

WASHINGTON DATELINE

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President Ford last week received two Middle-Eastern leaders -- from the Arab world -- and also met with a delegation of Egyptian Parliamentarians, including the Egyptian Ambassador.

Jordan's King Hussein, who was Ford's first official visitor after becoming President last August, met in the Oval Office for one hour with Ford, Dr. Henry Kissinger and others.

Two days later, President Ford met with His Excellency, Hedi Nouria, Prime Minister of Tunisia.

The Egyptian Parliamentary delegation is the first official visit to the U.S. by an Egyptian parliamentarian since 1967.

After Hussein's Oval Office meeting with Mr. Ford, Presidential spokesman Ron Neesen said that the two discussed matters of common interest and concern, and reviewed the current state of peace efforts in the Mideast. "The President assured His Majesty that the U.S. remains committed to working for a just and lasting peace in the Mideast, an issued statement added. "Mr. Ford also reaffirmed America's continued and active support for the Jordanian Government's efforts toward economic development and the importance the U.S. attaches to a strong, stable, and friendly Jordan under His Majesty's leadership. The President reiterated the U.S. commitment to continue assistance and to the close ties of friendship and cooperation with Jordan."

Ford described his private meeting with Hussein as "constructive" and said that one of the benefits of that meeting was that "we discussed the need and necessity not to look back and condemn one party or another, or to have any adverse comments about one party or



A GREAT MANY HOMES IN SOUTHERN NEVADA DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ATTIC INSULATION, AND BRINGING IT UP TO CURRENT STANDARDS COULD PAY FOR ITSELF IN REDUCED BILLS AND GO ON SAVING YEAR AFTER YEAR. ANNOUNCING A NEW PROGRAM ENCOURAGING HOMEOWNERS TO DO THIS ARE JERRY MIDDLETON, LEFT, NEVADA POWER'S MANAGER OF CUSTOMER TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND JUDGE JON COLLINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEVADA ENERGY RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD. THE POWER COMPANY AND LEADING INSULATION CONTRACTORS ARE COOPERATING FOR A FREE INSPECTION, A FIRM ESTIMATE AND ONE-DAY INSTALLATION. FOR INFORMATION, A SPECIAL PHONE HAS BEEN INSTALLED FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. WEEKDAYS, 385-5888.

another. ... "The important point is that we have to look forward," the President added. "We have to be optimistic about what is good in the Mideast, but what, more importantly, is good for the world as a whole. The situation in the Mideast is totally related to the improvement of world conditions on a global basis..."

King Hussein expressed his gratitude for the friendship of the United States over the years and said "We have a commonality of interests. On the one hand, we share the same principles, uphold the same ideals, have the same hopes, and aspirations for a better world -- where people can live in peace and dignity and divert their energies and resources to further build for the generations to come. "Our area is a troubled area, and trouble in our area is dangerous, not only to all those who live in it, but to the future of mankind."

Hussein stated that he wasn't speaking for himself alone, but for many other Arab leaders -- "We wish for nothing more than a just and durable peace, and we're determined to do out utmost for that end."

The Monarch also said that he well knows that the U.S. "will continue to look at our problems with interest and with determination to play the major role which only the U.S. can

play, for the attainment of the goal of peace.

"We've watched with admiration and respect the many efforts made under your wise auspices and leadership; the efforts and initiatives of our great friend, Dr. Kissinger; the patience, the perseverance and the dedication.

"Regardless of the outcome to date, we admire the spirit and we appreciate the tremendous efforts, and we'll always do so. We look into the future with hope at the chance that is ahead of us -- which may be the final chance -- and a tragic history of lost opportunities may be taken by all concerned for the establishment of a just and durable peace...We saw difficulties. We feel they are both in our area and in the world as a whole..."

At the close of his private visit, Hussein had a lengthy luncheon meeting with Dr. Kissinger and then said: "I believe there is still hope for a stable peace in the Mideast, but maybe it's the last chance. I hope it's taken by all."

According to NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, (April 28), our own White House correspondent scored a major journalistic coup last week. Trude B. Feldman obtained the first exclusive interview with both Pat and Richard Nixon since they left the White House last August.

Miss Feldman's article, THE QUIET COURAGE OF PAT NIXON -- in the May issue of MCCALL'S MAGAZINE -- describes the former President's sentiments about his wife; and reveals that it was she who "kept him alive" during the critical days last Fall in the Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

Richard Nixon's tribute to Pat represents the first time the former President has spoken to any journalist for publication since his resignation. The McCALL'S article also include Pat Nixon's observations and comments on her husband and some of what her life is like today.

Since Mrs. Nixon also has not spoken for publication since last August, the McCALL'S disclosures amounts to a double 'Scoop' for Trude Feldman.

Miss Feldman's former McCALL'S magazine articles include: 'How Mrs. Nixon Brought Up Julia and Tricia'; 'Julie and David Eisenhower'; 'The Remarkable Ford Family'; and 'The New First Lady.'

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