Ford's Date for th

Susan Ford's date for her senior prom, to be held at the White House on May 31, will be a young man she met at the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival three weeks ago.

Billy Pifer, junior premedical student at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., was one of three escorts assigned to Miss Ford when she was queen of the festival.

Appointment Protested

The appointment of Pat Nixon's former White House press secretary, Helen Mc-

Personalities

Cain Smith, to a U.S. Embassy post in London has drawn a protest from the American Foreign Service Association.

The organization yester-day charged that Mrs. Smith was appointed to the London post as assistant information officer under pressure from the White House and that normal procedures for entering the foreign service had been violated. State Department spokes-man Robert Funseth said

the allegation would be looked into.

Mrs. Smith continued to work for Betty Ford when Gerald Ford became President last August, but she later was asked to resign. She left Washington on Wednesday to assume her duties in the London post.

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Political Ambition

President Ford told a group of former members of Congress that they now had