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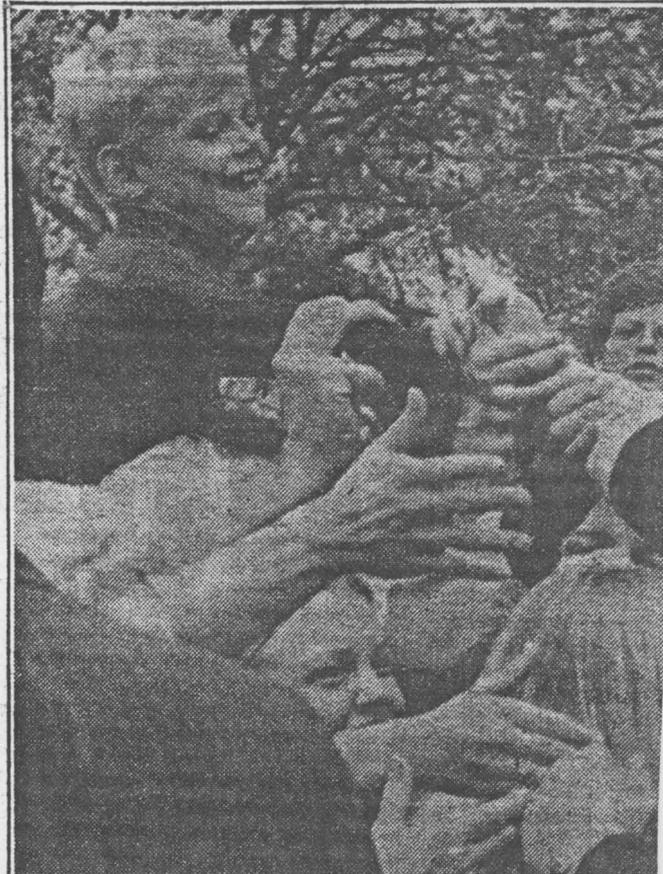
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# Local Boy Ford To Home Folks: Make It Good

By FRANK JACKMAN  
of The News Washington Bureau

Saginaw, Mich., May 16—President Ford, in the uncommon position of being almost the underdog in his home state, wound up his Michigan presidential primary campaign today with a plea for “a mandate to finish the very important job I have begun.”

“My administration has been as honest, as open and as candid as I can make it, and so in my campaign for the high office I hold” he said in a speech at his



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# President's 'Must Win' Train Tour

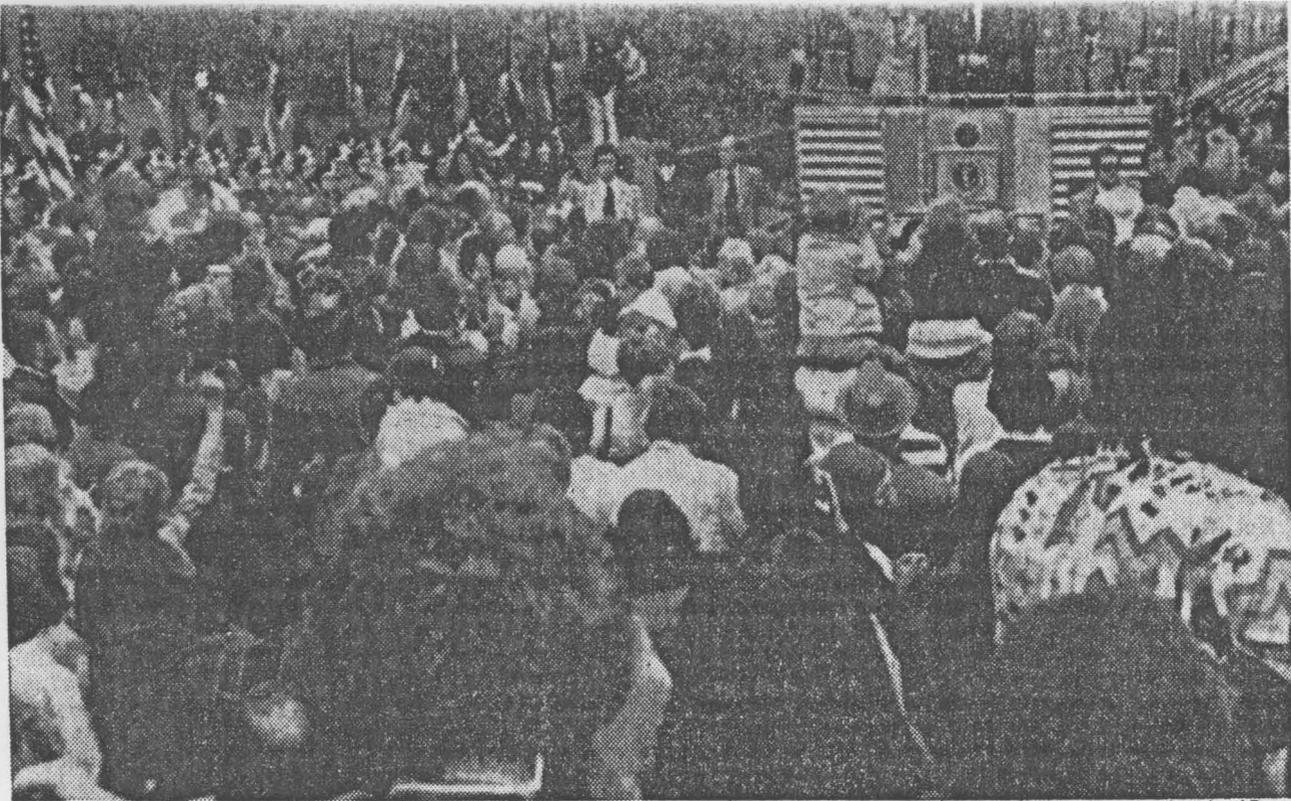
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**Whistlestop Tactic Revived  
As He Fights for Home State**

**By James R. Dickenson**  
Washington Star Staff Writer

LANSING, Mich. — President Ford stepped to the rear platform of his whistlestop train and gave his audience of about 5,000 a bit of history.

“Harry Truman won in 1948 with a whistlestop campaign,” he said. “Dwight Eisenhower won with a whistlestop. And Gerald Ford is



—Associated Press

President and Mrs. Ford whistlestop at Flint, Mich., reminding oldtimers of Harry Truman's 1948 campaign train.

## FORD

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from Flint southwest through Lansing, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo to Niles was a reminder that he has not campaigned statewide in Michigan until this primary.

He was openly asking the Michigan voters to support him as a sort of favorite son. "I want your vote and I

tucky the previous day, Ford pledged a foreign policy based on military strength second to none and boasted that he had restored trust and confidence in the White House:

IN BATTLE CREEK he was joined by Bo Schembechler, the University of Michigan football coach whose team finished second in the Big Ten to Ohio State and lost the Rose Bowl bid

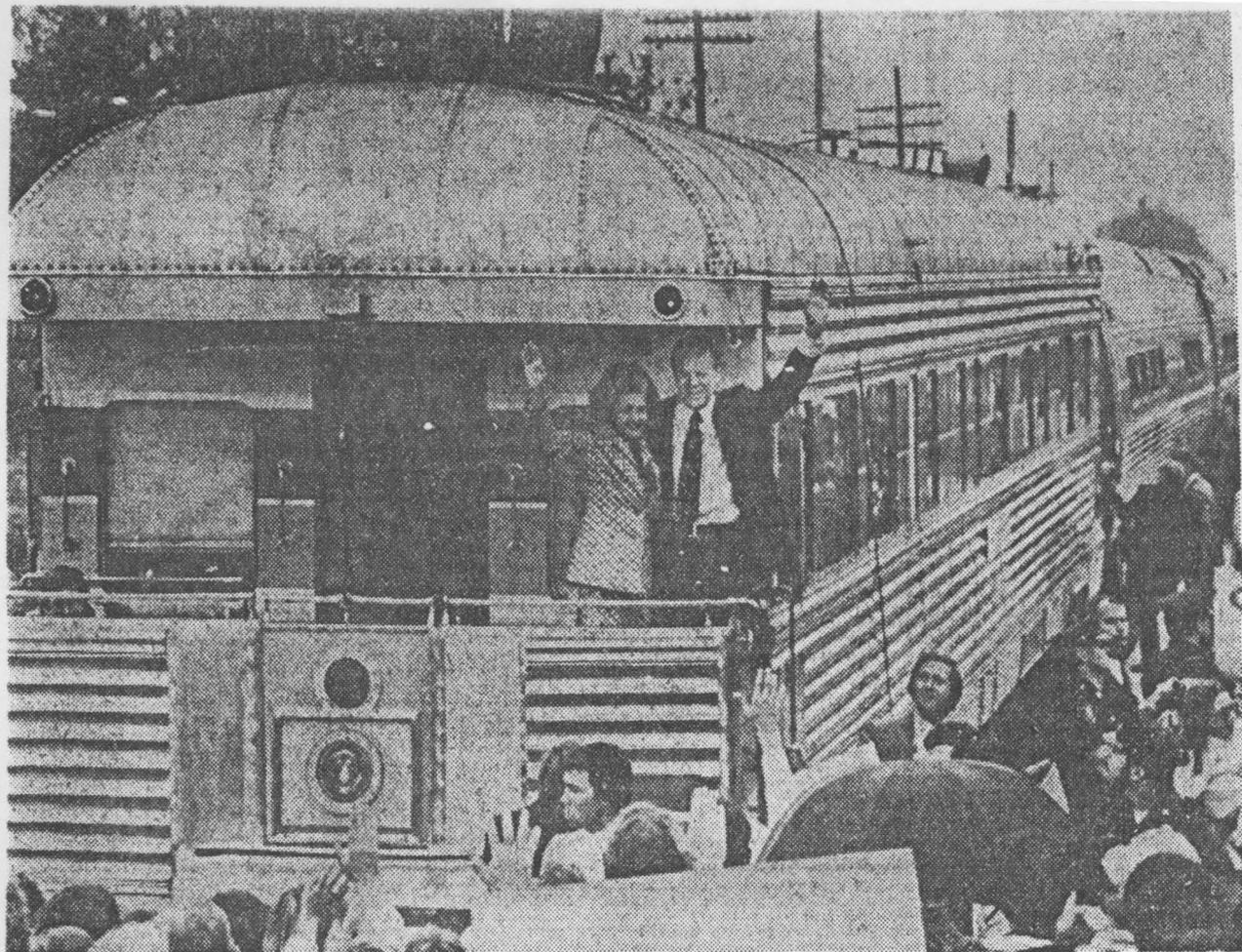
woman and got her on the train. Her assignment was to distribute Tuck's mimeographed newspaper that poked fun at the Goldwater campaign.

She was discovered slipping the paper early in the morning under Pullman compartment doors and Vic Gold, who was Goldwater's assistant press secretary and later was press secretary to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, put her off the train at Dearborn.

## Heckler, Threat Mar Ford Trip

From News Services

A youth heckled President Ford over unemployment at a campaign whistlestop in Battle Creek, Mich., yesterday and the



Associated Press

President and Mrs. Ford waving from The Presidential Express as the train left Flint, Mich., on a campaign tour

## Lower Taxes and Better Government Called Keys for City to Hold Industry

By MICHAEL STERNE

What New York City needs most to attract and hold the head offices of America's biggest industrial corporations: lower personal taxes, lower business taxes and a more efficient, less costly city government, according to leaders of such companies who re-

Of those who responded, two-thirds said that they expected conditions affecting their companies to worsen, and just over half indicated that they are acting on that view by directing their headquarters growth outside New York.

These major industrial com-

Their presence here also reinforces the city's image as the business capital of the nation. Despite the losses to suburbs and Sun-Belt cities in recent years, New York still has three times as many corporate headquarters as its nearest competitor, Chicago.

The survey revealed a wide variety of complaints about

## PRESIDENT STUMPS MICHIGAN BY TRAIN

Appeals on Whistle Stop Trip  
to 'Help Us on Tuesday' in  
His Home State Primary

By PHILIP SHABECOFF

Special to The New York Times

ABOARD THE PRESIDENTIAL EXPRESS in Michigan

# 4,000 hear Ford pitch for votes in Lansing

THE STATE JOURNAL Sun., May 16, 1976 A-3

## Old-fashioned campaign train brightens Ford's outlook

By JERRY MOSKAL  
Capitol Bureau

Leaden skies darkened President Ford's cross-state train trip Saturday, but crowds by the thousands brightened his prospects for next Tuesday's Michigan primary.

brought to Michigan from Omaha by Amtrak for the trip. The seven-car train was loaded with guests, staff members, reporters.

AT EACH stop, bands played, crowds cheered and there were signs in white and blue bunting. Crowds

Ford went to the platform and waved and smiled at them.

Speaking through loud speakers mounted on the platform car's roof, the President also greeted them with "Hi," and "How are you."

The former congressman from

sun, but that was no problem Saturday.

At one point while Ford was on the platform, he was overheard to say to an aide: "It's a successful one (trip)."

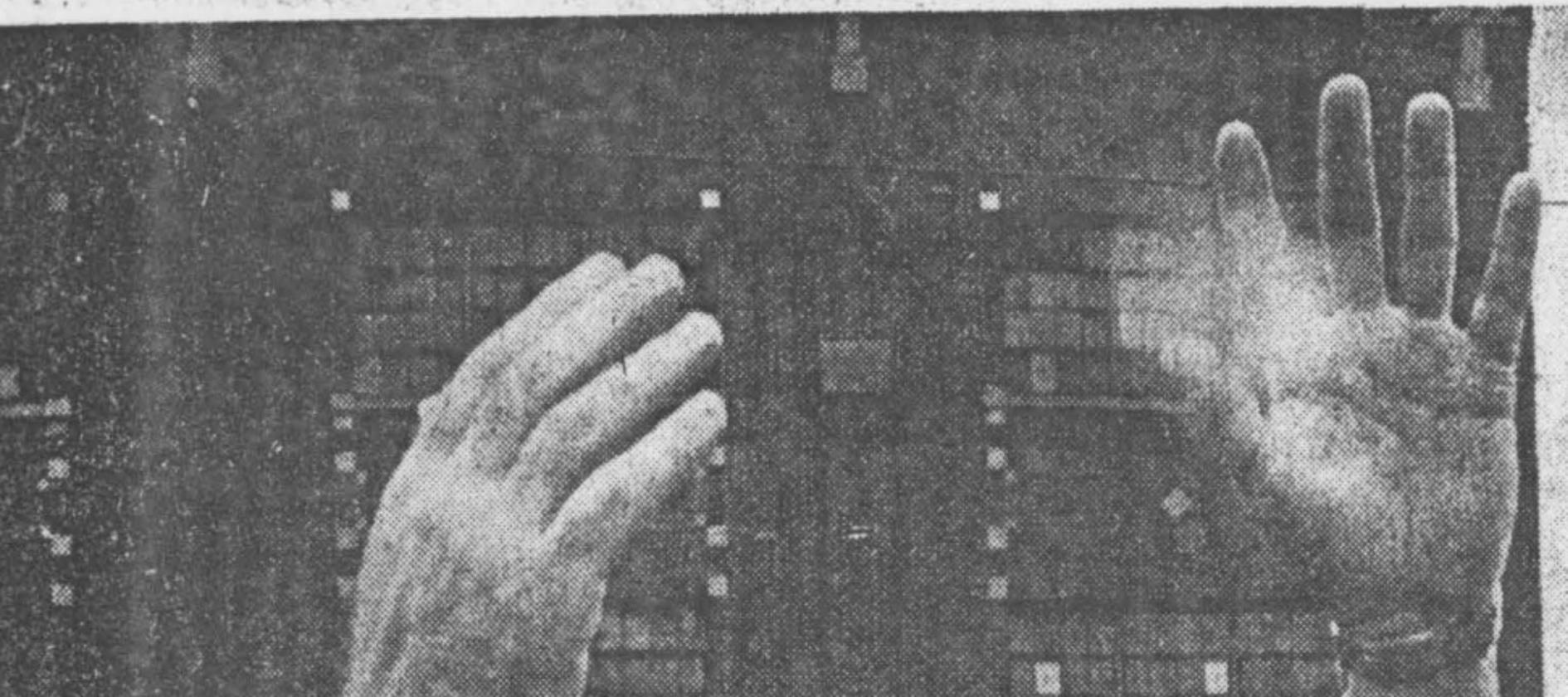
Police were on guard at every railroad crossing along the route. Many

everyone along the way. Two of the "Ford girls," decked out in red, white and blue, kissed him on the cheek.

Betty Ford later visited the press car and said "things look pretty good." When asked how close she thinks Tuesday's election will be, she said "49 per cent to 51 per cent" for her hus-

their share of the cost. News organizations are also being billed.

The train weaved throughout the countryside, occasionally swaying and clickety-clacking, reminiscent of former days. The train's horn blew mournfully throughout the countryside.



# First Lady confident of vote

*Best-known CBer chats with publishers, editors*

By HAL FILDEY  
Executive Editor

She would really rather be known by something like "Steady Betty" than "First Mama."

But whatever her handle, the nation's



She said she enjoys campaigning, but does much of it alone "rather than just traveling with the President."

Was she happy to be back in Michigan? "I'm very proud of Michigan," the first lady said. "I brag about it every chance I get. I'm always telling people and for



Associated Press

President Ford wades into a crowd of well-wishers to shake hands as his 7-hour whistle-stop campaign begins in Flint, Mich.

## Ford Whistle-Stops Across Michigan

By Edward Walsh  
Washington Post Staff Writer

LANSING, Mich., May 15  
— Pulled by three Amtrak

have used the whistle-stop tour device for years. But the White House said Mr. Ford is the first incumbent President to campaign from

direction, young man," the President shouted back, his face red with anger. "And if you'd go out and look for a job you'd get one."

It is doubtful, however, that Truman traveled in quite the style that Mr. Ford did today. All of the cars in

the train were new, scheduled to begin regular Amtrak commercial service next week.

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# If you're bothered by candidate Reagan's false and misleading campaign statements, read this.

Lots of the dialogue in Ronald Reagan's performance is worse than nonsense.

It's dangerous.

We're concerned.

Because in a few recent primaries, we've seen people taken in by his juggling act. Voters from the other side have crossed over to scuttle

President Ford. While too many "good people" sat at home.

## Lights! Camera! Promises!

In his telecast last month, Reagan said:

*"When I became governor, I inherited a state government in almost the same situation as New York City."*

The truth is that under Reagan, Califor-

says: *"I can't use rhetoric as a solution. Someone running for office can use words to express how he's going to meet a problem. Sometimes that's totally unreal when you have to deal with actual problems."*

The man we know so well has dealt with plenty.

He's stood up to the worst economic crunch in 40 years. Today there are 2,600,000 more



serious business is about.

President Ford? The President



*Pete  
resigned from the  
Ford Comm and is now  
raising money as  
an independent  
for those*

# Stand up for Jerry Ford May 18th. He's our President.

A private contribution from Richard Kughn of Detroit paid for this message. It is presented independently without authorization from the candidate or the President Ford Committee.

hand at the end and tells him he needs to see him at the next Ohio State-Michigan game as a

The effect is insidious and for me it has always been so with Jerry Ford. You

ministration and a Democratic

responsibility is

concerned. The foundation of our military capability is base so far as our military capability is

The Grand Rapids Press

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1976

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Editorials  
Opinions

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Watch  
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By Roy Howard Beck

A young Grand Rapids woman from Latvia walked across the runway at the Kent County Airport with a large group of persons dressed in their native ethnic costumes.

Along with the band members, the ethnic groups were placed in front of the crowds to provide some special flair for the arrival of Gerald R. Ford, the hometown President who was to spend the night here.

Jeff Blahnik and other Ford campaigners had only moderate success in selling their large "Ford for President" buttons for \$1 apiece. "Get your Jerry Ford button right here!" he hawked to all arrivals.

"Don't you have anything any smaller?" one man asked. If many people were wearing signs of their political leanings, windbreakers and raincoats covered them up.

"I've been here since 4 o'clock, and I'm soaked," said Laura Forsythe, 13, of Kentwood, at about 6 p.m. She had

carry an umbrella when I'm going to see Ford," she said. "It rains every time he comes to town."

Saturday was only the second time Ford has been back home as President. It poured the first time in October, 1974.

At 7:03, a cheer started at one end of the crowd and spread. The Presidential helicopters had been sighted in the gray, western skies. The few thousand spectators, who stood quietly (almost without talking) for as much as three hours, suddenly became animated. Children



# Bunting, Bands, 'the Boys'— All Were There for a Nostalgic Trip

By Brian Malone

Trains, old depots decked out in red, white and blue bunting, high school bands playing patriotic music, children waving flags...



vention in 1972.

"I'm here doing a story for Playboy magazine," Tuck said innocently. "Honest, this thing was cleared with Nessen (Press Secretary Ronald Nes-



GR Press Photo by Henry F. Zaman

The Fords, with Rep. Guy VanderJagt, Wave to Tulip Timers in Holland

## Ford Becomes the First President to Visit Holland's Tulip Festival

By Tom Limmer

HOLLAND — Gerald R. Ford jumped from a train helicopter Saturday to become the first U.S. president to participate in the Holland Tulip Time festival.

tourists, not voters. Many already had made their primary decisions.

Robert Boer, 32, of Indianapolis said, "I voted for Reagan. I don't know why, though, but it seems, that as long as I'm here, I might as well get a chance to see

ore than two hours. It was considerably longer this, e 47th year, than any previous one. That was in mmemoration of the Bicentennial, not the Ford sit.

And those in the crowd seemed to be there as

Council, members of the Pump Time Board and Ottawa County Republican party representatives. She never talked to the groups surrounding her, only in quiet whispers to the specific persons she was addressing.

GR Press Photos by HOYT E. CARRIER II

WALTER CRONKITE, center, and presidential adviser William Seidman of Grand Rapids, left, share a story aboard the presidential train.

## Interview

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which you would like to accomplish this?

A. I wish that I could have sent it up yesterday. I thought we had a solution but, unfortunately, the individual in the last analysis turned us

your new policy toward Africa. What's your reaction to that?

A. We have no intention of modifying it. I think the policy we've set forth, which is an effort to stop the radicalization of southern Africa, is absolutely imperative in the national interest. The new African policy of this administration has stopped that radicalization process.

What we are trying to do is to solve the problems with negotiations, not bullets.

other President since negotiations were initiated has achieved an on-site inspection breakthrough as far as the Soviet Union is concerned.

Q. Mr. President, it has been said that the administration is reacting to some of these appeals that Mr. Reagan has been making. For example, taking these stands on the Panama Canal, or beefing up military spending.

we supported the add-on of the House committee.

So we had this NSC meeting and decided on the basis of the nearly completed study that we would support some of the \$2 billion increase that the House committee added. We felt we were far enough along in this study to make that kind of a decision.

It's interesting to note that the Senate committee went along with several of the things we recommended, but cer-

significantly affected by, a Communist party, I think destroys the integrity and thrust of NATO's main mission.

Now, we read about these Western European Communist parties, that they are really nationalistic rather than part of the international Communist movement. I don't believe it. We have considerable evidence that that's not true. They're very skillful, but how can we design our military plans in NATO which includes the nuclear or strategic

changes that were needed and necessary to stimulate more coal production, make the utilization of coal more efficient and more economical.

It also proposed the necessary legislation and funding of improved safety and the reliability of our nuclear potential. We also recommended certain things that had to be done in exotic fuels, in solar or geothermal or any of the others.

People have forgotten that I submitted a plan in January of 1975. Now the



GR Press PHOTO BY HOYT E. CARRIER II

### Betty Ford Jokingly Shouts 'Don't Leave Me' in Kalamazoo

## Arrival

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Madison School and South High School and the wonderful people who have been so kind to all of us over a long-long period of time. We have done the best job we could, whether it was in Congress, as Vice President or, for 21 months, as President."

Ford said Grand Rapids and Kent County "is a great, great part of the country. And to those persons who have supported us through thick and thin, our hearts, our affection are all with you."

Noting the rainy night, Ford said that to see such a crowd "makes me and Betty and Susan feel that we're being welcomed back home."

"I thank you for the support over the years and I thank you for what you can do to help us next Tuesday. We have never let you down in the past and we won't let you down in the future."

Following his speech, he shook hands with persons who lined the fence at the west end of the administration building and was able to call many of them by their first names.

He paid particular attention to Cliff Gettings, his former football coach at South High, and Art Brown, a member of his high school football team, and Mrs. Brown, who 18 months ago were overnight guests at the White House.

He had kisses reserved for such persons as Mrs. Ella Koeze Weed and Nina Babcock, who with her sister, published the Cedar Springs Clipper for years.

He put his arm around Thomas E. Walsh, former Kent County Airport manager and long-time friend of the President, and greeted former Mayor Paul

Goebel who helped launch Ford's political career.

Ford's brothers, Thomas G., Richard and James, all received special recognition from the President, and the brothers posed with their arms around each other for photographers.

"Gee, this is wonderful," Ford said at one point as he greeted young and old along the fence.

Then he saw John A. Collins, former East Grand Rapids mayor, a man 94 years of age whom the President has admired and respected for years. He put his arm around his shoulder, and listened intently as Collins spent about 30 seconds whispering in his ear.

Meanwhile, Betty led a group of small children, many of them Vietnamese, in the singing of "This Land Is My Land." It was a tossup who enjoyed this bit of the festivity the most.

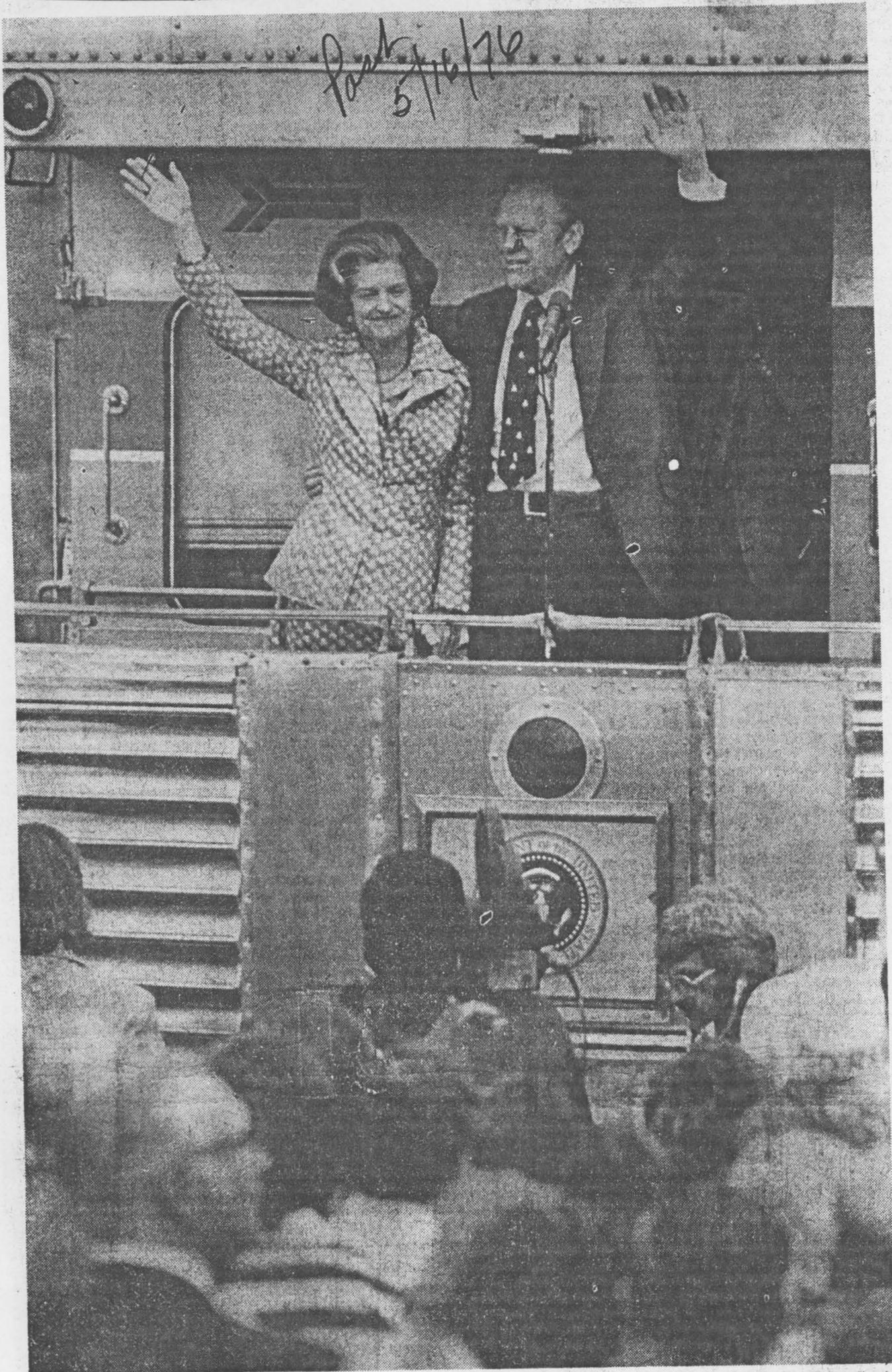
The First Lady accepted a beautiful quilt made by the fifth-grade students of Meadowlawn School, while Ford shook hands with young Boy Scouts from Pack 3350, Townline School. (Ford was an Eagle Scout in Grand Rapids.)

At 7:40 p.m., he climbed into his limousine and was taken to the home of Mrs. Kate I. Welch, 2747 Darby Dr. SE, which served as a temporary White House for the nation's First Family Saturday night.

He greeted other friends there before settling down for some relaxation, followed by services Sunday morning at Grace Episcopal Church.

The President's visit was billed as a non-political appearance here — sort of a rest period in the midst of a now very hectic and uncertain political campaign.

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United Press International

President and Mrs. Ford wave to the crowd from "The Presidential Express" at trip's beginning in Flint, Mich.

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# Jerry's whistlestop and notes from '48

Down the straight track depart President and Mrs. Ford, standing alone now on the platform of the receding train, waving back

("Change crews, ice, water, inspection") and first speech at Crestline, Ohio, at 10:53, and so on to Chicago ("Drive to Palmer House and Stadium").

train slows and telephone poles march slower. People gawking. There is a distant rhythmic throbbing, the band, "Hail to the Chief!"

"Did you get shook, did

Correspondents move

WASHINGTON (UPD) -- "I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A LITTLE EXCITEMENT," PRESIDENT FORD TOLD A GROUP OF REPORTERS YESTERDAY AS WORD SPREAD THAT HE WOULD WHISTLE-STOP THROUGH HIS NATIVE MICHIGAN ON SATURDAY.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD WILL BOARD AN AMTRAK TRAIN, NEWLY DUBBED "THE PRESIDENTIAL EXPRESS" AT THE FLINT STATION AND TRAVEL 165 MILES ALONG THE ROUTE TO NILES.

HOPING TO GARNER VOTES FOR NEXT TUESDAY'S CRUCIAL PRIMARY IN HIS HOME STATE, FORD WILL STOP AT DURAND, LANSING, BATTLE CREEK AND KALAMAZOO TO MAKE BACK-OF-THE-TRAIN SPEECHES TO THE FOLKS WHO TURN OUT.

THE WHISTLE-STOP TOUR IS REMINISCENT OF PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN'S CAMPAIGN IN 1948, WHEN TRUMAN DID MOST OF HIS ELECTIONEERING BY TRAIN.

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#### CON-RESPONDENTS:

NEXT WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE: PRESIDENT FORD WILL DIVIDE HIS TIME BETWEEN CRITICAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK. ON MONDAY, JUST BACK FROM TWO DAYS OF CAMPAIGNING IN MICHIGAN, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING WHO IS COMING TO TOWN ABOARD THE CONTROVERSIAL CONCORDE JETLINER. THE FRENCH LEADER WILL CONFER TWICE WITH FORD AS WELL AS ADDRESS A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS. ALSO IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD WILL BE CONFERENCES THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE NEXT WEEK WITH HIS VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE. NELSON ROCKWELLER WILL REPORT ON HIS TRIP TO EUROPE WHERE HE MET WITH GERMAN LEADERS AND TOURS THE EARTHQUAKE-RAVAGED AREAS OF ITALY. HENRY KISSINGER WILL CONFER WITH FORD ON HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO OSLO FOR NATO MEETINGS AND TO LONDON FOR A CONFERENCE OF COMMO NATIONS. IT ALSO IS LIKELY THAT TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT FOR A REPORT ON HIS MUCH-CONCLUDED THREE-NATION LATIN AMERICAN TOUR.

AS IMPORTANT AS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCES ARE, THEY WILL BE OVERRIDDEN BY NEXT WEEK'S ALL-IMPORTANT PRIMARY IN THE PRESIDENT'S HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN. WHILE RETURNS ARE COMING IN FROM TUESDAY'S PRIMARIES IN MICHIGAN AND MARYLAND, FORD WILL BE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY ATTENDING A DINNER HOSTED BY GISCARD. AFTER DIGESTING THE MICHIGAN RETURNS, FORD PLANS TO LEAVE THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK FOR ANOTHER TRIP IN CALIFORNIA IN PREPARATION OF THAT STATE'S JUNE 8 PRIMARY.

ALSO IN THE POLITICAL FIELD WILL BE NOMINATIONS TO THE NEWLY REORGANIZED FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WHICH FORD PROBABLY WILL SEND TO THE SENATE NEXT WEEK. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONERS IS NECESSARY UNDER THE FEC BILL WHICH FORD RELUCTANTLY SIGNED THIS WEEK.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST FAMILY INCLUDES A PROBABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY ON WEDNESDAY FOR SON STEVE WHO WILL BE TURNING 20. ON THURSDAY, WIFE BETTY WILL BE FITED AT A SHOREHAM AMERICANA BREAKFAST BY CONGRESSIONAL WIVES. BETTY IS TO VISIT HER ALMA MATER, BENNINGTON COLLEGE AT BENNINGTON, VT., NEXT SATURDAY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE FIRST FAMILY WILL JOIN THE PRESIDENT FOR CAMPAIGN APPEARANCES WHEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK. DAUGHTER SUSAN AND SON JACK PITCHED IN IN MICHIGAN THIS WEEK.

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—Associated Press

President Ford, having left Mrs. Ford at home, leaves a smallish, private, Ford Committee fund-raising reception yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Smith of Alexandria, a neighborhood-like social which saw some 200 guests contributing from \$100 to \$250 per couple for the privilege of chatting with Chief Executive. The Fords had just returned from a campaign trip to points in the Midwest. Apologizing for the absence of his wife, the President told the gathering, "Sorry Betty didn't make it. She wore herself out in Michign." The President is expected to resume campaigning on Saturday, beginning a four-day West Coast swing into Oregon. He is expected to make stops in California, as well, before returning to the White House on June.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (UPI) -- LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR PRESIDENT FORD WILL CARRY HIS OLD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN TOMORROW'S MICHIGAN PRIMARY, HIS HOMETOWN FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS SAID TODAY.

BUT THEY WERE NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE REST OF THE STATE.

JOHN MILANOWSKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE IN KENT COUNTY AND A FORMER FORD CONGRESSIONAL AIDE, PREDICTED GRAND RAPIDS VOTERS, WHO ELECTED FORD TO CONGRESS 13 TIMES, WILL LIKELY GIVE THE PRESIDENT HIS WIDEST VICTORY MARGIN IN THE STATE OVER CHALLENGER RONALD REAGAN.

"IF THE REST OF THE STATE AND COUNTRY WOULD BE LIKE KENT COUNTY, I'D SAY HE'D BE ELECTED ON THE FIRST BALLOT," MILANOWSKI SAID. "I THINK THE LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR THE PRESIDENT IN THE 5TH DISTRICT IS GOING TO RUB OFF ON THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

"EVEN IF HE WERE TO LOSE MICHIGAN, IT WOULDN'T BE A MAJOR CATASTROPHE. I JUST CAN'T CONCEIVE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WOULD OUST AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT WHO HAS A RECORD LIKE JERRY FORD HAS."

JAMES FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S HALF BROTHER AND A GRAND RAPIDS OPTOMETRIST, SAID FORD'S WEEKEND VISIT TO MICHIGAN GAVE HIS CAMPAIGN A BIG BOOST BUT MADE NO PREDICTIONS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MICHIGAN PRIMARY.

PAUL HENRY, KENT COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN, SAID FORD'S BIGGEST PROBLEM WILL BE IN SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN, ESPECIALLY IN THE WORKING CLASS DETROIT SUBURBS THAT VOTED HEAVILY FOR WALLACE IN 1972.

PETER SECCHIA, GRAND RAPIDS ORGANIZER OF THE "FRIENDS OF FORD" PRIMARY CAMPAIGN BLITZES INTO FLORIDA, WISCONSIN AND INDIANA, SAID "APATHY AND PACIFICATION" AMONG REPUBLICANS COULD LEAD TO A POOR TURNOUT THAT WOULD MEAN BIG TROUBLE FOR FORD.

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(BY RICHARD LERNER)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, DETERMINED TO "GO DOWN TO THE WIRE" IN HIS BATTLE WITH RONALD REAGAN FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, TODAY KICKED OFF AN INTENSIVE THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING TO TENNESSEE, KENTUCKY AND MICHIGAN.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES SAID THAT FORD WAS PREPARING FOR A LAST DITCH FIGHT AGAINST REAGAN, PARTICULARLY IN HIS HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN WHERE TUESDAY'S GOP PRIMARY IS CONSIDERED CRUCIAL TO STOP THE CHALLENGER'S SURGE.

FORD LEFT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE AT 7:55 A.M. EDT FOR A DAY OF CAMPAIGNING IN JOHNSON CITY, TENN., AND MEMPHIS BEFORE GOING ON TO LOUISVILLE, KY., FOR AN APPEARANCE AT AN ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER.

HE WINDS UP TONIGHT IN FLINT, MICH., FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY BEFORE BOARDING "THE PRESIDENTIAL EXPRESS" FOR A 150-MILE, SIX-HOUR AMTRAK TRIP TO RALLY SUPPORTERS ALONG THE ROUTE FROM FLINT TO NILES CITY. FORD WILL BE JOINED BY HIS WIFE BETTY ON THE WHISTLESTOP AND THEY WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN THEIR HOMETOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS.

FORD HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERS IN MICHIGAN, INCLUDING GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN AND THE GOP CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. BUT THE PRESIDENT HAD TO TAP THE THOUSANDS OF INDEPENDENTS TO MAKE A STRONG SHOWING IN THE PRIMARY AND PULL OUT OF THE SLUMP WHICH HAS SEEN HIM LOSE FIVE OF HIS LAST SIX CONTESTS WITH REAGAN.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS SAY BOTH KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE, WHICH HOLD THEIR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ON MAY 29, WILL BE TOUGH FOR FORD BECAUSE REAGAN HAS SPENT MORE TIME IN THOSE STATES AND PUT THE PRESIDENT ON THE DEFENSE.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS THAT FORD "EXPECTS TO WIN" IN MICHIGAN.

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(FORD AND SNEEZY)

MEMPHIS (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD MET A REPUBLICAN ELEPHANT TODAY AND TRIED TO FEED IT "JIMMY CARTER PEANUTS". THE ELEPHANT REFUSED. THE PRESIDENT EMERGED FROM A CAMPAIGN RALLY TO FIND SUPPORTERS HAD BROUGHT 3-YEAR-OLD SNEEZY, THE ELEPHANT FROM MEMPHIS' OVERTON PARK ZOO TO SHOW OFF THE GRAND OLD PARTY'S ELEPHANT SYMBOL.

SNEEZY, ONE YEAR OLD, CHAINED TO A TELEPHONE POLE TO SATISFY SECURITY SERVICE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, DISTASTFULLY PICKED UP A "PRESIDENT FORD" FLAG IN HIS MOUTH AND WAVED IT UNTIL, WHEN FORD APPROACHED, IT DROPPED THE STAFFER AND BEGAN EATING SHADDBERRY.

FORD LAUGHED AND SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT ELEPHANTS DO TO PEANUTS. I TOLD JIMMY CARTER AND HE SAID HE'D TRY THEM -- THEY EAT 'EM."

DEMOCRATIC MICHIGAN GOV. JIMMY CARTER IS A PLANTER, SA., PLANTER FARMER. ONE OF SNEEZY'S TWO KEEPERS AVOIDED THE PRESIDENT'S FISTSFUL OF PEANUTS. JUST AS FORD TOOK THEM, SNEEZY QUIPPED THE PRESIDENT WITH HIS OWN.

FORD LAUGHED, SAID HE WOULD HOLD ONE OF THE PEANUTS. SNEEZY SAID NO.

"COME ON, COME ON," FORD SAID. "COME HERE, COME HERE." SNEEZY STAYED PUT. FORD LAUGHED AND HANDED THE PEANUTS BACK TO THE KEEPERS.

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(MICH. PREDICTION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN JOKINGLY TOLD REPORTERS TUESDAY HE WAS PROJECTING A FORD VICTORY IN MICHIGAN'S PRIMARY ON THE STRENGTH OF FOUR ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST BEFORE THE ELECTION.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID THE VOTES CAME FROM FORD, HIS WIFE BETTY, HIS WHITE HOUSE DOCTOR, WILLIAM LUKASH, AND L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN, A TOP PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC ADVISER -- ALL OF WHOM MAINTAIN THEIR OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN MICHIGAN.

"SO ON THE BASIS OF THOSE FOUR VOTES, WE PROJECTED THE PRESIDENT A WINNER," NESSEN QUIPPED.

FORD'S FOUR CHILDREN ARE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE, BUT NESSEN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY WERE REGISTERED IN MICHIGAN.

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FORD-POLITICS LEAD

BY DONALD M. ROTHBERG

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A DOZEN CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS OFFERED A RESOLUTION TODAY SUPPORTING PRESIDENT FORD FOR THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, SAYING THEIR ACTION IS PROMPTED BY HIS RECENT PRIMARY ELECTION LOSSES.

THE RESOLUTION PRAISES FORD FOR "WORKING EFFECTIVELY FOR A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE AND A VIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY" AND COMMENDS HIS VEToes OF "LEGISLATION THRUST UPON HIM BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE CONTROLLING MAJORITY OF CONGRESS."

MEANWHILE, AT THE WHITE HOUSE:

--SEN. TED. STEVENS, R-ALASKA, EMERGED FROM A MEETING BETWEEN FORD AND 11 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD SIGN LEGISLATION RESTRUCTURING THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION AND RELEASING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

THE COMMISSION STAFF HAS TENTATIVELY CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS FOR \$2.1 MILLION IN FEDERAL MATCHING MONEY FOR RELEASE WHEN THE AGENCY IS RECONSTITUTED TO COMPLY WITH A SUPREME COURT ORDER THAT ALL MEMBERS BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

--FORD'S SPOKESMEN SAID HE WILL FOLLOW A CAMPAIGN TRIP TO HIS HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN ON WEDNESDAY WITH VISITS FRIDAY TO TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY AND A RETURN TRIP TO MICHIGAN.

THEY SAID THE FORD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE RETURN TRIP BY MRS. FORD, DAUGHTER SUSAN AND SON JACK. FORD CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER FORD CAN WIN THE MICHIGAN PRIMARY ON MAY 18.

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# First Lady confident of vote

*Best-known CBer chats with publishers, editors*

By HAL FILDEY  
Executive Editor



She would really rather be known by something like "Steady Betty" than "First Lady." "I'm very proud of Michigan," the first lady said. "I brag about it every chance I get — I'm always telling people and foreign visitors about it."

But whatever her handle, the nation's best-known CBer convinced newspaper executives who lunched with her Saturday at she's a definite campaign plus for her

She said she enjoys campaigning, but does much of it alone "rather than just traveling with the President."

How did she manage to look so chic in Saturday's damp, close weather? Smiling,

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## BIBLE THOUGHT

*This is the day which the Lord hath made.—Psalms 118:24.*

## First Mama . . . Ten-Four

IT'S NOT easy to upstage the PRESIDENT of the United States, but GERALD FORD is getting that treatment consistently from his own

know whether she liked it with mustard or chili or both.

A syndicated columnist, GEORGIE ANNE GEYER, summed up a fan's view of MRS. FORD the other day—

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ON VIEW

# Steve Ford to Assist at Benefit

President Ford's son Steve will man a food booth at the Main Street U.S.A. block party of Concern Foundation from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

Also working at food booths or



# Sports



DESERET NEWS, TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1976



## Steve Ford's bronc gives security gua

By Gary R. Blodgett  
Deseret News sports writer

SPRING CREEK, Nev. — Steve Ford, 19-year-old son of President Gerald Ford, is no different than any other teenager. He is like a "normal" teenager.

foothills of the Ruby Range some 15 miles south of Elko, Steve was constantly in the spotlight.

At a banquet of some 20 Spring Creek dignitaries and newsmen, Steve was the first to be served, a courtesy of his position

# riding 'ds fits

desire to help newcomers is still evident at the Tibbs-sponsored clinics.

The nine-times world saddle bronc champion and twice all-Around Cowboy started riding for money at age 14 and was the youngest champion ever at 19.

"I was just a kid lucky enough to get



# ROOM NOTES



*Steven Ford and Peter*

*Frampton: the subjects were horses and camels*

It was two days after Bill Graham's first Oakland Stadium concert of the season and headliner **Peter Frampton**

show. "He told me he's been turning people on to me ever since a friend of his turned him on to *Frampton's Camel*. Then

soiree was Arista's bash at a theater, the New York Experience. **Leonard Bernstein** ate hot dogs and rode down the



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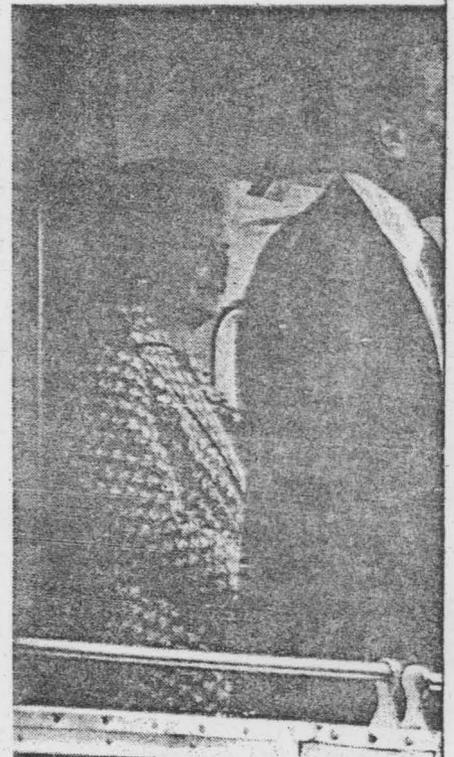
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# The Hillsdale

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## The Presidential Family C



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Hillsdale Daily News publisher, Howard H. Fitzgerald II, was present in Lansing Saturday as the first family campaigned. The News Chief Photographer David Gruber also was on hand and took the photos above.

By **HOWARD H. FITZGERALD II**  
Publisher

During the President's whistle-stop tour of mid-Michigan, Mrs. Ford had lunch with a group of Michigan

Mrs. Ford said, "and feel very comfortable.

"We entertain many foreign visitors and it is always wonderful to return to our home in Michigan. In fact, Susan was the Grand Marshal for Tulip Time in Holland and we are meeting her in Grand Rapids tonight. When we passed through Wyandotte this morning, it was great to see a sign over our route which said, 'Welcome First Mama's Kid.' You know 'First Mama' is my CR handle and Jack was cam-

thusiastic in spite of the inclement weather.

She said that she'd used more hair spray than usual and wasn't sure whether it had been enough.

It was! Not a hair was out of place.

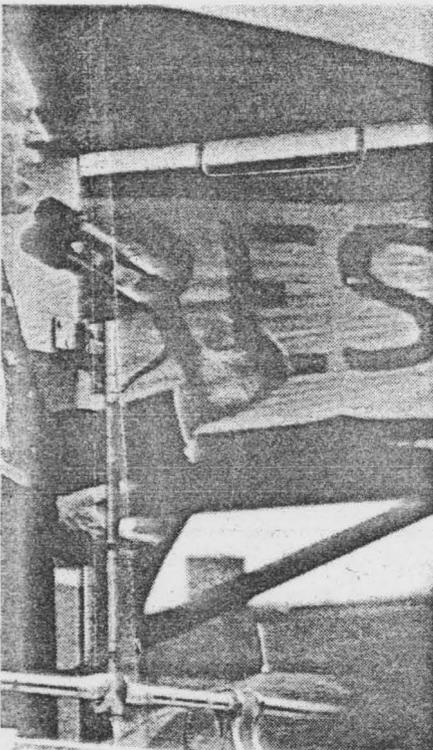
Mrs. Ford was dressed in a three-piece violet and white print ensemble accented with gold earrings, a gold bracelet on her right wrist and complimented with a pale jade choker. When asked about clothes, Mrs. Ford replied. "I wear either a size six or

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## Campaigns Across State



traveling pressures, I don't feel the least bit down. We will win!"

Luncheon for the Presidential Party was held in The Depot Restaurant in the old railroad station in downtown

was delivered in a drizzle, there were approximately 5-7,000 people gathered around the Presidential train. This was the first time since President Harry Truman stumped that a train was used.

One was from Florida and the other from California. Both were young, clean cut and alert. As soon as they wolfed their lunches, they were off to Battle Creek in one instance and Grand Rapids in the other. How to get there?

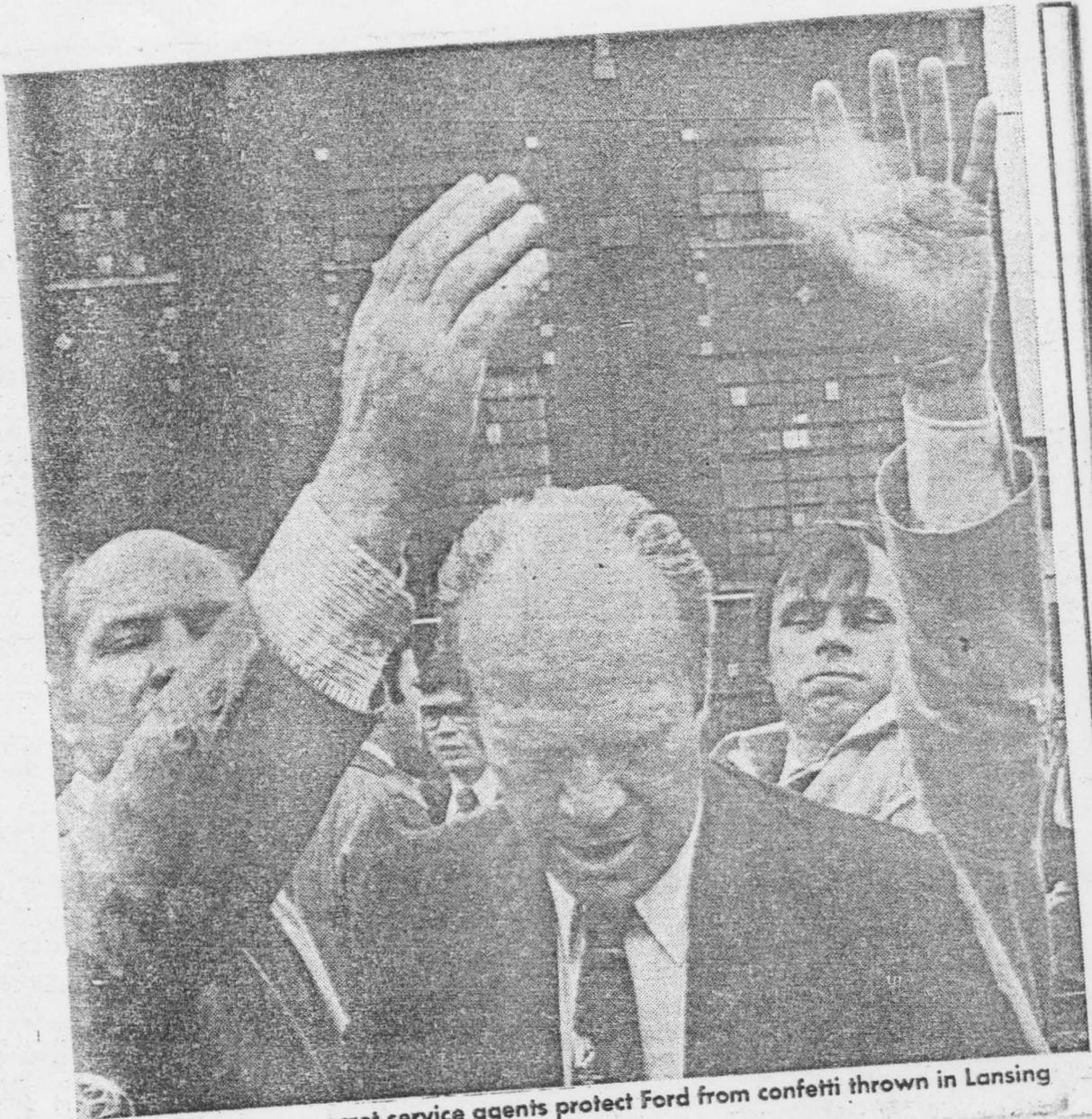
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**HONORED GUEST:** Tom Ford met with Chelsea Kiwanis Club members and area residents Monday evening to talk on fiscal affairs at the state level, tell a few jokes and speak briefly about his famous brother, Gerald, who has moved to a "government housing project" in Washington, D.C. Pictured with Ford, from

left, are Charels Cameron, Ford, Paul Mann, Herman Koenn, Robert Foster and Kiwanis Club president, Julius Blaess. An interesting sidelight: Robert Foster's brother's son, Bob, married Tom Ford's daughter, Julie, three years ago. The couple met while attending Michigan State University.

## Symphony Is Judged Tops at State Festival

On Saturday, May 1, the Chelsea High school symphony band won top honors at the State Band and Orchestra Festival held at Fenton High school, Fenton.

Division Rating at the District Festival in March. Conductor Myles A. Mazur commented: "It takes a high degree of self-discipline, individual practice and dedication to reach the

## Vaulters Sparkle in Lake Orion Relays

Saturday, May 1, the CHS track team traveled to Lake Orion to take part in a relay meet featuring a mixture of Class A, B and C schools.

The Relays turned out to be a strong mixture as the team ran and performed well but could come up with only six points, all of which came on the excellent performances of the three-man pole vaulting team of Mark Bur-

The 6th place finishes included a 1:34.4 time by the 880-yard relay team of Howard Salyer, Matt Fisher, Greg Reed and Dennis Bauer. The shuttle hurdle team of Dennis Bauer, Randy Sweery, Greg Reed and Howard Salyer ran :62.4. The distance medley team of Todd Weber, Pat Stevenson, David Dawson and Rick Haller ran 11:25, again 6th; the shot put relay team threw 124'10" for

Tennis Team Gains Split in

St. Paul Junior High Choir Plans

Bulldog Sluggers

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# Dem crossover could beat Ford, his brother says

By GARY BAUMGARTEN

Citizen Patriot Staff Writer

President Ford's half brother said the nation's chief executive could lose the May 18 presidential primary election in his home state to Ronald Reagan.

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• Wallace state campaign manager says his man will get a plurality in Tuesday's primary. Page 10.

