



NIXON GOES

Quits 'Against His Instinct'; Ford Set to Assume Office

Compiled From AP and UPI

PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES

AN AUTHORIZED UNOFFICIAL PUBLICATION
FOR THE U.S. ARMED FORCES OF THE PACIFIC COMMAND

15¢

Vol. 30, No. 221

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1974



In a highly emotional and anguished moment, Julie is overcome with sobs as her father gathers her close to him and wraps his arms around her to give her comfort. (AP)

WASHINGTON — Richard M. Nixon said Thursday night that although it is "abhorrent to every instinct in my body," he has decided to resign and relinquish the presidency of the United States to Vice President Gerald R. Ford because he no longer has the support of the Congress.

Nixon thus became the first president to resign his office in the history of the United States.

In a speech broadcast on nationwide television and radio, Nixon said that he normally would have felt it his duty to complete his term and continue the work he has started. But because of the threat of impeachment, he said, "I no longer have a strong enough political base in the Congress to justify continuing that effort."

Ford was expected to be sworn in as the nation's 38th president

(Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Ford Calls Move A Great Sacrifice

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Gerald R. Ford said Thursday night that President Nixon "made one of the greatest personal sacrifices for the country" by resigning as President.

Appearing outside his home shortly after Nixon's announcement, Ford said he plans to continue Nixon's foreign policies with Henry A. Kissinger remaining as secretary of state.

"I want him to be my secretary of state and I'm glad to announce he will be secretary of state," said the man who at

noon Friday will succeed Nixon as the nation's 38th President.

Ford said he expects "a spirit of cooperation between the new President and the Congress."

"I've been very fortunate in my lifetime in public office to have a great many adversaries in the Congress," he said. "But I don't think I have any enemies in the Congress."

Ford said in praising Nixon that "I think the President of the United States has made one of the greatest personal sacrifices for the country and one of (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)