

Glick aids in leaving art legacy in Washington

By MARY GNIEWEK

Vice President Walter Mondale's visit to Detroit last week was a media event, but a quieter reception greeted his wife, Joan, who toured the Farmington workshop of potter John Glick and talked shop with him while eight secret servicemen hovered nearby.

Glick, a professional craftsman who has done commissioned work for the

vice presidential mansion in Washington D.C., described the visit by Mrs. Mondale as an intense session.

"She is a potter herself and understands the process. We had a very in-

tense exchange. She asked craft type questions. She takes lessons from a potter in Washington and is quite serious about it," Glick said.

"She is a strong lobbyist for the arts. She wants increased government spending for all the arts."

Glick, 41, is the recipient of three National Endowment for the Arts grants. It was through one of those federally-funded programs that he received the Mondale commission.

Contacted by the endowment to provide place settings for a White House luncheon, Glick was among other American craftsmen whose work was selected for the one-day affair, then shipped to museums across the country for exhibit.

"Being a potter, Mrs. Mondale wants to leave a legacy at the vice presidential mansion when her husband's term is over," Glick explained. "In January, I received a call from her secretary as one of several potters under consideration for the job."

GLICK SENT samples of his work and said Mrs. Mondale chose the most extreme — "even by my standards."

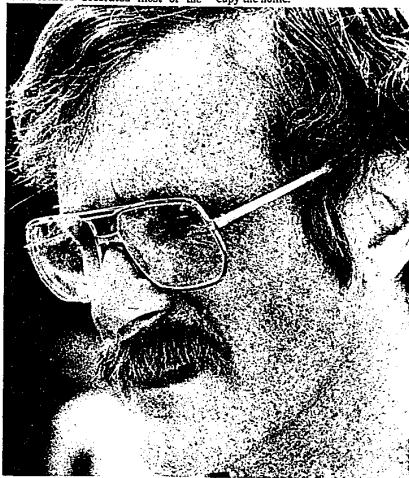
"All the edges are altered and reworked. No parts match in color or decorative sense. It's intentional. That is where I have evolved. No two dinner plates are alike."

Sixteen settings of Glick's dinnerware will remain permanently in the mansion on Pretty Prospect Hill, which is located on the outskirts of Embassy Row.

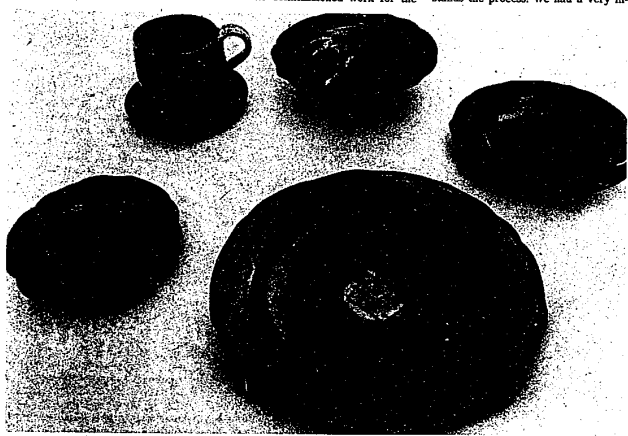
The mansion, which used to serve as the U.S. Naval Observatory, was

deemed the official vice presidential residence by Congress in 1974. The Rockefellers decorated most of the

home furnishings, but the Mondales are the first vice presidential family to occupy the home.



John Glick has built a reputation of national respect because of the works in pottery he has mastered over the years. (Staff photo)



Always changing is the way John Glick labels his style. This is a sample of the setting which was commissioned by Joan Mondale for the vice presidential household. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Homes are needed for Belgium troupe

The Jeugd-en-Musiekorkest of Antwerp, Belgium, will visit Farmington July 29 through August 1 as part of the Blue Lake International Exchange program.

Members of the 80-piece orchestra will stay in private homes, according to Lois Biersen, chairwoman of the committee making arrangements for the group's visit.

Homes are needed for the musicians and arrangements can be made by calling Mrs. Biersen at 477-5857.

While in Farmington, the troupe will perform one concert on Tuesday, July 31, at the Farmington High School auditorium at 8 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

The Belgian orchestra is one of nearly a dozen European musical groups

that will visit Michigan during 1979 as part of Blue Lake's International Exchange program.

Blue Lake is best known for the Fine Arts camp it operates each summer at three sites about six miles east of Whitehall. Nearly 3,500 young musicians — mostly from Michigan and other Midwestern states, are expected to attend Blue Lake this summer.

Blue Lake's international exchange program began in 1970 when a 90-voice choir toured England, Belgium and Germany. Since then, 1,500 high school musicians have visited 120 communities in Europe.

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