

# Ford Comes Back For 4-Day Visit

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President Ford returned to California yesterday, two weeks to the day after an attempt apparently was made on his life in Sacramento.

The President's four-day California swing was billed as "non-political" by the White House.

It's about as non-political as Jim Farley.

White House spokesman said yesterday that w/A/ "well, of course, every thing the President does is, in a sense, political. But there are no outright political appearances scheduled. I mean, he's not going to San Diego, for example."

The Republican State Central Committee is holding its annual convention in San Diego this weekend.

Indeed, as Mr. Ford was winging his way here from an appearance at the Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City, former Governor Ronald Reagan—a potential opponent of the President for the Republican presidential nomination—was addressing a group of Republican women there.

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Ford, was scheduled to arrive at Los Angeles at 8 o'clock last night.

After an overnight stay here, Mr. Ford's schedule called for him to dedicate a field house at 1:30 p.m. today at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

Then the presidential party will go to Monterey, where the President will get in a round of golf at Pebble Beach this afternoon.

The President and Mrs. Ford will spend tonight at the Pebble Beach home of industrialist Leonard Firestone. Tomorrow morning, he'll play another round of golf before leaving for Stanford University where he will speak at 4 p.m. at the dedication of the school's new law buildings.

Tomorrow evening, he will fly to Anaheim to address a dinner of the National Association of Life Underwriters, at Disneyland.

The President will then return to Monterey for another overnight stay and fly on Monday to San Francisco for two speeches.

The first will be at 10 a.m. at the Hyatt Union Square Hotel to the national convention of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Council.

At noon, Mr. Ford will speak at a luncheon meeting of the World Affairs Council at the St. Francis Hotel. This address is expected to be a major foreign policy statement.

At none of these stops, a White House spokesman said, will the President eschew his habit of plunging into crowds and shaking hands.

That was just what he was doing on September 5, in Sacramento's Capitol Park, when Manson cult follower Lynette Fromme suddenly pulled a .45-caliber pistol and aimed it at Mr. Ford.

She was quickly disarmed, and it was later learned the pistol did not have a cartridge in the chamber, although there were four bullets in the clip.

"The President feels it's part of his job, meeting the public and shaking hands with them," the spokesman said, adding, "and he's going to keep on doing it."