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# Ford Enjoys Action

## Washington

President Ford went with actress Candice Bergen last night to a movie about how President Theodore Roosevelt sent the Marines into Morocco in 1904 to rescue a kidnaped American.

Mr. Ford showed no outward signs that he noticed the close parallel of the movie, "The Wind and The Lion," to his own involve-

ment in recapturing the freighter Mayaguez from the Cambodians last week.

As the Marines swept into Morocco with guns blazing, Mr. Ford sat rubbing his hands. But the rest of the time, he laughed, whispered in Miss Bergen's ear, and remarked afterwards that the movie was "very good — I enjoyed it."

In the movie, which treats the American involvement

with a bit of mockery, Mrs. Eden Pedecaris, played by Miss Bergen, and her two children are kidnaped by a mysterious Arab sultan, Raisuli, played by Sean Connery.

Eventually, Roosevelt, played by Brian Keith, sends the Marines into rescue her.

The movie was based on a true incident in the Roosevelt administration.

## Movie

In the film, an aide had remarked to Roosevelt that the President needed "some issue to hang the campaign on — something to arouse the populace."

When he learned of the kidnaping of Mrs. Pedecaris, Roosevelt remarked, "I'll send the Atlantic squadron to Morocco to get respect . . . we're talking about warships, Marines and

heavy guns."

As Roosevelt stumped for re-election, a woman shouted out, "You ain't going to let them push us around!"

As the Marines swung into action in the film, an aide remarked at the American embassy in Morocco, "If we fail, the whole world could go to war. That would be something to run on!"

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