

VP hopefuls put wives on view

WASHINGTON — When the beautiful and brainy Elizabeth Hanford married Sen. Bob Dole last year, one of the placecards at their bridal luncheon read: "In olden times sacrifices were made at the altar — a custom which is still continued."

Little did Elizabeth suspect then that she might have to sacrifice her job as Federal Trade Commissioner to campaign for the job of Second Lady.

But Joan Mondale returns from a two-week vacation to Minnesota this weekend to set up her campaign schedule with her press secretary, Bess Abell, who was the greatest social secretary (with the LBJs) the White House ever had.

Joan will campaign on her own at least three times a week beginning now, said Bess who flew to Atlanta Wednesday to clear arrangements at Carter headquarters.

Sen. and Mrs. Mondale listened to the GOP convention while in the wilds of northern Minnesota where they shared a cabin on Dewey Lake with old friends. They did their own cooking, fried their own fresh-caught fish on the beach, ate off paper plates and had sleeping bags for the kids. It was a far cry from the Vice President's official residence they want to occupy.



Betty Beale

ly bothered Jerry Ford. One day last summer a friend told Ford, "I like everything you've done except for one thing." "I know," said the President without a second's hesitation, "I should have seen Solzhenitsyn."

• Rita Clements, the poised brunette beauty who succeeded Anne Armstrong as GOP Texas committeewoman but resigned when she married Deputy Secretary of Defense Bill Clements, explaining why she came to Kansas City to work for John Connally.

"I just wanted to expose John Connally to the Republican party. This is John's first Republican convention. He feels very strongly that there is a chance of electing a Republican Congress. People in the Boondocks want a change. Look at all the scandals in Congress." Connally is already booked, she said, to speak in 80 congressional districts.

• Republican delegates swelling the ranks of the 3,000 visitors a day at the Truman Library at Independence where Rufus Burrus, Truman's friend and lawyer, gave some inside comments.

License No. 369 on Truman's 1940 Chrysler Royal in the library was requested by HST, he said, because it was Andy Gump's license number. Andy Gump was Truman's favorite comic strip.

And the sky in the upper right hand corner of Thomas Benton's mural is a very dark blue because, said Burrus, Truman himself painted it. Benton let the former President get up on a ladder to help work on it and when he had finished Benton said, "Dammit, it's too dark but I will leave it as it is."

Burrus's build was so like Truman's — "He was more corpulent in the belly" — that the lawyer posed in his own double-breasted suit for the Truman portrait that was commissioned last year by the Air Force Reserve and hangs in the foyer of the library. Truman's head was painted from photographs on Burrus's body by Independence artist Larry Mansker.



Fresh from a vacation in the wilds of Minnesota, Sen. and Mrs. Fritz Mondale will be on the campaign circuit from now on.

Convention Notes:

• Mel Laird sleepily boarding the plane for Washington the afternoon of the day he had sat up with President Ford until 5:45 a.m. deciding which vice-presidential possibility should be tapped. Anne Armstrong was being considered through the small hours, he said, though what ixnayed Anne was lack of female support. According to two polls a woman VP candidate would get only between 33 and 37% of women's votes.

• Reagan's insistence on honoring Alexander Solzhenitsyn in the GOP platform could not have real-

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