

Love, hate await Ford's Tokyo arrival

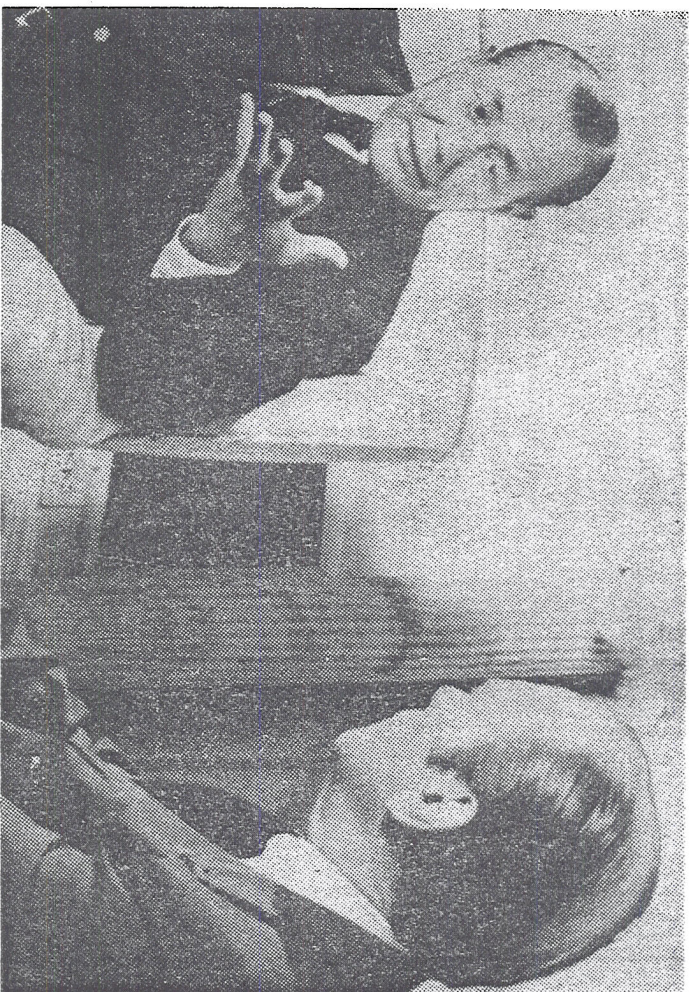
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TOKYO — The United States and Japan reach a dramatic milestone in a 120 year love-hate relationship tomorrow when President Ford steps off Air Force One in Tokyo for a five-day visit to the Land of the Rising Sun — protected by what promises to be the largest police guard in memory.

Never before has an American President in office come to the teeming Japanese capital, where the roar of baseball crowds and the rhythms of American pop music blend with chants of "Fudo Hantai!" (Stop Ford) from left wing demonstrators. Overbreak on the Ginza, the Star Spangled Banner and the rising sun flag are being side by side on each campsite.

Waiting to greet the 38th American President is Emperor Hirohito, 124th Japanese sovereign in a line founded 2,634 years ago, and a more controversial figure in 56-year-old Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, who is fighting for his political life over charges of corruption.

But Ford's arrival also will see thousands of left wing demonstrators mobilized by Japan's Socialist and Communist parties, who oppose the entire American role as military protector of Asia's non-Socialist countries.



Prime Minister Tanaka and President Ford at the White House in September

A police spokesman for the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department said 100,000 policemen will be mobilized for protection of Ford in view of left wing opposition to his visit and recent terrorist bombing attacks against major companies.

Although the demonstrations are expected to be smaller this time, the leftists forced cancellation of an attempt

*A palace,
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100,000 cops
stand by*

by President Eisenhower to visit Japan in 1960 when an unpopular Japanese premier was trying to ram a revised Japanese-American military treaty through the parliament.

Snake-dancing, slogan-chanting left wing demonstrators surged through Tokyo for weeks, and finally forced Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi to quit.

Despite the leftist opposition, Ford will be accorded an elaborate welcome.

Ford comes to Japan as both as the United States' chief executive and its ceremonial chief-of-state. He will be in Tokyo through Wednesday for a round of ceremonial meetings and banquets with the emperor, and talks on Japanese-American relations with Tanaka.

Thursday Ford goes to Kyoto, Japan's old capital and center of traditional Japanese culture 300 miles southwest of Tokyo. He departs Friday from the airport at nearby Osaka for South Korea.

Landing in Tokyo on tomorrow afternoon, Ford will be whisked by helicopter to the Geihinkan, Japan's palace for visiting foreign chiefs of state. Built in 1909, it was inspired by Buckingham Palace and other homes of European royalty. Emperor Hirohito lived there when he was crown prince.

Recently rebuilt at a cost of \$33.7 million as guest house, the Geihinkan is decorated with French art. Japanese gardeners are salting its spacious grounds with hundreds of chrysanthemum plants in full flower.

Because of the fear of street demonstrations, Hirohito will not go to Tokyo International Airport to greet Ford. Instead, he will come to the Geihinkan Tuesday morning for a welcome ceremony.

It will be the first time the emperor has not welcomed a foreign chief-of-state at planeside. Ford also will be the first chief-of-state to enter Tokyo by helicopter rather than car.

After the official welcome, Ford and Hirohito, 73, will drive to the 234-acre estate in central Tokyo where the emperor lives like a country squire in a neighborhood where property costs \$1,000 a square foot.
