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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford has asked that a table from various State dinners and luncheons remain on display following the function so that visitors to the White House have an opportunity to view them.

The first table goes on display in the State Dining Room today. White House Tour Officers will be briefed and be able to inform visitors about the particular function and the decorations that were used for it. The tables will remain on display for varying lengths of time and on occasion, when there are a number of functions within a short period of time, more than one table will be on display.

The first table is from the luncheon Mrs. Ford hosted for wives of members of the United States Senate yesterday. The luncheon had a Washington-Jefferson theme, reflected in the tablecloths, centerpieces, china, music and gifts.

Tablecloths, made from cotton sheets, are in the blue and white Liberty Hall fabric, adapted from a pattern on a set of china used by George Washington. A different set of china, representing Presidents from Washington through Lyndon Johnson, was used at each table.

At each place setting was a gift from Mrs. Ford, a pewter Jefferson cup with a fern planting in it. Each cup was engraved with the "Betty Ford" signature and the date "1975" beneath the signature. Centerpieces were assortments of spring slowers arranged in pewter reproductions of the Annapolis Subscription Plate Bowl, the earliest surviving piece of silver made in Maryland.

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