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Mrs. Ford's test positive

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Betty Ford's doctors reported yesterday they found slight traces of cancer cells in the First Lady's lymph tissue, but said there was no clinical evidence the disease had spread to other parts of her body.

The surgeons said they remain optimistic for Mrs. Ford's "prolonged survival." They said "microscopic" traces of cancer cells were detected in only two of the 30 lymph nodes removed during Mrs. Ford's operation.

Specialists attending a National Cancer Institute Conference on breast cancer said statistics show that for women with one to three cancer-bearing "positive" lymph nodes there is a five-year survival rate of 62 per cent and a 10-year survival rate of 38 per cent.

Mrs. Ford underwent surgery to remove her cancerous right breast Saturday at the Bethesda Navy Medical Center.

Muscles underlying the breast and lymph glands extending back under her arm also were removed, and the lymph tissue was examined by cancer institute pathologists.

Dr. William Fouty, the hospital's chief surgeon who performed the operation, and Dr. William Lukash, the White House physician, issued a medical bulletin late yesterday based on final studies of the lymph tissue removed during the three-hour operation, called a "radical mastectomy."

"Examination of the tissue in the lymph-bearing area removed at surgery showed microscopic involvement of cancer in only two out of 30 nodes," the medical bulletin said. "There was no involvement in local blood vessels."

Gas tax increase disputed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Influential congressmen yesterday discouraged any talk of a 10-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase but the White House insisted it was still an option being considered to fight inflation.

Congressional observers gave the plan almost no chance of passage if President Ford should recommend it, partly because of solid opposition in the Ways and Means Committee, which must originate any tax legislation.

"Surely there's some better way to do that (conserve

gasoline)," Speaker Carl Albert said of the proposal.

At the White House, Press Secretary Ronald Nessen said that even though Ford was opposed to such a gas tax he "has an open mind on how to fight inflation" and it "is one of many options that his advisers have."

The Ways and Means Committee, now considering a tax revision bill, resoundingly defeated a similar proposal last week which would have placed a large excise tax on automobiles which got low gas mileage: Committee Chairman Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., previously has expressed opposition to gas tax increases.

Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., second-ranking member on the committee, said yesterday a gas tax increase might stand a chance if it was part of an overall energy proposal that was "hard hitting and comprehensive and made sense," but "just 10 cents to raise revenue doesn't make sense."

Ford pledges inflation fight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford said yesterday inflation has gone far beyond levels that the world can tolerate, and pledged the United States to help solve the problem through cooperation in trade, monetary policy and other means.

Addressing the opening session of a meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the President said:

"We want solutions which serve broad interests rather than narrow self-serving ones. We want more cooperation, not more isolation. We want trade, not protectionism. We want price stability, not inflation. We want growth, not stagnation. We want a better life for ourselves and our children."

Ford turned his attention to global economic problems just two days after completion of the domestic summit meeting aimed at seeking solutions to the nation's own ills including burgeoning inflation and unemployment.

Summing up the world situation, the President said in his prepared speech:

"The problems that confront us today are serious and complex — a worldwide inflation at a rate far in excess of what we can tolerate; unparalleled disruption in the supply of

the world's major commodities; and severe hindrances to the growth and the progress of many nations, including, in particular, some of the poorest among us."

Nixon to miss trial's start

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Former President Nixon's illness is dangerous enough that he will not be able to travel for prolonged periods for at least a month, and possibly three months, ruling out his early testimony in the Watergate cover-up trial, his doctor said yesterday.

At a specially called news conference at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, which Nixon entered a week ago, Dr. John C. Lungren said he expected final reports on Nixon's diagnoses by tomorrow.

Lungren said Nixon might be released from the hospital by the end of the week, but would require an extensive period of convalescence for his phlebitis and blood clot condition.

"We will avoid protracted periods of sitting, of riding, of standing, of riding in a car, airplane, bus, you have it," said Lungren in describing Nixon's limitations.

The doctor was asked how long a period of such restrictions would continue.

"I can't tell you," Lungren said. "It's certainly going to be, in my estimation at least a month, maybe longer. Maybe three months. In all honesty, I don't know."

Lungren did say Nixon's condition was such that he would recommend that Nixon not even give a written deposition in the Watergate coverup case, scheduled to begin today in Washington, D.C., for at least two or three weeks.

Further tests will be conducted this week to determine the course of future treatment, he said. Lungren said there was no indication at the present time that there was any need for surgery, but that therapy by anti-coagulants would continue.

S. Africa delegation rejected

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly rejected the credentials of the South African delegation yesterday and asked the Security Council to review future relations between South Africa and the United Nations.

One woman delegate denounced the South African government as "an inhuman regime."

But the General Assembly did not immediately oust South Africa from further U.N. proceedings.

The decision was taken in two separate votes in which a group of mostly black African nations supported by the non-aligned, Socialist and most Asian nations steamrollered the 138-nation General Assembly.

After a lengthy debate in which a number of African and Socialist delegates condemned the South African government's strict racial segregation policy known as apartheid in strongest terms, the meeting decided 98-23 with 14 abstentions to reject South Africa's credentials.

In a second vote, it adopted a resolution co-sponsored by 46 nations asking the Security Council to take the future relationship between South Africa and the United Nations under review by raising no objections against South Africa's participation in the second vote, the meeting tacitly consented to South Africa's continued presence.

The Security Council alone has power to recommend the expulsion of a member from the United Nations.

Kissinger to tour Mideast

NEW YORK (UPI) — Seeking to promote peace in the Middle East, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger announced yesterday he will again tour the area beginning Oct. 9.

He also invited a group of Arab diplomats to dine yesterday night with him, but four of them turned down the invitation.

Algeria, Iraq, Libya and the Democratic Republic of Yemen declined to attend the dinner at the U.S. mission to the United Nations, U.S. officials disclosed.

Those accepting the invitation included Egypt, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Those envoys invited were all members of the Arab League. U.S. officials said Algeria apparently could not attend the banquet because of a previous engagement.

Senators optimistic about Cuba

HAVANA (UPI) — After three hectic and contradictory days in Cuba, two American senators flew home yesterday saying they believe Prime Minister Fidel Castro

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wants to normalize relations with the United States, broken in 1961.

Sens. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., and Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., flew by charter plane to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida and then to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington avoiding any security problems with Cuban exile groups in the United States.

After the senators returned to Washington, Javits announced he would hold a news conference today to discuss the trip.

Twenty-four hours after Castro's harshest speech against the United States in months, the senators dined Sunday night with the Cuban leader in a completely different mood. Pell described their three hours of talks as "frank, warm and friendly."

Refusing to go into details, Javits said for both of them: "We believe that Premier

Castro is interested in working toward better relations; one could say normalizing relations. That is our impression."

They said they were not carrying any messages from Castro to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger but would report their impressions back to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to Kissinger if he wanted to hear them.

They also said they aired American grievances against Cuba frankly in their talks with Castro and other Cuban leaders. Aside from Castro's bitter 50-minute attack on the United States Saturday night, the senators said they also heard some equally frank grievances in their private talks.

On the other side of the coin to Castro's speech was the cordial reception they received as the first

American members of Congress to visit Cuba since Pell was here as a senator-elect in 1960.

Castro's government also allowed 29 American newsmen — the largest number in years — to come in to cover the visit. Several were remaining on a few more days.

The American concerns which the two senators aired in their talks with Cuban leaders included:

— The fact that Cuba is the closest country to the United States which conceivably could threaten its security; Cuba allowed Russian missiles to be stationed here in 1962.

— The fact that Cuba is still holding nine American political prisoners and about 40 others on criminal charges

ranging from marijuana possession to hijacking.

— The fact that huge American investments were seized here without compensation.

— The fact that the United States has been concerned about Cuba's attempts to export its revolution elsewhere in the hemisphere.

What the senators heard were Cuban complaints against the economic embargo imposed on the island by the United States and then by the Organization of American States. The OAS is expected to vote in November to lift the embargo.

The senators said Castro did not mention America's Guantanamo naval base on the western end of the island which in the past he had demanded be turned back to Cuba.

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- A fine of up to \$15,000
- Up to seven years in jail
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