

**The Chatter Box**

**Feeling  
Nostalgic  
And Sorry**

**Representative John  
Rhodes: Will he suc-  
ceed Vice President  
Gerald Ford?**



New York

Nancy Reagan says she's "terribly upset" by the quality of life she sees around her.

In Washington, she told *Women's Wear Daily*, "There's been nothing to uplift us and it's all contributed to a tremendous cynicism among the American people."

Mrs. Reagan was on a nine-day East Coast swing, reportedly to drum up support for the Republican Party and support for her husband's still-unannounced presidential candidacy.

She says she "feels sorry" for Richard Nixon, but refuses to point an accusing finger at him: "We don't know what he's done. It hasn't been proven one way or the other."



NANCY REAGAN  
"Nothing to uplift"

She hasn't spoken to Pat Nixon since before Christmas: "What do you say? I feel so sorry for her."

She denied her husband, Ronnie, is running for president, but feels he'd make a good one. The reason?

"His integrity," she said.

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Harvey Keitel, the young actor who hit it big in "Mean Streets," is now certain of never getting a bad review from film critic Hollis Alpert. Keitel assured himself of that by saving the life of Alpert's wife, Joan.

It happened in Sardi's the other night in front of the members and guests of the New York Film Critics Circle, gathered for the group's 39th annual awards.

During the buffet dinner,



KARL LAGERFELD  
A '30s aficionado

Mrs. Alpert started to choke on a piece of steak. Within moments, she had slumped to the floor, unconscious.

Keitel, sitting nearby, quickly grabbed her ankles and held her upside down, while such luminaries as Francois Truffaut and Lillian Gish looked on in horror. Moments later, the offending hunk of food was dislodged, and Mrs. Alpert was able to stay for the rest of the evening.

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That '30s nostalgia is even hitting Parisians where they eat. Les Annes 30 opened at the end of December in the French capital and has been packed every night since. Among the early regulars — Jeanne Moreau, Yves Saint Laurent, Karl Lagerfeld.

They come for the decor and the ambience almost as much as for the food. Owner Guy Leinckuyel is a lawyer who describes his restaurant as "an adventure. I bought a piece of property and along with it came an old brasserie which has been closed for over 15 years."

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In Washington, the big question among reporters is who would become vice president if President Nixon resigns or is found guilty in an impeachment trial. Much of the guessing is that Gerald Ford would choose either House Republican Leader John Rhodes (Rep-Ariz.) or Melvin Laird, one of his closest friends.

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