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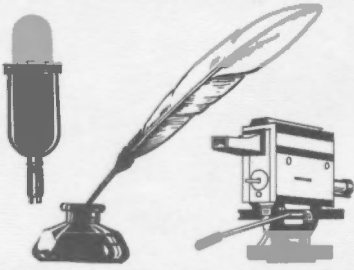
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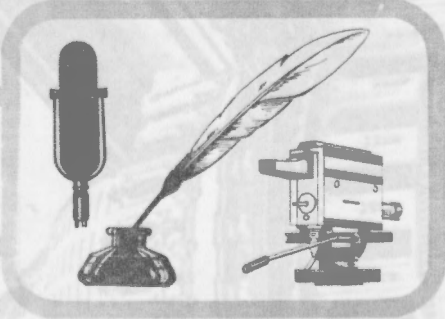
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IONIA COUNTY 4-H GROUP VISITS WASHINGTON -- Fourteen Ionia County 4-H members, accompanied by 4-H leaders Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raffler of Lake Odessa RD 2, pose for a picture with Congressman Gerald R. Ford on the House steps of the United States Capitol. The young people attended a citizenship short course July 8-14 at the National 4-H Center in Washington after visiting Gettysburg, Pa. The 4-H members are: Kim Petersen, Nancy Raffler, Jim Manley, Cynthia Thompson, Cindy Richards, Glenda Kilpatrick, Brenda Esham, Debbie Schafer, David Helms, Kathy Tait, Donna Ward, Darlene Ferris, Karen Taylor and Vicki McKinch.

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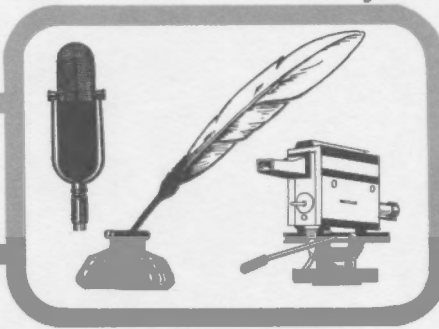
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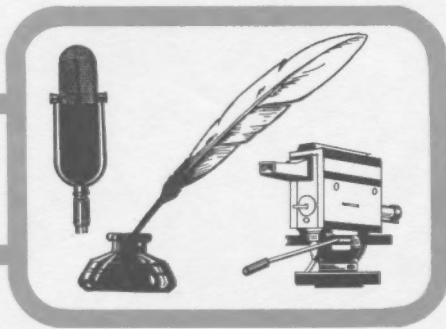
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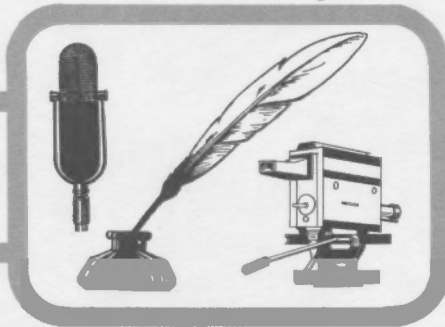
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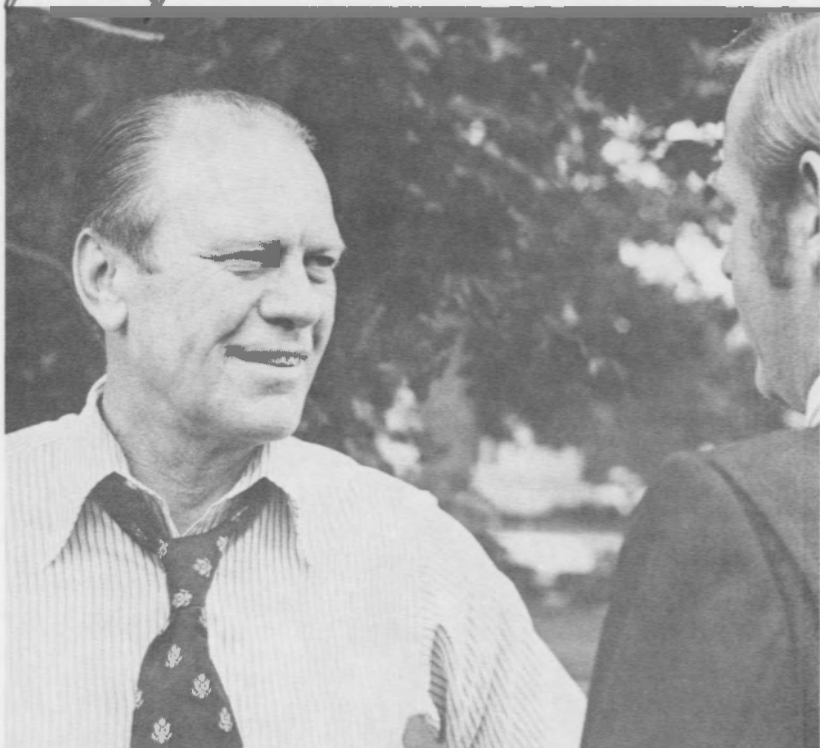
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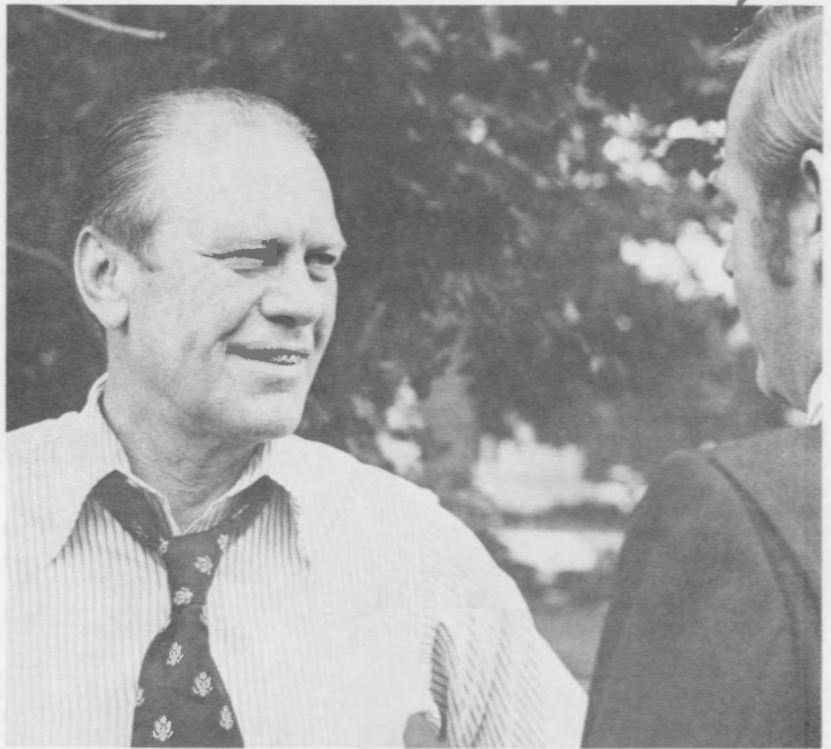
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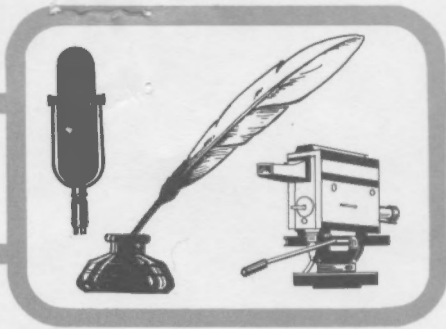
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CONGRESSMAN  
**GERALD R. FORD**  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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--FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY--

August 2, 1973

Remarks by Rep. Gerald R. Ford on the floor of the House of Representatives regarding the Alaska pipeline.

MR. SPEAKER, this is a debate in which we can get to the hub or the matter in a hurry. There is no fuzziness here. The issues are clear. And the agreement among us is far more important than the matters in dispute.

I know of no member of Congress who believes that the vast ocean of oil beneath the North Slope of Alaska should stay in the ground. We are all agreed that we should pipe that oil to the Lower 48 states -- and most of us, I believe, think we should do that as quickly as possible.

The only questions at issue are whether the proposed Trans-Alaskan Pipeline System, called T A P S, should be delayed while a proposed Trans-Canada Pipeline is explored, and whether the Interior Department has satisfied the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act with regard to TAPS.

Let us examine the Trans-Canada Pipeline issue first. Is the proposed Trans-Canada Pipeline a viable alternative to TAPS?

Going the route of the proposed Trans-Canada Pipeline would pose a delay of perhaps six to seven years in getting Alaskan oil to the Lower 48, assuming that all of the obstacles involved could be surmounted.

But before I even cite the various difficulties inherent in going the Trans-Canadian route, let me emphasize that the Canadians have not even shown any particular interest in the Trans-Canadian Pipeline carrying oil from Alaska to the Lower 48.

As Edward Cowan of the New York Times put it in an article last Sunday, July 29: "Ottawa has not decided that it really wants an oil pipeline running up the Mackenzie River Valley. Such a venture would have an inflationary impact on Canada. There also would be environmental dangers."

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Cowan continued: "Ottawa has been playing a double game. It has taken pains to oppose the trans-Alaska route because of widespread fears in Canada that the tanker shuttle between Valdez, Alaska, and Puget Sound sooner or later will produce an accident that could pollute the waters and indented shores of British Columbia. But being against TAPS is one thing and being four-square in favor of a Mackenzie route is another. Ottawa has had many opportunities to let Congress and the American public know that it is keen for Mackenzie. It has not done so."

Cowan concludes: "Perhaps Ottawa thinks it can stall the trans-Alaska pipeline just as it has stalled for three years or more on revising the auto-trade agreement with Washington."

To say that Canada is willing to receive an application for an oil pipeline from the companies that would build it is not the same thing as getting the Canadian government to approve an agreement covering such points as access to the oil pipeline for Canadian oil, the extent of Canadian ownership of the pipeline, who would control it, and what the future export taxes would be.

In 1970, Washington proposed to Canada an agreement that would have covered a pipeline and would have increased the energy interchange between the U. S. and Canada. According to Julius Katz, the State Department's assistant secretary for International Resources and Food Policy, the Canadians were "unreceptive" and "at every point those efforts (on the part of the United States) were rebuffed."

The facts are that Ottawa is simply eager to halt a trans-Alaska pipeline. If we dumped the trans-Alaska pipeline in favor of a mythical trans-Canadian pipeline, I think we would be making a tragic mistake.

But let's assume for the sake of argument that it is possible to negotiate an agreement with Ottawa covering a trans-Canadian pipeline. A decision to abandon the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in favor of a Trans-Canadian Pipeline could delay the delivery of Alaskan oil to the Lower 48 by as much as seven years beyond the three years it would take to build a Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

If construction began on a Trans-Alaska Pipeline in 1974, we would have Alaskan oil moving to market in the West Coast Region by 1977. An oil pipeline across Canada would not go into service before 1982 to 1984.

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If the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline is operational by 1977, a natural gas pipeline across Canada can be feeding clean fuel to Midwestern homes and factories by 1980. On the other hand, a Trans-Canada oil pipeline would delay completion of the gas pipeline until 1985 to 1987.

Why would there be so great a delay if we sought to build an oil pipeline across Canada? There are many reasons.

-- We would have to negotiate an agreement with Canada regarding construction and operation of the oil pipeline.

-- An entity or entities would have to be formed to finance, design, build and operate the oil line -- and financing could well be difficult since a Canadian oil line would cost approximately \$7 billion as compared with \$3.6 billion for the Alaska oil line.

-- A detailed route study would have to be made. Technical design data would have to be compiled to provide the basis for U.S.-Canadian consultation concerning route selection and design.

-- A detailed project description of the oil line and associated facilities would have to be prepared.

-- Applications would have to be made to the Department of the Interior for rights-of-way across the U. S. public lands involved in Alaska and in the Midwest where the pipeline would enter the U. S. from Canada.

-- The Department of Interior would have to prepare an environmental impact statement.

-- Canadian native land claims would have to be settled -- and this is most important. This is a crucial issue that cannot be brushed aside by proponents of a trans-Canadian route. Last May, Canadian Indians won the first round in what will surely be a lengthy court battle with Canadian federal authorities for control of 400,000 square miles of land in the Mackenzie Valley. The court imposed a temporary land freeze on the 400,000 square miles. By contrast, similar claims in Alaska have already been settled by the Congress.

-- Application would have to be made to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Canada, and public hearings would have to be held. This application would have to be

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accompanied by a detailed social and environmental impact statement.

-- If this environmental impact statement won approval, then application would have to be made to the National Energy Board of Canada and more public hearings held. The Canadian Cabinet would have to approve the action of the Energy Board in certificating the oil line.

-- Rights-of-way would have to be obtained to cross privately owned lands; equipment and materials would have to be lined up; detailed design of the pipeline would have to be carried out; and roads necessary for construction of the oil line would have to be built.

-- Last, but by no means least, any litigation with respect to the Canadian oil line would have to be resolved.

All of these are valid reasons to expect lengthy delays if Congress were to seek to build a Canadian oil line.

And there is one other factor that should be considered -- a factor that is important to the Midwest. An oil line through Alaska and a gas line through Canada can be built simultaneously -- and would be built simultaneously. That kind of scheduling would not be possible if both the oil and gas line were to go through Canada.

For a midwesterner, the strongest argument in favor of an oil line from Alaska through Canada is that it would serve the midwest.

In that connection, let's look at some supply and demand figures.

The Department of Interior estimates that by 1980 the demand for crude oil on the West Coast will be 3.13 million barrels a day, and in the Midwest it will be 6.2 million barrels per day. By 1980 the deficit in the West Coast Region will be 2.065 million barrels a day and in the Midwest Region it will be 4.884 million barrels.

The Midwest has traditionally been a crude oil deficit area, and this deficit has been met by imports of surplus production from the Gulf Coast Region via existing transportation facilities. In 1970, for instance, the net flow of crude oil from the

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Gulf Coast Region to the Midwest was 1.918 million barrels a day. By 1980, it is projected at 4.071 million barrels.

The West Coast, which does not have inter-district transportation facilities comparable with those entering the Midwest, will have to depend largely upon foreign sources to make up its deficit. Thus, by 1980, minus North Slope oil, the West Coast Region would be dependent upon Middle East sources for approximately 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day -- more than one-third the demand in that district. The Midwest, however, would be dependent upon foreign sources for only 20 per cent of its demand -- and, in the past, has obtained almost all of its foreign requirements from Canada.

We are all, of course, deeply concerned about the environmental aspects of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Is the Trans-Canadian oil line environmentally superior? In my judgment, the two proposed oil lines are environmentally comparable.

While the TAPS line would be 789 miles long, the Trans-Canadian oil line would traverse some 3,200 miles. The entire length of the TAPS line involves northern wildlife habitat. However, the trans-Canadian line includes 1,700 miles of such country. The TAPS line would cross 525 miles of permafrost; the trans-Canadian line, 1,200. The TAPS line would involve one major river crossing -- the Yukon; the trans-Canadian line, 12 major river crossings.

Environmentalists are understandably concerned about the TAPS line. But there is no question that every possible environmental safeguard would be taken. More than half of the line would be buried seven to 10 feet underground. Where the line is scheduled to be above ground or elevated, ramps and underpasses would be built so animals such as the caribou could pass through. Where river crossings are involved, the line would be buried at least five feet below each stream bed and encased in several inches of concrete as insulation for the warm oil inside. Special fast-growing grass would be planted as cover for the pipeline route once the line was laid.

In addition, the TAPS line has been designed to be safe from the most severe earthquake ever recorded in Alaska; the line would be elevated over all unprotected permafrost; and the entire line would be monitored every minute of every day to detect any possible oil spillage. In the unlikely event of a break or rupture

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in the 48-inch line, the entire line could be shut down in less than six minutes.

Environmentalists are justifiably concerned about the possibility of oil spills as tankers transport Trans-Alaska Pipeline oil from the Alaskan port of Valdez to the West Coast. However, the project emphasizes a new tanker program involving segregated ballast systems, sophisticated navigational equipment. U. S. Flag tankers, and strict controls. Stringent operational procedures to avoid collisions coupled with requirements for deballasting ships at Valdez and the use of new ships built with the latest structural designs will virtually eliminate any oil losses at sea.

Let me make one last point with regard to the national security aspects of the pipeline question. I am convinced the national security interests of the United States would be jeopardized if we go the Trans-Canadian route instead of trans-Alaska. The President's Task Force on Oil Import Control has pointed out that dependence on the Middle East for more than 10 per cent of our oil needs is dangerous. Oil dependence now exceeds this level and will increase until we get the Alaskan oil. It would take at least six years longer for a Trans-Canadian oil line to be operational than it would for the TAPS line. This additional delay in getting North Slope oil to the Lower 48 states would greatly imperil the national security of the United States.

I have no objection to a study focused on construction of a Trans-Canadian oil pipeline. But it should not delay the TAPS project. In the final analysis, we need the TAPS line, a trans-Canada gas pipeline and an eventual trans-Canada oil pipeline from the Arctic once additional oil is found.

We can no longer permit sectional interests and the actions of special interest groups to delay the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. We should go ahead with it now. That is why I favor passage of H.R. 9130 without amendment. In my opinion, the Department of Interior has satisfied the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act with regard to the TAPS project and Congress should preclude further judicial review of the impact statement filed by the Interior Department. The six-volume TAPS Environmental Impact Statement required over two years and thousands of man-hours to prepare. It is nearly 3,000 pages long. All of the judges who voted on the adequacy of the Impact Statement held that it complies with NEPA. There is no question here of a precedent. The congressional declaration that the TAPS Environmental Impact

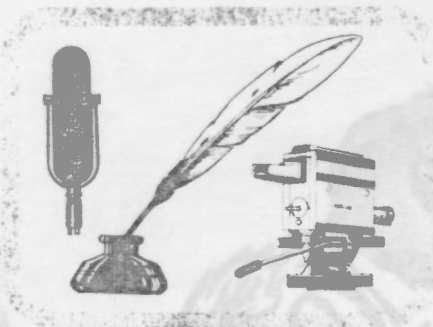
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Statement satisfies the NEPA requirements should not be viewed as a precedent. It is simply a finding by Congress which meets a crisis situation.

I should also add at this point that all of the bills filed by the gentleman from Illinois (John B. Anderson), a proponent of the trans-Canadian oil line, provide for a waiver of the NEPA requirement at the end of the proposed trans-Canadian study period. I would ask: If a waiver is in order then, why not now?

Let us then move ahead with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. No longer should the will of the American people be frustrated. We need the Alaska pipeline, and we need it now.

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CONGRESSMAN  
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HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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WORKING TOGETHER -- When Future Farmers of America gathered in Washington recently, Rep. Elford A. Cederberg of Midland, left, Mike Kovacic of Durand, State FFA vice-president, and Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Grand Rapids got together and pledged their cooperation.

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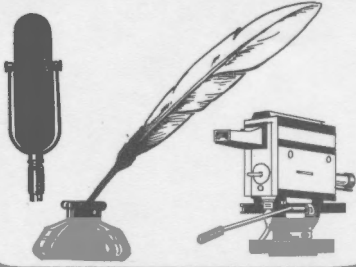
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**NEWS  
RELEASE**

--FOR RELEASE AT 12 NOON THURSDAY--

August 5, 1971

Rep. Gerald R. Ford will tour the Fifth Congressional District in his mobile office during the "August Recess" of Congress.

Ford will visit 18 locations in Kent and Ionia Counties during the periods August 23-26 and August 30-Sept. 3. Morning hours will be from 9 to 11:30, and afternoon hours from 2:30 to 5.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to talk with my constituents," Ford said in announcing his itinerary. "This will give me a chance to learn more about their problems first hand."

Places where Ford will be available to constituents in his mobile office are as follows, with the first community mentioned after each date the morning location and the second the afternoon location:

August 23--Kent City, Township Hall; Sparta, East Division Parking Lot.

August 24--Cedar Springs, Main at Ash; Rockford, Don's Pharmacy. August 25--Comstock Park, Lamoreaux Drugs; Standale, Plaza. August 26--Grandville, City Hall Parking Lot; Rogers Plaza, Schensul's Sign.

August 30--Belding, City Hall; Ionia, First Security Bank. August 31--Portland, City Parking Lot; Lyons-Muir, Tabor and Superior Streets. Sept. 1--Saranac, 28 North Bridge; Lake Odessa, BraDee Parking. Sept. 2--Lowell, Main at Lafayette; Caledonia, Main at Lake Avenue. Sept. 3--Byron Center, Harkema Parking; and Cascade, Old Kent Bank Parking.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS POSTER CHILD -- Six-year-old Tracey Lynne Forehand of Manchester, Mo., the 1973 national poster child of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, has won the heart of Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Grand Rapids. Diagnosed at 7 months as having cystic fibrosis, Tracey suffers from both digestive and respiratory complications. September is Cystic Fibrosis Month.



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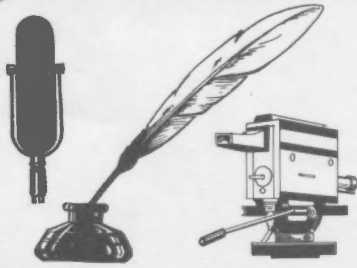
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These all-expense college scholarships are open to high school seniors and graduates who are interested in careers in the armed services of the United States. In addition, applicants must be U. S. citizens, under 22 years of age, unmarried, and able to pass the physical and scholastic requirements.

Applications for these positions may be obtained from Jerry Ford's office at 720 Federal Building, 110 Michigan Avenue, N.W., in Grand Rapids (telephone 456-9607) and from his Washington, D.C. office. The deadline for filing the applications is September 25.

Ford suggested that boys interested in the Air Force Academy also fill out applications in the event openings develop.

Appointments are also available to the Merchant Marine and Coast Guard Academies, but the selection to those institutions is not limited to a Congressional district. Michigan Congressmen may nominate up to ten candidates for the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York to compete state-wide for 12 available scholarships. The Coast Guard makes its own selection of cadets to attend the Academy at New London, Connecticut from a nation-wide competition.

Selection of Fifth District candidates is based on the results of an open, competitive Civil Service Examination. This examination will be given on Saturday, September 29 in Grand Rapids and other cities throughout the nation. Make-up tests for those candidates unable to attend the September 29 examination will be given on Saturday, November 3. Such applications will be accepted as late as October 30.

"The opportunities for training and a career offered by the United States Military, Naval, Air Force, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard Academies should be seriously considered by many young men in the Fifth Congressional District," Rep. Ford said. "These appointments offer a wonderful educational opportunity and an honorable career in the service of our country. I urge all qualified young men who are interested in this worthwhile profession leading to a bachelor's degree in science and a commission in one of the Services, to obtain further information and an application form as soon as possible."

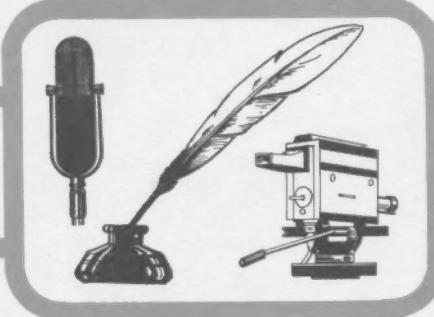
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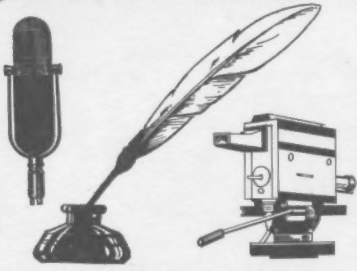
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MR. SPEAKER, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death August 17 during the congressional recess, of newswoman Marguerite Davis. Maggie Davis, as we knew her, was a United Press International reporter and news executive for more than 30 years.

Everyone who knew Maggie Davis loved her. We in the Michigan delegation knew her especially well because as a UPI regional reporter she covered our state. Maggie was a sharp and thorough reporter, but she had a gentle quality which made her peculiarly endearing.

Miss Davis joined UPI, then United Press, in December, 1942, in Madison, Wis. She later worked in Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and in Chicago, where she became the first woman to head a major UP bureau. She also managed the Lincoln bureau.

Maggie was transferred to Washington in October 1959 as a Midwest regional reporter and became a member of the general staff in 1971. She went to New Orleans last December to be with her family after brain tumor surgery.

Miss Davis was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Huntington, W. Va., and attended the public schools in Memphis, Tenn.; Gulfport, Miss.; and Las Animas, Colo. She was graduated from Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans.

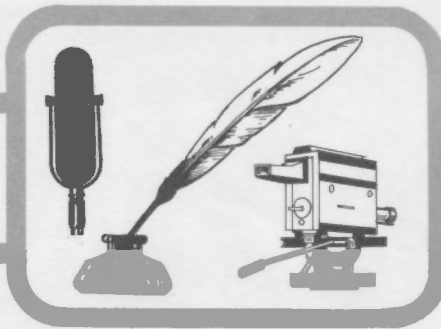
She worked briefly in public relations after her graduation from college and then joined UP. A wonderfully kind person, Miss Davis devoted much of her free time to helping the disabled.

Miss Davis is survived by a brother, Terrell, and an aunt, Nina P. Davis, both of New Orleans.

We will all miss Maggie. She was a wonderful person.

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Remarks by Rep. Gerald R. Ford to be placed in the Congressional Record of  
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MR. SPEAKER, I join my colleagues in mourning the death of former congressman Wesley D'Ewart, who died Sept. 2 at the age of 83.

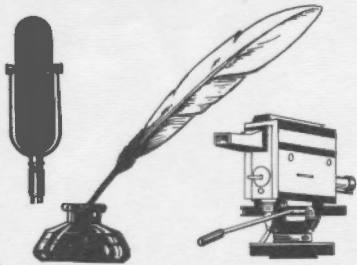
Wes D'Ewart was a stockman, farmer and businessman in Park County, Mont., who was first elected as a Republican to the 79th Congress to fill a vacancy. He was subsequently reelected to the 80th and three succeeding Congresses and left Congress after making an unsuccessful run for the Senate in 1954. Wes came to the House after six years in the Montana Legislature.

I remember Wes well. He was a good friend, a fine gentleman and an outstanding legislator. After departing the Congress, he served as an assistant secretary of agriculture and an assistant secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Speaker, death has taken a fine American from our midst. I regret greatly the passing of Wes D'Ewart.

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September 26, 1973

Statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford

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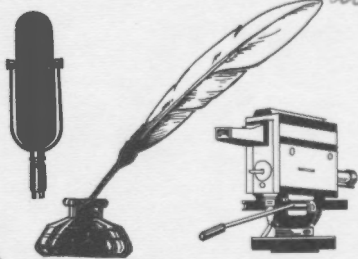
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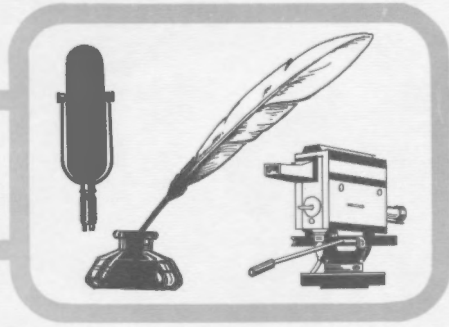
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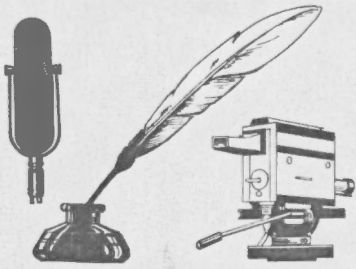
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Remarks by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, in connection with a Special Order taken by Rep. Ed Derwinski Oct. 3, 1973.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with Congressman Ed Derwinski and others ~~of my colleagues~~ ~~in marking the 360th anniversary~~ in marking the 360th anniversary of the arrival in this country of the first Polish immigrants.

The story of how these first Polish immigrants aided in the establishment of the colony of Jamestown, Virginia, is a most colorful one. The industry and skill demonstrated by these Polish immigrants ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> such as to make all Americans of Polish extraction extremely proud. ~~It~~ <sup>It</sup> is just such qualities which have made America the great land that it is.

The arrival of the first Poles in America ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> significant for a number of reasons--because it marked the beginnings of Polish immigration to this country and because the work done by these first Polish immigrants was essential in the survival of the Jamestown colony.

And so now we commemorate this event, even while we prepare to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our country's birth. It is an event that calls to mind all of the great contributions made by Polish-Americans to growth and progress in this nation. ~~Polish-Americans~~ Polish-Americans are among our most distinguished and hard-working citizens, and I welcome this opportunity to salute them.

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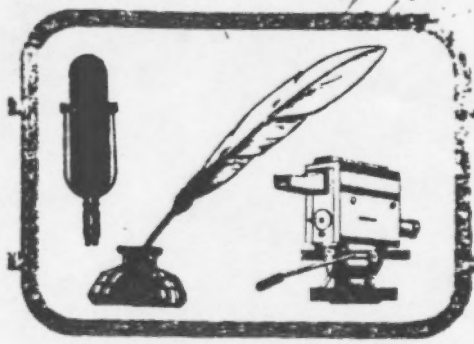
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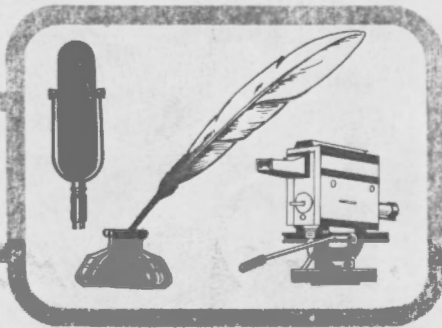
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Statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford

I feel deeply honored. If the Congress sees fit to approve the nomination,  
I will serve the Nation in the post of Vice-President to the best of my ability  
and do my utmost to deserve the trust and faith of the American people. There is  
a compelling need right now to unite the people of this country. If there is  
anything I can do to further that end, I will strive mightily to do it.

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