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**TRIP OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Washington, D.C. - - On Monday, November 16, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will embark on a six-day trip to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Throughout the trip, especially in Honduras and Nicaragua, the First Lady will underscore the commitment of the United States to support these countries as they confront the difficulties caused by recent hurricanes and tropical storms.

The First Lady's visit to El Salvador and Guatemala comes in the wake of long-term internal conflicts. In these emerging democracies, she will focus on the progress they have made, as well as the challenges that remain. She will emphasize the development of legal, economic and political systems in the countries' post-war era and stress the importance of the role of women. In both countries, the First Lady will meet with women leaders from across the political spectrum who have played a critical role in the peace process and are now working to build vibrant democracies.

Her visit to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, originally planned for October and delayed as a result of hurricane damage, will provide an opportunity for the First Lady to demonstrate the friendship and support of the people of the United States for these nations as their democracies develop and mature. Throughout her trip, Mrs. Clinton will visit U.S. Agency for International Development programs that highlight America's role in supporting democracy-building initiatives, health and education programs, and economic reform and private sector development.

Below are some highlights of the First Lady's upcoming trip:

El Salvador (November 16 - 17)

- Visit school to illustrate the importance of education in achieving economic prosperity and social progress, and to announce a USAID initiative.
- Tour a government-sponsored center that works with private organizations to provide women throughout El Salvador with information and counseling on issues ranging from domestic violence, to microcredit, to legal assistance.
- Deliver a opening address at a conference on domestic violence. In her remarks, Mrs. Clinton will address ways that all sectors of society can work together to support victims of domestic violence.

Guatemala (November 18 - 19)

- Speech to the Legislative Assembly where she is expected to celebrate the enormous progress that Guatemala has made in the two years since the peace accords and address

the challenges Guatemalans are meeting in ensuring that all citizens are full participants in building a strong, peaceful and democratic future.

- Tour a health center that works with indigenous Mayans to improve maternal health care and to highlight Guatemala's success in reducing its maternal mortality rate.
- In the city of Antigua, participate in a discussion on education reform and a model partnership that enables indigenous students to pursue their education at universities.
- Visit Tikal National Park, the location of ninth-century Mayan ruins.

Dominican Republic (November 20 - 21)

- Participate in a discussion with non-governmental organization representatives on building a civil society.
- Visit a family planning program where she will announce support for new health care initiatives.
- Tour a unique daycare center that meets the critical needs of the poor families and the children it serves.

Haiti (November 22)

- Visit a highly successful rural hospital that not only provides curative and preventative health care to over 125,000 citizens, but also training in life skills, including maternal care, literacy, and family planning.
- Visit a family planning clinic that is a model for reducing adolescent pregnancy.
- The First Lady will be accompanied in Haiti by representatives of several U.S. foundations, including George Soros and William H. Gates, to announce foundation grants to Haiti for health care and family planning.

Editor's Note: A logistical schedule of the First Lady's trip will be released as soon as it is available.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced today in Tegucigalpa, Honduras a major expansion in the United States' contribution to relief and reconstruction efforts in Central American countries struggling to cope with the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch. Current estimates of U.S. emergency assistance now reach over \$250 million.

In the coming weeks, the Defense Department will more than quadruple its personnel from 1,300 to over 5,600 and further expand its helicopter fleet from 39 to 55 in the region. Starting this week, the Department of Defense will deploy a second package of military support estimated to cost \$55 million for the first 30 days. The package includes 16 additional helicopters, engineering and road-building units, bridges, medical detachments and supplies, a field hospital, and 11 water purification systems to help alleviate the suffering and begin to rebuild countries shattered by catastrophic flooding. In addition to Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras, a second Joint Task Force was established today in El Salvador to coordinate U.S. military relief efforts in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador. President Clinton has already approved \$75 million in defense equipment and services to cover current efforts.

The First Lady also announced a significant increase in food aid to help Honduras and Nicaragua, the countries most devastated by the deadly storm, feed its people and free up resources to address other emergency needs. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide an additional \$15 million in emergency food aid to help meet immediate food needs. This brings AID's Honduras food aid response to \$25 million, consisting of approximately 50,000 tons of rice, beans, vegetable oil and corn meal.

Also, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a further donation of 100,000 tons of wheat to Honduras and Nicaragua worth approximately \$12 million. USDA will also provide \$20 million in grants to Honduras and Nicaragua for the purchase of beans, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice and other basic commodities. In addition, USDA will provide another \$10 million in concessional loans for food purchases to Guatemala and El Salvador, bringing total U.S. food aid to over \$81 million.

Already, as a result of damage to roads and bridges, an emergency air convoy of 25 USAID financed flights has carried 1,300 tons of rice, beans, corn and vegetable oil to the region. Private U.S. citizens have already contributed \$5 million in relief supplies, being transported into the region in another 50 U.S. Government financed flights. In addition, 10 flights have delivered plastic sheeting, water containers and other relief supplies from stockpiles in the U.S. to the region.

The First Lady also announced that the U.S. is prepared to provide debt relief of up to \$50 million for Nicaragua and Honduras, the two countries most severely affected by Hurricane Mitch. These actions would have the immediate effect of relieving these countries of the obligation to service their bilateral debts to the U.S. through the year 2000. The U.S. believes that these countries should be relieved of all their debt service obligations for the next two years and will be working with our partners to accomplish this objective. The U.S. will take a leading role in organizing a meeting of international donors in early December in Washington to discuss long-term financial assistance.

Beyond the immediate crisis of caring for the hundreds of thousands of displaced people, the First Lady is particularly concerned about the long-term effect of the storm on the burgeoning micro enterprise sectors in these countries. Many small businesses have lost their modest investments in equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. To help put these micro entrepreneurs back on their feet, the First Lady announced that the Inter-American Development Bank and USAID will provide \$17 million in grants and loans to rebuild workplaces, reestablish inventories and generate employment for those hit by the storm.

The First Lady also announced a new infusion of current and former Peace Corps volunteers who will lend their expertise to help meet both emergency relief and long-term reconstruction needs. The Peace Corps Crisis Corps of returned volunteers will be sending several dozen former volunteers to Honduras and Nicaragua to contribute critical skills to the rebuilding effort.

The First Lady's announcement comes on the heels of President Clinton's joint radio address last Saturday with Mrs. Tipper Gore, who led a Presidential Mission to the region last week. The President announced that the Department of Justice will extend the stay of deportation for citizens from Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala through the end of the year and that he will examine on an urgent basis recommendations for further relief.

A Fact Sheet is Attached.

THE CLINTON/GORE ADMINISTRATION RELIEF EFFORTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE MITCH

President Clinton has been leading an aggressive relief effort in response to the disaster caused by Hurricane Mitch in Central America. Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Honduras and Nicaragua and announced the deployment of a second package of military support that will allow the U.S. to substantially increase relief and reconstruction efforts. The First Lady also announced additional food aid, debt relief, and other assistance, bringing total U.S. assistance to more than \$250 million. Many United States government agencies are working tirelessly with us to help bring disaster relief to Central America. Here are some specifics:

Department of Defense

The President has directed the Department of Defense to release \$75 million in emergency assistance for Central America. Over 1,300 soldiers are in the region as part of a special Joint Task Force of the four branches of service of the U.S. Military. This force will increase to more than 5,600 in the coming weeks. This task force is assisting in relief efforts on a number of fronts:

Dozens of U.S. military helicopters and aircraft operate daily and have delivered over 2.5 million pounds of relief supplies (food, water, blankets, sheeting, sanitation services) to date; additional helicopters arrived in the area on November 12, bringing the total to 39.

Military engineering units are clearing and repairing key roads;

DOD has transported \$5 million in relief supplies donated by U.S. citizens under the Denton Program;

DOD's new package of support will deploy to the region this week to supplement current efforts. This support includes: 16 additional helicopters, engineering, bridge companies and road-building units, medical detachments and supplies, a field hospital, and 11 water purification systems;

A second Joint Task force was established today in El Salvador to coordinate military relief efforts in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

A 31-member Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) from USAID is present in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador, coordinating U.S. relief activities with national and private voluntary efforts;

USAID is providing \$30 million to purchase and distribute plastic sheeting, blankets and other relief supplies, procure food locally, provide health, water and sanitation services

(including restoration of Tegucigalpa's water system), and purchase supplies for road repair and reconstruction. Ten flights have delivered relief supplies from stockpiles in the U.S. to Central America;

USAID is providing \$25 million in emergency food aid, including 50,000 tons of rice, beans, oil and corn meal;

USAID is airlifting food to the region and has delivered almost 1,300 metric tons on 18 flights to Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala;

An estimated 6,000 metric tons is expected to arrive in the region by ship before the end of the month;

USAID and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will lead a mission, in partnership with the private sector, to address housing reconstruction and infrastructure repair needs;

USAID and the Inter-American Development Bank will provide \$17 million in grants and loans to rebuild workplaces, reestablish inventories, and generate employment.

Department of Agriculture:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing 100,000 metric tons of wheat, worth approximately \$12 million to Honduras and Nicaragua;

USDA will provide \$20 million in grants to Honduras and Nicaragua for the purchase of beans, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice, and other basic commodities;

USDA will also provide another \$10 million in concessional loans for food purchases to Guatemala and El Salvador.

Department of Treasury:

The U.S. is prepared to provide debt relief of up to \$50 million for Nicaragua and Honduras, thereby relieving these two countries of their obligation to service their debt with the United States through the year 2000. The United States believes that these two countries should be relieved of all of their debt service obligations for the next two years and will work with our partners to accomplish this objective;

The United States will take a leading role in organizing a meeting of international donors in early December in Washington to discuss long-term financial assistance.

Department of Justice:

The President has asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to extend a stay of

deportation for nationals from Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala through the end of the year. In addition, the Administration is examining on an urgent basis recommendations for further relief.

Peace Corps:

Additional members of the Peace Corps and former Peace Corps volunteers will travel to Nicaragua and Honduras to offer their expertise to help meet emergency needs and begin the rebuilding effort.

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U.S. ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

BUDGET

	<u>FY 1997</u>	<u>FY 1998</u>
• Development Assistance	\$ 15.1 million	--
• Economic Support Funds	\$ 58.9 million	\$ 70.0 million
• PL-480 Food Aid	\$ 27.1 million	\$27.3 million
Total	\$101.1million	\$ 97.3 million

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) program in Haiti is to mitigate the effects of poverty, address the underlying causes of poverty -- population pressure, poor education, and environmental degradation -- and create sustainable income opportunities for the poor. The AID program also addresses security, justice, and governance concerns, and promotes greater popular participation in the political, economic and social development of Haiti.

PROGRAM AREAS

Reduce Poverty: USAID programs increase access to credit by microenterprises, and help small farmers to increase their yields while protecting the environment. AID is planning a new secondary cities program to assist local governments and civic groups to attract investment and improve public services.

Promote Economic Reform: USAID programs are helping to rebuild the economy with support for macroeconomic reform and privatization of state-owned enterprises. AID is financing the privatization costs for the airport, port and telephone company.

Reduce Environmental Degradation: USAID programs support local environmental initiatives by community groups and local government to improve the management of natural resources at the local level, and help strengthen policies at the national level through implementation of a National Environmental Action Plan.

Improve Social Sector Services: USAID programs alleviate malnutrition and illness among children with feeding programs, health services, family planning, and primary education. AID currently supports preventive, curative and reproductive health services to two million people, as well as school feeding and nutritional supplement programs assist those at greatest risk.

Build Democracy: USAID programs are helping to build basic democratic institutions and representative government with assistance for judicial reform, police training, elections, local government development, and community-based civic action groups.



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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON VISITS WITH YOUNG ADULTS AT HAITI'S
LEADING FACILITY FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti -- Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the Foundation for Reproductive Health and Family Life Education (FOSREF), Haiti's leading reproductive health provider.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has supported FOSREF since its inception. This year, FOSREF will receive a total of \$230,000 from the U.S. Agency for International Development to provide family planning services, reproductive health services, and technical assistance to other organizations in these areas.

FOSREF, a Haitian non-governmental organization founded in 1988, has directly provided reproductive health services to approximately 750,000 people in six clinics in congested areas of Port-au-Prince. FOSREF averages nearly 38,000 clients monthly, making it the nation's leading reproductive health provider and the leading national authority on reproductive health for young people and family life education programming. Programs provided by this program include: family planning; HIV and STD testing and counselling; prevention education; and prenatal care.

The U.S. Agency for International Development's Health System 2004 program and FOSREF are helping the Ministry of Public Health and Population and other partners to develop youth specific reproductive health programs. Fifty percent of FOSREF's clients are less than 24 years old, therefore FOSREF has trained more than 300 adolescents to educate their peers. These educators are now able to provide information about disease prevention, family planning, and reproductive health to thousands of young people throughout Haiti. Technical assistance is also provided in adolescent reproductive health services to other organizations serving an estimated 800,000 youth in the provincial cities of Gonaives, Cap Haitien, Jacmel, and Cabaret. FOSREF and its partners have been able to reach over 70,000 families nationally with education messages.



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The U.S. Agency for International Development Partners with Philanthropic Foundations to Provide Family Planning Programs for Haitians

PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI – Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will work with the William Gates Foundation, the U.N. Foundation, the Summit Foundation, and the George Soros Open Society Institute to provide family planning programs for Haitians.

These programs are building blocks which will help support and further the work USAID has already provided to strengthen family planning services in Haiti. These foundations worked in partnership with the USAID and the Haitian government to identify the needs in the country and create programs based on those requirements.

Poor Haitian women of reproductive age are faced with considerable obstacles when they seek care. Access to services are limited; and facilities are poorly staffed, equipped and supplied. Over the next three years, the William Gates Foundation will provide \$1.5 million to establish full service reproductive health centers within private secondary care facilities. The William Gates Foundation will also grant \$1.25 million to the Foundation for Reproductive Health and Family Life to provide reproduction health information, education, and related services to more than one million youth living in five cities.

The U.N. Foundation will provide \$700,000 to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities over the next three years in order to grant access to reproductive health services, launch education campaigns, and train health providers. Over the next year, the Summit Foundation will provide \$189,000 to initiate and foster the growth of youth clubs throughout the country that will educate children on reproductive health, focus on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and unwanted pregnancies.

Improvements in maternal and child health in Haiti will require well-trained health professionals with a broad range of skills and the capacity to operate with modest resources and technology. The George Soros Open Society Institute will provide \$1 million over six years to begin a project that will show the benefits of restructuring Haiti's medical education and service delivery system to address family and community health needs. Under this grant, the University of Miami School of Medicine, private hospitals in Haiti, and the Haitian Ministry of Health will provide training in family and community-based preventive medicine, primary care, and patient education.



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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Announces \$3.4 Million in Disaster Relief Assistance for Haiti

HAITI--Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide an additional \$2.1 million in disaster relief assistance to Haiti in response to the devastation that was created by Hurricane Georges. This brings the total amount of U.S. support for disaster assistance efforts in Haiti to \$14.1 million. U.S. funds are being used to provide emergency food aid and repair damage to irrigation systems, road networks, and rural health centers.

As a result of the hurricane, Haiti lost much of its agricultural production potential, particularly in the southeast and Artibonite regions. Heavy rainfall and flash flooding destroyed crops and livestock, damaged roads that linked farms to markets, and filled irrigation canals with silt and debris. USAID will grant \$1.3 million to repair irrigation canals in this region. Damage to road networks in rural areas has seriously impaired the ability of farmers to transport crops and agricultural supplies. Winrock International was granted \$50,000 to rebuild access roads destroyed by Hurricane Georges in the areas surrounding the Periner community.

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Sunday, November 22, 1998

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON VISITS THE
WELFARE COMMITTEE OF PIGNON, HAITI**

PIGNON, HAITI – Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited with members of the Welfare Committee of Pignon, a non-governmental organization that provides quality and preventative health services, women's literacy and credit programs, and an innovative water and sanitation program to 160,000 people in Pignon, Haiti. The U.S. Agency for International Development provides approximately \$700,000 annually through its Health Systems 2004 Project to the Welfare Committee of Pignon.

The government of Haiti officially recognized the Welfare Community of Pignon in 1984 and, in 1997, the Ministry of Public Health and Population designated the Pignon Hospital and four satellite centers and the community as the area's official health service provider. Now, the Welfare Committee of Pignon is widely recognized as one of the most innovative and effective community organizations in Haiti. It has recently launched a collaborative nutrition program with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency and supported by USAID for children under five years of age. Each year, several hundred American medical volunteers visit Pignon and spend approximately two weeks transferring their skills to the local population.

Mrs. Clinton also witnessed the presentation of checks to four representatives of newly established village banks, which will provide access to formal credit and will give women the opportunity to make financial choices important to themselves and their families. Each village bank is formed by women who have accepted loans from the bank for working capital, to promote family savings and training. With this additional assistance, the program will reach an additional 1,750 women in the first year. Over the next three years, the program is expected to reach approximately 4,000 women borrowers.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has many successful microcredit programs like this one in the region. It takes account of women's interests and constraints while designing and achieving their objectives. This integration results in projects that not only contribute to specific achievements such as improved water quality and stronger financial services, but also provides opportunities for women to participate in leadership and decision making roles.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN**

(NOVEMBER 21 - 22, 1998)

++++ UPDATED INFORMATION +++++

(Note: Updated information is in UPPERCASE BOLD font.)

Note the addition of the photo-op with Mrs. Clinton and children on Sunday.

The First Lady's trip includes visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the schedule for Haiti.

Mrs. Clinton concluded her visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic November 16 - 20. For details on her visits to these countries, please see the previously released schedules. For an overview of the trip, see the announcement released last week. This schedule is subject to change.

Saturday, November 21

Note: The First Lady will travel to Haiti on Saturday. Departure from the Dominican Republic is closed to press coverage.

3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti
Haiti International Airport
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 2:30 p.m. Press should assemble at ADAG. Local contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

3:55 p.m. Arrival at Presidential Palace

The First Lady will be met upon arrival by Mrs. Geri Preval in front of the Presidential Palace.

PRESS NOTE

CLOSED PRESS.

4:00 p.m. Courtesy Call with Mrs. Preval
Diplomatic Receiving Room
National Palace

Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

4:20 p.m. Meeting with President Preval
President's Conference Room
Presidential Palace

PRESS NOTE

OPEN SPRAY AT THE TOP -- DONE IN WAVES. Local contact is Meg Gilroy, U.S. Embassy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi. 25' throw.

4:55 p.m. Viewing of "Serment des Ancestres," a painting by Guillame Guillon-Lethier
Presidential Palace

PRESS NOTE

CLOSED PRESS.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

PRESS NOTE

OPEN PRESS. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 25' throw.

6:10 p.m. Peace Corps Swearing-In
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 20' throw.

Sunday, November 22

9:30 a.m. Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon
The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

The First Lady will tour the hospital and deliver brief remarks.

PRESS NOTE - HOSPITAL TOUR

POOL PRESS -- PRINT ONLY. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

Press Note - Remarks

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power will be provided.

12:25 a.m. Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony
Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local and on-site press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. .

1:40 p.m. Visit to Basile Moreau School (Ensemble Scolaire Pere Basile Moreau)
Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Valid press identification required. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

PHOTO OP WITH CHILDREN:

**MRS. CLINTON WILL STOP TO WATCH CHILDREN PLAYING A GAME.
POOL PRESS. CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION. LOCAL PRESS CONTACT
IS MEG GILROY, 509-22-5726. ON-SITE CONTACT IS DAN LENOS.**

MEETING WITH PARENTS:

POOL SPRAY AT TOP. Consecutive translation. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided.

2:55 p.m. Visit to FOSREF
(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)
#22 Delmas 19
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will participate in a discussion with youth. Open press. Press identification required. Discussion will be in English. Consecutive translation. 20' throw. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

5:05 p.m. Departure from Haiti
Part-au-Prince International Airport
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN**

(NOVEMBER 19 - 22, 1998)

The First Lady's trip includes visits to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the schedule for Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Mrs. Clinton concluded her visits to Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador November 16 and 17. For details on her visits to these countries, and on her first day in Guatemala on November 18, please see the previously released schedule. For an overview of the trip, see the announcement released last week. This schedule is subject to change.

Thursday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Address to Congress
Congressional Hall
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Mult (Spanish and English). Simultaneous translation. Press identification required. Local press contact is Alberto Fernandez, U.S. Embassy, 502-331-1541 (x4278). On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Editor's Note: In the afternoon, the First Lady will travel to the Dominican Republic. Her departure from Guatemala will be closed to press coverage.

11:10 p.m. Arrival in the Dominican Republic
Las Americas International Airport
Old Terminal

Press Note

Open Press. Press wishing to cover the arrival should contact Franklin Polanco of USIS, 809-541-3030, for details.

Friday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Visit to Center for Family Integration
Center for Family Integration/Centro de Integracion Familiar
Villa Duarte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. 10' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 10:00 a.m. Discussion with Democracy Initiative Project Representatives**
Pontificad Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra
Bolivar and Abraham Lincoln Streets
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. 25' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 11:45 a.m. Courtesy Call with President Fernandez**
President's Office
National Palace
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool spray. Press identification required. Press access time is 11 a.m. 20' throw. Local press contact is Adriano Tujada, Director of Press & Information for the National Palace, 809-695-8135. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

- 3:00 p.m. Visit to Carl Theodore Georg Regional Hospital**
Calle Presidente Enrique Numero Uno
Barrio Miramar
San Pedro, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 2 p.m. 30' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030, or Sheila Hoban, 809-543-7028. On-site contact is Natalie Hartman, 809-685-9412 or 809-523-8604.

- 4:20 p.m. Visit to Hogar del Nino Daycare Center**
Carretera Romana Higueral
Calle N
Preconca Nueva
La Romana, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time is 3:30 p.m. 50' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030, or Sheila Hoban, 809-543-7028. On-site contact is Natalie Hartman, 809-685-9412 or 809-523-8604.

Saturday, November 21

Note: The First Lady will travel to Haiti on Saturday. Departure from the Dominican Republic is closed to press coverage.

3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti
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Press Note

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Press Note

Pool spray at the top. For local pool information, contact Meg Gilroy at the U.S. Embassy at 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi. 25' throw.

4:50 p.m. Viewing of "Serment des Ancestres," a painting by Guillame Guillon-Lethier
Presidential Palace

Press Note

Open press (photo op with Mrs. Clinton, President and Mrs. Preval only). Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Joao Ecsodi.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 25' throw.

6:10 p.m. Peace Corps Swearing-In
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos. 20' throw.

Sunday, November 22

9:25 a.m. Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon
The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

The First Lady will tour the hospital and deliver brief remarks.

Press Note - Hospital Tour

Pool press. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

Press Note - Remarks

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power will be provided.

11:50 a.m. Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony
Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local and on-site press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726.

1:20 p.m. Visit to Basille Moreau School (Ensemble Scolaire Pere Basille Moreau)
Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Notes

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Valid press identification required. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Discussion with Parents:

Pool spray at top. Print reporters only for discussion. Consecutive translation.

Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult and power provided.

3:15 p.m.

Visit to FOSREF

(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)

#22 Delmas 19

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will participate in a discussion with youth. Open press. Press identification required. Discussion will be in English. Consecutive translation. 20' throw. Mult and power provided. Local press contact is Meg Gilroy, 509-22-5726. On-site contact is Dan Lenos.

5:05 p.m.

Departure from Haiti

Part-au-Prince International Airport

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Closed press.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 18, 1998

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA**

(NOVEMBER 16 -22, 1998)

Draft #4

The First Lady will be traveling to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

This schedule is subject to change. Please see the previously released trip announcement for an overview of this trip.

Monday, November 16, 1998

11:45 a.m. Greet United States Troops Providing Disaster Relief

Tarmac
Soto Cano Military Base, Honduras

Press Note

Open press.

No mult. On-site contact is Lt. John Snyder, Joint Area Public Affairs Officer (phone: 234-4637, x4676). Press enter via main entrance of military base. Meet military PAO at entrance for escort.

Press pre-set: 10:45 a.m.

Press final access: 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Arrival in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Tarmac
Toncontin Airport (military side)
Boulevard de Toncontin
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Note

Open press.

Mult provided. Local press must be credentialed by Casa Presidencial or have

valid press identification to access the site. On-site contact is Liz Sears.
Press access: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:50 p.m. Press Statement/Remarks to Rescue Workers

Tarmac
Tegucigalpa Airport
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Notes

Open press. No mult provided. On-site contact is Liz Sears.

4:30 p.m. Arrival in Nicaragua

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press interested in covering events at the airport must assemble at Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 4:00 p.m. for escort for arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

5:30 p.m. Photo Opportunity with President Chirac and President Aleman

Blue Room
Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press will be escorted from airport arrival to this site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

6:10 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Processing Center
Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort to arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

8:10 p.m. Arrival in San Salvador

Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press must assemble at the Ceba

Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

8:30 p.m. Remarks to Joint Task Force Eagle

Hangar 2
Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. 30' throw. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Ceba Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for escort to event site. Consecutive translation. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Visit to ISDEMU Headquarters

ISDEMU Headquarters
9 Avenue del Norte 120
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool press. Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841 or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

11:15 a.m. Education Event at School / Orphanage

Multi-purpose Room
Hogar del Nino San Vicente de Paul
1131 Avenida Cuba
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mults (English and Spanish) provided. 45' throw. Press must have valid press identification to enter the site. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

Press pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Press final access: 10:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Auditorium
U.S. Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool spray for opening remarks. Print reporters may remain for entire discussion. Simultaneous translation. Mults provided (Spanish and English). Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841 or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

4:00 p.m. Domestic Violence Speech

Bristol Room

Hotel Princess

Avenida Las Magnolias y Blvd. del Hipodromo

San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Mults (Spanish and English) provided. 50' throw. Press entrance via left of main hotel lobby by Salon Bristol I. Press must have valid press identification to enter site.

Press pre-set: 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Press final access: 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Note: In the morning, the First Lady will depart El Salvador en route to Guatemala. Departure from El Salvador will be closed to press coverage.

10:15 a.m. Arrival in Guatemala

Guatemala City Airport

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required to access the site. Local press should contact Alberto Fernandez at 502-331-1541 (x4278) for arrival details. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

11:00 a.m. Courtesy Call with President and Mrs. Arzu

President's Office

National Palace

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray (stills and video only) at the top. Press identification required. Local press please contact Alberto Fernandez, US Embassy, at 011-502-331-1541 (x4278).

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Dining Room
Ambassador's Residence
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Print reporters may remain for discussion. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. Mult provided.
For local pool information, please contact Alberto Fernandez at the US Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4278). Press pre-set before 11:00 a.m. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

2:30 p.m. Education Reform Event

Salon Principal
Colonial Museum
5 Calle Oriente #5
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Throw is 55'. Mult provided.
Simultaneous translation.

Press pre-set: 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Press final access: 1:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

4:00 p.m. Mothercare R'xin Tinamit Event

Room A11
Brother Pedro de Betancourt Hospital
San Felipe de Jesus
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

The First Lady will visit midwife training facilities and deliver remarks. Press identification required to cover this event. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Tour of training facilities:

Pool press. For local pool information, please contact Frank Neville at the U.S. Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4252).

Speaking program:

Open press. Simultaneous translation. Mult is provided. 40' throw.

Editor's Note: The schedule for the remainder for the First Lady's trip will be released as soon as it is available.

Thursday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Address to Congress
Congressional Hall
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Mult (Spanish and English). Simultaneous translation. Press identification required. Local press contact is Alberto Fernandez, U.S. Embassy, 502-331-1541 (x4278). On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

3:45 p.m. Tour Tikal Ruins
Tikal, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Local press contact? Press assembly point? On-site contact is Andrew Browning.

Editor's Note: At the end of the day, the First Lady will travel to the Dominican Republic. Her departure from Guatemala and arrival in the Dominican Republic will be closed to press coverage.

Friday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Visit to Center for Family Integration
Center for Family Integration/Centro de Integracion Familiar
Villa Duarte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. 10' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

10:00 a.m. Discussion with Democracy Initiative Project Representatives
Pontificad Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra
Bolivar and Abraham Lincoln Streets
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press will arrive with motorcade. Press identification required. Simultaneous translation. 25' throw. Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-383-9825.

11:45 a.m. Courtesy Call with President Fernandez

President's Office
National Palace
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool spray. Press identification required. Press access time is 11 a.m. 20' throw.
Local press contact is Adriano Tujada, Director of Press & Information for the
National Palace, 809-695-8135. On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott, 809-
383-9825.

3:00 p.m. Visit to San Pedro de Macoris Hospital

Carl Theodore Georg Regional Hospital
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Pool press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Throw?
Local press contact is Mike Stanton, 809-541-3030. On-site contact is Natalie
Hartman, ###.

4:20 p.m. Visit to Hogar del Nino Daycare Center

Address?
La Romana, Dominican Republic

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Throw?
Local press contact? On-site contact is Paula Thomasson Scott.

Saturday, November 21

Schedule TBD.

Note: The First Lady will travel to Haiti on Saturday. Departure from Dominican Republic is closed to press coverage.

3:20 p.m. Arrival in Haiti

Haiti International Airport
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? On-site contact is
Stephanie Jones.

4:00 p.m. Courtesy Call with President Preval

President's Conference Room
National Palace
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Press identification required. Local press contact? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

5:30 p.m. Haitian Civil Society Reception

U.S. Ambassador's Residence
address?
Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press access time? Mult? Lights? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

TBD Peace Corps Swearing-In

U.S. Ambassador's Residence
address?
Port au Prince

Press Notes

Pool press. Press identification required. Local press contact? Press access time? Mult? Lights? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

Sunday, November 22

9:25 a.m. Visit to the Well-Being Committee of Pignon

The Well-Being Committee Hospital
Pignon, Haiti

Press Note

Pool press. Local press contact? Mult? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

11:50 a.m. Disaster Relief Event / USAID Signing Ceremony

Pernier Fatima, Petion-Ville, Haiti

Press Note

Open press. Local press contact? Mult? On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.
20' - 60' throw. Mult provided for remarks. Consecutive translation for remarks.
On-site contact is Stephanie Jones.

1:20 p.m. Visit to Bazile Moreau School (Ecole Moreau School)
Bizoton/Port au Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will tour the school, participate in a brief discussion with parents of students at the school and deliver brief remarks. Press must have valid press identification. Press should be at the site by 12:45 p.m.

Photo Op in Classroom:

Pool press. Local press contact: ?? 15' throw.

Discussion with Parents:

Print reporters only. Local press contact: ?? Consecutive translation.

Remarks:

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mult is provided.

3:15 p.m. Visit to FOSREF
(Reproductive Health and Family Education Foundation)
#22 Delmas 19
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Press Note

The First Lady will visit a family life education class and participate in a discussion with youth.

Visit to Family Life Education Class:

Pool press. 20' throw. Consecutive translation.

Discussion with Youth:

Open press. 20' throw. Discussion will be in English. Mult provided.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Haiti, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA**

(NOVEMBER 16 - 22, 1998)

The First Lady will be traveling to Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. Below is the press schedule through Wednesday, November 18. The remainder of her schedule will be released as details become available.

This schedule is subject to change. Please see the previously released trip announcement for an overview of this trip.

Monday, November 16, 1998

11:45 a.m. Greet United States Troops Providing Disaster Relief

Tarmac
Soto Cano Military Base, Honduras

Press Note
Open press.

No mult. On-site contact is Ltc. John Snyder, Joint Area Public Affairs Officer (phone: 234-4637, x4676). Press enter via main entrance of military base. Meet military PAO at entrance for escort.

Press pre-set: 10:45 a.m.
Press final access: 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Arrival in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Tarmac
Toncontin Airport (military side)
Boulevard de Toncontin
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Note
Open press.

Mult provided. Local press must be credentialed by Casa Presidencial or have valid

press identification to access the site. On-site contact is Liz Sears.
Press access: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:50 p.m. Press Statement/Remarks to Rescue Workers

Tarmac
Tegucigalpa Airport
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Press Notes

Open press. No mult provided. On-site contact is Liz Sears.

4:10 p.m. Arrival in Nicaragua

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Press interested in covering events at the airport must assemble at Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort for arrival site.
On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

5:30 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Managua International Airport
Managua, Nicaragua

Press Note

Open press. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Protocol Door at main airport entrance by 3:30 p.m. for escort to arrival site. On-site contact is Kelly Crawford.

7:00 p.m. Arrival in San Salvador

Comolapa International Air Base
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required. Press must assemble at the Cepa Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

7:30 p.m. Disaster Relief Event

Hangar 2
Comolapa International Air Base

San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. 30' throw. Mult provided. Press must assemble at the Cepa Cafeteria at Comolapa International Air Base between 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for escort to event site. On-site is Laura DiBiase.

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Visit to ISDEMU Headquarters

ISDEMU Headquarters
9 Avenue del Norte 120
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool press. Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841. or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

11:15 a.m. Visit to School / Orphanage

Multi-purpose Room
Hogar del Nino San Vicente de Paul
1131 Avenida Cuba
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Consecutive translation. Mults (English and Spanish) provided. 45' throw. Press must have valid press identification to enter the site. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

Press pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Press final access: 10:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Auditorium
U.S. Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Pool spray for opening remarks. Print reporters may remain for entire discussion. Simultaneous translation. Mults provided (Spanish and English). Local press should contact Janet Rivas, Casa Presidencial, 503-270-3841.

or 503-886-8422. Or fax 503-271-1334. On-site contact is Laura DiBiase.

4:00 p.m. Domestic Violence Speech

Bristol Room

Hotel Princess

Avenida Las Magnolias y Blvd. del Hipodromo

San Salvador, El Salvador

Press Note

Open press. Mults (Spanish and English) provided. 50' throw. Press entrance via left of main hotel lobby by Salon Bristol I. Press must have valid press identification to enter site.

Press pre-set: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Press final access: 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Note: In the morning, the First Lady will depart El Salvador en route Guatemala. Departure from El Salvador will be closed to press coverage.

10:15 a.m. Arrival in Guatemala

Guatemala City Airport

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Press identification required to access the site. Local press should contact Alberto Fernandez at 502-331-1541 (x4278) for arrival details. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

11:00 a.m. Courtesy Call with President and Mrs. Arzu

President's Office

National Palace

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray (stills and video only) at the top. Local press please contact Alberto Fernandez, US Embassy, at 011-502-331-1541 (x4278).

12:30 p.m. Peace and Reconciliation Discussion

Ambassador's Residence
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Press Note

Pool spray at the top. Print reporters may remain for discussion.

Simultaneous translation. Mult provided.

For local pool information, please contact Alberto Fernandez at the US Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4278). Press pre-set before 11:00 a.m. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

2:30 p.m. Education Reform Event

Salon Principal
Colonial Museum
5 Calle Oriente #5
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

Open press. Throw is 55'. Mult provided. Simultaneous translation.

Press pre-set: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Press final access: 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

4:00 p.m. Mothercare R'xin Tinamit Event

Room A11
Brother Pedro de Betancourt Hospital
San Felipe de Jesus
Antigua, Guatemala

Press Note

The First Lady will visit midwife training facilities and deliver remarks. On-site contact is Joi Hilton.

Tour of training facilities:

Pool press. For local pool information, please contact Frank Neville at the U.S. Embassy at 502-331-1541 (x4252).

Speaking program:

Open press. Simultaneous translation. Mult is provided. 40' throw.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will overnight in Guatemala on Wednesday. The remainder of her schedule will be released as details become available.

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Volunteerism

PHOTOCOPY
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Volunteerism summit ends; now the 'real work' begins

BY KATHY KIELY
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

PHILADELPHIA — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sent 5,000 delegates at the first national summit on volunteerism home Tuesday to do the "real work" that is "essential to revitalizing democracy."

The first lady represented President Clinton at the closing ceremony of an unusual gathering that brought Republicans together with Democrats, movie stars with unsung heroes, all for the cause of helping needy children.

Participants seemed unanimous in declaring the summit a success.

"We are really committed and we are going back to make a change," Beverly Morrow of the United Way of southeast Arkansas declared, as she and the other five

members of Pine Bluff's delegation awaited the summit's final gathering on the sunny outdoor mall in front of Independence Hall.

President Clinton convened the three-day summit, endorsed by all four of his living White House predecessors, to tackle problems facing American youth.

In the final hours of the summit, the all-star cast of national leaders, whose presence gave the gathering its media cachet, ceded the stage to the people they said were the real stars of the show — the delegates.

The delegates promised to convene local summit meetings in their own communities within six months and come up with ways to meet the national goal: touching the lives of 2 million at-risk chil-

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Associated Press

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, former President George Bush and retired Gen. Colin Powell applaud a performance of the Philadelphia Orchestra during closing ceremonies of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. Clinton was introduced by the summit's chairman, Powell, as "a lady who has devoted her entire life to the cause of children and their welfare."

Volunteers

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dren by the year 2000.

"Now the real work begins," Hillary Clinton said.

The first lady — introduced by the summit's chairman, retired Gen. Colin Powell, as "a lady who has devoted her entire life to the cause of children and their welfare" — downplayed her role.

"The real work will be done on the front lines by volunteers and those who organize and support volunteers," Hillary Clinton said.

National leaders can "encourage and motivate," but it will be the 5,000 rank-and-file volunteers and local community leaders who attended the summit who determine whether it is a success, she emphasized.

The first lady asked delegates to help the country develop "habits of the heart that will make America continue to be the greatest and best nation in the world."

Her sentiments were echoed by former President George Bush, who attended all three days of the summit with his wife Barbara. Bush's attendance at the gathering, called by the man who ousted him from the White House, was emblematic of the summit's bipartisan support.

Bush acknowledged that the summit, which attracted three former presidents and countless celebrities, involved "a lot of glitz."

"Who wouldn't like to stand up there with Brooke Shields or cuddle up next to John Travolta?" the former president asked. As the



Associated Press

Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford listen to English translations of questions during an agenda for the Americas panel discussion Tuesday in Atlanta. Carter and Ford are participating in a forum of former and current leaders of Central, South and North American countries.

crowd rippled with appreciative laughter, Bush added: "But what matters is what you all do."

Participants in the summit say the gathering in Philadelphia has left them ready and eager to do more than ever.

"People need to be motivated," said Carolyn Staley, a high school classmate of President Clinton's in Hot Springs who now works at the National Institute for Literacy in Washington. "We were overdue for a dose of optimism."

The delegates got a large one from Powell.

"Everybody's asking, is this for real or is this just a nice three days basking in the sun, talking do-

goodism?" the retired general said. "I'm telling you, it's for real."

Powell has formed an organization called "America's Promise" to ensure that delegates and corporations make good on the promises they made here.

He started his accountability program right away, holding up a note passed to him by one businessman who promised to start a mentoring program.

"It's on television now, Roger," Powell laughed as he waved the sheet of paper over the lectern. "I hope you knew what you were doing."

Powell, the first black to hold the nation's highest military rank

as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he owed his success in part to "Mr. Sixer," the proprietor of a neighborhood toy store who gave him his first after-school job.

"It was a safe place, away from the streets, and it gave me a sense of structure," said Powell. He called on other Americans to give the same for today's youth.

"We have no choice but to go forward if we're going to keep this nation marching in the direction that the men who met here more than 220 years ago wanted," said Powell, gesturing behind him at the brick building where the nation's founding fathers gathered to sign the Declaration of Independence.

The summit ended with a touch of brass — as well as strings and winds — courtesy of the famed Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, whose members assembled on the steps of Independence Hall to serenade the delegates.

The musicians called to order the last meeting of the three-day gathering with Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and closed it to the stirring strains of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Mayor Ed Rendell invited the delegates to return to Philadelphia in the year 2000 to assess their progress.

"We've always said this has to be more than just three days," the mayor said. But even after the three years the summit delegates have allotted to meet their goals, they shouldn't stop, he said.

"It has to be more than three years," the mayor said. "It has to be the rest of our lifetimes."

Kansas
City

Hillary Clinton visits KC



TAMMY LJUNGBLAD/The Star

Americans must "work together to make sure every child gets what any child needs," Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday at a Stand for Children rally at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

day at a Stand for Children rally at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Children have ally in first lady

By DONALD BRADLEY
and DONNA MCGUIRE
Staff Writers

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton championed two of her favorite topics — children and helping women become self-sufficient — while dashing through four Kansas City events Wednesday.

She came to help start a Children's Mercy Hospital program, modeled after one in Boston's low-income neighborhoods, that calls on parents to

"We know what children need and what works. There's not a problem in America that has not been solved somewhere in America."

— Hillary Clinton

read a few minutes each day to their children.

The program also asks all area pediatricians to "prescribe" books to children every time they visit the doctor's of-

fice.

Clinton also posed for pictures with children, challenged adults to support children and capped the day alongside another child advocate, Bill

Cosby, at a Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City benefit.

At one point, she received a bumper sticker that read: "Is it good for the children? That's the number one question."

"What we have to do now is work together to make sure every child gets what any child needs," Clinton told about 500 people at a Stand for Children rally at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

On Wednesday evening,
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Hillary Clinton in KC

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souri-Kansas City.
On Wednesday evening, about 300 children applauded Clinton when she entered a room at Bartle Hall for the Boys & Girls Club benefit.

She applauded them back.
"I'm so happy to see all of you here today," she said. "I've been in Kansas City all day and when I heard you were going to be here for dinner tonight, I wanted to come by and see some of the best boys and girls in the United States."

She then addressed about 2,000 adults gathered in a separate room for a fund-raising dinner.

"There is nothing more important than providing opportunity for our children to feel safe and stimulated," she said. "...I thank the Boys and Girls Clubs for leading the way, for showing that if we do put children's needs first, the entire community can prosper."

Clinton expects to spend the next four years working on behalf of children and families in areas such as education, health care and foster care.

Three events she attended Wednesday focused on children. The fourth was a fund-raising lunch for the Women's Employment Network, where the audience was moved by a former welfare mother's story about resurrecting a life ruined by a drug-addicted husband. Tears streamed down the woman's face as she returned to her table, where Clinton shook her hand and thanked her for telling her story.

Reach Out and Read

At Children's Mercy, 6-year-old Jakob Grayson didn't jump on Clinton's bandwagon.

A couple of minutes before the first lady entered a hospital room to read to a group of children, a woman handed each child a copy of *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*.

"Book," Jakob said with a scowl, and slung it aside.

Nobody said that "Reach Out and Read" would be an easy sell.

Clinton would like to see the Children's Mercy reading program expand nationwide. She visited just days after her husband told America that 40 percent of its fourth-graders don't know how to read. Illiteracy is expected to be a focus of President Clinton's second term.

Hillary Clinton put out a call for hundreds of Kansas City volunteers to fill in for parents who won't crack a book.

Reading to her daughter, Chelsea, was a daily ritual, Clinton said. She told a Children's Mercy audience that reading to children "strengthens bonds, enriches vocabulary and helps a baby's brain to grow."

Michele Kilo, chief of developmental medicine and behavioral science at Children's Mercy, said neurological research backs up Clinton.

The brain at birth has all the nerve cells it will ever have, but the connections can change dramatically if properly stimulated — such as by reading to a child, Kilo said.

"On a daily basis we witness the



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Americans must "work together to make sure every child gets what any child needs," Hillary Rodham Clinton said at a Stand for Children rally at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

astounding effects that early stimulation through physical touch and talking have on infants and young children," Kilo said.

At Children's Mercy, volunteers will be on hand to read to children in waiting rooms, and doctors will counsel parents on how to use books to help their child's development. Every child will leave with an age-appropriate book.

Kilo predicted that more than 30,000 children will benefit from Children's Mercy's efforts. She asked for Kansas City's help in providing donations and "an endless supply of books."

Jenny and Jeff Hunter of Blue Springs applauded "Reach Out and Read."

Their daughter, Lily, 5, was one of the children Clinton read to Wednesday, and she could be the program's poster child.

"She's read 500 books so far this school year," Jenny Hunter said.

Lily, a kindergartner, began looking at books during regular trips to Children's Mercy for cerebral palsy.

"And we read to her all the time," her mother said. "One day she started to complete the sentences. Every child has that potential. They just need a little push."

Parents have to assume the role, Clinton said.

"I've not met many parents who didn't want to do best for their children, but I've known a lot — myself included — who didn't know what that meant," Clinton said.

Stand for Children

Later in the day, Clinton was one of six speakers who addressed "Giving Our Hearts to the Children," an invitation-only rally at UMKC organized by Kansas City's Stand for Children committee.

In the audience were community leaders, children's advocates and people who rode a bus to Washington last June to attend a Stand for Children rally.

Federal and state officials rattled off long lists of programs already established or soon to be implemented that will help children, including an improved training program for foster parents.

Then Jim Caccamo, executive director of Partnership for Children, proclaimed that Kansas City is becoming the child opportunity capital of the world. He predicted that in five years, when Partnership for Children's 10-year campaign ends, the city will receive an A for the way it treats children. Large gains are needed, however, because the city received a C-plus on its last report card.

Before Mayor Emanuel Cleaver introduced the featured speaker, he motioned 15 children — 12 of whom attend day care at St. Vincent's Operation Breakthrough — toward the stage.

One by one, the children lifted a giant, heart-shaped poster, took a deep breath and belted out the message he or she carried.

"Join my PTA!"

"Ask me what I think!"

"Get to know kids in the neighborhood!"

In her 24-minute speech, Clinton explained the Children's Mercy reading program and mentioned several of the president's goals involving children, such as health care for those who lack it.

"I think we are at a turning point in this country," she said. "We know what children need and what works. There's not a problem in America that has not been solved somewhere in America... Our challenge now is to take what we know in our hearts we should do and muster the will individually

and together to stand for children."

Organizers handed out a blue sheet that listed 100 ways people could stand for children, such as visiting a library, checking homework and sharing hobbies.

Then they asked each guest to list ways they could help by filling out a personal commitment form on the back of the blue sheet.

Not everyone was thrilled with Clinton's visit.

A handful of abortion protesters waved signs at her motorcade as it neared her stop at UMKC.

"She says she's such a big supporter of children, but she's not standing up for the unborn," said Hilary Trossen, a demonstrator.

Shortly after noon, about 1,200 people — most of them women — gave Clinton a standing ovation at the Women's Employment Network annual fund-raising luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center hotel.

The ballroom's walls were decorated with 2,000 red hearts, each representing someone who had graduated from the network's program.

Clinton challenged the audience to take advantage of welfare reform. America must provide jobs, day care and transportation to help welfare mothers succeed, or the reforms will fail, she said.

"I don't delude myself about the difficulty that we face," she said. "Many factors conspire to keep women on welfare and out of work. And many of the ingredients to assist women off public assistance are ones that have to be looked at carefully and packaged on a much bigger scale than even (the Women's Employment Network) has been able to do."

Staff writers Brian McTavish and Laura R. Hockaday contributed to this article.

comes to neutral opinions, not many exist.

"I wanted to run up there and take a picture, but I know her security people wouldn't let me," Leona Johnson said shortly after Clinton's speech at the Women's Employment Network fund-raising luncheon. "I hate to sound like a kid in a candy store, but I'm really proud of her. She has an eloquence about her."

As President Clinton's second term unfolds, Hillary Clinton is in an unusual position for a first lady. Polls show that her approval rating is lower than her husband's.

A December survey taken by CBS News put Hillary Clinton at 55 percent approval, compared with 36 percent disapproval. Her husband stood at 60 percent approval and 31 percent disapproval.

The good news for the first lady was that her numbers were way up from January 1996, when she stood at 42 percent approval and 47 percent disapproval.

More troubling for Hillary Clinton, 41 percent in December still thought she had too much influence on her husband, compared with 44 percent who thought it was "about right."

In large measure, Hillary Clinton's increased approval rating, like her husband's, was due to an image makeover. Gone was the hard-driving champion of national health-care reform. In came a more traditional first lady who pushed causes such as children and family issues.

"She's become more of a supporter of her husband's agenda and priorities, and that is in contrast to the impression Americans had in the first term," said Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist. "You can't lose if you're talking about children's health care and education."

The role she will assume over the next four years remains to be seen. In September, the president said he wanted his wife to focus on reforming the welfare system.

"That's the first I've heard of it," Hillary Clinton then said on ABC's "20/20."

In December, the president said her mission would be "human rights around the world."

Later that month, the first lady said her focus would be children and family — "issues that I have worked on for more than 25 years." Those issues made up much of her emphasis Wednesday in Kansas City, where she also read to patients at Children's Mercy Hospital.

Sabato suggested another mission: "Stay out of controversy."

But the first lady was controversial from the start. Her bold style made some wince. She spoke out. She called for dramatic changes. She took pride in carrying out a set of duties completely separate from her husband.

America had not seen anything like it since Eleanor Roosevelt.

Whitewater and Clinton's high profile in health-care reform brought endless problems and gave opponents new reasons to scorn her.

"People have a hard time categorizing her," said Mary Ellen Brown, a communications professor at the University of Missouri-

Hillary speaks

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Columbia who has studied the first lady. "One of the things that women are supposed to do... is to be one thing or another — a sex kitten or a villain. But they can't be a complex person."

But Clinton is exactly that, Brown said. She is a mother, lawyer, first lady, children's advocate, health-care crusader. For some people, that's too much.

Clinton is now experiencing what Brown called a conservative backlash. Americans appeared to embrace the first lady early in the first term when people were open to new ways. But that changed after she became engulfed in Whitewater.

"This country is still very ambivalent about women in power, and women themselves are very ambivalent about their work," said editor Anne Mollegen Smith at a Media Studies Center forum last fall.

At the same meeting, Republican pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick said Clinton was born at the wrong time. If she had come along 10 years earlier, she would not have tried to be such an assertive first lady. If she had been born 10 years later, she would have run for office herself.

"The cruel trick of timing has put her where she is," Fitzpatrick said.

So the debate rages.

"I don't think she's a very good role model," said Tim Golba, an abortion opponent in Johnson County. "She and Bill both... sound very conservative, but their actions prove otherwise. To me, it's double-talk. It's hypocritical."

Then there's this: "She exhibits for us... the idea that women can pretty much do whatever they want to do," said Imogene Reed, a Health Midwest nurse who listened to Clinton's speech dilemma.

The first lady is caught in a quandary, suggested Missouri Rep. Bonnie Sue Cooper, a Kansas City Republican. All women want someone they can admire.

"But we also would like them to still be women."

That, Cooper acknowledged, is a tough act to pull off.

Is she role model or woman scorned?

By STEVE KRASKE
Political Correspondent

Ask Mollie Carroll about first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and the words gush out.

"I'd stop a bullet for her," Carroll said Wednesday, minutes before Clinton spoke at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center hotel. "I think she is what women in the '90s are all about."

Now ask Kansas Rep. Kay O'Connor, an

Olathe Republican. She doesn't hold back, either.

"I really view her as pretty much a non-credible person," O'Connor said. "I think many of her notions are very socialistic."

So what is Hillary Clinton? Role model or bad example? Courageous national leader or presidential partner who doesn't know her place?

Five years after becoming first lady, Clinton remains a national debate in progress. And there's no end in sight.

Even though Clinton took on a lower profile at the start of her husband's second term, she stands as a pivotal figure, if only because of the political havoc she could wreak if indicted in the Whitewater scandal.

She remains a lightning rod who rarely attracts anything but heartfelt passion.

Her fans are devoted. Her enemies are more than a little annoyed by her. When it

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Ao lado da mulher, Hillary, o presidente tocou em todos os assuntos que fazem parte de sua agenda de compromissos. Informou que também espera ajuda do Brasil para melhorar a educação, permitindo a prosperidade das crianças do continente, expandir o acesso à tecnologia moderna para conectar todos os países à idade da era da informação, combater o narcotráfico e o crime organizado e protegendo as maravilhas da natureza.

Clinton enfatizou que sua vinda ao Brasil tem como objetivo aprofundar as parcerias entre os dois países com respeito e igualdade. Segundo ele, os dois países têm aspirações comuns.

Sorridente, o presidente americano se disse feliz por estar no Brasil, um país que sonhava em conhecer há 30 anos, desde que se apaixonou pela música brasileira, em sua juventude.

O presidente demonstrou bom-humor brincando com o formato de Brasília. "É maravilhoso estar hoje aqui no Brasil. É maravilhoso sobretudo para mim, que quis durante muito tempo visitar o Brasil. (...) Hoje o dia chegou e eu feliz me encontro na cidade do céu".

Ao final dos discursos, a senadora Marina Silva (PT-AC) disse à primeira-dama americana que ela deveria conhecer a Amazônia. Dona Ruth apressou-se a informar que o Itamarati está agendando uma viagem para Hillary à região em 1998.



No coquetel do Itamarati, Fernando Henrique disse que falará com Clinton sobre diferenças entre os

FH marca diferenças com EUA

BRASÍLIA — No discurso de boas-vindas ao presidente Bill Clinton, que iniciou ontem visita de 45 horas e 30 minutos ao Brasil, o presidente Fernando Henrique Cardoso disse, durante o coquetel oferecido no Palácio do Itamarati, que "a nova ordem global não pode ser imposta, mas compartilhada. Não deve ser espoliadora, mas promotora do bem-estar da humanidade". Clinton desembarcou em Brasília, vindo da Venezuela, e seguiu diretamente para o Itamarati, onde participou do coquetel para 800 pessoas, seguindo

depois para o Palácio da Alvorada, onde jantou com o presidente brasileiro e 80 convidados.

Dando a devida importância à visita do presidente do país mais poderoso no mundo, Fernando Henrique não omitiu, porém, a existência de divergências na área comercial, além de ressaltar a importância "para o desenvolvimento social" do acordo na área de educação que será assinado hoje.

Além das barreiras comerciais impostas pelos EUA aos produtos brasileiros, os dois países também discordam sobre o ritmo para a implantação da Área de Livre Comércio das Américas (Alca). Quanto à integração continental, o presidente brasileiro defendeu o respeito à soberania de cada nação e a seus interesses. "Para a criação de uma área de livre comércio na Américas, obje-

tivo ambicioso que compomos, nossa agenda se pauta por propósitos comuns, sem de oferecer um amplo espaço para que se expressem as fortes individualidades, interesses legítimos", disse Henrique.

A posição brasileira sobre a Alca é conhecida. O Brasil negocia em bloco com o sul, não aceita a abertura comercial completa antes do ano porque a economia nacional não é suficientemente competitiva. Já os americanos antecipar a integração. No curso de ontem, Fernando buscou no próprio feio americano o argumento para defender a posição brasileira. "Buscando inspiração na Constituição Americana, que assegura os direitos,

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Recepção teve poucas autoridades

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BRASÍLIA – De mãos dadas com a mulher, Hillary, o presidente dos Estados Unidos, Bill Clinton, desembarcou em Brasília pontualmente às 19h30 de ontem, procedente da Venezuela, para uma visita de 45 horas e meia ao país. Clinton e Hillary foram levados imediatamente ao Itamarati, onde foram recepcionados pelo presidente Fernando Henrique Cardoso e Dona Ruth. Logo atrás de Clinton, desceu do avião a secretária de Estado, Madeleine Albright. Hillary trajava um tailleur amarelo de seda e desceu junto com o marido.

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Às 20h, Clinton foi recebido por Fernando Henrique no Itamarati, dirigindo-se depois para o Salão Brasília, onde foi realizada uma cerimônia de boas-vindas, seguida de coquetel. Inicialmente previsto para 800 convidados, o coquetel não teve mais de 300 pessoas. Um dos motivos para o grande número de ausências foi o rigor da segurança do presidente americano. Além disso, às 19h30 foram fechados os acessos à Esplanada dos Ministérios,



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onde fica o Palácio do Itamarati, o que dificultou ainda mais a chegada das autoridades. Depois, Clinton e Hillary jantaram no Palácio da Alvorada.

Recusas – O governador do Distrito Federal, Cristóvam Buarque, e o presidente do STF, Celso de Mello, foram algumas das autoridades que recusaram o convite para jantar com Clinton e Fernando Henrique, no Palácio da Alvorada. Cristóvam

tomou sua decisão domingo à tarde, quando foi informado por seus seguranças de que, a exemplo dos demais convidados, teria de se submeter a um detector de metais antes de entrar no Alvorada.

“Não aceito passar por este constrangimento numa cidade em que sou governador”, disse Cristóvam, que encarou a exigência, feita pela equipe de seguranças de Bill Clin-

ton, como uma afronta à população brasileira. O governador concorda que Clinton é um personagem muito visado pelo terrorismo internacional mas, mesmo assim, acredita que os americanos estão exagerando.

Para Cristóvam, tudo isso não passa de pura arrogância de um país rico e poderoso, como os Estados Unidos, com um país em desenvolvimento, como o Brasil. “E arrogân-

cia não rima com diplomacia, embora as duas palavras terminem com cia”, disse, fazendo um trocadilho com a CIA, o serviço de inteligência dos americanos. Cristóvam também ficou irritado com o documento, distribuído pela Casa Branca, que aponta Brasília como uma cidade “estéril”, exatamente igual à sua “burocracia governamental”.

O texto é um relatório sobre a vi-

da no Brasil distribuído a jornalistas americanos que cobrem as viagens internacionais de Clinton. “Acho que eles não consultaram os diplomatas que moram aqui”, reagiu o governador. Segundo Cristóvam, ao contrário do relatório da Casa Branca, diplomatas americanos estão sempre elogiando a vida em Brasília.

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Hillary en Chelsea Clinton land op 17 Maart in SA

Johann Holzapfel

Washington. – Die Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, mev. Hillary Clinton, vertrek later vandeesmaand op 'n private besoek aan Afrika en sal drie dae in Suid-Afrika deurbring. Sy sal vergesel word van haar enigste dogter, Chelsea.

Die besoek, wat reeds geruime tyd beplan word, is gister deur 'n betroubare bron in die Amerikaanse Inligtingsagentskap bevestig. Die Wit Huis sal na verwagting vandag 'n amptelike aankondiging oor die besoek doen.

Mev. Clinton, wat 'n aktiewe en invloedryke rol in die Amerikaanse politiek speel en haar veral toespits op opvoeding en die bemagtiging

van vroue, kom op 17 Maart in Johannesburg aan. Sy vertrek die volgende dag na Kaapstad, waar sy haar besoek op 19 Maart sal afsluit.

Ander lande op haar reisprogram van vyftien dae is onder meer die Ivoorkus, Zimbabwe, Tanzanië en Uganda.

Die uitgesproke blonde presidentsvrou, wat haar as advokaat bekwaam het, was vir die inhuldiging van mnr. Nelson Mandela as President vir die eerste keer in Suid-Afrika.

Hoewel haar besoek privaat is, is die verwagting dat sy verskeie hooggeplaaste vroue in die Suid-Afrika sal ontmoet. Indien pres. Mandela beskikbaar is, word 'n hoflikheidsbesoek op 19 Maart in Kaapstad ook in die vooruitsig gestel.

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HILLARY AND CHELSEA CLINTON ARRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA ON MARCH 17.

Washington - The U.S. President's wife, Mrs Hillary Clinton, will depart later this month for a private visit to Africa and will spend three days in South Africa. She will be accompanied by her only daughter, Chelsea.

The visit, which has been planned for some time, was confirmed yesterday by a reliable source in the U.S. Information Agency. The White House is expected to make a public announcement on the visit today. Mrs. Clinton, who plays an active and influential role in American politics and concentrates particularly on education and the empowerment of women, will arrive in Johannesburg on March 17. The next day she departs for Cape Town and will complete her visit on March 19.

Other countries on the agenda for the visit, which will last 15 days, are Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda, among others. The outspoken, blonde President's wife, who was trained as an advocate, was first in South Africa for the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela. Although her visit is private, it is expected that she will meet various high ranking South African women. If President Mandela is available, there will also be an official visit on March 19 in Cape Town.

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Hillary Clinton in SA this month

Washington – US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit South Africa for three days this month to promote the empowerment of women and “test the waters” for President Clinton’s visit later this year, White House sources said yesterday.

The sources said she would arrive in Johannesburg on March 17 and leave the next day for Cape Town where she would spend two days. While in Cape Town, she will meet President Mandela, several other government leaders and prominent South Africans, particularly women.

Her visit is part of a 15-day tour of five African countries, including Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Uganda. – **Foreign Service**

Hillary Clinton to visit South Africa

WASHINGTON. – Hillary Rodham Clinton embarks on Saturday on a six-nation tour of Africa that will underscore US commitment to an active engagement with the continent, the White House announced yesterday.

During her March 15-30 trip, President Clinton's wife will visit Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea. It will mark her ninth solo trip outside the United States.

A White House statement said Mrs Clinton hopes her visit will stress the importance of democracy and human rights, women's issues and social investments in areas such as education, health care

and encouraging small businesses, as well as "our collective commitment to the survival and well-being of children".

"Mrs Clinton's goodwill trip will underscore the United States' commitment to continued active engagement with the continent and highlight the progress of democracy in the countries she will visit," the White House said.

Among the first lady's planned stops and activities are:

- Goree Island in Senegal, a hub of much of the African slave trade;

- Saam Njaay Village in Senegal, where grassroots efforts are under way

to train citizens about the institutions of democracy;

- A tour of projects in Soweto, aimed at bringing new opportunities for the people of the township;

- A tree-planting with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, symbolising the nation's path to reconciliation;

- A speech at the University of Cape Town on South Africa's efforts to build a multi-racial democracy and the importance of South Africa to the United States;

- A visit with President Mandela to Robben Island;

- Projects in Zimbabwe devoted to encouraging "microenterprise" development and family plan-

ning;

- A discussion with members of the UN War Crimes Tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, on the impact of genocide and rape as a war crime;

- Programmes focusing on AIDS prevention and education in Uganda;

- A speech in Uganda on the economic, political and social progress in the region and US efforts to support democracy, civil society and social investment in Africa;

- A visit to Africa's newest country, Eritrea.

The White House said that as on all of her foreign travels, Mrs Clinton will participate in roundtable discussions with prominent women from the region and non-governmental organisations helping to build civil society. – Reuter.

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Hilary Clinton's team is here

WASHINGTON. — Members of United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's advance team have arrived in Cape Town and Johannesburg to make sure everything runs smoothly during her much-anticipated visit next week.

Other members of her staff have returned to Washington after checking out the events and venues on her schedule. Security is a primary concern in every country she visits.

Mrs Clinton will be accompanied by teenaged daughter Chelsea, who is about to start her college education, and officials of the US State Department, as well as her own staff and representatives of the American media.

The party leaves Washington on Saturday in a military transport plane — not in the famous Air Force One Boeing 747 which is used only by the president and his staff.

Further details of her schedule in South Africa became available yester-

day. They include round table discussions in Johannesburg on education, and on crime and domestic violence.

In Johannesburg, she will visit the Hector Petersen memorial named for the 13-year-old schoolboy who died in the anti-apartheid protests in Soweto in 1976. She is also scheduled to visit the Orlando Children's Home.

In Cape Town, Mrs Clinton is to visit a housing project and will be accompanied to Kali House by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who is at present in Washington to receive a human rights award from

the local branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

She will visit Robben Island with President Mandela but it has not yet been decided if they will get there by boat or helicopter.

Neel Lattimore, a member of the First Lady's staff, said at the White House yesterday that she enjoyed taking informal walks during her foreign visit but that nothing had been arranged for her schedule so far.

"I am sure she would love to visit Table Mountain. Cape Town is a beautiful city," said Mr Lattimore. — Sapa.

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NEWS

Soweto, Robben Island on Hillary's agenda

By Rich Mkhondo
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Washington - Hillary Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, arrive in Johannesburg on Tuesday morning.

They will spend the day in Soweto and then travel to Cape Town on Wednesday. While in Cape Town, from Wednesday to Friday, she will meet President Mandela, who will accompany her to Robben Island.

She will attend a tree-planting ceremony with Archbishop Desmond Tutu to symbolise reconciliation and speak at the University of Cape Town on the growing importance of US-South Africa relations.

At a women's conference in Washington this week, she praised economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa and urged Americans to invest in the continent's emerging democracies.

"Africa is growing economically, moving from their suffocating state-controlled economies, to open markets that can give full life and scope to human endeavours. Last year no fewer than 30 countries recorded positive economic growth," she said of her trip to South Africa

and five other countries, beginning next week.

"I will be privileged to be visiting Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea.

"And I hope to be able to witness first hand and to highlight each country's effort to build a democracy and a strong civil society," she told the delegates.

She added: "I will focus particularly on grassroots initiatives and on efforts that affect women and children. I hope this trip will give the American people a renewed sense of the importance of our commitment to Africa," she said.

The last time she visited South Africa was in May 1994 when she attended the inauguration of President Mandela in Pretoria.

Government sources said her visit is a prelude to President Clinton's visit later this year.

The president's visit, the first by an American leader, may include a few other countries on his way to or from South Africa.

President Mandela extended the invitation to his US counterpart when he was in Washington on a state visit in October 1994.

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Jo'burg drivers braced for Clinton motorcade

Reneé Grawitzky

JOHANNESBURG motorists could be well advised to brace themselves for traffic jams when US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's 12-car motorcade hits town today.

Clinton and her 45-person entourage arrives from Dakar, Senegal, as part of the second leg of her 15-day African tour. Her visit comes close on the heels of Vice-President Al Gore's, who in terms of White House pecking order follows the First Lady in terms of entourage size.

By last night it was still unclear whether roads would be blocked off allowing for the passage of her motorcade — as occurred during Gore's visit, causing major traffic jams.

Clinton will be accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, who is on her spring break, with a team of doctors and medical professionals, secret service personnel and security, her immediate staff, and African affairs experts and 15 journalists completing her entourage. Journalists who covered Gore's visit said it was hoped the First Lady would pay more attention to local journalists, who were all but ignored by Gore in the pursuit of good media coverage in the US.

Clinton's visit is aimed at highlighting the importance of democracy and human rights, a focus on women and children and investment in education and health care. With this in mind a tour will be conducted of traditional Soweto sites including the Hector Petersen Memorial.

There will also be focus on educational institutions and a children's home. A round table discussion will be held on crime and domestic violence. The First Lady then returns to her R5 000-a-night presidential suite at the Park Hyatt, Rosebank. Dozens of rooms have been booked for her entourage.

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Hillary Clinton arrives today

UNITED States first lady Mrs Hillary Rodham-Clinton arrives in South Africa today as part of a two-week tour of Africa.

Accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, Clinton is on a four-day state visit to South Africa. She will meet President Nelson Mandela and visit Robben Island with him. Today she is scheduled to visit an educational project, the Hector Petersen Memorial and a children's home in Soweto before a round-table discussion on crime and domestic violence.

Clinton is on her first African visit. She intends addressing issues concerning democracy and human rights, women's empowerment and social investment in education and health. She travels to Cape Town tomorrow and will meet Truth and Reconciliation Commission chairman Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

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Mrs Clinton here today

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will arrive in South Africa today as part of a two-week tour of Africa.

Accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, Mrs Clinton will spend four days in the country. She will meet President Mandela and visit Robben Island with him.

She will today also visit an educational project, the Hector Petersen Memorial and a children's home in Soweto before a round-table discussion on crime and domestic violence.

Mrs Clinton delayed her tour by a day after President Bill Clinton had surgery on his knee.

Mrs Clinton is making her first African visit. She intends to address issues ranging from democracy and human rights, women's empowerment and social investment in education and health.

She will travel to Cape Town tomorrow and will meet Truth and Reconciliation Commission chairman Desmond Tutu. She will also speak at the University of Cape Town.

Mrs Clinton's itinerary included Senegal before South Africa, after which she will go to Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea. — Sapa

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Hillary Clinton arriving today

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will arrive in SA today as part of a two-week tour of Africa.

Accompanied by daughter Chelsea, Clinton will spend four days in SA. She will meet President Mandela and visit

Robben Island with him.

Clinton will go to Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea after SA.

UN secretary-general Kofi Annan will arrive in SA tomorrow on his first visit to Africa since taking office. - Sapa.

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Slim Hillary vergestalt politiek gedrewe vrou

Sy beywer haar vir kinder-, vroueregte

Johann Holzapfel

Washington. – Teenoor Amerika se blonde presidentsvrou, mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, wat vandag in Suid-Afrika aankom om momentum te gee aan haar kruisvaart om 'n beter bedeling vir vroue en kinders te bewerkstellig, staan niemand neutraal nie.

Sedert sy in 1992 ná twaalf jaar as goewerneursvrou van Arkansas na die Wit Huis gekom het, bevind sy haar pal in die kollig omdat sy anders as haar voorgangers is.

Mans is oor die algemeen nie dol op haar nie – te voortvarend, selfs opdringerig, 'n radikale feminis, aggressief en alwys, sê hulle.

Vroue – met die uitsondering van 'n groot groep teedrinkende tantes van die federale hoofstad – beoordeel haar anders. Hulle beskou haar as die verpersoonliking van hoe die moderne vrou behoort te wees – werklik in voeling met die hedendaagse problematiek, 'n praktiserende Metodis, 'n bekwame ma vir die paar se enigste dogter, Chelsea, en 'n raadgewer vir haar man.

Oor een ding is Amerikaners dit eens: Die huidige Eerste Vrou laat haar nie van stryk bring deur kritiek nie.

Twaalf jaar as goewerneursvrou in Arkansas, waar sy as advokaat gepraktiseer het, voorsitter was van die staat se komitees oor gesondheid en opvoeding, 'n huishouding bestuur en haar man en dogter versorg het, het haar ryp gemaak vir haar huidige rol.

Clinton is op 26 Oktober 1946 in Chicago gebore. Sy het aan Yale gegradueer, is in 1973 as regsvertegenwoordiger vir die Children's Defense Fund aangestel en het in 1974 deelgeneem aan die Watergate-onderzoek wat tot pres. Richard Nixon se val gelei het.

In die jare sewentig is sy as een van Amerika se voorste regsgeleerdes uitgesonder.

Sy is in 1975 terug na Arkansas, waar sy met pres. Clinton getroud is. Hulle het saam regsklasse gegee aan die Universi-



Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton is bemind onder heelparty vroue; party mans meen sy is 'n "radikale feminis".

teit van Arkansas. Hul dogter, Chelsea, wat saam met haar ma in Suid-Afrika is, is in 1980 gebore.

Een van die temas wat die presidentsvrou gereeld aanroer, is haar doelwit om vir kinders en werkende vroue 'n plek in die son te verseker.

"Hoe ons ons kinders behandel, behoort die hartklop van ons nasionale agenda te wees. Ek wil 'n stem vir ons kinders wees," sê sy gereeld.

Oor haar invloed op die president se denke en besluite, is daar min twyfel. Reeds in die aanloop tot 1992 se presidentsverkiesing het 'n korrespondent wat saam met die Clintons gereis het, gesê: "Sy is Clinton se grootste vertroueling en hy vertrou haar oordeel meer as die van al sy raadgewers. Sy doen voorstelle, skryf dele van sy toesprake en skroom ook nie om hom te kritiseer nie."

Hoewel sy 'n groot rol gespeel het in die besluit om mnr. Al Gore as vise-presidentskan-

didaat aan te wys onder meer weens sy belangstelling in omgewingsbewaring en opvoeding, sê sy: "My man neem sy eie besluite."

Die Republikeinse Party bly steeds een van haar grootste kritici. Sy is tydens die afgelope presidentsverkiesing voorgestel as 'n radikale feminis met 'n misplaaste siening van kinderregte.

Oor kritiek dat sy as goewerneursvrou ook heeltyds as advokaat gepraktiseer het, was haar reaksie: "Ek veronderstel ek kon by die huis gebly, koe kies gebak en mense vir tee oorgenooi het, maar ek is ten gunste van die vryheid van keuse ongeag of dit 'n heeltydse loopbaan, huisvrou en moeder of 'n kombinasie van die twee is."

Of 'n mens van haar hou of nie, is sy bestem vir 'n selfs groter politieke rol gedurende haar man se tweede ampstermyn. Hy kan hom kwalik be-roep op 'n lojalere lyfwag.

Translation: BEELD

CLEVER HILLARY EMBODIES THE POLITICALLY DRIVEN WOMAN: SHE STRIVES FOR CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Nobody remains neutral towards the U.S. President's blonde wife, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who arrives in South Africa today to give momentum to her crusade for a better deal for women and children. Since her arrival to the White House in 1992, after twelve years as the wife of the Arkansas governor, she finds herself in the limelight because she is different from her predecessors.

Men are generally not very fond of her - too forward to the point of being pushy, a radical feminist, aggressive and all wise, they say.

Women, with the exception of a large group of tea drinking old ladies in the federal capital, regard her as different. They consider her a role model for the modern woman - really in touch with current problems, a practising Methodist, a competent mother for the couple's only daughter, Chelsea, and an adviser to her husband. Americans agree on one thing: the current First Lady doesn't get flustered by criticism. Twelve years as the wife of the Arkansas governor, where she practiced as an advocate; was chairperson of the committee on health and education; managed a household and cared for her husband and daughter; prepared her well for her current role.

Clinton was born October 26, 1946 in Chicago. She graduated from Yale; in 1973 was appointed representative for the Children's Defense Fund, and in 1974 was part of the Watergate investigation which led to the downfall of President Richard Nixon. In the 70s she was recognized as one of America's best lawyers. In 1975 she went back to Arkansas where she married President Clinton. They both lectured in law at the University of Arkansas. Their daughter, Chelsea, who is accompanying her mother to South Africa, was born in 1980.

One of the themes that the President's wife often mentions is her determination to ensure a place in the sun for children and working women. "How we handle our children, should be the heartbeat of our national agenda. I want to be the voice of our children" she often says. There is little doubt regarding her influence on the President's thoughts and decisions. As early as the run up to the 1992 presidential election, a correspondent who travelled with the Clintons said: "She is Clinton's most trusted person and he trusts her opinions more than those of his advisors. She makes proposals, writes sections of his speeches and doesn't hesitate to criticize him."

Although she played a large role in the decision to propose Mr. Al Gore as candidate for the vice-presidency because of his interest in the environment and education, she says "My husband makes his own decisions."

The Republican Party remains one of her greatest critics. During the last presidential election she was depicted as a radical feminist with a misplaced vision of children rights. Regarding the criticism that she continued her law practice while being the governor's wife, she reacted "I believe I could have remained at home to bake cookies and invite people for tea, but I am in favor of freedom of choice, regardless of whether it is a full time career, a housewife and mother, or a combination of the two." Whether people like her or not, she is destined for an even greater political role during her husband's second term of office. He can hardly call upon a more loyal bodyguard.

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Hillary en dogter land in SA vir besoek

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Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, die Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, kom vanoggend vroeg in Suid-Afrika aan.

Haar dogter, Chelsea (17), vergezel haar op haar negende amptelike buitelandse besoek sonder haar

man, pres. Bill Clinton.

Clinton sal twee weke in Afrika deurbring en onder meer Senegal, Zimbabwe, Uganda en Eritrea besoek. Sy sal drie dae in Suid-Afrika deurbring.

Pres. Bill Clinton het die naweek 'n knie-operasie ondergaan, wat veroorsaak het dat sy vrou se besoek effens vertraag is.

Dit is op sy versoek dat sy 'n wel-

willendheidsbesoek aan Afrika bring.

Haar eerste afspraak in Suid-Afrika is by die Entandweni Primary School in Soweto. Clinton sal onder meer in 'n klaskamer 'n draai maak en aan die les deelneem.

Later die dag sal sy en gemeenskapsleiers gesels oor die belang van onderwys.

Sy sal ook die Hector Peterson-gedenkteken in Orlando-Wes besoek. Daarna vertrek sy na die Orlando-kinderhuis. Kinders en personele sal geleentheid kry om met haar te gesels.

Sy sal die dag afsluit by die kinderbeskermingseenheid in Braamfontein. Clinton sal optree as voorsitter van 'n bespreking oor misdaad en huishoudelike geweld.

Sy vertrek Woensdag na Kaapstad.

Volgens 'n voorlopige program gaan sy daar saam met aartsbiskop Desmond Tutu 'n boom plant wat Suid-Afrika se pad na versoening versinnebeeld.

Clinton sal ook 'n besoek bring aan Robbeneiland, waar pres. Nelson Mandela 27 jaar lank aangehou is. Volgens die Amerikaanse ambassade sal Mandela haar op dié besoek vergesel.

Daarna vertrek sy na Zimbabwe en Tanzanië en dan na Uganda en Eritrea.

Translation: BEELD

HILLARY AND DAUGHTER ARRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR A VISIT

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clint, the U.S. President's wife, arrives in South Africa early this morning. Her daughter, Chelsea (17), accompanies her on her official visit to nine countries without her husband, President Bill Clinton. Clinton will spend two weeks in Africa and will visit, among others, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Uganda and Eritrea. She will be in South Africa for three days. President Bill Clinton underwent a knee operation over the weekend, which caused his wife's trip to be slightly delayed. It was his wish that she make a goodwill visit to Africa.

Her first engagement in South Africa will be the Entandweni Primary School in Soweto. Clinton will also visit a classroom and participate to a lesson. Later in the day she will discuss the importance of education with community leaders. She will also visit the Hector Peterson memorial in Orlando West, after which she will leave for the Orlando Children's Home. Children and staff will have an opportunity to chat with her. She will conclude the day at the Children's Protection Unit in Braamfontein. Clinton will act as chairperson for a discussion on crime and domestic violence. She leaves for Cape Town on Wednesday. According to the latest schedule, she will plant a tree together with Archbishop Desmond Tutu as a symbolic gesture of reconciliation. Clinton will also visit Robben Island, where President Mandela was prisoner for 27 years. According to the U.S. Embassy, President Mandela will accompany her on this visit. After this she will depart for Zimbabwe and Tanzania and then Uganda and Eritrea.

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HILLARY-HOUSING

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DEMOCRACY IS WORK OF ALL: HILLARY CLINTON

Building a democracy was the work of all a country's people and not just that of the government, United States first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said on Wednesday.

Even in a country like the USA, which had been a democracy for 200 years, it was still necessary for everyone to keep working at it, she told hundreds of women at a housing project for the homeless in Philippi on the Cape Flats outside Cape Town.

People in the United States were very excited about what was happening in South Africa, she said.

Clinton and her seventeen-year-old daughter Chelsea, on a six-nation goodwill tour of Africa, visited the Victoria Mxenge housing initiative immediately after her arrival at Cape Town International Airport on the second of the three-day South African leg.

They were met by hundreds of singing and chanting women wearing traditional Xhosa attire and all but snubbed as they were taken on a tour of the self-help project of concrete slab houses the US Agency for International Development is helping fund.

The Clintons were officially welcomed by Cape Town's mayor, Theresa Solomon.

In a short address, Housing Minister Sankie Mkhwebu Mahanyele said South Africa would be able to use whatever resources it could get from the US to build more housing schemes like the Victoria Mxenge.

Clinton said she would like to come back in a few years' time -- maybe with husband President Bill Clinton -- to see the houses that had been built.

She was applauded by the women when she said she would tell her husband that people worked better when they sang and danced.

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HILARY MEETS FURTHER THE
United States First Lady Hillary Rodham
Clinton met members of the Truth and
Reconciliation Commission in Cape Town on
Wednesday for what a TRC spokesperson said were
private talks.

The TRC's Christelle Fache-alanche said
Clinton had asked for the meeting and no agenda
had been set.

When the media were allowed in briefly at the
start of the meeting, TRC chairman Desmond Tutu
joked with her about the behaviour of the press
and pulled her up her skirt to Sasele on
Thursday.

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CAPE TOWN March 19 Sapa

MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS POSSIBLE: TITL

The Truth Commission might recommend creation of a national memorial to apartheid's victims in the same spirit as the United States' Vietnam War memorial, commission chairman Desmond Tutu said on Wednesday.

He was speaking after a meeting in Cape Town between the commission and visiting United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

He said Clinton, who asked for the meeting, had made very helpful comments on the value of symbols such as the Vietnam memorial, and how it had helped in America's healing process.

"We are hoping one of our recommendations is going to be to suggest to things of that kind," he said.

The Vietnam memorial is a black granite wall in Washington engraved with the names of every American soldier who died or went missing in the decade-long conflict.

A statue of three soldiers stands nearby.

Clinton, who was accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, said she was very grateful for having been able to meet the commissioners.

She was very impressed with the breadth of their work and the seriousness with which they addressed the issues under their mandate.

"I believe it is very important not only for South Africa but for the entire world," she said.

"It is something that has a great deal of interest for those of us who are not directly involved but observing it from other countries."

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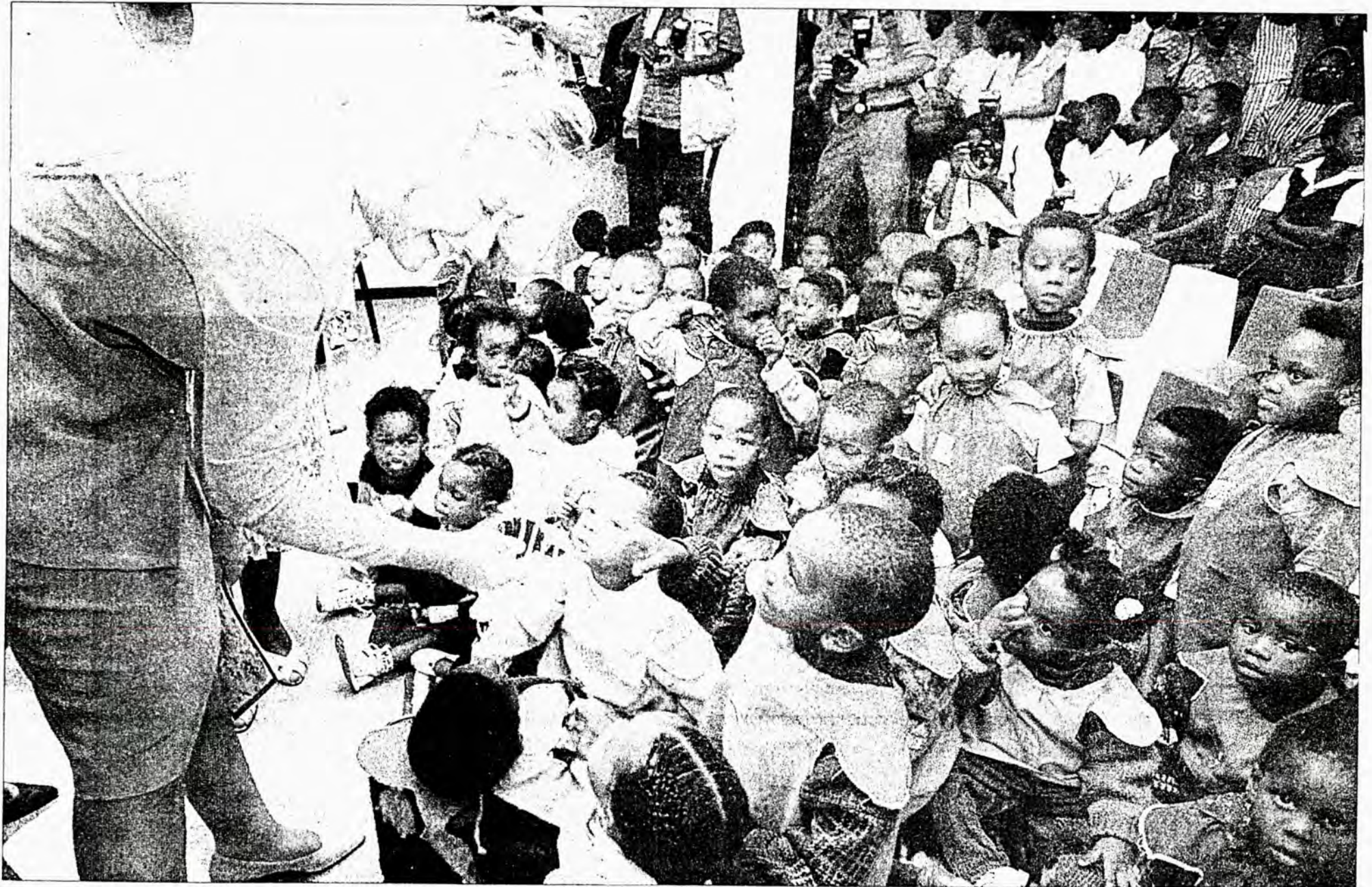
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First Lady meets the little people

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African safari: United States First Lady Hillary Clinton visits the Orlando Children's Home in Soweto during the first day of her visit to South Africa, part of her six-nation tour of Africa. **Report on page 3**

Trade strategy prompts debate on US aid to Africa

New bill favours end to 'beggar-donor' ties

Washington – While First Lady Hillary Clinton is raising the United States profile in Africa during a two-week tour, here in Washington a quiet debate is under way over the fundamental value of continuing US aid to poor African nations.

The impetus for the debate is "The End of Dependency Act", a bill aimed at fostering capitalism and economic self-sufficiency in Africa and changing the "beggar-donor" relationship that characterises US ties with the region.

Proponents of the bill were not heard from at a congressional hearing on US aid to Africa last week, but the bill's presence was felt strongly.

"It is too early in Africa's development for trade to substitute for aid. Trade and aid are not alternatives, but mutually supportive ingredients that work best when promoted jointly," said George Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Others voiced similar concerns, worried that the measure would be used as a pretext for cutting US aid to Africa.

But the bill's advocates, who include two Democrats and a Republican, insist the bill would not reduce such US aid.

"The bill would not take money out of US aid at all," said Jennifer Crider, press secretary to Democratic Representative Jim McDermott.

In testimony last year, Mr McDermott said that one of the bill's "greatest misconceptions" was that it would cut aid.

But where he appears to differ with Mr Clinton, administration officials and members of his own party is in determining when African countries – especially those who have seen recent economic



South African visit: First Lady Hillary Clinton

improvements – will be ready to make the transformation from US aid recipient to US trade partner.

"I believe that there are a number of African countries who will continue to need traditional development assistance," Mr McDermott said.

"On the other hand, my proposal is designed to create a comprehensive trade and investment strategy for those economies in sub-Saharan Africa who have a record of commitment to market-based economics and to supporting their private sector."

The bill, which Ms Crider said would be reintroduced soon, calls for some new money: \$100-million

(about R440-m) into an equity fund and \$100-million for an infrastructure fund to help African countries do things like start small businesses and repair pothole-ridden roads.

But it also makes new aid contingent on a country's "commitment to market-based economic reform and support of the private sector".

The bill would also encourage establishment of a US/Sub-Saharan Africa Free Trade Area and call for eliminating trade barriers, including those affecting textile imports.

"Unfortunately, masquerading as trade and development policy are an assortment of programmes and initiatives that don't work well together, have no central focus, policy or direction," Mr McDermott said.

At last week's hearing, author Michael Maren said that often aid to African countries "only benefits a few (people) with close connections to the government".

And he said that while providing aid to "the poorest of the poor is good public relations ... (it) doesn't cure poverty".

Mr Moose pushed the administration's proposal to spend \$700-million in Africa for "long-term sustainable assistance strategies" through the US Agency for International Development's Development Fund for Africa.

"Trade and investment will become ever more important vehicles in generating economic growth in Africa," he said, alluding to the hopes being pinned on such growth by politicians like Mr McDermott.

"But it is US assistance that cultivates the proper environment and builds up the human capacity to make trade and investment flourish." – Sapa-AFP

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Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton luister na leerlinge van die Primêre Skool Entandweni in Soweto terwyl sy glister daar op besoek was. Foto: AP

Hillary beklemtoon onderwys

Eie Kantoor

JOHANNESBURG. – "Dit is moeilik – en selfs onmoontlik – om 'n demokrasie te handhaaf sonder opgevoede burgers. Onderwys is 'n noodsaaklike element vir mense om deel te word van geleentheid wat 'n demokrasie bied."

Dit is die boodskap van mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, aan Suid-Afrikaners en hul regering.

Sy het gister op 'n besoek van drie dae in Suid-Afrika aangekom ná 'n vinnige besoek aan Senegal. Dié besoek is effens verkort weens die knie-operasie van pres. Bill Clinton. Dit het haar Afrika toer van twee weke effens vertraag.

Die res van haar besoek sluit Zimbabwe, Tanzanië, Uganda en Eritrea in.

'n Glimlaggende Clinton, haar dogter, Chelsea, en sowat veertig personeellede is deur mnr. James Joseph, Amerika se ambassadeur hier, en sy vrou, Mary, ontvang.

Haar eerste besoek was by die Primêre Skool Entandweni in Zondi, Soweto, waar leerlinge van grade 1 tot 4 Engels as tweede taal deur middel van interaktiewe radioprogramme leer.

Van 'n onderwysforum by Entandweni het Clinton 'n eksemplaar van Suid-Afrika se Grondwet ontvang.

Sy het erken dat Amerika ook sy kwota onderwysprobleme het. Sy het verwys na vandalisme, ongedisiplineerdheid en mense wat glo dat hulle nie kan leer nie.

"'n Kind wat geïgnoreer word, sal altyd aandag kry. Hy sal aandag soek op maniere wat nie geïgnoreer kan word nie. Soos vanda-

lisme en ongedisiplineerdheid."

Clinton het gesê die keuse wat Suid-Afrika en Amerika moet doen is om aan te hou belê in onderwys of om die prys te betaal van mense wat nie die geleentheid kry wat hulle toekom nie.

Haar besoek aan Johannesburg het haar ook na die Hector Peterson gedenkteken geneem waar sy deur mnr. Tokyo en mev. Judy Sexwale, Gauteng se premierspaar, mnr. Walter Sisulu, mev. Helen Suzman en mnr. Isaac Mogase, burgemeester van Johannesburg, ontvang is.

Haar program vir die dag is afgesluit met 'n besoek aan die Orlando Kinderhuis en die kinderbekermingseenheid van die Polisie in Braamfontein waar sy deelneem het aan 'n gesprek oor misdaad en huishoudelike geweld.

Sy vertrek na Kaapstad.

Translation: DIE BURGER

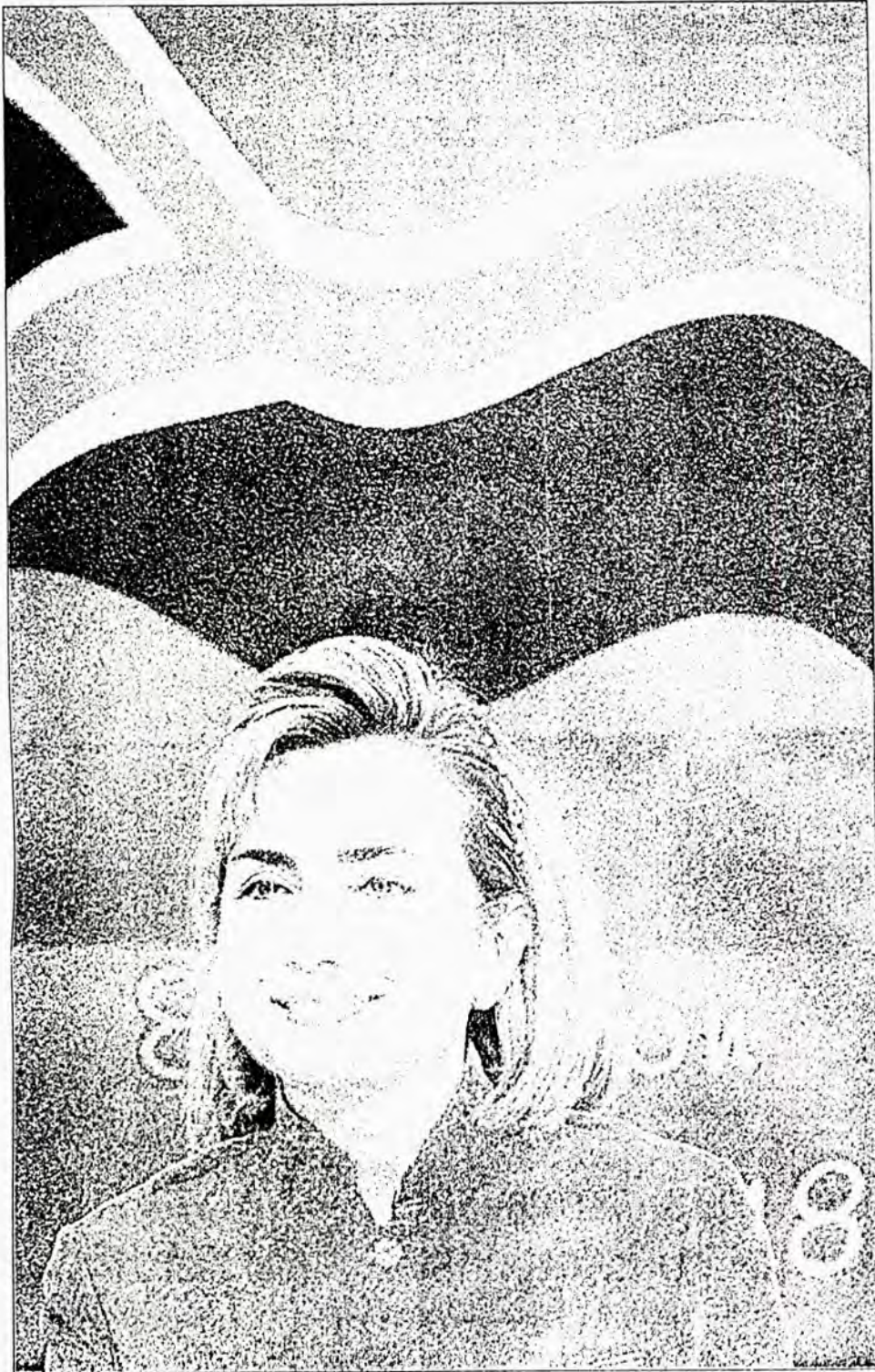
HILLARY EMPHASIZES EDUCATION

"It is difficult - even impossible - to preserve a democracy without educated citizens. Education is a necessary element for people to be part of the opportunities that a democracy offers." That is the message that Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. President's wife, brought to South Africans and their government. She arrived yesterday on a three-day visit to South Africa after a brief visit to Senegal. This visit was shortened slightly due to President Bill Clinton's knee operation, which also delayed her departure for Africa. The rest of her visit includes Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea. A smiling Clinton, her daughter Chelsea and about forty members of her staff were received by Mr. James Joseph, U.S. Ambassador to S.A., and his wife Mary.

Her first visit was to the Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto where pupils of grades one to four learn English as a second language through the medium of interactive radio programs. During an education forum at Entandweni, Clinton received a copy of the South African Constitution. She acknowledged that the U.S. has its quota of education problems. She referred to vandalism, poor discipline and people who believe they cannot learn. "A child who is ignored, will also receive attention. He will look for attention in ways that cannot be ignored. Such as vandalism and poor discipline." Clinton said the choice that South Africa and the U.S. should make is to continue investing in education or to pay the price of people who will not have opportunities for their future. Her visit to Johannesburg took her to the Hector Peterson memorial, where she was received by Mr. Tokyo Sexwale and his wife Judy, Gauteng's first couple, Mr. Walter Sisulu and Mrs Helen Suzman, and the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Isaac Mogase.

Her program for the day concluded with a visit to the Orlando Children's home and the Child Protection Unit of the Police in Braamfontein where she participated to a discussion on crime and domestic violence. She departs for Cape Town.

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Hillary Clinton to meet Mandela

Johannesburg – United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives in Cape Town today as part of her four-day visit to South Africa.

Mrs Clinton, who is travelling with her daughter Chelsea, will meet President Nelson Mandela. He will escort her on a trip to Robben Island.

She will also meet Truth and Reconciliation Commission chairman Desmond Tutu for a tree-planting ceremony.

Mrs Clinton spent most of yesterday in Soweto visiting an American-sponsored educational project, the Hector Peterson Memorial and a children's home.

She emphasised the need for education and was a hit with Soweto crowds and media. She was accompanied by Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale.

At the brief wreath-laying ceremony at the Hector Peterson Memorial, she praised South Africans for realising their dream of freedom and democracy, and paid tribute to those who were willing to die for it.

She thanked President Mandela and all South Africans for setting an example to the world of how to create freedom and democracy.— Sapa

Clintons visit Soweto memorial

JOHANNESBURG — U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton yesterday visited a memorial to the first victim of the 1976 Soweto uprising, and was visibly moved when viewing an exhibition of historic photographs depicting the event.

Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, visited the memorial during a four-day visit to South Africa.

Speaking at the Hector Peterson Memorial in Soweto, Clinton praised South Africans for realising their dream of freedom and democracy. She thanked President Nelson Mandela and South Africans for setting an example of how to create freedom and democracy.

The Clintons toured the photographic exhibition — mostly displaying the work of acclaimed photographer Peter Magubane — at the memorial a few hundred metres from where Peterson was killed.

The visitors appeared particularly moved when photographer Sam Mzima showed them the famous photograph he took of Peterson being carried by Nombulelo Makhuba moments after the 16-year-old was shot dead.

Chelsea attracted considerable attention when an exuberant crowd — who had gathered from 11 am yesterday — chanted "We want Chelsea".

"She is so young, so cute. She can give our youngsters spirit," Eliza Mgwenya (56), said of Chelsea. Mgwenya was close by when Peterson, the first fatality of the Soweto 1976 uprising, was shot by police. — Sapa.



MEETING: Hillary Clinton talks to Sam Nzima, the photographer who shot the famous Hector Peterson picture during the Soweto riots of 1976. With the American First Lady are Peter Magubane, left, another leading black photographer during and after the apartheid years, civil rights campaigner Mrs Helen Suzman and Gauteng premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale.

Hillary Clinton a hit with the locals

JOHANNESBURG: The American marketing machine clicked into top gear when United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton started her four-day visit to South Africa in Johannesburg yesterday.

The wife of US president Bill Clinton responded with energy and enthusiasm to the hectic schedule mapped out for her after arriving in Johannesburg with her daughter Chelsea.

She spent most of the day in Soweto, visiting an American-sponsored educational project, the Hector Peterson Memorial and the Orlando Children's

Home, followed by a round table discussion on crime and domestic violence at the Johannesburg Child Protection Unit's Braamfontein headquarters.

Mrs Clinton, who spoke eloquently about the violence which has racked South Africa and stressed the need for education, was a hit with Soweto crowds and the crowds of local and international media.

She was visibly moved when viewing a photographic exhibition depicting the death of Peterson, the first victim of the 1976 Soweto pupil uprising.

Mrs Clinton offered condo-

lences to Peterson's mother, who met the First Lady, and the families whose children died in political violence. Also present were Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale, ANC stalwart Walter Sisulu, former opposition politician Helen Suzman and other dignitaries.

Mrs Clinton surprised teachers and media at Entandweni Lower Primary School by taking over a second-language English lesson, on the use of the words "inside" and "outside".

Although many of those present seemed unaware of who she was, the significance of the crowd and the sizeable police

and security presence was not lost on some of the schoolchildren.

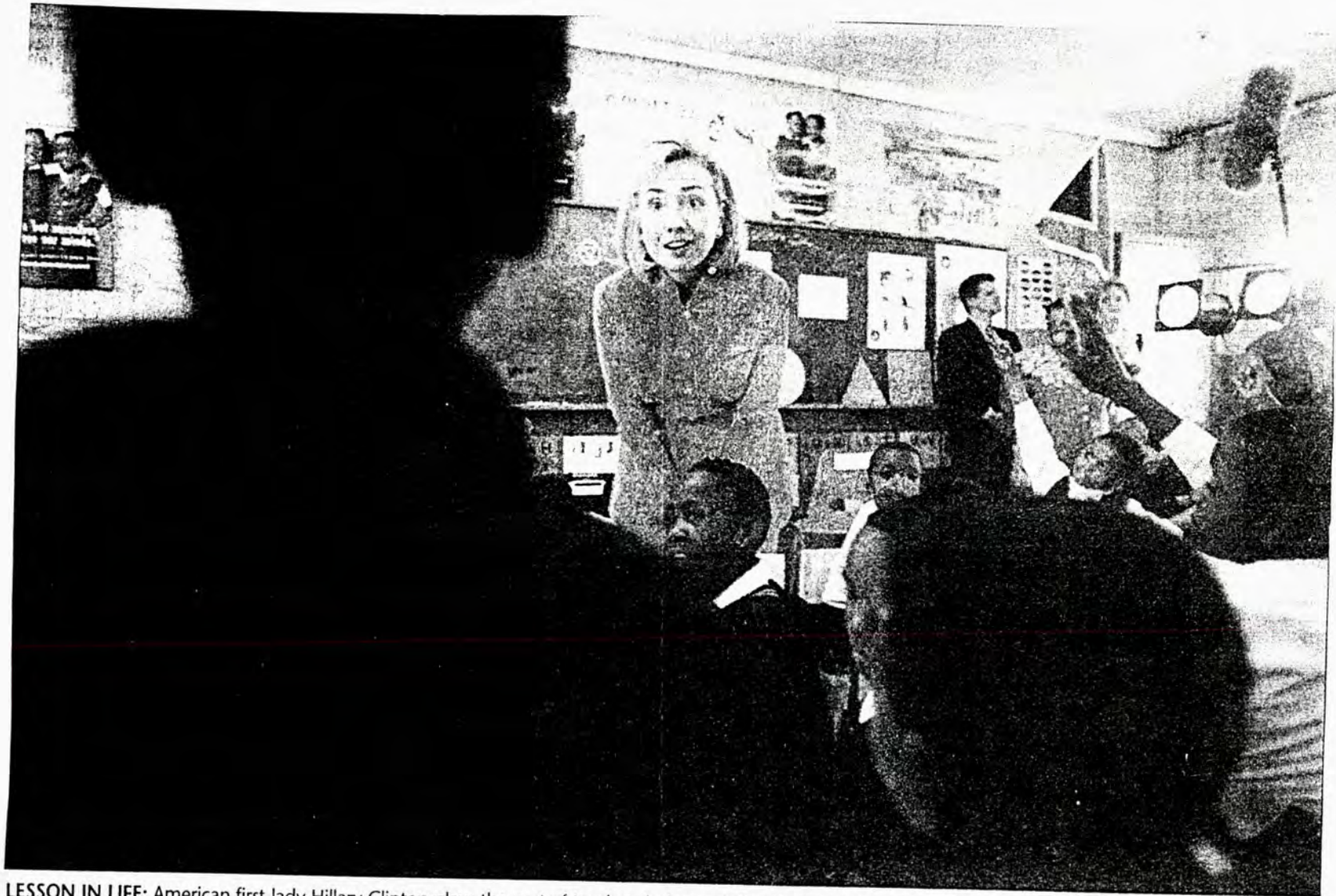
Speaking afterwards, Mrs Clinton said it was difficult to sustain and grow a democracy without educated citizens, adding education was essential for people to participate in the equal opportunities afforded by a democracy.

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LESSON IN LIFE: American first lady Hillary Clinton plays the part of teacher during a visit to the Entandweni Lower Primary School in Soweto yesterday.

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Hillary captures hearts of young and old in Soweto

HELEN GRANGE
& OWN CORRESPONDENT

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She was ushered into a classroom, where she confidently took on the role of teacher to pupils learning English through an interactive radio programme.

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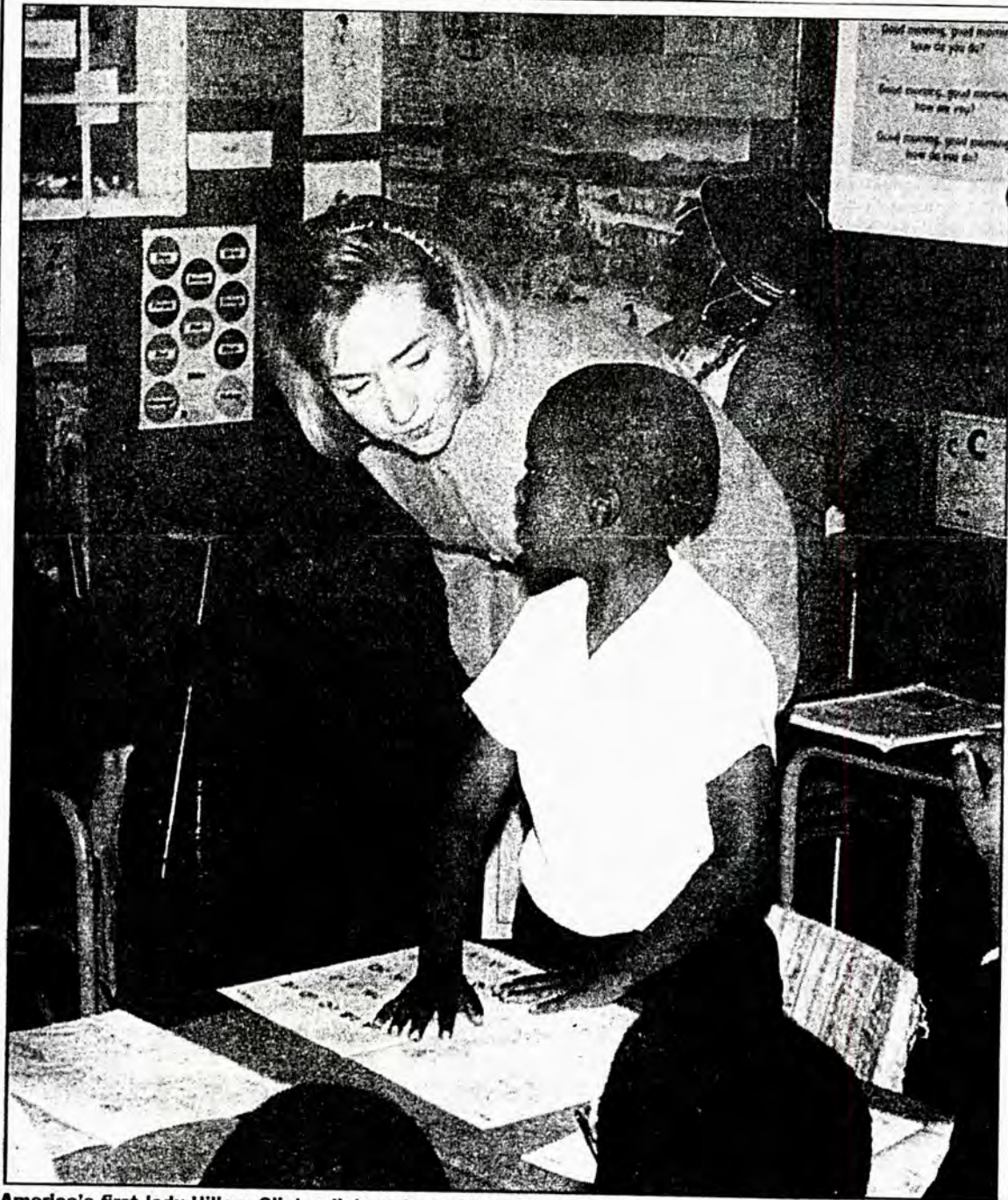
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Between 70 and 80 guests - "not all of them paying", he said - were due to attend, easily totting up several million rands to assist struggling former political prisoners and to help finance the Robben Island museum.

Among the other international guests will be comedian Bill Cosby, his wife, Camille, and their daughter, Ensa, singer Quincy Jones and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Mr Kathrada declined to release the names of the paying guests, but it is reliably understood that most of them are from the corporate world. It is the first time a US first lady has been on a goodwill mission to Africa.

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America's first lady Hillary Clinton listens to a child while visiting the Entandweni Primary School in Soweto yesterday. Clinton is on a four-day visit to the country. See page 2.

PIC: VELI NHLAPO

Soweto kids affect Clinton

By Sharon Chetty

UNITED STATES first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent most of the first of her four-day visit to South Africa honouring children during a visit to Soweto.

Accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, her first stop was at the Entandweni Primary School in Zondi where she conducted a lesson and took part in a discussion on education. Afterwards she laid a wreath at the Hector Peterson Memorial in Orlando West and visited the Orlando Children's Home.

During the wreath-laying ceremony, Clinton paid tribute to South Africa for having fought in a struggle for democracy and said that there was still another struggle to be fought.

There has been a democracy in the United States for 200 years but things "are not what they should be", she admitted.

She described South Africa as a partner in building democracy and lauded President Mandela for taking the path of "forgiveness".

Referring to the children she had met in the morning, Clinton said she hoped that what she had seen in their eyes showed that the freedom and democracy that has been fought for has now come to pass.

Educated nation

Earlier, she emphasised the need for an educated nation in order for democracy to grow and be sustained.

That was still a challenge in her country, she said, adding that it was better to pay for the provision of education rather than to pay for the failure of no education.

Greater cooperation between local schools and those in the United States was also suggested. Last night she participated in a round table discussion on crime and domestic violence.

While here, Clinton will meet President Mandela and visit Robben Island.

She is on a two-week tour of Africa and visited Senegal before coming to South Africa. Her tour will include visits to Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea.

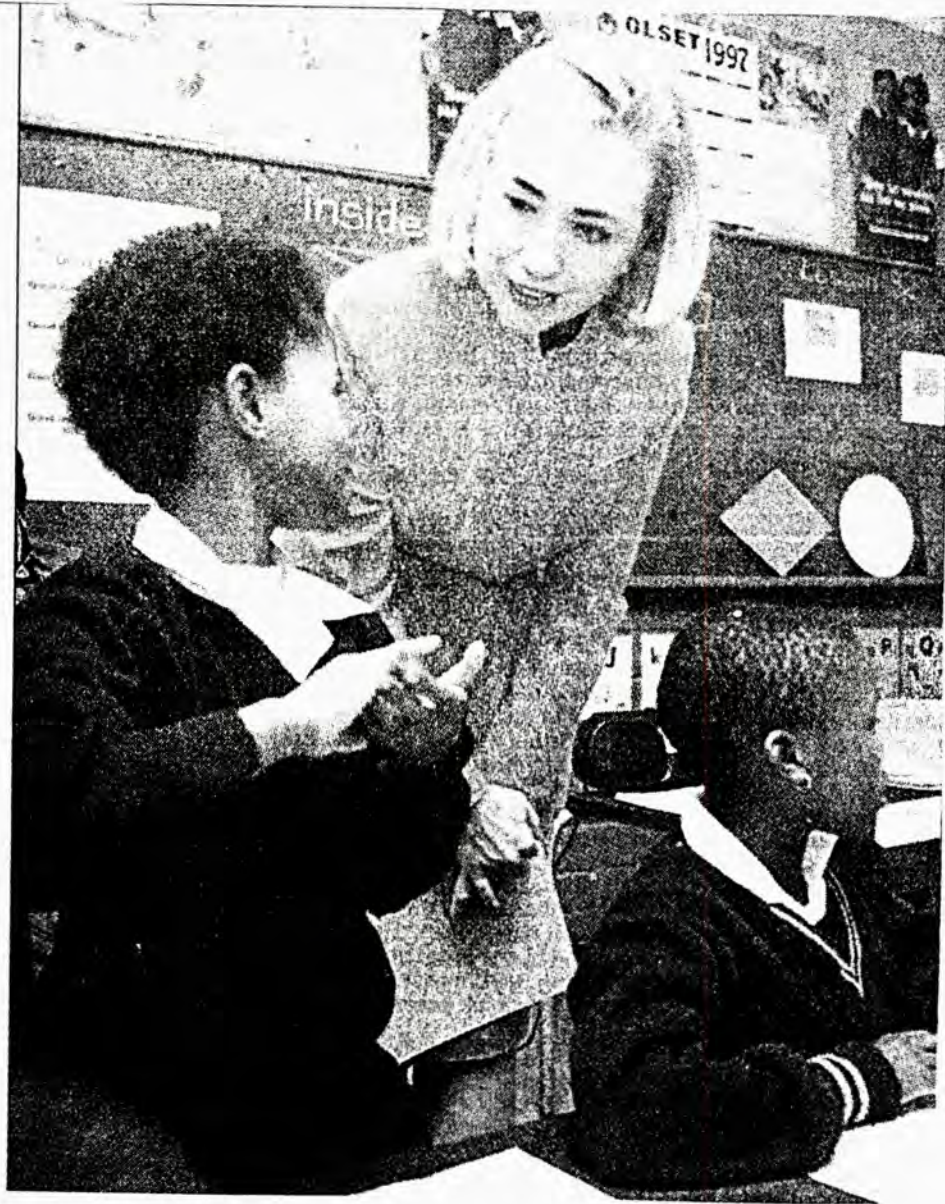
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Hillary gee les aan haasbek kindertjies

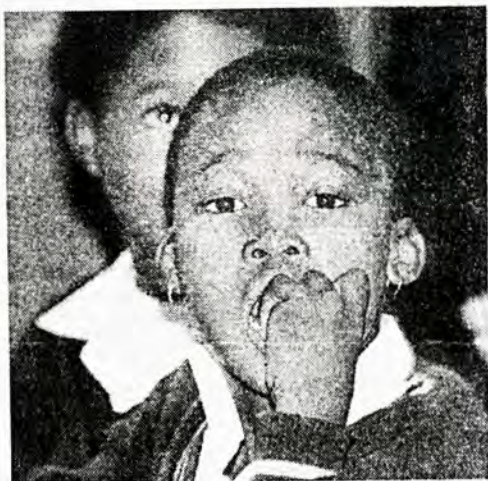
Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, luister aandagtig na 'n leerling tydens haar besoek aan die Entandweni Laerskool in Zondi, Soweto. Sy het gister soos 'n wafferse onderwyseres 'n les oor "binne" en "buite" aangebied aan die skool se gr. 1-klas. Clinton, vergesel van haar sewentienjarige dogter Chelsea, het gister in die land aangekom vir 'n besoek van drie dae. Nog 'n foto en berig op bl. 3.



Translation: BEELD

Caption: HILLARY TEACHES TO GAP-TOOTHED LITTLE ONES

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the U.S. President's wife, listens attentively to a pupil during her visit to the Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto. Yesterday she gave a lesson just like a jolly good teacher on the [meaning] of "in" and "out" to grade one pupils. Clinton arrived yesterday in the country for a three day visit, accompanied by her seventeen year old daughter Chelsea. Report and more photos on page 13.



US first lady Hillary Clinton took part in a classroom session at Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto, yesterday while her daughter, Chelsea, top left, and pupils looked on.

Pictures: TYRONE ARTHUR

Visiting Clintons provide a moment of magic for pupils

Reneé Grawitzky

THE American first family rolled into town yesterday and briefly provided a magical moment for the pupils of Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto, who, slightly bemused about the importance of the lady, sang a rendition of *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*.

US first lady Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea began a four-day tour of SA with a visit to Entandweni to witness the teaching of a US-sponsored interactive radio programme which facilitated learning English.

Njabulo Maphanga, 12, a beneficiary of the programme developed by the Open Learning System Education Trust, welcomed the Clintons in flawless English and said he would remember this day for the rest of his life.

Much was made of President Bill Clinton's fractured leg and both Njabulo and Deputy Education Minister Smangaliso Mkhathshwa wished him well.

Clinton said the US government and agencies were glad to help in education. She said democracy would not be developed without education.

Clinton's entourage, which included celebrity photographer Annie Leibowitz, also visited the Hector Peterson memorial and Orlando Children's Home.

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US debates aid to 'poor' Africa

WASHINGTON — While First Lady Hillary Clinton is raising the US profile in Africa with her current continental tour, in Washington a quiet debate is under way over the fundamental value of continuing US aid to poor African nations.

The impetus for the debate is The End of Dependency Act — a bill aimed at fostering capitalism and economic self-sufficiency in Africa and changing the "beggar-donor" relationship that characterises US ties with the region.

Proponents of the bill were not heard from at a congressional hearing on US aid to Africa last week, but the bill's presence was strongly felt.

"It is too early in Africa's development for trade to substitute for aid. Trade and aid are not alternatives, but mutually supportive ingredients that work best when promoted jointly," said George Moose, assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Others voiced similar concerns, worried that the measure would be used as a pretext for cutting US aid to Africa.

Yet the bill's advocates, who include two Democrats and a Republican, insist the bill would not reduce such US aid.

"The bill would not take money out of US aid at all," said Jennifer Crider, media secretary to Democratic representative Jim McDermott.

In testimony last year, McDermott said that one of the bill's "greatest misconceptions" was that it would cut aid.

However, where he appears to differ with administration officials and his party's own members is in determining when African nations — especially those who have seen recent economic improvements — will be ready to make the transformation from US aid recipient to US trade partner.

"I believe there are a number of African countries which will continue to need traditional development assistance," McDermott said.

"On the other hand, my proposal is designed to create a comprehensive trade and investment strategy for those economies in subSaharan Africa who have a record of commitment to market-based economics and to supporting their private sector."

New funds

The bill, which Crider said would be reintroduced soon, calls for some new money: \$100m into an equity fund and \$100m for an infrastructure fund to help African countries do things like start small businesses and repair pothole-ridden roads.

Yet it also makes new aid contingent on a country's "commitment to market-based economic reform and (to) support of the private sector".

The bill would also encourage establishment of a US/subSaharan Africa free trade area and call for the elimination of trade barriers, including those which affect textile imports.

"Unfortunately, masquerading as trade and development policy are an assortment of programmes and initiatives that don't work well together, (and) have no central focus, policy or direction," McDermott said.

At last week's hearing, author Michael Maren said that often aid to African countries "benefits only a few (people) with close connections to the government".

And he said that while providing aid to "the poorest of the poor is good public relations ... (it) doesn't cure poverty".

Moose pushed the administration's proposal to spend \$700m in Africa for "long-term sustainable assistance strategies" through the US Agency for International Development's African Development Fund.

"Trade and investment will become ever more important vehicles in generating economic growth in Africa," he said, alluding to the hopes being pinned on such growth by politicians like McDermott.

"But it is US assistance that cultivates the proper environment and builds up the human capacity to make trade and investment flourish."

Georgetown University assistant professor Carol Lancaster urged the US government to be more discriminating in deciding which countries should receive US aid.

Citing cases such as Zaire and Somalia, Lancaster said it behoved Washington not to give aid to those "who are not committed to the development of their own countries". — Sapa-AFF.

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Hillary Clinton 'hou skool' in Soweto

Besoek kinderhuis

Amanda Visser,
Diplomatiese Verslaggewer

"Dit is moeilik en selfs onmoontlik om die demokrasie te handhaaf sonder opgevoede burgers. Onderwys is 'n noodsaaklike bestanddeel vir mense se deelname aan die geleentheid wat die demokrasie bied."

Dit is die boodskap van mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, aan Suid-Afrikaners en die Regering.

Sy het gister op 'n besoek van drie dae in Suid-Afrika aangekom ná 'n vinnige besoek aan Senegal.

Die res van haar besoek sluit Zimbabwe, Tanzanië, Uganda en Eritrea in.

'n Lang, mosterdkleurige jas het haar gisteroggend net ná sewe-uur teen die byt in die Hoëveldse lug beskerm toe sy op die Johannesburgse Lughawe geland het.

'n Glimlaggende Clinton, haar dogter, Chelsea, en sowat veertig personeellede is deur mnr. James Joseph, Amerika se ambassadeur hier, en sy vrou, Mary, ontvang.

Haar eerste besoek was aan die Entandweni Lower Primary School in Zondi, Soweto, waar leerlinge van gr. 1 tot gr. 4 Engels as tweede taal deur middel van interaktiewe radioprogramme leer.

Sy het in 'n skelpienk ontwerp-spakkie haasbekkindertjies aan haar lippe gehad toe sy 'n gr. 1-klas oorgeneem en soos 'n ervare "juffrou" die effens oorstelpte leerlinge

van "binne" en "buite" geleer het.

Hoewel baie van hulle erken het hulle "weet nie veel van Amerika nie" en ook nie heeltemal seker was wie die vrou in pienk is nie, het hulle agtergekom "daar is poli-siemanne buite die klaskamer".

Tydens 'n onderwysforum by Entandweni het Clinton 'n afskrif van Suid-Afrika se Grondwet ontvang.

Sy het erken Amerika het ook onderwysprobleme. Sy het verwys na vandalisme, ongedissiplineerdheid en mense wat glo hulle kán nie leer nie. " 'n Kind wat geïgnoreer word, sal altyd aandag kry. Hy sal aandag soek op maniere wat nie geïgnoreer kan word nie. Soos met vandalisme en ongedissiplineerdheid."

Clinton het gesê die keuse wat Suid-Afrika én Amerika moet doen, is om aan te hou belê in onderwys of om die prys te betaal van mense wat nie die geleentheid kry vir wat hulle toekom nie.

Haar besoek aan Johannesburg het haar ook na die Hector Peterson-gedenkteken gebring waar sy deur mnr. Tokyo en mev. Judy Sexwale, Gauteng se premierspaar, mnr. Walter Sisulu, lewenslange vriend van pres. Nelson Mandela, mev. Helen Suzman, veteraanpolitikus, en mnr. Isaac Mogase, burgemeester van Johannesburg, ontvang is.

Haar program is afgesluit met 'n besoek aan die Orlando-kinderhuis en die kinderbeskermingseenheid in Braamfontein waar sy deelgeneem het aan 'n gesprek oor misdaad en huishoudelike geweld.

Translation: BEELD

HILLARY CLINTON 'TEACHES SCHOOL' IN SOWETO: VISIT TO CHILDREN'S HOME

"It is difficult - and even impossible - to preserve a democracy without educated citizens. Education is a necessary element for people to be part of the opportunities that a democracy offers." That is the message that Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. President's wife brought to South Africans and their government. She arrived yesterday on a three-day visit to South Africa after a brief visit to Senegal. This visit was shortened slightly due to President Bill Clinton knee operation, which also delayed her departure for Africa. The rest of her visit includes Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea. A smiling Clinton, her daughter Chelsea and about forty members of her staff were received by Mr. James Joseph, U.S. Ambassador to S.A., and his wife Mary.

Her first visit was to the Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto, where pupils of grades one to four learn English as a second language through the medium of interactive radio program. During an education forum at Entandweni, Clinton received a copy of the South African Constitution. She acknowledged that the U.S. has its quota of education problems. She referred to vandalism, poor discipline and people who believe they cannot learn. "A child who is ignored, will also receive attention. He will look for attention in ways that cannot be ignored. Such as vandalism and poor discipline." Clinton said the choice that South Africa and the U.S. should make is to continue investing in education or to pay the price of people that will not have opportunities for their future. Her visit to Johannesburg took her to the Hector Peterson memorial, where she was received by Mr. Tokyo Sexwale and his wife Judy, Gauteng's first couple, Mr. Walter Sisulu and Mrs Helen Suzman and the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Isaac Mogase.

Her program for the day was concluded with a visit to the Orlando Children's home and the Child Protection Unit of the Police in Braamfontein where she participated to a discussion on crime and domestic violence.

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Mev. Hillary Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, word welkom geheet op 'n besonder koel Johannesburgse Lughawe deur die Amerikaanse ambassadeurspaar, mnr. James Joseph en sy vrou, Mary. Op die agtergrond is Chelsea Clinton, dogter van die Amerikaanse presidentspaar. Foto: REG CALDECOTT

Translation: BEELD

Caption: Mrs. Hillary Clinton, the U.S. President's wife, is welcomed at a particularly cool Johannesburg Airport by the U.S. Ambassadorial couple, Mr. James Joseph and his wife Mary. In the background is Chelsea Clinton, daughter of the U.S. presidential couple.

US first lady wins hearts of young and old

BY HELEN GRANGE AND
OWN CORRESPONDENT

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Clinton will also speak at the University of Cape Town and attend, with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a meeting of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She leaves South Africa on Friday.

It is the first time a US first lady has been on a goodwill mission to Africa. She is scheduled to visit Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea.

■ Sapa reports that Clinton will write about her trip for Vogue magazine, and renowned photographer Annie Leibowitz was in Johannesburg yesterday to take pictures. Leibowitz made a name for herself in the 1960s for unique portraits of famous musicians and film stars for Rolling Stone magazine.

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Hillary's homage to Soweto children



US First Lady HILLARY CLINTON talks to a pupil while on a visit to the Entandweni Primary School in Soweto yesterday. Mrs Clinton is on a four-day visit to South Africa.

• Picture by Doug Mills, AP

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton paid homage yesterday to young Blacks killed fighting for liberation under South Africa's former government, saying the freedom they fought for had come to pass.

Mrs Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, 17, watched as two school-children laid a wreath at the grave of Hector Peterson, a teenage boy who was the first to die in Soweto in June 1976, during massive demonstrations.

Nearly 700 people died

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in the violence that followed.

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"But in the faces of the children I saw this morning I hope there is the consolation that what they fought and died for has come to pass," she said.

The premier of Gauteng, Tokyo Sexwale, told Mrs Clinton his country had come a long way since the Soweto riots.

"You stand on sacred ground, because here our children fell in the quest for that which is still elusive to many people across the world," he said.

"Our people have begun, both Black and White, to find safety and comfort in the arms of one another."

Mrs Clinton was in Soweto at the start of a three-day visit to South Africa.

"I come to South Africa today on behalf of my husband and my country, to thank you for the struggle you went through and the courage that it took and also to acknowledge

that it will take courage of a different kind to do what must be done," she said.

"We have been at the work of building a democracy for more than 200 years in the United States and it is still not what it should be. We still have not fulfilled our own stated ideals. But we keep trying."

"We want Chelsea," an exuberant crowd chanted from behind barricades when Mrs Clinton and her daughter visited the memorial.

"She is so young, so cute. She can give our youngsters spirit," Eliza Mgwenya, 56, said of Chelsea.

Mrs Mgwenya was close by when Hector Petersen, the first fatality of the Soweto uprising, was shot by police.

She said she was part of a large crowd that had gathered from 11 am yesterday to see the Clintons.

Nomsa Nkosi, 36, who was the same age as Petersen and attended the same school next to the memorial, said of the Clintons: "We love them. We are so pleased to see them in South Africa."

A main theme of Mrs Clinton's two-week goodwill tour of six African na-

tions is to promote better health and education for women and children, and she was guest of honour at a discussion between prominent South African women on crime and domestic violence.

Adelaide Tambo, a Member of Parliament and widow of the late chairman of the ANC, Oliver Tambo, told the meeting how women in one village had dealt with a man who kept sexually abusing his child.

"The women felt the law had failed them, so they got hold of the man and cut off his penis," she said.

Another topic which was discussed was prostitution.

Guateng provincial policing minister Jessie Duarte suggested that South Africa "move to regulation of the people in the sex-work industry" as part of the fight against AIDS, among other reasons.

Mrs Clinton said she did not think this a good idea, because it could be seen as "sending a message to families that they might possibly have their daughters enlisted in this trade".

Mrs Clinton said the United States was committed to helping South

Africa meet the many challenges it faced.

Echoing US Vice President Al Gore's message from a recent visit here, Mrs Clinton said: "America remains firmly committed to working with South Africa to address these issues."

She travels to Cape Town today where she is due to join Pres Mandela and actor Bill Cosby for a celebration at Robben Island.

Hillary pays visit to Philippi

Learns the secret of successful building in SA ...

JERMAINE CRAIG
STAFF REPORTER

When American first lady Hillary Clinton returns home she will pass on to her husband Bill one of the secrets of building houses in South Africa: "You build better if you sing and dance while you're working."

Mrs Clinton was given this advice by hundreds of Philippi residents at the Victoria Mxenge Housing project yesterday soon after she and her daughter Chelsea arrived in Cape Town. Mrs Clinton is on a six-nation goodwill tour of Africa.

The project is part of a nationwide bid by the South African Homeless People's Federation to build houses for themselves.

The project started with 12 women in 1992. Today, it has 286 members - 280 of whom are women who build houses themselves. Eighteen houses have been built in Philippi and more than 800 countrywide.

Dependent on donations, the project has received aid from the US Agency for International Development and the provincial and national ministries of housing.

Mrs Clinton was met at Philippi by National Housing Minister Sankie Mthembi Mahanyele and hundreds of singing, chanting women in traditional African dress.

The US first lady said she had heard about the women's housing project and had decided to come and see for herself the work that was being done.

Mrs Clinton said she would return to Philippi in a couple of years, possibly with her husband, to see what progress had been made.

Mrs Clinton is in Africa to reaffirm US



LEON MULLER

Hi there: Chelsea Clinton waves to the Philippi crowd. On her left is American ambassador James Joseph

support for the continent and the progress of democracy.

Last night, Mrs Clinton planted a tree with Truth Commission chairman Desmond Tutu in the Garden of Remembrance at Cowley House in Woodstock which commemorates those who died in South Africa's struggle for freedom and

democracy. She told a gathering at the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture that their ceremony proved rage and anger could be turned to hope and possibility.

Those who had lost loved ones in the liberation struggle could have resorted to hatred and violence but instead South

Africa had chosen forgiveness.

Archbishop Tutu called on South Africa's "dear friends in America" to help South Africans enable God to make the country a wonderful example of reconciliation and healing.

Mrs Clinton will visit Robben Island with President Mandela today.

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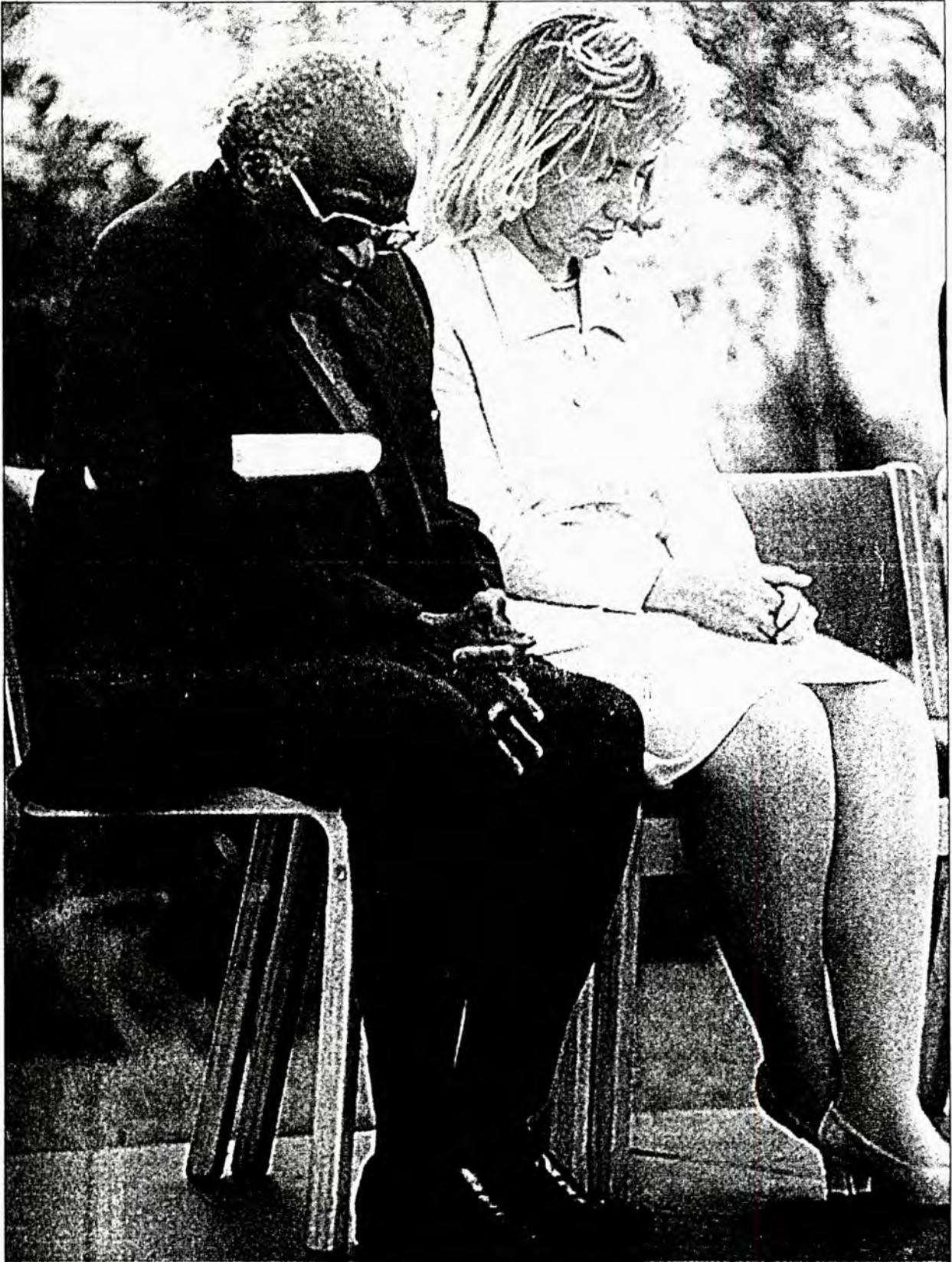
Chatting: America's first lady Hillary Clinton shares a light moment with Desmond Tutu during a tree planting ceremony in Cape Town in remembrance of those who died in South Africa's liberation struggle

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Gift: Pat Matolengwe, left, with Hillary Clinton, Sankie Mthembi Mahanyele and a pot from Philippi residents

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SOLEMN MOMENT: Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton at Cowley House in Woodstock yesterday. Tutu said that his prostate cancer appeared to have spread. ● See Page 8

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

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ROUSING WELCOME: United States first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton receives a boisterous welcome from the women of the Victoria Mxenge housing development in Philippi yesterday.

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US first lady visits Cape housing scheme

CYNTHIA VONGAI

The United States first lady Mrs Hillary Clinton yesterday commended women at the Victoria Mxenge Housing Initiative in Philippi for starting a successful housing project.

In a ceremony attended by National Housing Minister Ms Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele and Cape Town mayor Ms Theresa Solomon, Clinton toured the site and looked at houses built by women belonging to the South African Homeless People's Federation (SAHPF).

She told a crowd of more than 100 people: "I can see that you have not only built houses ... but shown what can be accomplished if people work for themselves."

She said the Philippi women had set an example of what could be accomplished by starting self-help projects such as the one at Victoria Mxenge.

Clinton praised the women for taking the initiative in helping the government build South Africa into a great country.

"We are excited about what is happening in your country, and building a new country like you are doing is the work of everyone," she said.

However, she stressed that keeping a democracy strong would take hard work

with "everyone working together".

Co-ordinator for SAHPF Ms Pat Matolengwe said the project had been successful because of the hard work that the women had put into the housing initiative.

"We have the strength to build this country, and we do not have to wait for the government to support and help us," said Matolengwe.

"We can build 50 to 100 houses a month and we have decided to complete the project here at Victoria Mxenge by August, so that we can help other people with their building projects."

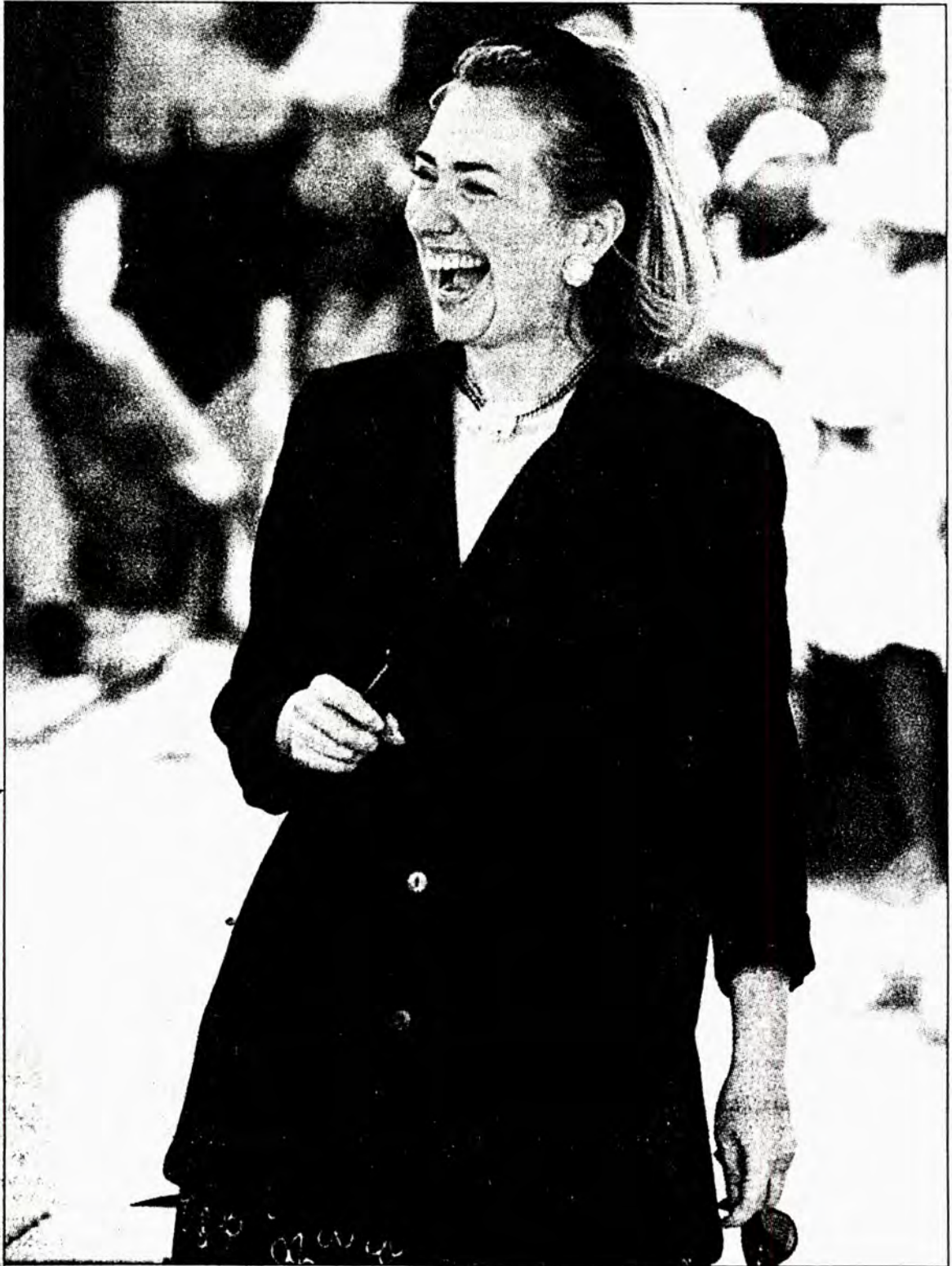
Thirteen out of the 18 houses built so far are already occupied, realising a goal of providing SAHPF members with housing and a better life.

Clinton also met Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday and attended a Truth and Reconciliation Commission meeting, before going to Cowley House in Woodstock.

She is scheduled to visit the University of Cape Town today, as well as meet President Nelson Mandela at a lavish dinner this evening on Robben Island. Other guests at the dinner will be Bill Cosby, Quincy Jones, and UN secretary-general Mr Kofi Annan.

Clinton is due to fly home tomorrow.

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Wat vertel jy my nou? Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, kraai van die lag nadat sy én die Wit Huis gister in Philippi 'n swart driepootpot ryker geword het. Sy en haar dogter, Chelsea, het 'n ware Afrika ontvangs gekry op hul besoek aan die Victoria Mxengwe huisboupotjek. Sy is te midde van sang en danse deur die groep gasvroue gevra om vir haar man iets Suid-Afrikaans in haar nuwe pot te berei, en om vir hulle te laat weet wat sy gekook het. (Nog 'n berig op bl. 3.)

Foto: Roger Sedres

Translation: DIE BURGER

Caption: What are you saying? Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the U.S. President's wife, laughs heartily after she and the White House became richer by a black three-legged cooking pot in Philippi yesterday. She and her daughter Chelsea received a true African reception during their visit to the Victoria Mxenge housing project. Amidst song and dance she was asked by a group of women hosts to prepare something South African for her husband in her new cooking pot, and to let them know what she had cooked.

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Clinton's security irks media, residents

CYNTHIA VONGAI

A PRAISE singer managed to slip passed an unsuspecting US secret serviceman to get within arms reach of US first lady Mrs Hillary Clinton.

The dumbfounded serviceman only realised the praise singer had brushed passed him when the woman burst into song.

Clinton toured the Victoria Mxenge housing initiative in Philippi yesterday.

Journalists were told to arrive by 9 30am for a security sweep and Clinton was supposed to arrive at 10.30.

Some journalists arrived well before 9.30 only to have two sniffer dogs — which arrived well after 10.30 — briefly sniff at photographers' cameras.

Reporters were left hanging around for nearly an hour and a half before the first lady arrived. No explanation or apology was given by Clinton or her secret servicemen.

The South African media had been told before her visit that they would be afforded "many photo opportunities" but this is not what happened yesterday in Philippi.

When Clinton finally arrived in a convoy of six cars, including a stretch Cadillac limousine and two shiny black armour-plated 4 by 4's flown in especially for her visit, US secret servicemen herded residents behind security barriers.

The secret servicemen used bully-boy tactics, and Cape Times photographer Benny Gool was manhandled and physically removed by four servicemen from where he was taking photographs. Gool left soon after.



US FIRST Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton shares a light moment with Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday when the two met in Cape Town. Tutu will undergo a combination of hormone treatment and radiotherapy for prostate cancer.

Tutu to see US doctors

DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN South African Nobel peace laureate Desmond Tutu said today his prostate cancer appeared to have spread and he would go to the US for two months of radiation therapy.

But when he spoke to reporters after meeting Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of the US president, Tutu (65) was as cheerful as always and said: "I'm feeling good."

The archbishop had most of his prostate cut out in January when the gland was diagnosed as cancerous. Tutu said that after consulting US doctors he had decided on a combination of hormone treatment and radiotherapy. "Specialists here will begin a three-month course of hormone treatment today. After that I plan to have the radiotherapy at a clinic in the US."

Asked how bad the prognosis was, Tutu said the cancer might have taken a critical turn. "If it has, then it has."

■ When Hillary Clinton returns home she will pass on to her husband one of the secrets of building houses in South Africa: "You build better if you sing and dance while you're working."

Mrs Clinton, on a six-nation goodwill tour of Africa, was given this advice by hundreds of Philippi residents at the Victoria Mxenge Housing project yesterday.

Last night she planted a tree with Archbishop Tutu in a special garden of remembrance in Woodstock, commemorating those who died in South Africa's struggle for freedom and democracy.

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Hillary speaks on SA democracy

CAPE TOWN – Building a democracy was the work of all a country's people and not just that of the government, United States first lady Hillary Clinton said yesterday.

Even in a country like the US, which had been a democracy for 200 years, it was still necessary for everyone to keep working at it, she told hundreds of women at a housing project for the homeless in Philippi on the Cape Flats.

People in the United States were very excited about what was happening in South Africa, she said.

Mrs Clinton and her 17-year-old daughter, Chelsea, on a six-nation goodwill tour of Africa, visited the Victoria Mxenge housing initiative immediately after her arrival at Cape Town international airport on the second of the three-day South African leg.

They were met by hundreds of singing and chanting women wearing traditional Xhosa attire and were all but mobbed as they were taken on a tour of the self-help project of concrete slab houses the US Agency for International Development is helping to fund.

The Clintons were officially welcomed by Cape Town's mayor, Ms Theresa Solomon.

In a short address, Housing Minister Sankie Mthembu Mahanyele said South Africa would be able to use whatever resources it could get from the US to build more housing schemes like the Victoria Mxenge. – Sapa

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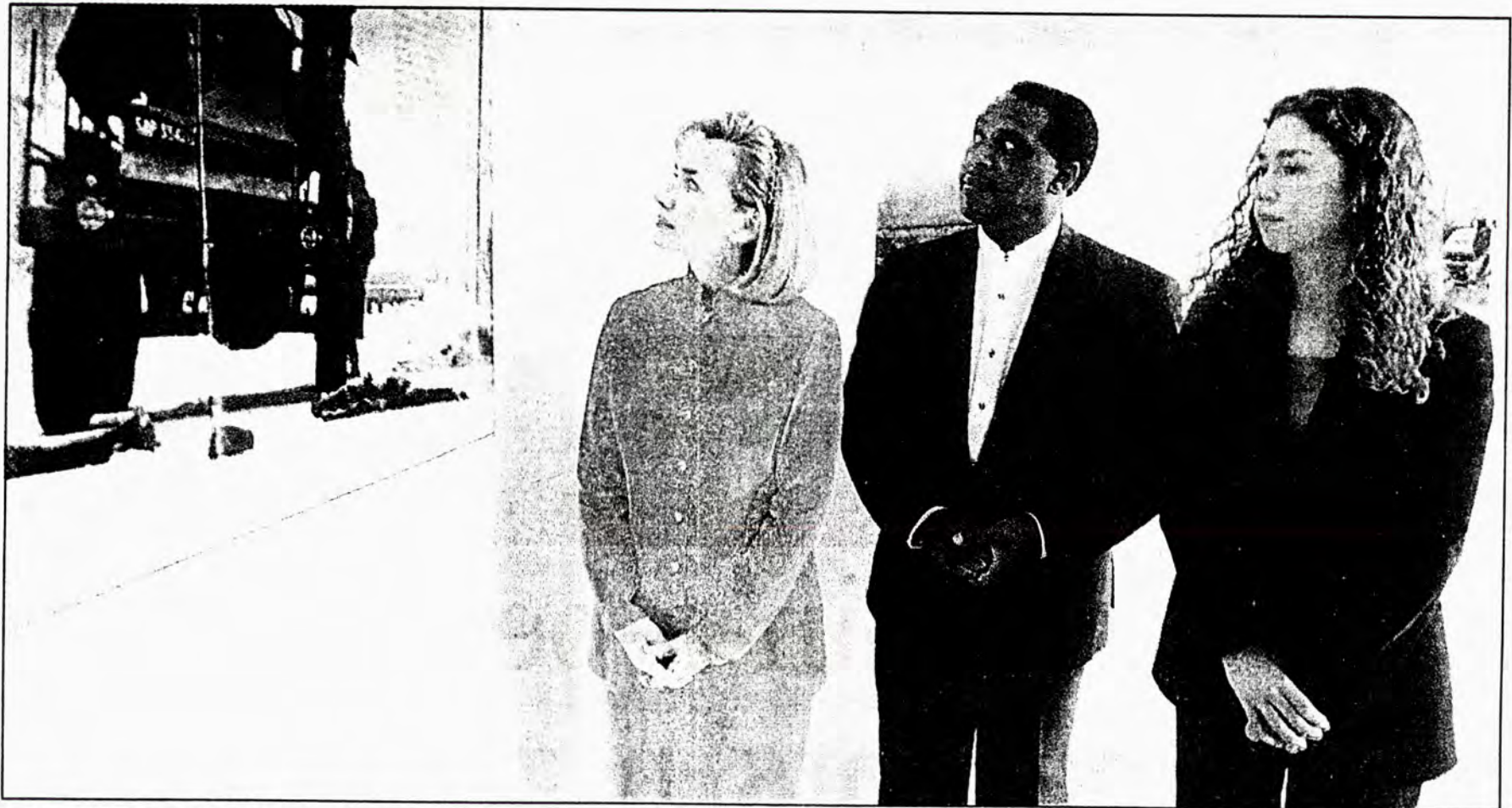
OFFICIAL VISIT: US first lady Hillary Clinton is greeted by women while visiting a housing project for homeless people near Cape Town yesterday. The US Agency for International Development is a donor to the project, which assists densely populated "squatter towns" in constructing affordable housing for thousands still living in overcrowded conditions.

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Lifestyle



CHARMING CHelsea: Poised and mature, Chelsea Clinton, with her mother Hillary and Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale this week at the Hector Peterson Memorial photographic exhibition of the 1976 Soweto riots.

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Chelsea spreads her wings

When Hillary Clinton stepped on to South African soil for a short visit this week, a stylish teenager was at her side. Daughter Chelsea Clinton has blossomed into a confident 17-year-old and is taking a more active role in her parents' public life, here and in the United States. MARIE SANZ reports from Washington.

CHELSEA Clinton, daughter of President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, is finally coming out of her shell after being shielded from the public spotlight for years.

The first couple's only child is weighing offers from top

universities and is appearing at more public events with her parents, resulting in greater exposure to the public and the media.

Admirers have even taken to creating several Internet Web sites on her, one of which describes Chelsea as "that sassy girl the world loves to love, the goddess of the White House".

The "Non-official Chelsea Clinton Club" is aimed at "exchanging ideas" on the teenager whom "the world loves to love".

The Web page, which gives out a lot more information on Chelsea than officials in the White House, claims that Chelsea is vegetarian and that her favourite dishes are broccoli with cheese and oven-baked potatoes.

The Web site is accurate in

noting that Chelsea got her name from a 1970s folk song that her parents liked called *Chelsea Morning*.

Ever since the Clintons moved into the White House in 1993, one of the best-respected rules in Washington has been the one barring any news about Chelsea.

Her parents have taken pains to shield her from paparazzi and nosy reporters, efforts that had to go up a few notches when the Clinton family moved from the Arkansas state house, where Bill Clinton was governor, to the White House.

But in recent months she has surprised and enchanted the public by appearing with her parents at more official ceremonies.

During her father's first term, Chelsea attended only

one official dinner. But in last autumn's campaign she was often seen at her father's side, pressing the flesh and kissing babies like a political pro.

She also travelled to Asia with her mother, who often talks about her daughter in interviews.

"For Bill and me there has been no experience more challenging, more rewarding and more humbling than raising our daughter," Hillary Clinton told an interviewer.

The first lady went so far as to reveal recently that Chelsea was "dating".

Time magazine recently gushed: "The most vocal presidential critics concede the Clintons have raised an exceptional child."

Her recent birthday festivities in New York City brought more observations about how

poised and mature Chelsea appears.

The president has been publicly bemoaning the impending departure of Chelsea for college next autumn. She is likely to attend Yale, Harvard or Princeton.

Other presidents haven't had as much luck with their children. President Jimmy Carter made the mistake of mentioning that he discussed important matters with his daughter Amy, who was only nine years old when he was elected.

He was ridiculed for mentioning during a debate with Ronald Reagan in 1980 that Amy was concerned "about the control of nuclear arms".

"Amy for secretary of defence," was emblazoned on Republican campaign buttons the next day.

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CHELSEA, daughter of President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, shows off a miniature camera while on a tour of a housing project, for the homeless near Cape Town yesterday. Chelsea is accompanying her mother (back to the camera) on a four day trip to South Africa. — See Page Two.

• Picture by Doug Mills, AP

Hillary praises Blacks' forgiveness

CAPE TOWN. — US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday praised Black South Africans for their willingness to forgive the country's former White rulers as she helped dedicate a garden to victims of apartheid.

"What you are doing here in South Africa is a testament to what can occur when rage and anger are turned to hope and possibility," Mrs Clinton said in a speech to ex-political prisoners, survivors of human rights violations and relatives of some who died in racial unrest.

She was speaking at the dedication for the "Garden of Remembrance" at the foot of Table Mountain. She and Archbishop Desmond Tutu planted an indigenous stinkwood tree to remember the victims and unveiled a commemorative stone made of Table Mountain sandstone.

"Now it is time to heal the wounds of the past," Archbishop Tutu told the gathering. "Now it is time to plant seeds of hope for the future."

The dedication ceremony came after Mrs Clinton and her daughter Chelsea, on the second day of a three-day trip to South Africa, met Archbishop Tutu and other members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Mrs Clinton said it was understandable if parents or loved ones of the victims had turned to "hatred, bitterness, anger or violence," but instead, "they forgave and are here today in that spirit of forgiveness and remembrance."

"The work of reconciliation is to acknowledge history, not to forget it, no matter how tragic, and to pass that history on to our children because only that has the power to arm them and all humanity," she added.

Earlier yesterday she visited the Victoria Mxenge homes project and was greeted by crowds of ululating women.

The development is one of many being undertaken in post-apartheid South Africa to try to get proper homes to an estimated one million people who live in poverty, many of them in dense "squatter towns."

The visit to the project emphasised a key goal of her two-week tour of six countries in Africa — promoting better rights and education for women and children. Of 268 people working at the site, 260 were women.

"You are not only building houses, you are building your country," Mrs Clinton told them. — Reuter.



Links: Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, skater van die lag nadat sy 'n swart driebeenpot tydens haar besoek aan die Victoria Mxenge-behuisingsprojek by Philippi ontvang het. Onder: Chelsea Clinton word by die Victoria Mxenge-behuisingsprojek ontvang.



Hillary kry potjie om kos vir Clinton in te kook

Erika de Beer,
Politieke Redaksie

Philippi. – Pres. Bill Clinton van Amerika gaan binnekort mieliepap of potjiekos op die spyskaart hê.

Dis nou te sê as sy vrou, Hillary, wat gister hier 'n driebeenpot present gekry het, gehoor gee aan die wense van die vroue van Philippi op die Kaapse Vlakte.

"Kook iets daarin vir jou man. Ons wil weet wat jy gekook het," het mev. Patricia Matolengwe, voorsitter van die South African Homeless People's Federation, aan Clinton gesê. Terwyl die Amerikaners klaarblyklik baie hou van die titel "first lady", het Matolengwe haar gas as "die vrou van die president van die Amerikaners" voorgestel.

Clinton, haar dogter, Chelsea, en hul gevolg het 'n ware Afrika-ontvangs by die Victoria Mxenge-huisprojek gekry nadat hulle Afrika-tyd gebruik het en meer as 'n halfuur laat was.

Vroue in hul veelkleurige tradisionele uitrustings het van vroeg af gesing en in die stof gedans terwyl hulle op hul belangrike gaste gewag het. Clinton kon later self nie die ritme weerstaan nie

en het af en toe ook 'n bietjie op maat van die klanke hande geklap. Dié dans en musiek is deel van die suksesgeheim van die huisbouprojek, het sy gesê.

Mev. Veliswa Mbeki, tesourier van die Victoria Mxenge-spaarskema, het 'n paar minute lank die wêreldkollig van haar meer bekende naamgenoot, adj.-pres. Thabo Mbeki, gesteel toe die Clinton-optog haar sementsteenhuus besoek het en die gretige kameralense en mikrofone gewed- ywer het om ook in te loer. Dié huus is een van die eerstes wat hier gebou is as deel van 'n skema waarvolgens hoofsaaklik vroue geld spaar en dan huise vir minder as R15 000 bou waarvoor hulle ook self die stene gemaak het.

Nadat sy die huus besigtig het, na die steen- makery gekyk en 'n woordjie of twee gewissel het met vroue wat besig was om 'n huus te verf, het Clinton gesê sy wou self kom kyk of dit waarvan sy gehoor het, waar is. "Julle bou nie net huise nie, maar julle bou ook jul land," het sy gesê. "Dit is 'n bewys van wat bereik kan word as mense ge- help word om hulself te help."

Clinton het gesê sy wil oor 'n paar jaar terug- kom om te sien hoeveel huise gebou is. "As ek dié uitnodiging vir myself en my dogter kan kry, sal ek dalk selfs my man saambring."

Translation: BEELD

HILLARY RECEIVES A SMALL POT TO COOK FOOD FOR CLINTON.

U.S. President Bill Clinton will shortly have grits or “potjiekos”* on his menu. This, obviously, if his wife Hillary, who yesterday received the gift of a three-legged pot, pays attention to the wish of the women of Philippi on the Cape Flats. “Cook something for your husband in this. We want to know what you have cooked” said Mrs. Patricia Matolegwe, chairperson of the South Africa Homeless People’s Federation, to Mrs Clinton. While the Americans like the title of “first lady,” Matolengwe introduced her guest as “the wife of the President of the Americans.”

Clinton, her daughter, Chelsea, and their entourage received a true African welcome at the Victoria Mxenge Housing Project after they used “Africa time” and arrived half an hour late.

Women in their multicolored traditional garments sung from early in the day and raised the dust dancing while waiting for their important guest. Later, even Clinton could not resist the rhythm and clapped hands in time. The dance and the music are part of the secret of the housing project’s success, she said.

Mrs. Veliswa Mbeki, treasurer of the Victoria Mxenge savings association, stole for a few minutes the limelight from her more well known namesake, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, when the Clinton procession visited her cement-block house and the keen cameras and microphones vied to get a glimpse. The house is one of the first built as part of a scheme whereby mainly women save money and build houses for less than R15,000 and for which they themselves make the bricks.

After viewing the house, looking at the manufacturing of the bricks and exchanging a few words with women busy painting a house, Clinton said she wanted to come and see for herself whether what she had heard was true. “You are not only building houses, you are building your country” she said. “That is an indication of what can be achieved if people are helped to help themselves.” Clinton said she would like to come back within a few years and see how many house have been built. “If I can be invited together with my daughter, I will bring my husband as well.”

* A typical African dish of vegetables and meat (sometimes fish) with herbs and spices cooked in a large, black, cast-iron, three-legged pot placed over an open fire.

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HILLARY-POLIO

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The democratic world was standing by South Africa as it was busy transforming itself into a full democracy.

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CLINTON-MANDELA

CAPE TOWN March 20 Sapa

HILLARY'S VISIT GAVE MANDELA CHANCE TO SAY
THANK YOU

The visit to South Africa by United States first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had given him the opportunity to thank her first hand for the US's support to South Africa, President Nelson Mandela said on Thursday.

Speaking after meeting Clinton at his official residence Genadendal, Mandela said the US had actively supported the anti-apartheid struggle from a long time ago.

The country had started programmes, including education projects, for members of disadvantaged communities.

Clinton said she was delighted to meet Mandela again and happy to be in beautiful Cape Town. It would be spectacular if the city could host the 2004 Olympic Games which would give her an opportunity to visit again.

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Celebrities to join Mandela for banquet on Robben Island

By Anso Thom

Political Reporter

President Mandela will be joined by a star-studded line-up when he docks at Robben Island tonight for a gala banquet attended by, among others, US actor and comedian Bill Cosby, songwriter and singer Quincy Jones, United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan and US first lady Hillary Clinton.

Although the guest list, with selected diners paying R250 000 per couple, has been kept under wraps, it is believed that top South African businessmen as well as reigning Miss South Africa Peggy-Sue Khumalo will attend.

Proceeds will help struggling former political prisoners and with the establishment of the

Robben Island museum.

Mandela would escort Clinton to the island this afternoon, presidential spokesman Joel Netshitenzhe said. Between 70 and 80 guests, not all paying, were expected to attend.

The island museum and political prisoners' fund was launched by Mandela in October, after a reunion of former political prisoners showed that many had fallen on hard times and were living on meagre incomes.

Netshitenzhe said the majority of guests would be paying and that Princess Diana's Cape Town visit had unfortunately ended prior to the banquet date.

"Most of the celebrities were visiting anyway; the bash wasn't organised around them coming," he said.

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Robben Island party



A LIGHT MOMENT: US first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Nelson Mandela share a joke shortly before the gala fundraising banquet on Robben Island last night.

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Mealies make way for more sumptuous fare at banquet

Cape Town – More than 100 guests paying R250 000 a couple descended on Robben Island last night for a sumptuous fundraising banquet at which they rubbed shoulders with President Mandela, Hillary Clinton, Bill Cosby and UN secretary-general Kofi Annan.

The guests travelled by helicopter or ferry across the 8km of sea from Cape Town to the tiny island where Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison.

Earlier in the day, Clinton had been escorted by Mandela on a tour of the prison and his cell; they were followed later by Cosby.

Cosby was shown Mandela's cell by the president himself, who told how prisoners used to get

mealies in various forms for breakfast, lunch and supper. "In the morning it was porridge," Mandela said. "They would take the smallest teaspoon and put brown sugar on top. What some of us would do was eat the porridge and keep the spoonful for last."

He told Cosby how he had spent hours at a time crushing rocks in the courtyard outside his cell, and how his eyes had been damaged by lime at the quarry.

Cosby said he was moved by the resilience and lack of bitterness of former prisoners.

"To hear these men proudly talking about their philosophy and strength ... They won, they really won," he said.

The R250 000 menu

Tartare of marinated salmon trout with cucumber salad

Clear beef consomme with tarragon chicken dumplings and julienne vegetables

Mixed green leaf salad with raspberry vinaigrette

Baby chicken stuffed with wild rice and pistachio nuts placed on a duo of capsicum and rosemary sauces, with a fresh bouquet of vegetables

A trio of fruit sorbet with a bouquet of fresh fruit.
Cheese plate with fresh figs and water biscuits
Coffee and friandises.

Wines include Southern Right, Sauvignon Blanc, Meerlust, Rubicon 1991, Klein Constantia and Marlbrooke.

Proceeds of the evening will go to the island museum and a political prisoners' fund, launched by Mandela in October after a reunion of former political prisoners showed that many had fallen on hard times.

Earlier yesterday, a luxury bus being transported to Robben Island by helicopter fell into the ocean about 3km from the island.

The owner of the bus, Grey Symonds, said he had rented out the bus to the organisers of the banquet for transporting VIPs on the island. He said Court Helicopters had taken on the job and built a special cradle to hold the bus. – Staff Reporter, The Times of London and Sapa.

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Hillary and her fearful bodyguards!

And don't forget Di...

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg – There were no warnings, briefings or official schedules. Princess Diana came, saw and created pandemonium without so much as a royal wave. South African and overseas paparazzi speculated and debated about where she was. All she had to do to start a panic was be there.

Some leading ladies do, however, have to work a little harder at creating the right image for their arrival and roadshow.

"Come out and meet Hillary Clinton!" – shouted organisers with loudhailers – "Come and meet the First Lady!"

Confused Soweto residents came out of their homes. "Hillary who?" they asked, wondering why so many police officers had taken up vantage points outside a cemetery.

The visits this week of Diana and Hillary Clinton certainly proved one thing: it's not about what you do, but rather the perceptions you create – and the show that helps you create them.

Some may call it a farce, but I prefer to think of it as a political cabaret, *The Dance of the Democrats*.

Police dogs sniffed bags, Secret Service agents patted us down and a few photographers actually tried to reason with them. Wasted breath, I'm afraid.

Fear and loathing best describe them. And being very, very big, with funny things in their ears and significant bulges in their clothing.

They epitomise all that is healthy and toxin free, and are politically correct in the extreme. They have African-Americans, whites, Hispanics – even a native American for good measure.

Wherever they go, one thing remains a constant – they spend all their time mumbling conspiratorially into their sleeves.

Microphones appear like growths from the back of their necks and they always seem to have something to tell someone.

The *Hillary and Chelsea Roadshow* was impressive, managing to attract the crowds, cordon off the roads and infuriate the locals.

Even Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale looked as though his feathers had been a little ruffled by the strong-arm tactics of the Secret Service.

One can only imagine what matters of national importance kept those agents chatting down their jacket sleeves all day.

Perhaps they were speculating whether Hillary's neon-pink suit made her an easier target for sharpshooters. Or perhaps it was less cerebrally inclined and they were simply debating the relative merits of a Castle and a Budweiser.

Despite Mrs Clinton's attempts to delve into the meaty subjects of education and the struggle for democracy, many guests seemed more interested with the wonderful success achieved by Chelsea's orthodontist, and Mrs Clinton's use of an alic band.

The public and media do, however, seem to be fascinated with the banal routines of the rich and famous. All over the world people are fascinated by the day-to-day habits of Socks, the presidential cat, and Chelsea's move into her freshman year of college.

Internationally, the well-informed have a working knowledge of Princess Diana's colonic irrigation techniques, the name of her gym trainer and her extraordinary abilities on the "thigh master".

The fact that Mrs Clinton's suite in Rosebank cost R5 000 a night was a fascinating snippet and the added tit-bit that her 45-member delegation were with her was even juicier.

The real scoop, however, was Princess Diana. Where was she? Where was she shopping? With whom was she lunching?

In one week South Africans have been rubbing shoulders with a Princess as well as a First Lady – and a Grammy winner at that. The resultant euphoric feeding frenzy left photographers, writers and gossip-mongers gasping.

It is, however, all about the show, the spectacle and the power of the package.

Hillary relied on flashy suits, loudhailers and intimidating bodyguards. Princess Diana has only to rely on the history of British royalty to secure her immortal place in the limelight. Not even *The Bold and the Beautiful* or *Days of Our Lives* can supply the constant flow of marital disputes, illicit frolics, eating disorders and temper tantrums that British royalty can.

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Chelsea's in the spotlight

GILLIAN ANSTEY

AFTER a remarkably sheltered childhood, 17-year-old Chelsea Clinton is being groomed for public life. And, if her brief trip to South Africa this week is any indication, she is passing the test with flying colours.

Chelsea might not be seen to smile much but she certainly listens.

On her Tuesday morning visit to Entandweni Primary School in Zondi, Soweto, she sat in the front row of a marquee.

Each time a question came from the crowd of dignitaries, she turned around dutifully to face the person asking the question, listened patiently, and then turned to the front to listen to her mother's response.

Until recently, Hillary Clinton has made every effort to shield her daughter from the public eye.

So, when Chelsea appeared with her mother at a Chicago charity event



BEST FACE FORWARD: Chelsea Clinton charmed the public on a visit to Soweto's Entandweni school this week
Picture: ELIZABETH SEJAKE

in August, it provided one of the first opportunities for the press to get a peek at the First Daughter.

People magazine reported that there were no pictures of her 16th birthday party or her first driving lesson with daddy at

the presidential retreat, Camp David.

"This year, though", it reported, "Chelsea — poised, polite and politic — took her place on the world stage."

Her mother allowed her to grow up normally, even

to her trendy clothes.

On Tuesday, Chelsea wore a black jacket with matching trousers and black clumpy shoes with silver buckles.

With long, tousled hair hanging over her shoulders, she looked funky.

Closer inspection of the outfit, however, revealed pale blue pinstripes to match her pale blue T-shirt. The younger Clinton is clearly hinting at power dressing.

What she is going to have to learn is better staying power. On Tuesday, she disappeared after the second item on the day's agenda, the visit to the Hector Petersen Memorial in Soweto.

Perhaps Chelsea needed a rest after the attention of the crowd at the memorial, but she was nowhere to be seen later that afternoon at the Orlando Children's Home.

With her large features Chelsea looks like Barbra Streisand — gorgeous if you're a fan and rather plain if you're not. But it does depend on the angle at which she's being photographed.

No doubt the next step in Chelsea's training is to determine her best side — and the White House public relations people will make sure she puts her best face forward.

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Big bills for prison fare

By CHIARA CARTER

CAPE TOWN was the place to be for international celebrities this week.

No sooner had Britain's Princess Diana jetted out of the Mother City after an unofficial trip, during which she met President Nelson Mandela, than a host of other international VIPs came to town.

They included United States comedian Bill Cosby, his wife Camille and daughter Ensa; Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife to US President Bill Clinton and the new United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Anan.

The weather held, allowing the guests to appreciate the city's fabled beauty – and get a taste of what the city could offer the Olympics. All the celebrities met with President Mandela, but the highlight of their programme was on Thursday night: a sumptuous fundraising banquet on Robben Island.

The 80-odd guests at the dinner all received Madiba shirts and many "overnighted" on the island.

It was an especially memorable evening for Cosby's wife, Camille, who was celebrating her birthday.

The guests, who paid R250 000 per couple, included captains of industry and several politicians who were former prisoners on the island, including President Mandela, Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale and National Council of Provinces chairman Patrick Lekota.

The historic setting for the banquet gave rise to many wisecracks about jail-breaks and offers by the former prisoners to give the guests a guided tour of their old cells.

President Mandela recalled his own long imprisonment on the island as guests photographed each other.

Proceeds from the banquet and a R10 000-a-head dinner at Sun City this weekend will be used to help former political prisoners and finance the Robben Island Museum.



TAKING A BREAK . . . US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton also attended President Mandela's banquet on the former prison island, where jail-breaking jokes abounded.

■ Pics: FANIE JASON

HILLARY CLINTON

In VSA jappie uit die hel— hier 'antie van oomblik'



*Hannie
Retief
se
mense*

ONS soek vir Hillary in Soweto. Van Diepkloof tot by Zondi. Tot anderkant uit. Nege keer vra ons pad. En nege keer kry ons "duidelike" aanwysings wat ons nêrens heen neem nie. Een ou sê: *Hey man . . . Hillary? Here in Gangster's Paradise?*

Dan's ons daar. Dis 'n koninklike kavalkade met busse, ampmotors, 'n ambulans, vier polisie-Camry's, twee met honde in, 'n tros verkeersmanne op motorfietse, en haar eie haaigrys Mercedes.

Ons stap nader, verby die polisie. 'n Vrou snou hulle verontwaardig toe: *Because they're white you let them through.*

Hillary Clinton se pakkie is 'n pienk flerts teen 'n dynserige Dinsdag. HRC staan dit oral op die program: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Sy gee klas vir die kamer vol tjokkers by die Entandweni School in Zondi. Hulle is besig met lesson 32, oor die begrippe "binne" en "buite". Wat is buite, vra juffrou HRC. 'n Seuntjie spring op: "Die polisie is buite." Sy bars uit van die lag. Een outjie krap so bietjie sy neusie terwyl sy vra: "And what is a boy?" ("Garden boy? Tea boy? School boy?" mompel Newsweek se ou geamuseerd hier langs my.)

Chelsea, sewentien, tenger, beloer alles met 'n skamerige glimlaggie. Die fotograwe kliek, met die Amerikaanse natuurlik op die beste plekke.

Deur die loop van die twee dae, in stowwerige townships, ontvou die Eerste Vrou van die Wit Huis tot: Miesies Klientien, Hil-laaa-rie, mema Clinton. Terug in Amerika is hulle meer geniepsig: daar is sy Lady Macbeth van Little Rock. Die *yuppie wife*

from hell. Of sommer hul versamelnaam vir die presidentspaar: Billary Clinton. 'n Vriend het hul verhouding al beskryf as een gegrond op magsdeling: "Sy is sy gelyke en hy erken dit." Die Amerikaanse Secret Service het haar Evergreen gedoop.

Sy's nie meer die bebrilde, akademiese tipe met kroeshare van haar jong dae nie. Nou's sy in kontaklense en knielengte magsdrag.

Sy is 'n Presidentsvrou in eie reg, self 'n kragtoer, een wat reguit sê sy bodder meer met landsake as om koekies en tee te bedien soos Barbara Bush.

En ná amper vyf jaar hou die Amerikaners nog steeds ewe min daarvan.

Maar of jy van haar hou of nie, sy's knap, stem almal saam. Sy's die een wat dalk eerder president kon gewees het. Sy's al 'n paar keer deur Amerika se National Law Journal aangewys as een van hul honderd voorste regs-mense.

HRC drup selfvertroue. Struikel nie oor haar voete of haar woorde nie. Die toesprake gly sinvol en met gewig uit haar mond. Daar is geen notas nie: sy is óf bitter goed voorberei óf sy het 'n fenomenale aanvoeling. Of albei.

Die kindertjies sing vir haar in hoë stemmetjies. Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika. Duiwe vlieg van die dak se nok op. Die Clintons staan met hul sonbrille in die wind.

Soweto se burgemeester sê hy gaan sy hand waarmee hy mev. Clinton gegroet het, vir drie maande nie was nie.

Chelsea lyk al klaar asof die dag vir haar te lank begin trek. Hillary is te professioneel om dit te wys: haar ken effe gelig, soos

die boeg van 'n belangrike sê. Sy is definitief die antie van oomblik.

Sy en Bill, Slick Willy vir sommige Yanks, het ontmoet toe haar gaan inskryf het by Yale-universiteit se regs-fakulteit.

"Hy het by my in die lang kom staan en ons het vir 'n gesels. Toe ons voor in die toekom, sê die man: "Bill wat maak jy weer hier, jy't dan klaar inskryf!"

En jare later, 'n dag voor Keesfees 1989, het hulle huilend hul knieë hande voor 'n prakkant vasgehou en gebid vir om hul huwelik weer vlot te loop. Hy het belowe om die vrou se uit te los, soortvan, en sy beloof om haar voorkoms te verbeter.

Dit was geen geheim in Kansas dat die Clintons deur die waters gegaan het nie. Selfs voer Whitewater, hul volgende skandaal.

Een van die fotograwe sê: droog dat dit vir Hillary eindei-se gemoedsrus behoort te gee. Bill van 'n knie-operasie hers: tydens haar Afrika-safari: d moeilik om been-in-die-lug ma die verpleegsters te lol.

Tokyo en Judy Sexwale sluit aan by die Hector Peterson-denkteken. Seg-WAH-lay (v duidelik die Amerikaners se n-tas die uitspraak) Tokyo arrivee soos die seremoniemeester op kleindorpse doe.

Hillary se lyfwagte staan u drukkingsloos rond agter donkerbrille. Met Tokyo se brigade o by, is daar 25 van hulle.

Hillary gee vir Helen Suzman 'n stywe drukkies langs die gedekteken. Eenkant, teen 'n lamppaal, hang 'n koerant s

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plakkaat: *De Klerk knew of killing fields*. 'n Amerikaanse kame-
raman spring vorentoe en agter-
toe om dit in fokus te kry, met
Hillary in die voorgrond.

Die Eerste Vrou sê die kindertjies van Soweto maak haar kop vol: die een helfte is vol van die hoopvolle gesiggies by die skool, en die ander helfte vol van dié wat gesterf het, voortydig, vir die land. Sy's die toonbeeld van ampse warmte, van regte ge-
luide, die regte houding.

"Look at her boobab-legs!" fluister iemand. En oor hoe Hil-
lary na Bill verwys as die "Eerste
Vrou". Pres. Clinton bel glo
soms personeellede deur die
loop van die dag om te hoor hoe
dit met sy "meisie" gaan. Hoe
vaar my meisie, sal hy vra. In
verlede jaar se verkiesing, die
bufferplakker: "Impeach pres.
Clinton and her husband."

Tydens gebed vryf Chelsea
haar hande teen mekaar. Toe die
klomp opstaan, is sy woerts weg,
hotel toe in een van die twaalf
karre.

Dis die een "cause" ná die an-
der. By 'n crèche reën die Zoe-
loe-woorde oor mev Clinton.
haar gesig getrek op 'n begriplo-
se, belangstellende plooi. Maar
as die kindertjies *Telephone Je-
sus* vir haar sing, trek 'n sluier
oor Hillary Rodham Clinton se
gesig oop en sy wys vir die eerste
keer ware emosie, aangedaan
tussen die kleintjies in hul groen
verfjassies.

Dan vertrek die kavalkade,
wiegend om die groot sirkel waar
klere somer so plat op die
grond uitgestal word. 'n Im-
promptu clothing city, langs kon-
kas vol gebrande mielies en 'n
haarsalon onder 'n seiltjie. Die
mense staar Hillary Clinton ag-
terna asof sy maar net 'n hersen-
skim was. Daar is veel meer as
net 'n Atlantiese Oseaan tussen
hulle en HRC.

My twee dae in Hillary se spo-
re, word aanmekeargebind met
ululerende vroue.

In Philippi op die Kaapse
Vlakte, val mense oor die Victo-
ria Mxenge Housing Initiative se
klippe en slotte. Almal stamp
rond om haar beter te sien. Die
lyfwagte het 'n harde tyd. Die
suidoos kry dit nie reg om die
soet, benoude reuk weg te waai
nie. Net die sementmengers lyk
nie opgewonde nie.

Hillary lyk nou meer ontspan-
ne in haar lang swart romp, 'n
sonbril en 'n hangertjie met die
Amerikaanse Amptelike Arend
teen haar keel.

Sy't 'n entourage van 45. Daar
is 15 Amerikaanse persmense.
Die dokter is saam, maar sy't
haar haarkapper tuis gelos. Hulle
het almal in die United States
of America Boeing 707 saamge-
vlieg. Maar hy kan nie op Rob-
beneiland land nie, dus is sy later
soontoe per boot. Ons kleiner
vliegtuie kan net nie vertrou
word nie.

Wanneer Philippi se gasvrou
haar moet voorstel, vergeet sy
vir 'n paar benoude oomblikke
missis Klientien se naam. 'n Brak
snuffel rond tussen al die belang-
rike mense op die plastiekstoele.
Hillary se geskenk is 'n Falkirk
nr. 2-potjie – om vir haar man
pap in te maak. Sy skater dit
dawerend uit.

By die wynlandgoed Spier, vir
middagete, vra 'n rooigebrande
boer vir my: Jinne, watse groot-
kop is vandag hier rond? Toe hy
hoor, sê hy allamagtig, is julle die
popperotsie?

Sjoe, sê een die kelnerinne
wat by die tafels bedien. Sjoe.

Een van die motorbestuurders
sê hy kan ons nie enigiets vertel
van Hillary nie, hulle het 'n *one
voice policy*, en hy's nie die *voice*

nie. Maar as ons hulle vanaand
Kaapstad gaan wys, raak hy 'n
die *voice*.

Hillary Rodham Clinton. Haar
man het al gesê: "Sy's meer
georganiseerd, meer in bel-
ter, meer intelligent as ek."

Daar's gerugte dat sy ho-
al met 'n leeslamp of 'n Bybel ge-
gooi het, daar's haar veelbes-
ke beskinderde verhouding
'n vertroueling, Vince Foster
y geheimsinnige selfmoord vier
jaar gelede het Washington ge-
skok.

Maar dit was Hillary wat
se presidentskap vroeg in
moontlik gemaak het toe sy hom
sy owerspel op nasionale te-
sie vergewe het.

En dit was hy wat ná Whit-
ter ook voor die ganse Amerika
moes verklaar: My vrou is 'n
skurk nie.

Saam is hulle 'n formidabele
span. Een koop die presidents-
se broeke en een dra hulle. Maar
oor wie wat doen, is daar
eintlik sekerheid nie.

As skoolkind wou sy 'n
tevaarder word. Nou het sy haar
visier laer gestel: nie meer die
uitspannel nie. Net die le-
Amerika. Met goeie da-
es "inside Africa".

Nou is sy vort. Gaat u wel,
Mevrou Eerste Vrou.



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IN THE USA, THE YUPPIE FROM HELL - HERE, "LADY OF THE MOMENT"

We are looking for Hillary in Soweto. From Diepfloof to Zondi, to the opposite side. Nine times we ask for directions and nine times we get "clear" indications which take us nowhere. Somebody says: *Hey man....Hillary? Here in Gangster's Paradise?* Then we arrive. It is a regal cavalcade, with buses, official cars, an ambulance, four police Camrys, two with dogs, a bunch of traffic officials on motorcycles, and her own silver gray Mercedes.

We step nearer, past the police. A woman snarls at them indignantly: *Because they're white you let them through.* Hillary Clinton's suit is a pink splash against a hazy Tuesday. HRC stands everywhere on the program: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

She holds class for a room full of young ones at the Entandweni School in Zondi. They are busy with lesson 32, about the difference between "in" and "out". What is out, asks Miss HRC. A young boy jumps up: "The police is out." She bursts out laughing. Another little one scratches his nose while she asks: "And what is a boy?" ("Garden boy? Tea boy? School boy? mumbles the amused Newsweek reporter next to me")

Chelsea, seventeen, slender, looks at everything with a shy smile. The cameras click, with the Americans in the best spots, naturally.

Through two days in dusty townships the First Lady of the White House evolves into: Missis Klientien, Hil-laaa-rie, Mama Clinton. Back in the U.S. they are more vicious: there she is Lady Macbeth from Little Rock. The *yuppie wife from hell*. Or just their collective name for the presidential couple: Billary Clinton. A friend has described their relationship as one based on power sharing: "She is his equal and he acknowledges it." The American Secret Service has christened her Evergreen. She is no longer the bespectacled, academic type with the frizzy hair of her younger days. Now she is in contact lenses and knee-length power clothes.

She is the President's wife in her own right, even a tour-de-force, one who says straight out that she has more interest in the affairs of the country than in serving tea and cookies like Barbara Bush. And after nearly five years, the Americans still don't like this. But whether you like it or not, she is smart, everyone agrees. The U.S. National Law Journal has already referred to her a number of times as one of the hundred cleverest lawyers.

HRC oozes self confidence. She doesn't trip over her feet or her words. The speech glides from her mouth sensibly and with importance. There are no notes: she is either extremely well prepared or she has phenomenal experience. Or both. The children sing for her with high-pitched voices. Nkosi sikelel'iAfrika. Doves fly from the ridge of the roof. The Clintons stand in the wind with their sunglasses. The Mayor of Soweto says he will not wash the hand that greeted Mrs. Clinton for at least three months. Chelsea starts to look as if the day is beginning to get a bit long for her. Hillary is too professional to let that show: her chin slightly lifted, like the prow of an important ship. She is definitely the lady of the moment. She and Bill, Slick Willie to some Yanks, met when she went to enroll in the law faculty at Yale. "He came to stand next to me in the long queue and we talked for an hour. Once we arrived at the head of the queue, the attendant said "Bill what are you doing here, you have already enrolled." And years later, a day before Christmas in 1989, they were on their knees, with clutched hands in front of a priest crying and praying for strength to make their marriage work again. He promised to leave women alone, in a way, and she promised to renovate her appearance. It was no secret in Arkansas that the Clintons had been through deep waters. Even before Whitewater, their next scandal.

One of the photographers says dryly that it ought to give Hillary endless peace of mind that Bill is

recovering from a knee operation while she is on an African safari: it is difficult to amuse oneself with the nurses while one's legs are in the air.

Tokyo and Judy Sexwale join the party at the Hector Peterson memorial. Seg-WAH-lay (the pronunciation is explained in the Americans' notes) Tokyo arrives like a master of ceremony at a small town do. Hillary's bodyguards stand around expressionless, behind dark glasses. Together with Tokyo's brigade there are 25 of them. Next to the memorial Hillary gives Helen Suzman a vigorous embrace. On one side against a lamppost hangs a newspaper poster: *De Klerk knew of killing fields*. An American cameraman jumps back and forth to get that into focus, with Hillary in the forefront.

The First Lady says the children of Soweto make her head full: the one half is full of the hopeful little faces at the school and the other half is full of those who died prematurely for their country. She is a model of near warmth, of correct noises, of right attitudes.

"Look at her baobab legs!" whispers somebody. And about how Hillary refers to Bill as the "First Lady." Apparently President Clinton sometimes phones the staff during the day to hear how goes it with his "girl." How is my girl faring, he asks. During last year's elections there was a bumper sticker, "Impeach President Clinton and her husband."

During prayers Chelsea rubs her hands together. Once everyone is on their feet she is gone, back to the hotel in one of the twelve cars.

It's from one "cause" to the other. At a creche the Zulu words pour over Mrs. Clinton, her face pulled with in an uncomprehending, concerned frown. But when the children sing *Telephone Jesus* for her, the mask is off and Hillary Rodham Clinton shows for the first time real emotion, touched, among the little ones in their green painting aprons.

Then the cavalcade departs, moving around the circle where clothes have been displayed flat on the ground. An impromptu clothing city, along drums full of burnt mielies [corn] and a hair salon under a small tent. The people stare after Hillary Clinton as if she were an illusion. There is a lot more than the Atlantic Ocean between them and HRC.

My two days on the trail of Hillary is associated with ululating women. In Philippi on the Cape Flats, people fall over the stones and trenches of the Victoria Mxenge Housing project. Everybody pushes around to see her better. The bodyguards have a hard time. The southeaster [wind] doesn't get it right to blow the sweet, oppressive smell away. Only the cement mixer does not look excited. Hillary looks more relaxed now in her black skirt, sunglasses and a chain with the official American Eagle around her throat. She has an entourage of 45. There are 15 American press. The doctor is also there, but she left her hairdresser at home. They have all flown in a United States of America Boeing 707 together. But this cannot land at Robben Island, therefore she is taken there by boat later. Our smaller planes cannot be trusted.

When the Philippi host has to introduce her, she forgets for a few moments Missis Klientien's name. A mongrel sniffs around all the important people seated in the plastic chairs. The gift for Hillary is a No 2 Falkirk pot - to make grits for her husband. She roars with laughter.

At the Spier wine estate for lunch a red-faced farmer asks me: Jinne, which big shot is here today? Once he finds out he says: Wow, are you the paparazzi? Hush, says one of the waitresses at his table, hush. One of the drivers says he cannot tell us anything about Hillary, they have a *one voice policy* and he is not the *voice*. But if we can show him Cape Town tonight, then maybe he will become the *voice*.

Hillary Rodham Clinton. Her husband has told everybody "She is more organized, more in control and more intelligent than I am."

There are rumours that she threw a reading lamp or a Bible at him; there is a much-talked about slanderous relation with a confidant, Vince Foster. His mysterious suicide four years ago shocked Washington. But it was Hillary that made Bill's presidency possible early in 1992, when she forgave his adultery on national television. And it was him who, after Whitewater, had to explain to all of America: My wife is not a villain. Together they are a formidable team. One buys the Presidents' pants and one wears them. But on who does what, there is no certainty.

As a student she wanted to become an astronaut. Now she has set her vision a little lower: no more the sky. Just the whole of America. With good deeds "inside Africa." Now she is gone. Go well. Madam First Lady.

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UIT Hillary Clinton se Afrika-foto-album: Inkennig by 'n skool in Soweto.

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HEEL bo
 Hillary
 saam me
 haar dogter
 Chelsea.
 Bo: Saam
 met 'n vrou
 like bewon
 deraarindi
 K a a p
 Links
 Plomp voe
 te in fyn
 skoentjies.
 Bo a b a b
 legs, het ie
 mand ge
 fluister.

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Caption: From Hillary Clinton's Africa photo album: Shy at a school in Soweto.

Caption: With a female admirer in the Cape

Caption: Plump feet in elegant shoes. *Baobab legs*, whispered someone.

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VROUE-BEELD

'VSA kan binne 20 j vrou as president hê'

Erika de Beer,
Politieke Redaksie

Kaapstad. – Sy hoop en glo Amerika sal binne die volgende twintig jaar 'n vrou as president hê, het mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Amerikaanse presidentsvrou, verlede week tydens haar besoek aan die land gesê.

"Ek het al baie daarvoor gedink," het sy op 'n vraag uit die gehoor ná 'n toespraak by die Universiteit van Kaapstad gesê. "Natuurlik net as student van die politieke wetenskap," het sy bygevoeg, net ingeval iemand dalk begin wonder het oor haar aspirasies om die tweede Clinton in die Wit Huis te word.

Te oordeel na die staande applous het Clinton baie lede van die gehoor

met haar kragtige toespraak wel oortuig sy is vrou genoeg vir die presidentsamp.

Die meeste vroue wat leiersposisies in hul lande beklee, het dit deur 'n parlementêre stelsel bereik, soos dr. Frene Ginwala, Speaker van Suid-Afrika se Parlement.

Sulke vroue het eers die geleentheid gekry om hulself in hul eie kring van kollegas te bewys en om op meriete beoordeel te word.

In Amerika, waar enigiemand vir die presidentskap kan staan, moet hulle die hele volk oortuig. Dit is baie moeilik vir vroue om die vooroordele te oorkom, het Clinton gesê.

Daar is baie goeie vroulike kandidate van die Republikeinse en die Demokratiese Party wat moontlik in die voorverkiesings in 2000 sal

staan, het sy gesê.

Clinton het ook aangekondig haar man, pres. Bill Clinton, het \$16 miljoen (R80,7 miljoen) ekstra vir die veldtog bewillig om polio in Afrika uit te roei.

Dié en ander beleggings toon dat die toekoms van dié vasteland, asook Suid-Afrika, onlosmaakbaar verweef is met die toekoms van die wêreld.

Dit weerspieël ook Amerika se vertroue in die demokratiese pad wat Suid-Afrika gekies het. "Die wêreld hou julle dop en die demokratiese wêreld staan agter julle."

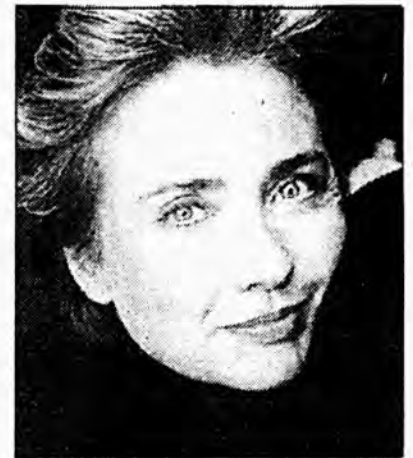
Daar was die afgelope tyd baie voorbeelde ter wêreld van hoe demokrasie geseëvier het, maar nêrens was die triomf van die menslike gees volgens Clinton groter as in Suid-

Afrika nie.

"Amerika put inspirasie uit die ruimhartige en vergewende gees waarmee die demokrasie in Suid-Afrika tot stand gebring is, uit die demokratiese nuwe strukture en die progressiewe nuwe grondwet, veral die wyse waarop die regte van vroue en kinders beskerm word.

"Die demokrasie is egter nie moontlik as die helfte van die bevolking sonder kos, klere, gesondheidsorg en sonder 'n stem is nie," het sy gemaak.

Op 'n vraag oor die verkleining van die kinderswelsynstoelaag in Suid-Afrika het sy gesê pres. Clinton het onlangs wetgewing onderteken wat Amerikaners wat in die welsynstelsel vasgevang is, in staat sal stel om hulself te help.



Mev. Hillary Clinton.

Translation: BEELD

USA COULD HAVE A WOMAN PRESIDENT WITHIN 20 YEARS

Cape Town - She hopes and believes that the U.S. will have a woman President within the next twenty years, said Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton the U.S. President's wife, during her visit to SA last week. "I have thought much about this" she replied to a question from the audience during her speech at the University of Cape Town. "Naturally, only as a student of political science" she added, just in case someone might begin to wonder about her aspirations to become the second Clinton in the White House. Judging by the standing ovation, Clinton convinced many members of the audience with her powerful speech that she is woman enough for the Presidency.

Most of the women who hold positions of leadership in their countries have arrived there through a parliamentary system, such as Dr Frene Ginwala, Speaker of the South African Parliament. These women have had the opportunity to assert themselves within the circle of their own colleagues and to be judged on merit. In the U.S., where anybody can be a candidate for the Presidency, they need to convince the entire population. It is very difficult for women to overcome the prejudices. There are many good women candidates both from the Republican and the Democratic Party who would probably stand [as candidates] for the year 2000 election, she said.

Clinton also announced that her husband, President Bill Clinton, has pledged an additional \$16 million (R80.7 million) for the campaign to exterminate polio in Africa. This and other investments indicate that the future of the continent, as well as of South Africa, is inextricably linked to the future of the world. They also emphasize U.S. confidence in the democratic path that South Africa has chosen. "The world is watching you and the democratic world stands behind you."

In recent times there have been many examples in the world of how democracy has failed, but, according to Clinton, nowhere was the triumph of the human spirit greater than in South Africa. "America draws inspiration from the generous and forgiving spirit with which democracy was created in South Africa, from the new democratic structure and the progressive new constitution, especially the way in which the rights of women and children are being protected. Democracy is actually impossible if half of the population is without food, clothes, health care and without a voice" she warned.

To a question about the reduction of the children's welfare allowance in South Africa, she replied that President Clinton recently signed legislation that will allow U.S. citizens trapped in the welfare system to help themselves.

COMMENT & ANALYSIS

A land of lost opportunities for Hillary

Hillary Clinton's tour of African countries left a different message with the inhabitants than what the US might have wished, writes **Simon Barber** in Washington

IT IS the time of year known in America as spring break. That means it is a very bad time to go anywhere where there is sun and sand. You will find it occupied by the nation's high school seniors and undergraduates in a glandular frenzy of pleasure-seeking.

You will not, however, find the nation's first high school senior, Chelsea Clinton, soaking up the rays on a Florida beach. Her mother, Hillary, has taken her on an improving trip to Africa at the taxpayer's expense.

Her father, the president, had more important things to do, aside, of course, from nursing the knee he popped falling down steps at Greg Norman's place a couple of weeks ago. He had a date with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Helsinki to discuss serious issues like Nato's enlargement and arms control. Helsinki in March would not have been much fun for Chelsea, and besides, even the president's daughter cannot come back from spring break without a tan. So Africa it was, then.

Naturally, the White House takes grave umbrage at such sarcastic jabs. In fact, it worries about such jabs a good deal more than it cares about preventing genocide in Bosnia or Rwanda. It wishes the press would wax lyrical on the significance Hillary and Chelsea's trek has for US-African relations, on the important signal it sends and the great token of US concern and respect it represents. And to be sure, a big signal is being sent. Africa is still a place to which Washington condescends.

"During my trip I hope to showcase the tremendous democratic and economic progress African countries have made in recent years," said Mrs Clinton. Not a bad objective that. A pity she and her handlers made little or no effort to attain it.

In Senegal, she and Chelsea

made the hoary pilgrimage to the Isle de Goree, the infamous staging point for the African slave trade, and the holiest shrine to the cult of African-American victimhood, not to mention a monument with a very mixed message. After all, those who passed through the "Door of No Return" (or something like it — the present "door" is of relatively modern vintage) had generally been sold by their own.

No doubt it was an important part of Chelsea's education that she get to see the place while she had an opportunity to do so with someone else footing the bill. But how much better would Mrs Clinton have served her hosts, and her alleged purpose, if she had insisted on touring, with media in tow, a modern factory, thereby demonstrating that, yes, such things do exist in Africa.

Instead, having shed the ritual tear at Goree, she headed for a school in Lady Bountiful mode to highlight how the great and good University of Michigan had supplied it with desks. Ah, but for the caring white man the children would have been sitting on the floor, or so madam would, albeit unwittingly, have us conclude.

Then it was on to SA.

Reading the US Information Agency's reports and transcripts of the First Lady's SA tour, one is left wondering what the point of it all was. Did this add anything to the relationship not already added by the regular annual visitations of Vice-President Al Gore? Did anyone come away from Mrs Clinton's speech at the University of Cape Town feeling especially up-

lifted? Or was the thrill chiefly the speaker's? Did the symbolism of her speaking in the same forum that the late Robert Kennedy famously addressed in 1968 mean anything? Somehow one felt the natural graciousness of her SA hosts, especially Nelson Mandela, was being abused.

Perhaps the women of the Victoria Mxenge housing project — they are building their own homes with the support, the information agency stresses, of the US Agency for International Development —

enjoyed her visit. She herself seemed to get thoroughly carried away. "When I see my husband," she told the women, "I will tell him that I have learnt one of the secrets of building houses here, and that is that you build better if you sing and you dance while you build. It makes the work go along better for everyone."

She concluded with a homily: "And even in a country like the US, which has been a democracy for more than 200 years — much longer than SA — the only way we

keep our democracy strong is by everyone working to build this there as well. Because in a democracy the government should not do all the work. The people must do the work not only to help build the houses but to help build a strong country." She meant no harm, but the unconscious attitude underlying her remarks was one of superiority — call it contemptuous compassion — of the lady of the manor talking to peasant children, the poor dears, on the estate and feeling saintly for doing so.

Americans like Mrs Clinton and her husband rightly think SA's transformation is a thing of wonder. Understandably they want to be and have a part of it. Yet at the same time they have some mental block that prevents them from appreciating that it happened entirely independent of themselves, and that the poor dears are in fact extremely competent people who know a thing or two about democracy and a lot else besides. Funnily enough they even knew how to vote without US government-funded "experts" coming down to train them.

Now perhaps one cannot begrudge Mrs Clinton wanting to lay a wreath on the memorial for Hector Petersen, or joining Archbishop Desmond Tutu in planting a tree at a home for the victims of torture and violence. Yet, as harsh as it may sound, neither the memory of Petersen nor the tragedy of those unhinged by the horror that accompanied what outsiders condescendingly call "the miracle" are important for SA's future.

The point that needs to be rammed into the heads of all the Mrs Clintons is that South Africans are not poor dears. They do not need aid; they do not need the self-gratifying tears of the white person; even less do they need to be used as an excuse for giving money to domestic poverty and development pimps, which is what US aid is mostly about.

What is required is that the SA majority be recognised as smart, resourceful and industrious people who can write good computer codes, build excellent cars (and, regrettably, even better weapons) and sink mines to unimaginable depths, and who also do not have to be taught about democracy.

It would have been nice if Mrs Clinton had used her trip to highlight such things. But she did not. One can only hope Chelsea had a good time.



Hillary Clinton at the Dar es Salaam museum this week.

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Hillary is warm

Ná haar reis verlede week deur Suid-Afrika sal Suid-Afrikaners hul mening oor die Amerikaanse presidentsvrou moet verander. Mev. Hillary Rodham Clinton het van die oomblik dat sy op die Johannesburgse Lughawe van die vliegtuig afgestap het, geglimlag en almal warm gegroet.

In teenstelling met die fiasko verlede jaar toe Gore so te sê die land se verkeer met loeiende sirenes tot stilstand gebring het, was Clinton se besoek dié van min vertoon en rustigheid.

Tydens haar besoek aan 'n projekskool in Soweto het sy gemaklik tussen die mense rondbeweeg.

Sy het almal verras deur soos wafferse "juffrou" aan 'n gr. 1-klas die verskil tussen binne en buite in 'n Engelse taalonderrigklas te verduidelik. Haar verduideliking van 'n "boy" het almal laat skater. Dit is 'n "little man", het sy half verleë gesê en self breed geglimlag.

Dié vrou is g'n so koud en kil soos

haar mediabeeld lyk nie. Soos die skoolhoof later opgemerk het: 'n mens kan vriende maak met haar.

Translation: BEELD

HILLARY IS WARM

After her trip through South Africa last week, South Africans will have to change their opinion of the U.S. President's wife. From the moment she stepped off the plane at Johannesburg International Airport, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton has been smiling and greeting everybody warmly.

In contrast with the fiasco last year when Gore, for want of a better expression, brought the country's traffic to a standstill with ululating sirens, the Clinton's visit was one of less show and more tranquillity. During her visit to a project school in Soweto she moved around easily among the people. She surprised everyone by explaining like a jolly good "school mistress" to a grade one class the difference between "in" and "out." Her explanation of "boy" made all laugh. "It is little man" she said half sheepishly and a broad smile. The woman is not half as cold and icy as the media portrays her. As the school principal remarked later on: a person can make friends with her.

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Saddened by Clinton caricature

Dear Sir,
I WAS saddened to see Simon Barber's caricature of Hillary Clinton's visit to Africa in Business Day on March 26. That he could so misconstrue Clinton's reasons for coming to Africa and so distort the messages implicit in her trip is indeed unfortunate.

Clinton's trip to Africa was requested by President Bill Clinton and the state department to re-emphasise US interest in and commitment to Africa.

Clinton's visit also sought to help inform Americans about Africa — to counter the stereotypical image of Africa as a decaying and hopeless continent.

It was for this reason that Clinton was accompanied by 15 members of the US press and specifically visited countries and locations which show determination, hope, capacity and progress.

Having accompanied Clinton, I believe she accomplished her two-fold mission: South Africans with whom she came into contact (and who followed the excellent media coverage of her visit) know something more about the US and our reasons for remaining engaged in Africa, and Americans have been provided with information about the constructive, human side of

Africa — some positive news to balance the all too common images of war and suffering.

Perhaps if Barber had been in SA for Clinton's visit, or in any of the other African countries she visited, he would have had a better appreciation of the reasons for results of her trip.

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Columnist's anti-US distortions are unfair, says Donald Woods

Dear Sir,

AFTER returning from exile to live in SA I am surprised to find that some newspapers are still publishing Simon Barber's vitriolic views on America.

His article on Hillary Clinton's visit is typical of his views of America and Americans that, to me, bear little resemblance to the country and the people I have grown to know well in the course of many years of travelling and working there, in all 50 states.

Of course, US policy has serious flaws, but anyone who knows that country knows also that those flaws spring from superficiality rather than cynicism. If you get through to their awareness they will do the right thing.

I am not therefore criticising Simon Barber's attacks on American judgment. I am criticising his distortions of American intentions. It is his persistent misrepresentation of American motives that I find so offensive, and I believe that SA newspapers which actually take this stuff seriously do a disservice to both countries.

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