

Nixon's Future? No Comment (aries)

Former President Richard M. Nixon has denied reports he has plans to become a radio or television commentator. x

"Television and radio commentaries would not be the best use of my time," Nixon said in a letter to a Worcester, Mass., radio station news director, Paul Stanford.

Stanford said he is a former Nixon campaign worker and has had "an exchange of letters going for some time" with the former President.

Nixon said in the letter that he planned to complete the first volume of his memoirs in 1976 and make four television documentary shows with David Frost in 1977.

Meanwhile, Nixon, looking tanned, and wife Pat paid an unexpected visit Monday to Camp Pendleton, Calif., near his San Clemente estate, to watch a pageant marking the

Marine Corps' 200th birthday.

"Even though I was a Navy officer, I was proud to have served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific," said Nixon, who surprised a crowd of about 2,000 persons, mostly Marine families. He watched

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from the first row of bleachers as 5,000 Marines marched in uniforms from past eras.

Contrary to early reports, First Lady Betty Ford said yesterday that she will not campaign with her husband in his bid for the presidency.

"I will do what I have always done," she said. "I will accompany him on some of his trips."
Mrs. Ford, who looked well,

seemed full of energy as she cut the ribbon for the opening of the one-day international fair of the Young Women's Christian Association at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

She had toured all the booths first, shaking hands with women from many embassies who were displaying the wares of their countries.

"That's a nice way to start the week," said Betty Ford when son Jack pointed out that a Louis Harris poll showed the majority of women support her outspoken opinions.

According to the Harris sampling, for example, a 60 per cent majority approved of

her statement that she "wouldn't be surprised" if daughter Susan had an affair.

Another First Lady also has spoken up about how she would feel if one of her daughters had an affair. Imelda Marcos, wife of the Philippines president, said, "I would mind."

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