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

The President and Mrs. Ford are hosting a luncheon honoring Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and Prince Henrik Tuesday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m. The Queen is on a private visit to honor the American bicentennial.

Mrs. Ford has selected a spring garden theme, reflecting the Danish love of flowers. One of the favorite Danish flowers, freesia, will be featured in the table bouquets of iris, tulips, violets, lilies of the valley, miniature carnations, bachelor buttons and broom. These informal, free-style bouquets of wild and cultivated flowers will be in baskets. Azaleas and roses in shades of red and white will decorate the foyer and the cross-hall to honor the red and white of the Danish flag.

The ficus trees on the State Floor will have ivy planted at the bases. Ivy will also be used around the napkins along with a spray of lilies of the valley.

The round tables will be draped with tableclothes of yellow. Tables will be set with the Johnson china, the King Charles silver and Morgantown crystal.

Flowers in the State Floor Parlors will be matched to the historic period of the rooms. For example, urns will be filled with flowers in the Red Room in keeping with early 19th century custom. These decorations are patterned after paintings from the era.

Mrs. Jody Shoemaker of the Winthur Museum in Delaware and Ms. Jeanne Shanks of the Philadelphia Museum of Art have donated their personal time to coordinate the decorations. Both specialize in historic flower arranging, which matches the flowers, containers and style of arrangement to the period of the room.

Included among the guests are many Americans of Danish descent.

The menu: Lobster with Remoulade Sauce; Roast Saddle of Lamb; Almond Potatoes; Parmesan Asparagus; Bibb Lettuce Salad; Danish Bleu Cheese Mousse; Glace Praline; Petits Fours; Demitasse.

Wines: Dry Creek Dry Chenin Blanc; Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignon; Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs.

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