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November 25, 1975

Reference Jack Anderson story on Jack Ford

Here is the chronology:

On Tuesday, March 18, 1975, John Bartels, who is the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement agency, went to see Stu Knight, Director of the Secret Service. This was at 4:35 p.m.

At that time, he gave a copy of a letter from Bartels to Mr. Sol Lindenbaum, who is the Executive Assistant in the office of the Attorney General. A summary of the letter is that DEA had an informant that said he had been introduced to Jack Ford and it was his understanding that Jack had purchased cocaine in mid or late August 1974 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

About 6:30 p.m. that evening, Director Knight along with Dick Keiser informed the President.

At the President's direction, Knight got back to Bartels to inform him that there would be no interference with the investigation and to please let Knight know the outcome.

On March 20 at 10:40 a.m., Knight along with Keiser met with Phil Buchen and Jack Marsh and informed them.

On May 7, Bartels notified Knight that the investigation was completed. There was no substance and the whole thing washed out.

In the interim, between March 18 and May 7, the Secret Service made a determination from their own logs that Jack wasn't in Salt Lake City at that period except for a short period in transit at the airport at which time he was with a Secret Service agent. (The informant's story made it clear that what he was talking about was an alleged purchase in downtown Salt Lake City.)

FYI:

The mid or late August allegation is important since the Secret Service took over the protection of Jack on August 9 of 1974. Also it is important to note that the President did not talk to Bartels personally. Knight indicates that to the best of his knowledge, it was perfectly clear to all parties that the investigation should be completed with no interference.

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NEW YORK (UPI)--JACK FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S SON, SAYS THAT RESIDING AT THE WHITE HOUSE CRAMPS HIS ROMANTIC AND SOCIAL LIFE.

"YOU DEVELOP SO MUCH SUSPICION IT PROBABLY INTERFERES WITH DEVELOPING NORMAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SINCERE," HE SAID IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH ANDY WARHOL AND BIANCA JAGGER, WIFE OF SINGER MICK JAGGER.

FORD, 23, OFFERED HIS IMPRESSIONS OF LIFE AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE "ANDY WARHOL'S INTERVIEW."

"PEOPLE ASSUME THAT WHEN YOU'RE IN A POSITION LIKE THIS YOU HAVE AUTOMATIC ACCESS TO ANY WOMAN IN THE WORLD. ACTUALLY, IT'S VERY STIFLING." HE SAID THAT EVERYBODY HE INVITES TO THE WHITE HOUSE ARE INTIMIDATED BY THE BEYV OF SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, AND HE ADDED: "I WOULD TRADE SPOTS WITH ANYONE HERE FOR A PENNY. A MATCH."

YOUNG FORD DOESN'T EVEN FEEL COMFORTABLE IN THE FAMILY QUARTERS. "YOU PAUSE BEFORE YOU GO AROUND A CORNER OR WALK OUT OF YOUR ROOM BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE WALKING AROUND IN YOUR BOXER SHORTS AND THERE'S 15 PEOPLE GETTING THE SPECIAL UPSTAIRS TOUR."

DURING HIS TALKS WITH WARHOL AND MS. JAGGER, FORD PAID A VISIT TO A NEW YORK DISCOTHEQUE.

"THE THING THAT WAS PARTICULARLY AMUSING TO ME WAS THAT I WAS DANCING WITH BIANCA AND A FELLOW CAME UP AND TAPPED ME ON THE SHOULDER AND SAID, 'MAY I DANCE?' AND I THOUGHT HE WANTED TO DANCE WITH BIANCA," FORD SAID. "HE WANTED TO DANCE WITH ME."

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Jack Ford leaves Belleville Area Community College followed by two security men Tuesday.

—Globe-Democrat Photos by Paul Ockrassa

Jack Ford hits the campaign trail—but not enthusiastically

By ARTHUR J. THOMASON
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

John Gardner Ford's interest in politics these days is growing about as much as his father's affection for the word "detente."

The 23-year-old son of President Ford told a gathering over breakfast at Belleville that "after the campaign I will probably have no interest in politics."

And that's no revelation for the former philosophy-turned-forestry student who is sharing a situation with college graduates with more common family backgrounds: Finding a job.

AND WHILE "just Jack Ford" is not turned on by the luster of political campaigns, his father is turning off on the word "detente," saying it is no longer applicable to U.S.-Soviet relations.

The younger Ford is on a four-day trek through Illinois on behalf of his father.

He insists that candor is just that, and not just good politics — a statement he supports by infrequent disagreements with his father's administration.

But politics, he says, will be cast aside after the campaign.

Meanwhile, during the campaign, he said he was upset with former President Richard M. Nixon's recent trip to China, but said it's difficult to assess how much it hurt his father's campaign.

THE YOUNGER Ford had breakfast with high school and college representatives at Fischer's Restaurant at Belleville.

His visit to Illinois will be followed with one by his father this weekend.

And political observers are saying they don't expect the President to say he is losing interest in politics.

No matter what happens on primary election day, the younger Ford will have something to celebrate: His 24th birthday.



Students listening to Jack Ford in Belleville.

A Hidden Asset for Ford: His Son Jack

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, April 29—President Ford's hidden asset in the pivotal Texas Republican primary on Saturday may be the young man who just toured the state saying he would rather that Gerald R. Ford had never taken up residence in the White House.

"Yes, I have lots of reservations about the Presidency and the White House," said Jack Ford, the President's 24-year-old son.

He told university audiences in six Texas cities he thought his father should be more zealous about preserv-

ing the environment. He kept differing with his father's position on possession of marijuana. He said he could not wait for the campaign to end. And the White House, he said, "is not Home Sweet Home."

Yet Jack Ford has become, almost unnoticed and with considerable reluctance, the most fervent and perhaps most articulate of the surrogates who ply the primary trail advocating four more years in the White House for President Ford.

For two days he swept across Texas like a dust storm touching down only at

campuses. He made no speeches. "There are enough canned speeches in the Republican primary as it is," he said.

But perched on the edge of a table or standing with a hand microphone in a crowded hall, Mr. Ford answered students, educators, parents and reporters who asked constantly about issues central to the contest between the President and Ronald Reagan, the former California Governor.

The questions usually were more barbed than those his

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A Hidden Asset Campaigning for Ford: His Son Jack

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father gets. The answers often seemed more concise and candid.

"Are you anticipating Richard Nixon will have dinner in the White House?" challenged a student at the University of Texas-El Paso.

"Only if he pays," replied the President's son.

Asked About Kissinger

Prompted by Mr. Reagan's criticism of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Ford was continually asked if Mr. Kissinger would remain in a new Ford Administration.

The President customarily replies that Mr. Kissinger is welcome to stay. The President's son said he had no inside information, but added, "I think Dr. Kissinger would get tired of waking up every morning and taking as much abuse as he does" and that he might, like any public official, "realize his value diminishes to the country and to the Administration" as his critics accumulate.

Students repeated Mr. Reagan's charge that the President was preparing to cede sovereign United States territory by giving the Panama Canal to Panama.

"People who say we bought and paid for it are using simplistic rhetoric and glossing over facts," Mr. Ford retorted dispassionately. The United

States, he contended, was entitled by treaty only to operate and defend the Canal Zone as if it were a sovereign there, without in fact being sovereign.

Audiences applauded when Jack Ford went on, as his father had not, to say that "the United States has to face up to the fact that it can't be the big bully on the block" in the Americas, that "it has to realize that these countries have strong nationalistic feelings; that they have equally strong rights to feel touchy — just as we would if we still had French control up the Mississippi River."

He touched, more knowledgeably than might be expected of a 1975 graduate of the Utah State University forestry school, on subjects ranging from African nationalism to tax reform, from natural gas pricing to strategic arms negotiations.

"How did you become so well informed on all these issues?" asked a student yesterday at Lamar University in Beaumont.

"Hanging around the right places," said Mr. Ford with a grin.

He does "hang around" the President, talking issues in the evenings in the White House study. What he picks up he conveys with a curious blend of candor and insouciance, rebellious youth and filial loyalty, that strikes responsive chords.

What about marijuana? Students asked almost immediately after meeting Jack Ford, aware that he favored eliminating criminal penalties for marijuana possession and the President did not.

"I disagree with my father on that," Mr. Ford replied easily. "Fathers and sons across the country, I think, disagree on that in many cases, so I don't think it's unusual. Quite frankly, my father's opinion is more important than mine."

His facility seemed to surprise audiences familiar with the media image of Jack Ford as the son who admitted smoking pot, got photographed with Bianca Jagger, considered himself a "prisoner of the White House" and might remain closeted for the duration of the campaign.

He nearly did remain closeted, until the President Ford Committee needed someone to generate attention two months ago in Illinois while the President was concentrating on the Florida primary. Audiences in Illinois reacted favorably to Jack Ford. Later he made quiet forays into Wisconsin and Nebraska and, two weeks ago, impressed the President's strategists by drawing a larger audience at the University of Texas than did Mr. Reagan.

"I can send Jack anywhere in the country," said Richard Mastrangelo, the campaign

scheduling director. "He's very popular."

The impression is current that the President would prefer that Jack be less outspoken — more like the other Ford children, Michael, Steven and Susan, who make a few cameo appearances at most. And he is said to feel the same way about his wife, Betty.

Cites Father's Advice

Not so, insisted Jack Ford in Texas: "My father has expressed one thing to us. Long after the campaign is over, long after the White House is over, we have to live with ourselves as people."

His father's Presidency means that Mr. Ford cannot work at his profession for the United States Forest Service, lest nepotism be suggested. His father's candidacy has come to mean he takes leaves of absence from his job as a travel agent in the capital.

"There are lots of times when you just sort of throw up your hands and say, is it all worth it?" he said.

Why bother?

As a citizen, Mr. Ford said in El Paso, with his most raffish grin, he had a duty to choose sides and get involved and, "by a stroke of luck I happen to be related to the best candidate."

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