In an idle moment on the *Today* show, Critic **Gene Shalit** said he would like to be a conductor. Immediately, the Long Island Rail Road offered him a job. Then the Orchestral Society of Westchester came up with something better: it asked Shalit to lead a concert last week in the garden of Lyndhurst, Financier Jay Gould's old estate on the Hudson River. Shalit, an amateur bassoonist, accepted with pleasure. As a child, he had taken piano lessons: "You know the kind of thing, the music teacher kisses your fingers to see if you're a genius." Waving his baton, Shalit said he rehearsed William Boyce's *Fifth Symphony* and Haydn's "*Farewell*" *Symphony* "like fury. I didn't even stop when the record turned off."

When David Viscount Linley, 12, and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, 10, accompanied their mother Princess Margaret on a visit to the Royal Navy at Portland Naval Base, Britain's Senior Service put on a good show. There was a helicopter flypast, and a fire drill with asbestos-clad sailors putting out a fire. David got an extra treat. He took the wheel of one of the navy's high-powered training boats, then joined the Royal Marines in an assault on a nearby beach. Later he clapped a sailor hat on his head and was heard to pronounce the whole thing "absolutely wizard."

Senators and Congressmen will get a chance to judge a fellow legislator this week—on photography skills. Some 50

BETTY GIVES JERRY A PUSH



color photographs by Tennessee Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., 48, will go on show at a Capitol Hill gallery. Signed by the Senator, the most effective pictures are stark, almost monochromatic hill country landscapes. "Sometimes my wife thinks my photography is more an obsession than a hobby," Baker says. It seems that the wife of South Dakota's junior Senator may soon be feeling the same way; James Abourezk has caught the bug. "Jim already has a sackful of cameras and a darkroom in his house," said Baker sheepishly. "I have to take some responsibility for that."

Vice President Gerald Ford and his wife Betty are definitely planning to move. But for the time being they will simply exchange their four-bedroom house in Alexandria, Va, for a larger Victorian estate on the grounds of Washington's Naval Observatory, which has been appropriated by Congress as the vice-presidential resi-dence. Jerry Ford, however, has a grouse: nice as the place is, it has no pool. Last week the Fords enjoyed a rare quiet day round their old pool at the house in Alexandria. Betty does not want her husband to be President, but she says, "I do understand that Jerry can't always control what happens to him." She then pushed the Veep into the pool for his daily 40 laps.

"He likes to see cricket and football matches," said Joe Jagger of his son the Rolling Stone. Then he added, "I don't want to spoil the idea his fans might have." Joe, a lecturer in the philosophy and psychology of physical education at London University, was visiting the



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