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Julie Nixon Eisenhower and husband David, left, joined President Ford's family (from left) sons Jack and Steve, daughter Susan and Betty Ford

Ford's Major Points

Washington

These were the highlights of President Ford's first address yesterday to a joint session of Congress:

On Congress — "I do not want a honeymoon with you. I want a good marriage . . . I know well the co-equal role of the Congress in our constitutional progress."

On Inflation — "My instinctive judgment is that the state of the union is excellent but the state of our economy is not so good . . . My first priority is to work with you to bring inflation under control. Inflation is our domestic enemy No. 1. It does no good to blame the public for spending too much when the government is spending to much."

On Defense—"A strong defense is the surest way to peace. Strength makes detente obtainable. Weakness invites war, as my generation knows from four bitter experiences. Just as America's will for peace is second to none, so will America's strength be second to none."

On Foreign Policy — "I have fully supported the outstanding foreign policy of President Nixon. This I intend to continue . . . I have upheld all our presidents when they spoke for my country to the world. I believe the Constitution commands this. I know that in this crucial area of international policy I can count on your firm support."

On Watergate — "There will be no illegal tapings, eavesdropping, buggings or break-ins by my administration. There will be hot pursuit of tough laws to prevent illegal invasions of privacy in both government and private activities."

On Crime — "If we can make effective an earlier use of the moral and ethical wisdom of the centuries in today's complex society, we will prevent more crime and corruption than all the policemen and prosecutors governments can ever deter. This is a job that must begin at home, not in Washington."

On His Presidency — "I will be the president of the black, brown, red and white Americans, of old and young, of women's liberationists and male chauvinists and all the rest of us in between of the poor and the rich, of native sons and new refugees, of those who work at lathes or at desks or in mines or in the fields, and of Christians, Jews, Moslems, Buddhists and atheists, if there really are any atheists after what we have all been through. I want to be a good president. I need your help. We all need God's sure guidance. With it, nothing can stop the United States of America."

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