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# Ford's Primary Losses Split White House Staff as Factions Trade Charges of Laxity

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WASHINGTON, May 22—  
Under the pressures of President Ford's up and down and up political fortunes, cracks of

said. "These days, things are hardly ever ready on time and the staff work is often sloppy and incomplete. There are just too many mistakes."  
A more serious criticism of



running the White House include the following men:  
James E. Connor, 36 years old, who is staff secretary and secretary to the Cabinet. As staff secretary he controls the

operation—it is called "the Cheney Gang" by some—with the title of special counsel to the President. Also a lawyer, he is the trouble shooter of the group, being assigned to work

### CORRECTION

The name of a member of the White House staff was given incorrectly in an article and an accompanying photograph caption that appeared in The Times yesterday. The correct name is Michael Raoul-Duval.