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## NEWSPAPER ENDORSEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 24

With the understanding that the list is assuredly not complete for either candidate, here follows a list of daily newspaper endorsements for President Ford and Governor Carter.

This is a cumulative list, but most of the endorsements have come during the last two weeks.

### FORD ENDORSEMENTS

- Dallas Morning News
- Orlando Sentinel Star
- X Nashville Banner
- Shreveport Journal
- Shreveport Times
- Birmingham News
- Jackson (Miss.) Daily News
- X St. Louis Globe-Democrat
- Topeka Capital Journal
- Chattanooga News Free Press
- Buffalo Courier Express
- Buffalo Evening News
- Lubbock (Texas) Avalanche Journal
- Tuscaloosa (Alabama) News
- Hatchee (Miss.) Democrat
- Portsmouth (NH) Herald
- Selma (Alabama) Times Journal
- Oskaloosa (Iowa) Herald
- Manchester Union Leader
- Nashua (NH) Telegraph
- Dayton Journal Herald
- Glandale (Calif.) News Press
- X New York Daily News
- X Chicago Tribune
- X Philadelphia Inquirer
- X Boston Herald American
- Oklahoman
- X Houston Chronicle
- X Dallas Times-Herald
- Salina (Kansas) Journal
- Galveston Daily News
- X Miami Herald
- X Memphis Commercial Appeal
- Winston-Salem Journal
- Rome (Ga.) News Tribune
- Marietta (Ga.) Journal
- Savannah News & (COMBINED SUNDAY EDITION)
- Savannah Press





Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle  
Augusta Herald  
Albany (Ga.) Herald

(COMBINED SUNDAY EDITION)

Baltimore News American

X Baltimore Sun

X Richmond Times-Dispatch

Maine Sunday Telegram

WESTCHESTER-ROCKLAND CHAIN

New Rochell Standard-Star

Mount Vernon Argus

Mamaroneck Times

Nyack Rockland Journal-News

Ossining Citizen-Register

Port Chester Item

Tarrytown News

White Plains Reporter Dispatch

Yonkers Herald Statesman

Syracuse Herald American



CARTER ENDORSEMENTS

- Denver Post
- Hutchinson (Kan.) News
- Nashville Tennessean
- St. Petersburg Times
- Arkansas Gazette
- Dayton Daily News
- Long Island Press
- Miami News
- Daytona Beach (Fla) News Herald
- Jackson (Fla) Times-Union
- Macon (Ga.) Telegraph (COMBINED SUNDAY EDITION)
- Macon News
- Staten Island Advance
- X New York Times
- X St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- X Minneapolis Tribune
- Louisville Courier Journal (COMBINED SUNDAY EDITION)
- Louisville Times
- Saratoga Springs (NY) Saratogian
- Charlotte (NC) Observer





# TELEGRAM

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The White House  
Washington

FULL RATE  
(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)   
DAY LETTER   
NIGHT LETTER

Charge to: CWA 153551

Joseph J. McGovern  
Sentinel Star  
633 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32801

On the eve of the election, I wanted to let you know that I've read and deeply appreciated the Sentinel Star's October 17 editorial endorsement. You have been steady in your support for me during this key period.

Bob Dole and I certainly hope and believe tomorrow's results will see your confidence borne out.

With personal regards,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
approved by phone: R. Nessen

bcc: Nessen, ✓ Gergen, Phelan

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## The White House Washington

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NIGHT LETTER

Charge to: CWA 153551

Les Doughtry  
News  
8522 Teichman Road  
Galveston, Texas

On election eve, I wanted to tell you of my appreciation for the Galveston News' October 24 editorial endorsement-- which I understood was on the front page. This kind of support in a key state means a great deal to Bob Dole and to me.

It is our hope and belief that tomorrow will see your confidence reflected.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan

approved by phone: R. Nessen

bcc: Nessen, ✓ Gergen, Phelan

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The White House  
Washington



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Charge to: CWA 153551

Mr. Donald Goodenow  
Herald-Examiner  
1111 S. Broadway  
Los Angeles, California 90051

Recently I was told that the Herald-Examiner had given me its editorial endorsement. On the eve of the campaign, I wanted to tell you how much of a boost it is for me personally to know I have your support.

Bob Dole and I hope and believe that tomorrow's results will confirm your faith and encouragement.

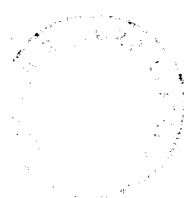
With appreciation and best wishes,

Gerald R. Ford

10/29/76: W. Phelen  
approved by phone: R. Nessen

bcc: Nessen, ✓ Gergen, Phelan

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The White House  
Washington

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Charge to: CWA 153551

John Troan  
Pittsburgh Press  
34 Boulevard of the Allies  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Arriving in Pittsburgh the other day, I was especially delighted to have a special welcome -- the editorial endorsement of the Pittsburgh Press. It added to a great day.

On the eve of the election, I wanted to tell you of my deep appreciation for your support. It is my hope and belief that your confidence will be reflected in tomorrow's results.

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelen  
Cleared by Nessen by Phone

bcc: Nessen, ✓ Gergen, Phelan

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NIGHT LETTER

The White House  
Washington

*DG*

Charge to CWA: 153551

Charles T. Alexander  
Dayton Journal Herald  
37 S. Ludlow Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45401

On election eve, I wanted to tell you again how much  
I appreciate the Journal Herald's editorial endorsement  
for me.

It is my hope and belief that tomorrow's results  
will see your words in my behalf borne out.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
Approved by phone: R. Nessen

✓  
bcc: Nessen, Gergen, Phelan

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Washington

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Charge to: CWA 153551

Ambrose G. Hampton  
Columbia State and Record  
Columbia, South Carolina

Strom Thurmond told me recently about the editorial endorsements for me from the State and the Record. Even on the eve of the election, I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated this support from the South -- and area I still haven't "written off".

Bob Dole and I hope and believe that tomorrow's results will reflect your words in our behalf.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
Approved by phone: R. Nessen

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bcc: Nessen, Gergen, Phelan

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The White House  
Washington

Charge to CWA 153551

Joe M. Dealey  
Dallas Morning News  
Communications Center  
Dallas, Texas 75222

On election eve, I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated the fine editorial endorsement of the Dallas Morning News. We share many of the same goals for America. I have found through reading your editorials, and you have been generous in your support.

I hope and believe that tomorrow will see your faith, confidence and encouragement borne out.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
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Charge to CWA: 153551

J. Richard Nokes  
Oregonion  
1320 S.W. Broadway  
Portland, Oregon

On election eve, I wanted to tell you how deeply I appreciated the Oregonion's editorial endorsement. In a tight campaign, such support is a real boost.

I hope and believe that tomorrow will see your words in my behalf reflected in the results.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
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Washington

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NIGHT LETTER

Charge to: CWA 153551

C. A. Scott  
Atlanta Daily World  
145 Auburn Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

CA:

On election eve, I wanted to tell you how much Bob Dole and I appreciate the October 22 editorial endorsement from the Atlanta Daily World, not only because it is the oldest and one of the largest black dailies in the country, but because I have learned to respect the Scott family so much.

Bob Dole and I hope and believe that your strong words in our behalf will be reflected in tomorrow's voting.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
Approved by phone: R. Nessen

bcc: Nessen, Gergen, Phelan

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The White House  
Washington

DJ

Charge to: CWA 153551

On the eve of the election, I wanted to tell you that I had only recently learned of your editorial endorsement. Such support is a real boost for Bob Dole and myself. We hope and believe that yours words in our behalf will be reflected in tomorrow's voting.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

11/1/76 W. Phelan  
Approved by Phone: R. Nessen

✓  
bcc: Nessen, Gergen, Phelan

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INDIANA

George O. Witwer  
Auburn Star & Kendallville News-Sun  
118 West 9th Street  
Auburn, Ohio 46706

George Carey  
Clinton Clintonian  
422 South Main Street  
Clinton, Ohio 47842

Lenord Kreuger  
Evansville Courier  
201 NW Second Street  
Evansville, Ohio 47702

Eugene Pulliam  
Indianapolis Star and News  
307 North Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis, Ohio 46206

Don R. Wallis  
Madison Courier  
301 Courier Square  
Madison, Ohio 47250

Richard B. Thomas  
Marion Chronicle Tribune  
610 South Adams  
Marion, Ohio 46952

John R. Nixon  
Peru Tribune  
26 West Third Street  
Peru, Ohio 46970

Ms. Eleanor B. Blank  
Plymouth Pilot-News  
217-223 North Center Street  
Plymouth, Ohio 46563

Edward C. Cochrane  
Edward C. Cochrane II  
Princeton Clarion  
112 South Main  
Princeton, Ohio 47670



OHIO

Nicholas Walker  
Urbana Citizen  
220 East Court Street  
Urbana, Ohio 43078

H. Luther Emery  
Massillon Independent  
50 North Avenue, N. W.  
Massillon, Ohio 44646

Stanley E. Hart  
Warren Tribune Chronicle  
240 Franklin Street, S. E.  
Warren, Ohio 44482

Michael Flynn  
Washington Court House Record-Herald  
138 South Fayette Street  
Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

James Hastings  
Alliance Review  
40 South Linden Avenue  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Richard Blood  
Ashtabula Star-Beacon  
4626 Park Avenue  
Astabula, Ohio 44004

G. Kenner Bush  
Athens Messenger  
Route 33 North and Johnson Road  
Athens, Ohio 45701

William Booker  
Greenville Advocate  
309-11 South Broadway  
Greenville, Ohio 45331

Steve Cooper  
London Madison Press  
30 South Oak Street  
London, Ohio 43140

ILLINOIS

Fred W. Shappert  
Belvidere Republican  
401 Whitney Boulevard  
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Jerome Pearre  
Pontiac Leader  
North Main Street  
Pontiac, Illinois 61764

Dan Holman  
Canton Ledger  
53 West Elm Street  
Canton, Illinois 61520

Marajen S. Chinigo  
Champaign-Urbana News Gazette  
48-52 Main Street  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

L. S. Smith, Jr.  
DuQuoin-Pinckneyville Call  
9 North Division Street  
DuQuoin, Illinois 62832

J. E. McNaughton  
Effingham News  
201 North Banker Street  
Effingham, Illinois 62401

Frank Puckett, Jr.  
Galesburg Register-Mail  
140 South Prairie  
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Thomas E. Mills  
Hoopeston Chronicle Herald  
206-210 First Avenue  
Hoopeston, Illinois 60942

Len H. Small  
Kankakee Journal  
8 Dearborn Square  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

James Fetgatter  
Lincoln Courier  
McLean and Pulaski Streets  
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

TEXAS

Jerry Crenshaw  
Denison Herald  
329 W. Woodard  
Denison, Texas 75020

Richard E. Dwelle  
Athens Review  
201 S. Prairieville  
Athens, Texas 75751

Glenn Sedam  
Bay City Tribune  
3013 7th Street  
Bay City, Texas 77414

Robert W. Lee  
El Paso Herald-Post  
401 Mills Street  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Amon G. Carter, Jr.  
Ft. Worth Star-Telegram  
P. O. Box 1870  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76101

Victor B. Fain  
Nacogdoches Sentinel  
P. O. Box 68  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

CALIFORNIA

Robert L. Cribb  
Camarillo News  
99 South Flinn Drive  
Camarillo, California

W. J. Valentine  
Antelope Valley Ledger Gazette  
44815 Fig Avenue  
Lancaster, California

Fred Weybret  
Lodi News-Sentinel  
125 North Church Steeet  
Lodi, California 95240

John Shields  
Napa Register  
1615 Second Street  
Napa, California 94509

William G. Moore  
Redland Facts  
1700 Begokside  
Redlands, California 92373

Warren Brown, Jr.  
Richmond Independent  
164 10th Street  
Richmond, California 94801

Ms. Carmela Martin  
Roseville Press-Tribune  
341 Lincoln  
Roseville, California 95678

Robert L. Huttenhoff  
Salinas Californian  
123 West Alisal Street  
Salinas, California 93901

Hubert L. Kaltenbach  
San Pedros News-Pilot  
362 7th Street  
San Pedro, California 90731



CALIFORNIA (cont'd)

Wishard Brown  
San Rafael Independent-Journal  
1040 "B" Street  
San Rafael, California 94902

Evert B. Person  
Santa Rosa Press Democrat  
427 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa, California 95402

Dennis McCall  
Taft Midway Driller  
800 Center Street  
Taft, California 92368

Clifford W. Barnhart  
Visalia Times-Delta  
330 NW Street  
Visalia, California 83277

Mynatt Smith  
Whittier News  
7037 s. Comstock Avenue  
Whittier, California 90608

Edgar Foss  
Yreka Siskiyou News  
309 S. Broadway  
Yreka, California 96067

J. Dennis Duke  
Burbank Review  
111 N. Isabel Street  
Glendale, California 91209

Don R. Hancock  
Fairfield-Suisun Republic  
1250 Texas Street  
Fairfield, California 94533

Jack Moorhead  
Grass Valley Union  
151 Mill Street  
Grass Valley, California 95945

Arthur B. Sonneborn  
Indio News  
45-140 Towne Street  
Indio, California

October 23, 1976

Florida Times-Union

Jacksonville, Florida

I have just learned that the Florida Times-Union is endorsing me for election on November 2nd. I want you to know how much I appreciate this statement of support.

I am particularly gratified to receive the endorsement of the Florida Times Union because your newspaper traditionally reflects the views of your readers in North Florida and South Georgia, and my record in public life demonstrates that those are my views, too.

The support of your newspaper and your readers will give me great encouragement in these last days of the campaign, and I pledge to live up to your confidence in my next four years in the White House.

GERALD R. FORD



FLA. TIMES-UNION

160,000

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NORTH FLA. AND

INTO JIMMY  
CHARTER'S SOUTH

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AS FAR UP AS PLAINS)

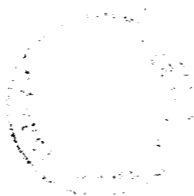
CIRCULATION AREA

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DEMOCRATS -

PAPER'S EDITORIAL  
POLICY REFLECTS  
CONSERVATIVE  
(over)

VIEWPOINT of  
ITS CIRCULATION  
AREA -



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September 13, 1976

Dear Mr. Skewes:

As the campaign begins it is very encouraging to have your forthright editorial of August 20, "A Definite Choice." Knowing the the Meridian Star only recently changed its affiliation to Independent Conservative Republican makes this fine endorsement all the more welcome.

It is just the kind of support which will help Senator Dole and me in the crucial weeks ahead. We are very proud to have your backing and we will certainly do all we can to continue to merit it.

Incidentally, I know that you share my concern over speculative reports that the Republicans have "written off the South." Let me assure you most emphatically, we have not!

With warm appreciation,

Mr. James B. Skewes  
The Meridian Star  
Box 1591  
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

bcc: with copy of memo and editorial: Dick Cheney  
Ron Nessen ✓  
Dave Gergen  
Wanda Phelan

GRF:WP:RN:JN:BN:aby

# For President

(An Editorial)



Newspapers Endorsing Ford, Carter

Endorsements for presidential candidates are rolling in now as the campaign nears its end, with President Ford and Jimmy Carter each claiming a healthy share of the latest batch.

The Topeka (Kansas) Capital-Journal, which employed Susan Ford as a photography intern last year, endorsed Ford Sunday. But in GOP vice presidential candidate Robert Dole's home area, the Editor-Publisher of the Hutchinson (Kansas) News, issued a reserved endorsement of Carter.

The Dallas Morning News, Buffalo Courier-Express, Orlando (Florida) Sentinel Star, and the Chattanooga News Free Press also announced their endorsement of Ford. The Denver Post, Nashville Tennessean and St. Petersburg (Florida) Times, came out for Carter.

--UPI (10/18/76)



Endorsements

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DU/DOLE CAMPAIGN

# Gerald Ford Offers U.S. Experience

Plus Dependable Leadership

Endorsements

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FORD/DOLE CAMPAIGN

For President

*The Country Needs  
President Ford*



**FORD FOR PRESIDENT**

Endorsements

For those who are keeping score, here is a list of endorsements for President Ford and Governor Carter. We would like to emphasize that we are sure there are many more endorsements which we haven't yet picked up for both sides.

FORD ENDORSEMENTS

CARTER ENDORSEMENTS

Dallas Morning News  
Orlando Sentinel Star  
Nashville Banner  
Shreveport Journal  
Shreveport Times  
Birmingham News  
Jackson Daily News (Miss.)  
St. Louis Globe Democrat  
Topeka Capital Journal  
Chattanooga News-Free Press  
Buffalo Courier Express  
Buffalo Evening News  
Lubbock Avalanche Journal  
Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News  
Natchez (Miss.) Democrat  
Selma (Ala.) Times Journal  
Oscalcoosa (Iowa) Herald  
Manchester Union Leader  
Nashua (N.H.) Telegraph  
Dayton Journal Herald

Denver Post  
Hutchinson (Kan.) News  
Nashville Tennessean  
St. Petersburg Times  
Arkansas Gazette  
Dayton Daily News  
Long Island Press  
Miami News  
Szabadsag (Hungarian)

Why we

favor Ford

Gerald Ford Offers U.S. Experience

Plus Dependable Leadership

GERALD Ford inherited the



Endorsements

Elect President Ford.

Polls

lead among those Iowans most likely to vote, while about 10 percent were undecided.

By contrast, the Iowa poll taken July 21-24 showed Carter leading Ford by 56 percent to 35.

Thirty-nine percent of those in the latest poll reporting they would support the President said they liked Ford's experience and past record, while 23 percent said they supported Ford because they disliked Carter, and 18 percent said they agreed with Ford's policies and ideas.

Twenty-nine percent of the Carter supporters indicated they agreed with the Democrat's policies and ideas, 23 percent said a change in leadership was needed, and 21 percent said they were backing Carter because of party loyalty and because of Ford's record which they considered poor. UPI -- (10/19/76)

EndorsementFord, Carter Even in Endorsements

Jimmy Carter was endorsed for president by two major newspapers Sunday, putting him even for the week with President Ford in winning endorsements.

The Dayton, Ohio Daily News and the Long Island Press backed the Democratic candidate in their Sunday editions. Earlier in the week, Ford was endorsed by the Jackson, Miss. Daily News and the Nashville Banner.

The Dayton Daily News said: "Mr. Ford offers voters only a continuation of his can't-do presidency and burdens the prospect additionally with a vice presidential candidate whose only major political ability is a knack for ridicule. Mr. Carter, supporting his candidacy with a running mate who himself could claim presidential potential as credibly as any political figure in the country, offers exciting promise of bringing verve, enthusiasm, quick intelligence, and active compassion back to the conduct of the nation."

The Long Island Press said: "Ford lacks compassion for people who are out of work and lacks understanding of how disruptive unemployment can be for families and for society... Mr. Carter is much more at home with people. He is a successful farmer because he has worked the soil. He speaks of humane reasons for turning the economy around, not just the economic ones... We believe that Mr. Carter has the will and the vigor, the intelligence and the compassion for human beings, to get our nation moving forward again." UPI -- (10/10/76)

GERALD FORD FOR PRESIDENT

(Shreveport Journal, 10/5/76)

October 18, 1976

America teetered at the brink of calamity on that last day of Richard Nixon's presidency. It was Aug. 8, 1974, and the people of this nation, indeed all of the people of the world, had to wonder if the United States would ever know normalcy again.

The great personal tragedy of Watergate had grown into national crisis and the final agonizing moment had been produced: a condition of historical ebb in the country. Inflation and unemployment had staggered us. We had left the world's attention into the hands of a man whose ambition had never grown beyond the boundaries of his Congressional District.

Dear Mr. Attaway:

As soon as I learned of the Shreveport Journal's editorial endorsement of October 5, I wanted to let you know how pleased I was to have this vote of confidence from the South. I particularly appreciated the fact that you ran it on your front page.

This endorsement showed a welcome and comprehensive understanding of my efforts since I came to the White House in 1974. It is my great hope to continue to lead our country along the path of progress which we are achieving in so many areas and to expand and build upon that progress.

Both Bob Dole and I will think of this endorsement as the days of the campaign get longer. It will lend us strength and encouragement just when we need it the most.

With deep appreciation,

Mr. Douglas F. Attaway  
President and Publisher  
Shreveport Journal  
222 Lake Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71130

Wanda Pheland Dave Gergen, Ron Nessen (with copy of editorial)  
GRF:WP:RN:AVH:aby

The achievements of the Ford presidency are significant.

A summary of major accomplishments of the past two years:

1. Inflation has been cut by more than half.

When President Ford became President, the consumer price index was rising at a rate of 12.2 per cent per year, and during the first six months of this year, the rate of

Shreveport Journal's editorial

persons have obtained employment stood at 84.3 million and today there are 87.7 million American at work, an increase of 3.4

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With deep appreciation,

Mr. Douglas F. Attaway  
President and Publisher  
Shreveport Journal  
222 Lake Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71130

Wanda Pheland Dave Gergen, Ron Nessen (with copy of editorial)  
GRF:WP:RN:AVH:aby

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5. Farmers are enjoying economic gains.

Net farm income in 1976 reached \$26 billion, a record high, and farm exports reached \$22 billion, also a record high.

6. The growth of crime has been cut by more than 75 per cent.

When President Ford took office, crime was increasing at a rate of 18 per cent per year. In 1975, the rate of increase was cut to 9 per cent and during the first quarter of this year it had been cut to only 4 per cent.

