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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Mrs. Ford will be addressing the Greater Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year Saturday, October 25 at 12:30 P.M. The speech will be in the Music Hall of the Cleveland Convention Center.

On the dais with Mrs. Ford will be Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former President of the UN General Assembly, who will speak on "Women as a Force for Peace"; Jill Ruckelshaus, Chairperson for the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, will introduce Mrs. Ford. Gwill York, Chairperson for the Greater Cleveland Congress of IWY, will introduce Madam Pandit.

Mrs. Ford's speech will come on the first day of a three-day conference, which focuses on the issues concerning women. Organized by a coalition of women's groups in the Cleveland area, the Congress includes more than 140 workshops and seminars on such issues as Equal Rights and volunteerism to such personal concerns as family planning and assertiveness training.

The Congress also includes more than 200 exhibits and displays by women's organizations, civic and cultural institutions, businesses and government agencies. The Congress is thought to be the largest such observance of IWY in the United States. Organizers are projecting an attendance of 30,000 over the three-day period.

Other guests during the Congress: comedienne Lily Tomlin; Phyllis Gillis, Executive Director of the Gallup Institute, who will release results of the latest Gallup poll on "what do women really want and think"; syndicated columnist Ann Landers; tennis pro and TV commentator Julie Heldman; Lynn Caine, author of the book, Widow; Constance B. Newman, Vice Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and television psychologist Sonya Friedman.

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