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A Toast Tinged With Realities

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The prime minister of Singapore last night upset the conventional wisdom that says the exchange of toasts between heads of state at a White House dinner



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**FORD-DIPLOMACY
 BY FRANCES LEWINE**

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW HAS ADVISED THE UNITED STATES THAT CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT MUST SPEAK IN UNISON ON FOREIGN POLICY TO RESTORE WORLD CONFIDENCE FOLLOWING WHAT HE CALLED "AN UNMITIGATED DISASTER" IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

LEE, HEAD OF A LEADING NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIAN ISLAND NATION, IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE WHOM PRESIDENT FORD HAS BEEN MEETING IN THE POST-VIETNAM PERIOD.

LEE TOOK THE OCCASION OF A TOAST AT A WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER IN HIS HONOR THURSDAY NIGHT TO SUGGEST WAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD RESTORE CONFIDENCE AMONG ITS ALLIES.

"IF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS CAN SPEAK IN ONE VOICE ON BASIC ISSUES OF FOREIGN POLICY, AND IN CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE TERMS, THEN FRIENDS AND ALLIES WILL KNOW WHERE THEY STAND, AND OTHERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRETEND TO MISUNDERSTAND WHEN CROSSING THE LINE FROM INSURGENCY INTO OPEN AGGRESSION," HE SAID. "THEN, THE WORLD WILL SEE LESS ADVENTURISM."

LEE WAS THE FIFTH FOREIGN LEADER FORD CONFERRED WITH THIS WEEK. FORD IS GIVING PERSONAL REASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND BY ITS ALLIES AND KEEP ITS COMMITMENTS. THE EARLIER VISITORS WERE THE PRIME MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH KORE

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LEE'S WAS THE ONLY STATE VISIT, HOWEVER, WHICH PROVIDED A DINNER PARTY AND THE FORUM FOR A SPEECH BEFORE THE 112 VIP GUESTS.

FORD, ADMITTING THAT "WE HAVE HAD A TRAGEDY IN INDOCHINA," PROMISED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD MEET ITS COMMITMENTS AND "OUR CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY AND FOR THE WELFARE OF FREE NATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS UNDIMINISHED."

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(WHITE HOUSE DINNER)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ACTRESS EVA GABOR, ACTOR ALAN ALDA AND COMEDIAN RED SKELTON WERE AMONG THE GUESTS INVITED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD TO A STATE DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE TONIGHT HONORING PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW OF SINGAPORE.

MANY OF THE GUESTS HAD TIES WITH ASIA OR WERE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THAT AREA OF THE WORLD.

IN ADDITION, THE FORDS INVITED HELEN COPLEY, PUBLISHER OF COPLEY NEWSPAPERS OF SAN DIEGO; HUNTINGTON MARIFORD, FOUNDER OF THE GALLERY OF MODERN ART IN NEW YORK; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL MAJOR OIL CORPORATIONS.

THE DINNER WAS SERVED IN THE STATE DINING ROOM WITH GUESTS SEATED AT ROUND TABLES. ON EACH TABLE WAS A PAVIER REPRODUCTION OF THE ATHAPOLIS SUBSCRIPTION PLATE BOWL, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS OWNED BY THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART.

THE MENU INCLUDED SAMPAGNO, FILET OF BEEF, BOUQUET OF VEGETABLES, DIE LETTUCE SALAD WITH WATERCRESS, BELL PALS CHEESE, VANILLA ICE CREAM WITH STRAWBERRIES FLOMBE AND WINE.

ON STAGE AFTERWARDS TO ENTERTAIN THE GATHERING WERE BALLET STARS EDWARD VILLELLA AND VIOLETTE VERDY.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- LEE KUAN YEW, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, HELD UP HIS GLASS, LOOKED AT PRESIDENT FORD AND TOLD HIM PEOPLE IN ASIA WERE FRIGHTENED BECAUSE INTERNAL TENSION KEPT THE U.S. FROM SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE ON FOREIGN POLICY.

"IT WAS PAINFUL," SAID HENRY KISSINGER, "BUT HE WAS RIGHT."

"SPEAKING OF VIETNAM AND ITS AFTERMATH, THE SECRETARY OF STATE ADDED, "WE'RE BENT ON TEARING EACH OTHER APART."

LEE, WHO SPOKE OUT AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER IN HIS HONOR LAST NIGHT, VOICED THE FEARS FORD AND KISSINGER HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DISPEL ALL WEEK AS THEY MET WITH ASIAN LEADERS. THESE INCLUDED:

-- A VISIT FROM CHONG IL-KWON, SPEAKER OF THE SOUTH KOREAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. "WE WERE AS

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"Urging unity between Congress and the presidency, Prime Minister Lee admonished that by speaking in one voice on basic issues of foreign policy America's friends and allies 'will know where they stand . . . and the world will see less adventurism.'"

Dinner With a Friend From Southeast Asia

*By Donnie Radcliffe
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The collapse of South Vietnam and Cambodia was "an unmitigated disaster" but "it was not inevitable that this should have been so, especially in

Optimistically, he voiced confidence that Singapore and its immediate neighbors will never be lost in a Communist takeover.

"Two years ago it was a different world," he said. "Two years hence could be better or worse but I do not believe in Marxist-Leninist predetermination."



President Ford and Lee Kuan Yew at the Holton-Ar