



Doux Chene acquires new bus for residents. Battalion photo by Kim Tyson

London double-decker bus begins serving apartment

A London double-decker bus is now taking some Texas A&M University students to and from campus.

The 25-year-old bus began serving Doux Chene apartment residents this week. The bus arrived three weeks ago and the owners painted and restored it with many of its original markings.

Originally used in central London, it stopped at such places as London Bridge, Piccadilly Circus and Bricklayers Arms.

Chuck Harty, owner of the company who bought the bus, refused to say how much the bus cost, but said that to duplicate the bus would cost about \$20,000.

Harty Management Enterprises bought the bus indirectly from London. The company manages several apartments in Texas.

Some of the more distinctive features of the bus are its solid brass window frames and large grill. It also has the original buzzer and bell

system which students can use to signal the driver they want off.

"The only thing un-British are the tires," Harty said.

He said the bus has had problems with its route because of A&M's treelined streets. The bus route was changed to compensate for this.

He said that he plans to ask Uni-

versity officials about trimming some of the trees bordering the streets.

Harty said the main reason for the new bus is transportation for summer school students.

He added that the bus can be chartered for weekends.

—Kim Tyson

Former President to visit Capital

Fords agree to do TV

NEW YORK — Former President Gerald R. Ford set aside time today to talk with NBC executives about his lucrative broadcasting contract before flying to Washington for a visit with President Carter and meetings with "think tank" scholars.

Ford, whose activities since leaving office have ranged from night clubbing in Las Vegas to a foreign policy address in New York, has signed a contract to appear on one NBC "special" a year for the next five years, and do several commentaries.

His wife, Betty, also agreed to several appearances. The two contracts were reported to total almost \$1.5 million.

Ford planned to spend three days in Washington, the first time he has returned to the capital since leaving office 63 days ago.

His schedule included a meeting with President Carter late today, a dinner with old friends, sessions with GOP congressional leaders and GOP National Chairman William Brock, and a golf game.

But Ford planned to spend the bulk of his time in Washington at the American Enterprise Institute, a Republican-oriented think tank whose executive vice president is William Baroody Jr., a former Ford adviser.

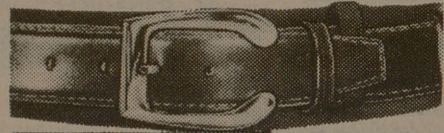
Ford was named "distinguished fellow" of the institute and staff members have set aside a gold-carpeted suite of offices for him. One staff member said the view from his office, facing the National Geographic Building and a huge American flag, is similar to "the opening scene in Patton."

During their three-day visit to Washington, the Fords will stay in a

townhouse across the street from the White House. The building, called the Former Presidents' Residence, was set aside in 1969 for former chief executives, and Ford is the first to use it.

In New York yesterday, Ford made his first foreign policy speech since leaving office, saying the Soviet Union is embarked on a massive military buildup that threatens chances for an arms agreement.

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- The result of trying to make Broken Toe, Idaho, the beer capital of the world.
- The right way to pretest beer ingredients.
- Both (a) and (c).

A: (c) If you answered this question (a), you obviously know something I don't.

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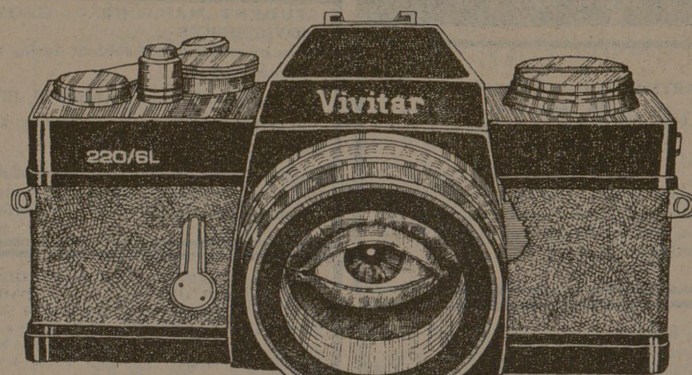
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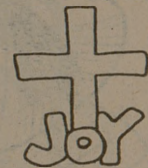
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