."

HAYES DANCED WITH MRS. FORD AND THE PRESIDENT DANCED WITH SINGER DIONNE WARWICK.

THE SOCIAL GATHERING KEPT FORD FROM HEARING RIVAL JIMMY CARTER'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.

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(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRONOUNCED IN "EXCELLENT HEALTH" ON HIS 63RD BIRTHDAY AND IN GOOD SPIRITS, PRESIDENT FORD ROLLED OUT THE BICENTENNIAL WELCOME MAT FOR ANOTHER FOREIGN VISITOR TODAY AND SET ASIDE THE WEEKEND FOR WOOING CRUCIAL DELEGATES.

FORD PLANNED TO GREET HIS OLD FRIEND, WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, WITH FANFARE ON THE SOUTH LAWN AND TO ENTERTAIN HIM AT DINNER TONIGHT UNDER THE TENT ERECTED FOR LAST WEEK'S VISIT BY QUEEN ELIZABETH.

THE PRESIDENT UNDERWENT HIS SIX-MONTH MEDICAL CHECKUP ON HIS BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY IN THE WHITE HOUSE CLINIC. DR. WILLIAM LUKASH, HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, SAID THE RESULTS OF THE LABORATORY TESTS AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WERE "COMPLETELY NORMAL."

HIS WIFE, BETTY, THEN DROPPED BY AND STOLE HIM AWAY FOR A MARTINI AND CHEF SALAD LUNCHEON CELEBRATION AT THE SANS SOUCI RESTAURANT.

ASKED WHO HIS RUNNING MATE WOULD BE IF HE WINS THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, FORD QUIPPED, "HOW ABOUT MRS. YOU-KNOW-WHO."

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID FORD IS AN AVID NEWSPAPER READER AND IS KEEPING TABS ON THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

FORD WILL FLY TO HARTFORD SATURDAH IN HOPES OF SWEEPING ALL 35 DELEGATES AT THE CONNECTICUT STATE CONVENTION.

HIS DELEGATE COUNTERS DO NOT EXPECT HIM TO DO AS WELL IN UTAH, ~~WHICH HE PROBABLY~~ LOST TO RONALD REAGAN.

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(SCHMIDT)

(BY HENRY KEYS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT PAID HOMAGE TO AMERICA'S WAR DEAD TODAY BY PLACING A WREATH OF RED CARNATIONS AND YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

IT WAS A BRIGHT AND HOT DAY AS SCHMIDT DROVE UP TO THE CEMETERY GATE TO BE GREETED WITH A 19 GUN SALUTE WHICH BOOMED ACROSS THE FILES OF HEADSTONES AS HIS ENTOURAGE DROVE UP TO THE WALKWAY WHICH LEADS UP TO THE TOMB.

ARMY, MARINE, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND COAST GUARD PERSONNEL FORMED AN HONOR GUARD LINING THE STEPS LEADING UP TO THE TOMB.

AS SCHIMDT AND MAJ. GEN. ROBERT G. YERKS PAUSED AT THE BASE OF THE STEPS, THE U.S. ARMY BAND PLAYED FOR RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES FOLLOWED BY THE WEST GERMAN NATIONAL ANTHEM. AT THE HEAD OF THE STEPS WHERE THE TWO MEN AGAIN PAUSED, THE BAND PLAYED THE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM, AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH SCHMIDT PLACED THE HUGE WREATH BEFORE THE TOMB WHICH MARKS THE NATION'S UNIDENTIFIED WAR HEAD.

HE STEPPED BACK AND STOOD AT ATTENTION AS THE BUGLE SOUNDED TAPS.

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A Shore-to-Ship Reception

By Jean M. White

BALTIMORE — In a pelting rain, President Ford walked the gangplank last night to attend a reception aboard the German Tall Ship "Gorch Fock" in Baltimore Inner Harbor. Despite

"I've stopped it from raining just for you, Mr. President." Immediately it began raining again for a short sprinkle.

The President and Mrs. Ford, accompanied by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Mrs. Kissinger, went

the aid of a cane and an arm for support.

Awnings had been erected on the quarterdeck to cover the buffet table. About 200 guests crowded the deck. Among those attending were the two United States senators from Mary-

