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News & Comment

The President's Daily News Summary



Leading The News...

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President Ford said Wednesday he has built up momentum--much like Harry Truman's 1948 campaign--and expects to win the presidential election next Tuesday.

Ford arrived in Atlantic City, N.J., from Chicago, and told reporters: "I think we've got lots of momentum. This is the same kind of momentum as one of my idols, Harry S. Truman, a Democrat, had in his campaign. We are going to surprise some people." (ABC)

Ford contrasted his administration with Richard Nixon's saying his is not an "imperial presidency. We don't have the ceremony and the pomp and the dictatorial attitude," he said. (NBC)

Ford said the "imperial presidency" does not conform with his personal ideas, nor with what "our founding fathers believe". (NBC)

Asked about John Dean's charge that he tried to block the first congressional Watergate investigation, Ford confirmed his faith in Attorney General Levi. "His decision fully and completely ends the matter," he said. (NBC)

Before a big crowd on Atlantic City's boardwalk, Ford hit Carter saying, "I think you, in the great state of New Jersey, know how risky it is when a candidate says one thing on the campaign trail and then does something else when he gets in public office in reference to taxes." (ABC)

Later, Ford flew to Villanova University in Pennsylvania, stressing his theme of trust.

Because Ford strategists believe voters are drawing comparisons between their boss and Nixon, they are making an effort to draw distinctive differences between the two, Marilyn Berger reported. (NBC)

The President got one unfriendly reminder of Nixon outside Villanova where a bystander flaunted a Nixon mask, Bob Schieffer reported. But for the most part, his advisors believe his Eastern swing is off to a good start. All the crowds have been large and overwhelmingly friendly, Schieffer added. (CBS)

Tom Jarriell said Ford's crowds of late have been large, and have shown contagious enthusiasm. But, he added, they are crowds in friendly Republican areas "which in themselves do not elect." (ABC)

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"This leg of the trip is crucial to the President, because his pollsters say, unless he wins five of the big eight electoral states, he can not win the election," Schieffer reported. "He believes it's so close that today he introduced a new tactic, backing the efforts of Independent candidate Eugene McCarthy to get on the big state ballots." (CBS)

"He ought to be on the ballot under state law where it's permitted," Ford said, "and I think people in New York or elsewhere ought to have a chance to vote for him if they feel that it's the right decision." (CBS)

"Although Mr. Ford did not say as much, his advisors say that having McCarthy on the ballot will enhance his changes in all the big states, since they feel McCarthy is likely to siphon votes away from Carter," Schieffer reported. (CBS)

The President may be well on his way to setting a modern-day record for numbers of cities visited by a presidential candidate. Since his marathon blitz began Saturday, he has visited 72 cities, and expects to step up the pace tomorrow, Schieffer reported. (CBS)

Film of Ford's airport, Atlantic City and Villanova remarks were featured in ABC's #2 story, which ran 2:05.

NBC included Ford talking to reporters at the N.J. airport, the large Pennsylvania crowd and a stand-up conclusion by Berger at Villanova. Her report ran 2:00 third in the show

CBS' #3 story, which ran 1:45 included film of Air Force 1 at a snowy Chicago airport; Ford with Miss American in Atlantic City; speaking to reporters, and before crowds at Villanova. Bob Schieffer ended the spot with a standup comment.

AP, UPI, Nets , (10/27/76)

Dole Dubs Mondale "Hatchet Man"

Robert Dole carried his vice presidential quest across Indiana Wednesday, attacking Walter Mondale as the true "hatchet man" of the campaign.

"I think Fritz is getting a little tired," said Dole. "I wish this campaign would end so he could get some rest. But I think he'll survive."

From Indiana Dole was heading west for the remainder of the week with a stop in Nebraska on the way. He concentrated his attacks on Carter's foreign and economic policies.

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Newsmen continued to ask him at each stop about his statements Democrats were to blame for past wars and his reversal on Tuesday when he specifically absolved Democrats of blame for World War II and Vietnam.

Reagan Won't Campaign in Three Key States

Ronald Reagan refused a request by President Ford's top election strategist to campaign on the President's behalf in three key states in the final days of the presidential race, Ford aides said Wednesday.

But a spokesman for the PFC said that James Baker had agreed it would be better for Reagan to devote most of his time between now and November 2 boosting the Republican cause in California.

Reagan, the committee spokesman said, already was committed to campaign appearances in several western states including Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Idaho in the next several days before returning to California for the campaign windup.
AP (10/27/76)

Watergate ProbeJustice Defends Action on Watergate Probe

Justice Department officials Wednesday defended their claim of finding no justification to warrant further investigation of John Dean's charge that Gerald Ford tried to block an early congressional Watergate investigation.

Tuesday, NBC's Carl Stern reported that Justice did not sufficiently interview Dean, William Timmens or Richard Cook. Stern's report that the investigation was a cursory one angered Justice, NBC reported. (NBC) 10/27/76)

Watergate Lawyer Blames Jaworski for Nixon Pardon

President Ford would never have pardoned Richard Nixon if a stronger man than Leon Jaworski had been special prosecutor, former Senate Watergate Committee Counsel Sam Dash said.

In an interview with Women's Wear Daily published Wednesday, Dash also said Ford's pardon of Nixon proved he had "no understanding" of the Watergate affair and Democrat Jimmy Carter had made a mistake by not exploiting the issue. (UPI 10/27/76)

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

'The President Is Not a Factor'

RICHMOND, Va.—When President Ford's political managers arrived here late Friday night after the third debate in Williamsburg, their obvious relief that Ford for once had taken their advice pointed clearly to Republican strat-

egy. This strategy was very nearly undone prematurely by Ford himself. Acting on both his own instincts and advice from some White House aides, the President followed his dismal performance in the second debate by launching personal at-

Nevertheless, private telephone surveys in the weekend after the debate showed Carter slipping slightly in key states, even while being narrowly judged the winner of the third debate. That terrifies Democratic politicians.

Ford 'Ignored' Later Data In Statement on Watergate Inquiry, 2 Chairmen Say

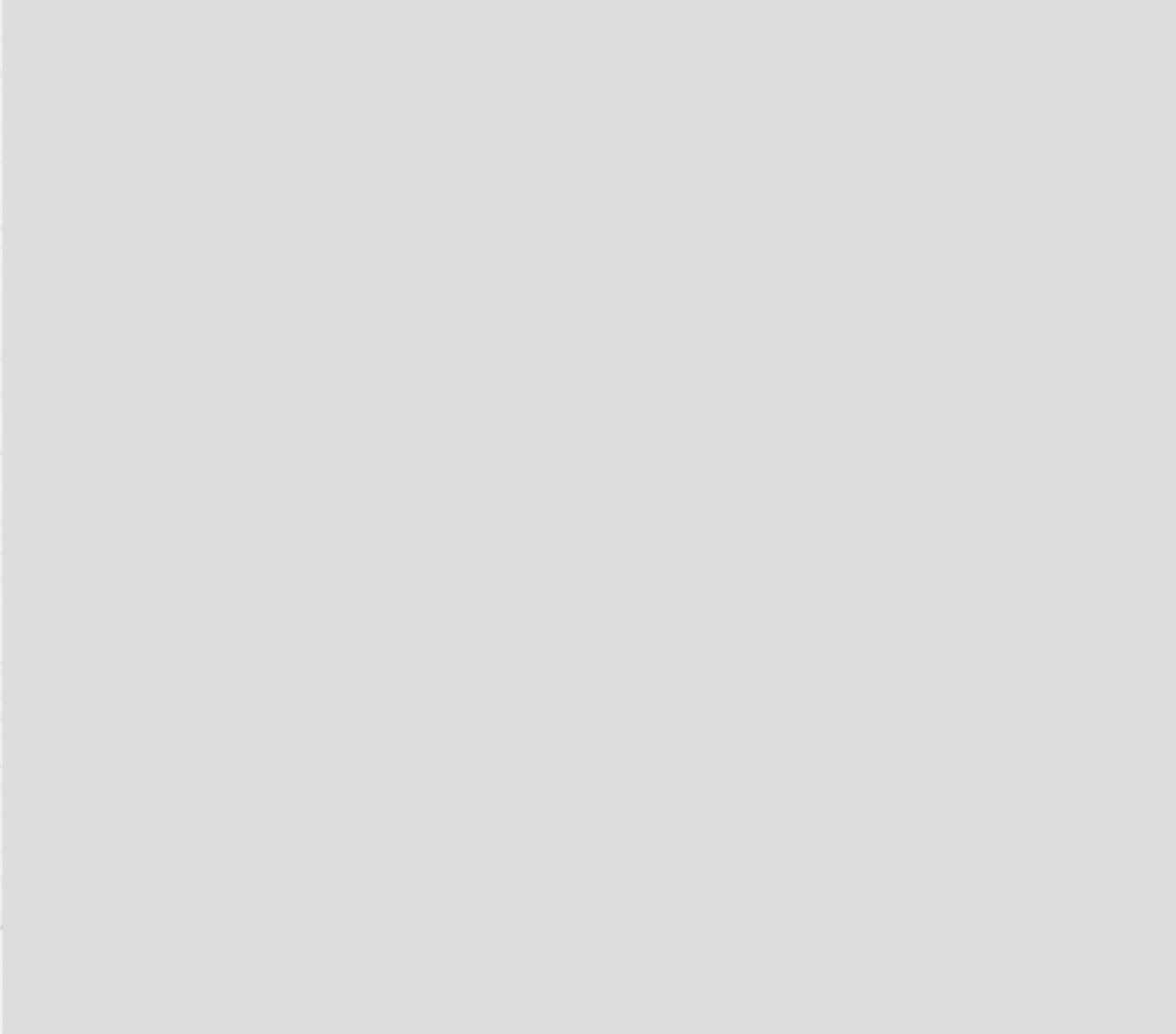
BY JACK NELSON

Times Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON—The chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Rules Committee said Tuesday that when President Ford stated that both committees had giv-

1973, when he appeared before both the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. The committees questioned him before confirming him as Nixon's vice presidential choice to succeed Spiro T. Agnew.

Reps. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) and Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.) that they conduct investigations to determine whether Ford had perjured himself when he explained his role in the banking committee matter during his confirmation hearings for Vice President. Levi cited lack of



FORD/DOLE CAMPAIGNIssuesHAK: Carter Got "Carried Away"

Wednesday--Secretary Kissinger suggested that Jimmy Carter got "carried away" in the intensity of the presidential campaign's final days when he accused the Ford Administration of "blustering and bluffing" in international affairs.

Kissinger told a news conference that in foreign policy "the United States attempts to make no promises, it does not keep and no threats it does not intend to execute."

He defended his own heavy speaking schedule as nonpartisan in nature, and issued an appeal that "at least major tactical questions not become the subject of campaign combat."

Kissinger said the United States has an interest in Yugoslavia's nonalignment, and it was not fruitful to discuss the policy in the heat of a political campaign. AP (10/27/76)

U. S. Politics, World Economics

President Ford cannot be accused of having manipulated the economy for personal political advantage. In contrast to Richard Nixon's performance in 1972, Mr. Ford has resisted the temptation to create a glow of prosperity with easy money and budget policies that cause problems only after election day. Over the long run

flashing in many parts of the globe.

One is the prospect of another increase in world oil prices, perhaps of 10 per cent, in mid-December. The United States probably could absorb this blow with only a wobble. But for Western European countries, which are much more dependent on imported oil, another price

CARTER/MONDALE CAMPAIGNStrategyNew Yorkers Hail Carter

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers lined Fifth Avenue and jammed the city's garment district Wednesday to give Jimmy Carter the biggest reception of his presidential campaign.

In return, Carter gave New Yorkers a pledge "to do everything I can for you when I get elected," and to help the city get itself out of fiscal trouble.

"This is an absolutely unbelievable outpouring of confidence," Carter said of the big crowd, which he seemed to look at with genuine wonderment.

Police said 10,000 to 15,000 people line Fifth Avenue as Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, stood in an open-roof limousine and waved at the crowd along a 20-block motorcade route. The parade ended in Manhattan's garment district, where 60,000 to 70,000 jammed into a three-block area for the rally.

Ed Bradley reported that crowd estimates ranged as high as 200,000, and the people were turned out by big labor. Bradley said the rally was a traditional election year event, sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, an organization that has turned out a crowd that size for every Democratic presidential candidate. (CBS)

But New York reporters said it was the biggest presidential campaign rally in the city since John Kennedy's appearance in the closing weeks of the 1960 campaign. (UPI)

The reception was the biggest Carter has had in his campaign--topping the estimated 50,000 people that lined Chicago's State street on Columbus Day. (UPI)

Secret Service men, concerned about Carter's safety in the garment district, made the camera truck dive too far ahead of Carter for good pictures. When Jody Powell protested, a Secret Service man told him if he did it again he would be arrested. (ABC)

In the garment center, Carter pledged his support to New York City and added: "Despite what the President said, New York City is not about to 'drop dead.'"

CARTER/MONDALE CAMPAIGNStrategy

He said the Ford Administration had a "record of indifference to the fate of our cities," and cited the President's veto of the Public Works Bill in 1975, the "continued absence" of a nationwide energy program, a national housing policy "that's in shambles" and administration unwillingness to take serious steps toward welfare reform"

Carter proposed the federal government begin a phased reduction of local and state welfare costs "to the extent that federal revenues allow.

"New York city must help itself--and has--but progress will be impossible without a close and productive partnership between the city, the state and federal government," he said.

After the rally, the AFL-CIO pledged Carter 100,000 workers to campaign nation-wide next Monday to make sure every union member on the job votes for Carter. (NBC)

Democratic Chairman Robert Strauss said if the election were held today, Carter would win, but warned that President Ford's heavy advertising campaign could cause a problem for the Democratic nominee. (NBC)

Strauss denounced the new Ford commercials as "deceptive," "misleading? and "vicious." He said, "I resent them deeply, personally, and I think the fair-minded people in this country are going to." (NBC)

For the second time in a week, Carter also met with New York's Cardinal Cooke and posed for pictures. "Although Cooke remains neutral, it is hoped by Carter aides that Catholics will interpret the meetings and warm smiles as an indication that Jimmy's Ok," Bradley said. (CBS)

An aid to the Cardinal said as long as a candidate comes to discuss the issues, Cooke will meet with any of them. (CBS)

Sources said Carter requested the meeting to discuss his position on abortion, Don Oliver reported. He said Carter's stand on the anti-abortion amendment has caused him problems with Catholic leaders across the country. (NBC)

"Carter has run as the outsider," Bradley said. "He has no true national staff, no big power bases across the country, and he has been hurt every week by poor planned events and the failure of his staff to consult and coordinate with local leaders. Now he has had to turn to the traditional Democratic insiders to get out the vote. He met in New York with local labor leaders and Democratic politicians. Similar groups across the country are the key to a Carter victory." (CBS)

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Oliver's 2:00, #5 report included Carter in the N.Y. parade, excerpts of his speech, campaigning in the crowds, cuts of Strauss' speech and Carter and Cardinal Cook in front of the church. Oliver voiced his conclusion over film of Carter.

The lead 1:18 ABC story included film of Carter's meeting with Ann Landers, Carter and Mrs. Carter at the N.Y. airport, his N.Y. motorcade, a short excerpt of his remarks in the garment district and followed with a clip of Carter and Cardinal Cooke. Sam Donaldson reported.

CBS' #2 story, which ran 2:10, included film of Carter riding down Fifth Avenue, speaking to crowds in New York's garment district, and meeting with Cardinal Cooke. Ed Bradley commented over film of Carter with the Cardinal. AP, UPI, Nets (10/27/76)

Mondale Defends Defense Record

Walter Mondale, defending his voting record on defense issues, said Wednesday GOP charges that he consistently has supported Pentagon spending cuts prove the Republican ticket has become desperate.

At a news conference in Dayton, Ohio, Mondale said he had "a very good record on defense. I supported a strong defense in this country. My opponent knows that."

Mondale said he supported a \$6 billion "real increase" in national defense spending this year, and Jimmy Carter would not permit "this nation's defense to deteriorate or be in any doubt at all."

It is an example of the "desperation" of President Ford and Dole that their ticket is resorting to distortion in final weeks of the campaign, he said.

"I have not voted for all cuts. He (Dole) knows it. I've made the distinction between strength, muscle and waste."

ABC mentioned Mondale's remarks in a #4, :08 anchor report. AP UPI, ABC (10/27/76)

Carter's once-solid South closely

By ERNEST B. FURGURSON

Washington Bureau of The Sun

Washington—The South that once seemed so solidly for Jimmy Carter has turned into a closely contested battlefield where fewer than half the states can be counted as sure things for the region's native son.

As a result, according to reliable observers in each of the states in Dixie, Mr. Carter now can be relatively sure of carrying only his own Georgia (12 electoral votes), Alabama (9), Florida (17), Arkansas (6) and Tennessee (10).

Virginia's 12 electoral votes seem like-

contested

is believed to lie with Mr. Ford. The Georgian's remarks about pardoning draft evaders particularly hurt him there. The Democrats hold out hope of a sizable "si-

ImageFormer Aide Denounces Carter

A former high-level aide to Jimmy Carter has denounced the Democratic presidential nominee as a "mean, vindictive man" whose campaign has been marked by hints of racism and disregard for minority positions.

Herbert Hafif, who was co-chairman of Carter's National Steering Committee until the California primary, issued his denunciation in a full-page ad in the Los Angeles Times Wednesday.

The Ad is topped by a headline reading "can a man no longer trusted by the Co-chairman of his National Steering Committee be trusted by you?: A personal warning about Jimmy Carter."

Carter could not be reached for comment immediately but a local campaign spokeswoman, Michelle Willens, said the Hafif attack was not unexpected.

She noted that Carter brought a new professional campaign staff after he won the Democratic nomination, replacing local campaign workers who headed Carter's unsuccessful primary drive here.

"Egos are important, especially in a political year and (Hafif's) is a pretty large one," she said. "But this campaign has never alienated anyone on purpose."

Hafif, who also was Chairman of Carter's State Finance Committee for the primary, said in the Ad he and other top leaders had delieved in Carter's promise for a campaign of love and compassion but had been disillusioned.

"It was thus a greater shock for us to finally see a slipping Jimmy Carter become a mean, vindictive man, using language and tactics designed to destroy the integrity and person of Gerald Ford, when attacking Ford's policies would have provided target enough," the Ad said.

Hafif said in the Ad, "It is painful to spend over \$8,000 of my personal funds to confess publicly, and in print, that I was wrong..."

Hafif says his disaffection with Carter came because... "independent of character flaws, the man is simply not capable by experience or ability to be president of this country."

AP (10/27/76)

'Presidential' image sought

Ties in, jeans out in Carter ads

By JIM MANN

Washington Bureau of The Sun

Washington—In the final days of the campaign, Jimmy Carter's television commercials have changed.

Gone are the jeans, boots and work shirts Mr. Carter wore in his earlier ads. Gone are the banjo and ukelele music that

he campaigned earlier in the year. In one 30-second ad, for example, he attacks the "secret hidden loopholes" in the tax laws. In another, he laments the "far-away, unconcerned bureaucracy" and concludes his promises of reform with his oft-repeated pledge, "You can depend on it."

Unlike the Ford campaign, Mr. Carter's advertising strategists have apparently decided against what is called "negative advertising"—that is, commercials which focus attention not on the reasons for supporting one's own candidate, but on the reasons for voting against the oppo-

Jimmy vs. Jimmy

On some issues, Jimmy Carter has left little doubt as to where he stands. On others, he has compounded the confusion practically every time he has opened his mouth to discuss them.

Reflect, for instance, on these conflicting comments. . . .

themselves in order to aggravate an already bad situation in order to enhance their own profits."

—April 21, 1976: "One of the most damaging things in this country is the hatred that has been engendered" against the oil companies.

ELECTIONPollsHarris, Gallup: Election's Too Close to Call

The last two months of campaigning have created such doubts about Jimmy Carter among voters that the election is now too close to call, Pollster Louis Harris said Wednesday.

"If ever there was a year in which the odds favor the Democrats, it is 1976," Harris told The National Press Club. "The Democrat should win by 12 to 15 points.

"Doubts about Carter are the key to why the election is close," He said. Voters are concerned, He said, about Carter's experience, His "fuzziness" on issues and his independence from traditional political leaders.

"If Jimmy Carter does lose this election--and I for one will not say he won't--he will have booted the biggest lead in modern election history," Harris added. (CBS)

Carter led Ford by 35 points in the Harris Poll immediately after the Democratic convention in July. Harris and pollster George Gallup agreed four to six point lead, making the election too close to call.

"A greater shift of opinion has been registered in the present race than in any which we have ever been involved," Gallup said. "And a new record for change within a few weeks has been set by the South where Jimmy Carter at one point in the campaign held an overwhelming lead." (CBS)

Harris said doubts about Carter have increased since the Democratic convention. For example, he said a poll in July found 40 per cent of the voters thought Carter had the experience needed for the Presidency, against 36 who said he did not. But the latest poll showed 57 per cent were worried about Carter's experience, with only 35 per cent not concerned.

Harris said Carter should have a victory locked up already because he successfully revised the New Deal coalition built by Franklin Roosevelt. But he said that coalition has shrunk in numbers, while a new coalition of better educated, more affluent Americans have grown to equal size, this group favoring Ford. Harris said the outcome of the election may depend largely on which group turns out in greater numbers Tuesday. (CBS)

Gallup and Harris agreed that the debates have helped Ford, but disagreed on why.

ELECTIONPolls

"The debates have had the effect of increasing interest among the voters," Gallup said. "The apathy of earlier months has been largely dispelled." This increased interest and possibly increased turnout seem to be benefiting Ford, Gallup said, but did not elaborate. (CBS)

He said he expects more people to vote this year than in 1972, although the percentage turnout will be about the same 55.5 per cent as four years ago.

Harris differed with Gallup, saying his polls showed a possible turnout lower than in 1972. He argued that this could be good for Ford.

"If turnout is below 50 per cent, Gerald Ford's campaign will materially improve. If it's above 55 per cent or moves toward 60 per cent, Jimmy Carter will be hard to stop." Harris said. (CBS)

CBS' lead story, which ran 2:00, included film of Harris and Gallup at the Washington Press Club.
AP, OPI, CBS (10/27/76)

Strategy

The Television Blitz

By James Reston

A great change has come over the candidates in the last week of the campaign. The magical theatrical arts of Times Square and the cunning techniques of Madison Avenue, with just the right camera angles, voice levels and patriotic crowd shots, have sud-

in the primaries Governor Wallace and Governor Reagan, the two men who might have carried the nation away from its moderate course in both national and foreign policy.

It gave the rejected South a chance in 1976, as it gave the rejected Roman Catholics a chance with John Kennedy in 1960, to get to the pinnacle of political responsibility. In short, the system made room for the political outsiders this year, as it did with Wendell Willkie in 1940, and Dwight Eisenhower in 1952.

ELECTION

Okay, so the campaign was not an educational exercise on the issues, and the speeches were repetitive dozers, but if Carter staggers into "ethnic purity" or Playboy mistakes, and Ford thinks he is in Ohio when he is in Iowa, and liberates Eastern Europe by accident, or stumbles down an airplane stairway, maybe that's the way they are—a little imprecise, a little clumsy or inexperienced, and maybe after months of campaigning, a little exhausted, confused and even punchy. After it's all over, I don't happen to think it's a hard sell. Mr. Carter's

Jerald terHorst

No-shows will decide the election

WASHINGTON—The debates are over and this odd campaign nearly so. The candidates have only a few days left to talk before the voters talk back. On what will Tuesday's verdict turn?

It will turn, in great degree, on low turnout by a turned-off electorate. The

It so happens that we have about twice as many Democrats as Republicans in the country. And so the polls reflect the allegiance of party members to their party's ticket. My hunch is that Carter leads, in spite of himself, and that the Democrats would still be ahead if they had nominated, say, Morris Udall or Jerry Brown.

And I would guess that the Republicans still would be trailing if they had bypassed Ford for Ronald Reagan.

What will help turn the election is the fact that there are substantial degrees of difference between Ford and Carter even though they haven't shown up with diamond brilliance during the wearying campaign.

What the voters tend to see are two decent, respectable, and honorable candidates. Neither one has a monopoly on saintliness or sinfulness.

But the key element of voter decision,

The Defense Issue

Well, if the candidates aren't going to talk about the issues, somebody ought to. To fill the empty campaign, let us start with basics. For the tribes on the ice-floes, the two great issues were how to feed the people and how to protect them from foreign tribes. And in today's huge industrial states, the two great issues remain: The economy and national defense.

As the American people see

a bumbling President unable to control even his own party.

Even today Mr. Ford shows no ability to learn from his own mistakes. On Monday in San Diego, the President assaulted the defense-spending cuts in the Democratic platform on the grounds that they "might just mean closing defense plants throughout the United States, including some right here in the great state of

W.S. Journal,
10/27/76

The following is our complete list of newspaper endorsements for President Ford and Jimmy Carter, as of 10/27/76:

FORD ENDORSEMENTSALABAMA

Birmingham News
Birmingham Post-Herald
Selma Times Journal
Tuscaloosa News
Dothan Eagle

ALASKAARIZONAARKANSASCALIFORNIA

Glendale News Press
Oakland Tribune
San Diego Union
San Francisco Chronicle
San Jose Mercury
Sacramento Union

COLORADO

Rocky Mountain News

CONNECTICUT

Hartford Courant
New Haven Register
Waterbury Republican

DELAWAREFLORIDA

Jacksonville Times-Union
Miami Herald
Orlando Sentinel Star
Tallahassee Democrat
Tampa Times
Tampa Tribune
Pompano Beach Sun-Sentinel

GEORGIA

Albany Herald
Atlanta Daily World
Augusta Chronicle/Herald
(Combined Sunday Edition)
Bainbridge Post Searchlight
Marietta Journal
Rome News Tribune
Savannah News and Press
(Combined Sunday Edition)

GEORGIA (cont'd.)

LaGrange News
Brunswick News

HAWAIIIDAHOILLINOIS

Chicago Tribune

INDIANAIOWA

Oskaloosa Herald

KANSAS

Salina Journal
Topeka Capital Journal

KENTUCKYLOUISIANA

Shreveport Journal
Shreveport Times
New Orleans Times Picayune
Baton Rouge Morning Advocate

MAINE

Maine Sunday Telegram

MARYLAND

Baltimore Evening Sun
Baltimore News-American
Baltimore Sun

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Herald American
Lowell Sun
Middlesex News
Springfield Union

MICHIGAN

Detroit News
Lansing Daily World
Lansing State Journal
Oakland Press
Traverse City Record-Eagle

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Jackson Daily News
Natchez Democrat

MISSOURI

St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Springfield News Leader

MONTANA

Great Falls Tribune

NEBRASKANEVADANEW HAMPSHIRE

Manchester Union Leader
Nashua Telegraph
Portsmouth Herald

NEW JERSEY

Elizabeth Daily Journal
Bridgewater Courier News

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque Journal

NEW YORK

Buffalo Courier Express
Buffalo Evening News
New York Daily News
Syracuse Herald American
Westchester Rockland Chain
 New Rochelle Standard-Star
 Mount Vernon Argus
 Mamoroneck Times
 Nyack Rockland Journal-News
 Ossining Citizen-Register
 Port Chester Item
 Tarrytown News
 White Plains Reporter Dispatch
 Yonkers Herald Statesman

NORTH CAROLINA

Winston-Salem Journal
Wilmington Star-News

NORTH DAKOTAOHIO

Cleveland Plain Dealer
Columbus Dispatch
Dayton Journal Herald
Cleveland Press
Columbus Citizen Journal

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Oklahoman
Tulsa World
Ponca City News

OREGON

Portland Oregonian
Corrallis Gazette-Times

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Inquirer
Pittsburgh Press

RHODE ISLAND

Providence Sunday Bulletin

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Chattanooga News Free-Press
Memphis Commercial Appeal
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Nashville Banner

TEXAS

Dallas Morning News
Dallas Times Herald
Galveston Daily News
Houston Chronicle
Lubbock Avalanche Journal
Tyler Courier Times
Tyler Morning Telegraph

UTAHVERMONT

Vermont Sunday News

VIRGINIA

Charlottesville Daily Progress
Richmond News Leader
Richmond Times-Dispatch

FORD ENDORSEMENTS (Cont'd.)

VIRGINIA (Cont'd.)
Stanford News Leader
Radford News Journal

WASHINGTON
Port Angeles Daily News

WEST VIRGINIA

WISCONSIN
Madison State Journal
Milwaukee Sentinel

WYOMING

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C.S. Monitor,
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Huntsville Times
Anniston Star

ALASKAARIZONAARKANSAS

Arkansas Gazette

CALIFORNIA

Presno Bee
Modesto Bee
Sacramento Bee

COLORADO

Denver Post

CONNECTICUTDELAWAREFLORIDA

Daytona Beach News Herald
Miami News
St. Petersburg Times
Cocoa-Fla. Today

GEORGIA

Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta Journal
Cartersville Tribune News
Columbus Enquirer
Columbus Ledger
Dalton Citizen News
Macon Telegraph, News
(combined Sunday edition)
Moultrie Observer
Waycross Journal Herald
Lawrenceville Gwinnett News
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ELECTIONEndorsementsWednesday's Endorsements

President Ford picked up the editorial endorsement of the Rockey Mountain News Wednesday and Jimmy Carter received the support of the two daily newspapers in Atlanta.

The Rockey Mountain News, based in Denver, said "any fair-minded examination of Ford's record in office will show that a lot has been done and much of it done well.

"Ford's main problem is that he is a better Chief Executive than political campaigner, and thus he finds it hard to win votes for having done a creditable job in the White House during a most difficult period," the paper said.

The Atlanta Constitution, in a long front-page editorial, said "it is a choice between potential leadership and a lack of leadership." It said Carter was "capable of vision and competence worthy of this nation's history and heritage."

The Atlanta Journal hailed Carter as someone who "has not lost his youthful idealism. He is capable of imagining a better America, and through his dedication and personal discipline, is capable of working for it."

Others endorsing Ford included the Sacramento Union, the Pompano Beach (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel, The New Orleans Times-Picayune and the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, the Milwaukee Sentinel and the Birmingham, Ala., Post-Herald.

In addition to the two Atlanta papers, Carter also was backed Wednesday by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Florida paper, Cocoa.

UPI (10/27/76)

DEFENSEPentagon to Increase US Jet Power In Europe

The Pentagon Wednesday announced a major increase in U.S. Air Force jet fighter strength in Europe, including the first deployment to NATO of the new F15 rated better than most Russian fighters.

The reinforcement of U.S. airpower, to be started next spring, will be the first significant action of its kind in about nine years. The move, designed to counter the introduction of advanced Soviet MIG23 and other fighter planes in central Europe, will result in a net increase of 84 U.S. fighters and bring the total deployed for the defense of Western Europe to nearly 550 aircraft.

The Pentagon said the decision has been in the works for months and has nothing to do with the presidential election, CBS reported.

UPI, AP, Nets (10/27/76)

ECONOMYGovernment Underspent Budget By \$7.6 Billion

The Ford Administration said Wednesday it underspent its budget by \$7.6 billion in the last three months, again raising questions of whether the Administration has contributed to the recent economic slowdown.

The total shortfall in Government spending was \$11.4 billion for the nine-month period ending in September.

Since the slowdown in spending and economic growth have occurred simultaneously, many economists say they are connected, although top Administration officials deny this.

The Government released another report Wednesday showing that the productivity of the private economy rose at an annual rate of 3.8 per cent in the third quarter. That was equal to the second quarter rate but below the 7.4 per cent rate of the first quarter.

Treasury Secretary William Simon and Budget Director James Lynn said in joint statement they are not sure whether the slowdown in spending will continue next year but added the impact on the economy will not be great if it does. They added there are no plans to speed up government spending in the upcoming months, CBS reported.

UPI, AP, CBS, ABC, (10/27/76)

ECONOMYGM Turns Record 3rd Quarter Profits

General Motors turned in a record-shattering performance during the Third Quarter with net profits of \$397 million on \$10.2 billion in sales, the world's largest automaker reporter Wednesday.

Profits for the July-September period, equal to \$1.37 per share, were up 63 per cent from \$243 million earned in the same quarter in 1975 and topped its previous third-quarter record of \$267 million set in 1973.

UPI, AP, CBS, NBC (10/27/76)

UAW Sets Chrysler Strike Deadline

The United Auto Workers Wednesday set a 6 P.M. November 5 strike deadline for settlement of a contract covering 118,000 Chrysler Corporation employees in the United States and Canada.

UPI, AP, ABC, NBC (10/27/76)

Stock Market Closes Solidly Higher

The Stock Market rallied Wednesday afternoon to close solidly higher in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange in a session marked by bargain hunting.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was ahead 7.98 points to 956.12 shortly before the close. It had been ahead more than three and lost most of the advance around noon. The Blue-Chip Average gained 10.14 points Tuesday, its best advance in nearly two weeks.

Advances led declines by about an eight-to-five margin among the 1,844 issues crossing the tape. However, the large number of unchanged issues reflected considerable investor hesitancy. Turnover amounted to about 16,000,000 shares, up from the 15,490,000 traded Tuesday.

AP, UPI, Nets (10/27/76)

FOREIGN POLICYChinaChina Accuses USSR of Undermining US/African Diplomacy

China accused the Soviet Union Wednesday of trying to provoke armed struggle in southern Africa to foil U.S. diplomacy and control black African liberation movements.

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The Soviets came under attack in a commentary by the official New China News Agency and a speech delivered by Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-Hua. Both related to Soviet activities in Africa.

UPI (10/27/76)

OutlookPennsylvania: Political Tossup

(By Gerard J. McCullough, excerpted, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin)

Leaders in both parties now rate the Pennsylvania presidential contest a near toss-up, giving Jimmy Carter a slight lead (three points in the polls) and President Ford a good chance to catch him. The presidential race here seems so close, in fact, that the national strategists in Washington and Atlanta plan to devote a considerable portion of the candidates' final campaign time to Pennsylvania's 27 electoral votes.

Philadelphia contains about 17 percent of the state's registered voters, and with its huge black and ethnic Democratic registration, usually has been the key to a Democratic victory in Pennsylvania.

But some Democrats see surprising Ford strength in some of the city's ethnic neighborhoods and lethargy among black Democrats.

Suburban Philadelphia, which also contains 17 percent of the state's registered voters, includes the predominantly Republican counties of Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Bucks. Traditionally, the large GOP margins in this area have offset Democratic gains in Philadelphia.

Dan Beren, the Montgomery County GOP chairman, said his telephone banks are finding 3-1 margins for Ford and he predicts the President will carry the county by 50,000 votes.

Northeastern Pennsylvania, which includes the coal region and the organized labor-dominated cities of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, contains 16 percent of the state's voters.

The area is heavily Democratic but it is also heavily Catholic. Though Ford's supporters say their candidate is running almost even with Carter in the coal areas, Democratic leaders are confident they can carry the area by respectable margins.

Republic and Democratic polls show Carter, the farmer, cutting heavily into Ford's traditional GOP support here, especially in the southern counties of York, Adams and Lancaster. Nevertheless, Republican leaders see signs that some of the rural vote is returning to Ford.

Southwestern Pennsylvania contains 28 percent of the state's voters. This is also a traditional Democratic area where Carter has failed to generate enthusiasm among working class voters. (10/25/76)

ELECTIONOutlookCarter Ahead in 13 States of South

(By Joseph R. Daughen, excerpted, The Evening Bulletin)

Orlando, Fla.---Democrat Jimmy Carter has a substantial, and probably insurmountable, lead over President Ford in the 13 states of the South and Southwest.

Unless Ford can engineer a dramatic breakthrough in the last week of the campaign, Carter appears certain to win a minimum of about 100 of the region's 147 electoral votes. The former Georgia governor's total conceivably could reach 125 or more.

Carter's solid base here is unmatched by Ford in any region and, if it holds, would give him more than one-third of the 270 electoral votes needed to capture the presidency.

A Bulletin survey, including visits to key states by Bulletin reporters, of the region disclosed two major elements in Carter's success here so far: The fact that he is a native-born Southerner, and the absence of any divisive emotional issues, like civil rights or the Vietnam War.

This year, Florida and its 17 electoral votes seem likely to go to Jimmy Carter. Here, as in the rest of the region, Democratic leaders are united as they haven't been in years. This unity, in most states, has been translated into far superior organization for Carter since Democrats overwhelmingly control state and local offices in the South and Southwest.

Alabama's George Wallace, for example, is campaigning for someone other than himself for President for the first time in his life. Wallace's support of Carter is helpful not only in Alabama and other Deep South states, but also in Florida, where the northern panhandle is home to many transplanted Deep Southerners.

"You don't win the Southern vote by slick TV advertising or by having your people give speeches to the Chamber of Commerce. We're running Jimmy Carter for President just like we were running him for sheriff," David Dunn, an Assistant Attorney General from Alabama, said.

In Texas, the largest state in the South-Southwest region with 26 electoral votes, Carter enters the final week of the campaign with a narrow lead over Ford.

Most of Texas' 5.5 million voters are considered conservative, but they have shown time and again that they prefer conservative Republicans. And for the first time since Lyndon Johnson ran for President in 1964, the Democratic establishment has put aside its internal conservative-liberal bloodletting and is united behind Carter.

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"Connally can't campaign here for Ford and the Republicans," said a Texan who has known him for years. "To do that, he would have to be campaigning against all his old friends."

Doug Lewis, Ford's executive director in the state, said Ford stands a good chance of winning the state. Carter, he stated, is vulnerable on specific issues, like his calling Lyndon Johnson a liar in his interview with Playboy.

"On specific issues, we own Carter," Ford director Lewis said. "We own him on gun control. We own him on his support of Proposition 14 (a California ballot question that would permit farm union organizers onto a grower's land without permission). We own him on his willingness to break up oil companies."

Ford's strength seems to be centered around the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston metropolitan areas, both of them oil-prosperous and highly conservative. Carter appears strong in East Texas, where there are many transplanted Deep Southerners, in the rural areas and in South Texas.

Ford's brightest prospects in the South at this point appear to be in Virginia (12 electoral votes). And, unlike Texas, where Democrats dominate the state, Virginia has grown increasingly Republican on the state level.

Louisiana Democrats are publicly behind Carter, but the quality of Governor Edwin W. Edwards' support is suspect. He strongly opposed Carter for the nomination and his wife has announced she will vote for Ford.

Mississippi has been developing a Republican organization, but that organization was damaged by the Ford-Reagan battle.

At this point, it appears that the electoral vote from the South and Southwest will break down this way:

Probable for Carter: Florida (17); Texas (26); Georgia (12); Alabama (9); North Carolina (13); Arkansas (6); Mississippi (7); Kentucky (9), and Tennessee (10), a total of 109 electoral votes.

Probable for Ford: Virginia (12), a total of 12 electoral votes.

Battleground: Oklahoma (8); Louisiana (10), and South Carolina (8), a total of 26 electoral votes. (10/25/76)

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1. Ferry Investigation	:20 (10)	1:00 (lead)	1:20 (5)
2. Hawaii Sailors	1:56 (9)	1:30 (2)	
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8. NY Milk	:16 (19)	:30 (10)	
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CARTER AND FORD drew big crowds as they sought votes in the Northeast.

With the presidential race in its home stretch, both candidates concentrated on heavily populated Northeastern states that still could go either way. Carter traveled down New York's Fifth Avenue in a motorcade and then addressed a crowd estimated at 60,000 in the city's garment district. The

Air France will run up a deficit equal to at least \$32 million this year because of operational costs of the Concorde supersonic jetliner, the state-owned airline said.

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Former Sen. Edward Gurney of Florida was acquitted of perjury by a federal jury in Orlando. It found him innocent of lying

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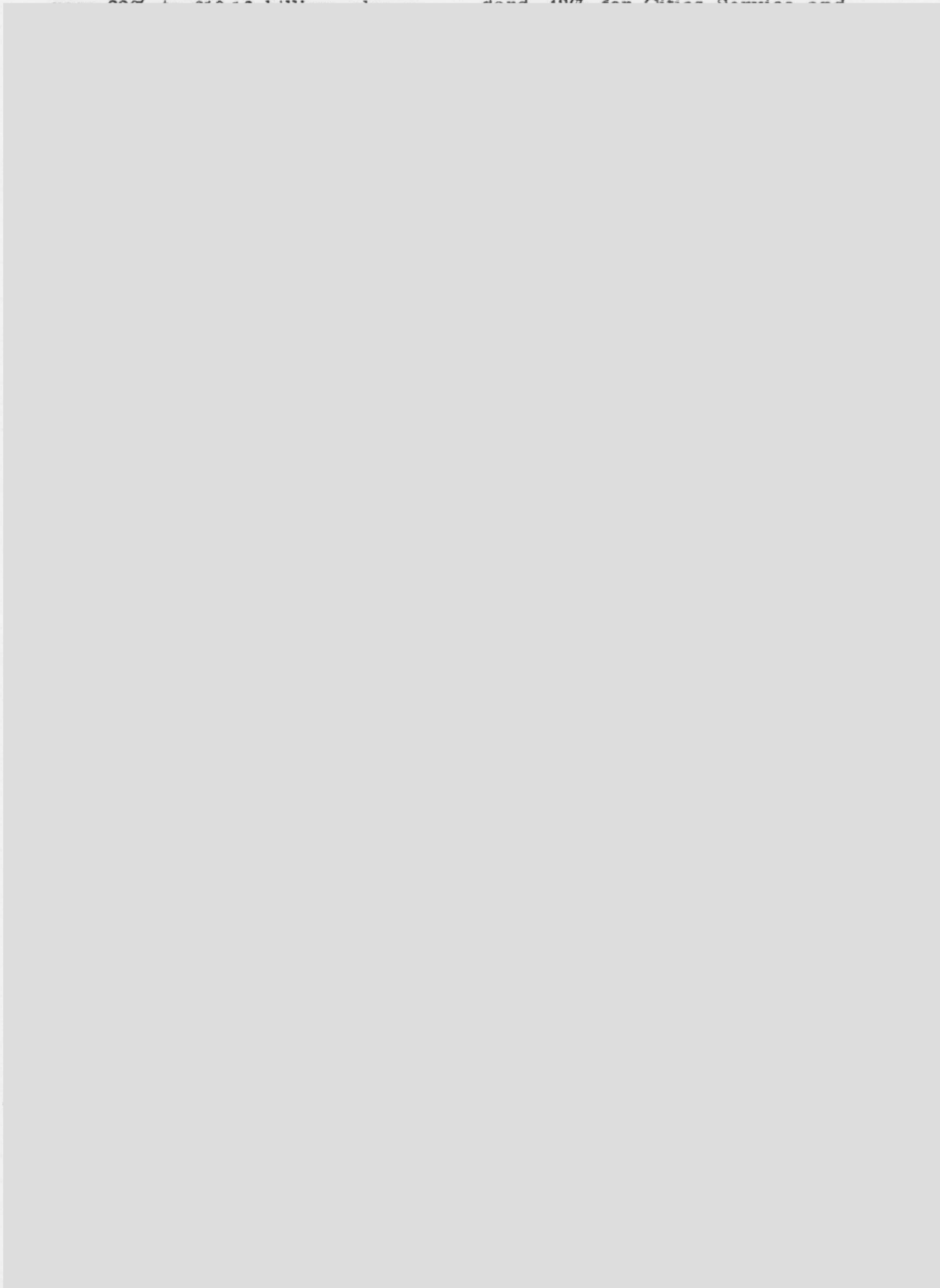
GENERAL MOTORS reported record third quarter net of \$397 million, a 63% advance that was better than expected. Sales

Bethlehem Steel's third quarter earnings rose 25% to \$45.5 million.

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Four oil companies recorded third quarter profit gains—9% for Mobil, 8% for California Stan-



Pound Slide Endangers French Franc

The dollar weakened on most European money markets today and fears arose in Paris that the British pound's new record low price could drag down the French franc.

In London, the pound opened at \$1.5710, down from Wednesday's close of \$1.5760 and equalling the all-time low it briefly reached during Wednesday's trading.

A reported row between Prime Minister James Callaghan and leftwing members of the Labor Party about the government's austerity policy further weakened the pound in early trading to another record low of \$1.5680.

French bankers said the pound's steady slide is fanning fears it will also drag down the French franc. The French Central Bank had to intervene to the tune of \$30 million to \$40 million on exchange market Wednesday to support the franc, they said.

The French franc and the Italian Lira were the only European currencies losing ground against the dollar, which opened at 5.00125 French francs against 4.9987 and at 864.50 lire against 86

In Frankfurt, Brussels and Amsterdam the dollar was at its lowest rate since early July 1975, dripping from 2.4010 to 2.3950 Marks, from 37.40 to 37.30 Belgian francs and from 2.5190 to 2.5125 guilders. In Zurich, it weakened from 2.4348 to 2.4312 Swiss francs.

In Tokyo, the dollar steadied at 293.65 yen against 293.45
--UPI (10/28/76)

Carter Slips in 2d News Poll

By SAM ROBERTS

Chief Political Correspondent of The News

Jimmy Carter's lead over President Ford slipped slightly to 52%-46% in the News Straw Poll's second statewide sweep yesterday, while Daniel Patrick Moynihan doubled his margin over incumbent James Buckley to an impressive 54%-46% in the U.S. Senate race.

With less than a week left before the election, the President picked up three points in New York City—mostly in the traditionally more Republican boroughs of Queens and Staten Island—and one point upstate to erode the 53%-44% edge held by Carter in the first voter survey published last Sunday.

Moynihan gained substantially in the suburbs — especially Nassau County — and inched upward in the city and upstate to swell his lead over Buckley by four more points from his surprisingly close 52%-48% lead in the first sweep.

The latest results reflected reaction to the last of the debates between Democrat-Liberal Carter and Republican-Conservative Ford, and the impact of the media blitz launched late last week by Moynihan.

Canvassers collected the 4,391 presidential straws during a four-day period ended Tuesday night after Independence Party candidate Eugene McCarthy was kicked off the Nov. 2 ballot by the courts. McCarthy, who was restored to the ballot late Tuesday, dropped from 3% in the first voter survey to 2% in the second sweep.

The eight Straw-Poll crews across the state began their third and final voter survey yesterday. The results and predicted outcome of the pivotal presidential race in New York State and the classic Senate contest between Democrat-Liberal Moynihan and Republican-Conservative Buckley will be reported in Monday's edition of The News.

Party Lines Solidify

Party lines solidified in the latest sweep as New Yorkers—sometimes reluctantly—finally settled on their favorites.

"Neither candidate is any good," complained a Greenpoint, Brooklyn, man, "but I have to vote for Ford because he is in."

A Bronx resident declared that he intends to vote Democratic to "give Carter a chance" because "Ford didn't do anything."

Carter's solid New York City lead dipped from 67% to 51% in the first survey to 65% to 34% in the poll completed Tuesday. The ex-Georgia governor gained in Manhattan and the Bronx, but slipped in Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Ford maintained his 53% to 45% margin in the city's four suburban counties. He slid three points in Nassau, but reversed Carter's 50% to 45% first sweep lead in Rockland.

The President's one-point increase upstate appeared to come from the metropolitan areas where he pulled ahead of Carter by one point.

The Democratic candidate continued to be plagued by a failure to attract his party's Catholic voters, who gave Ford a 49% to 48% edge in the second survey.

Protestants preferred the President by 60% to 38% and Jews favored Carter by better than 3 to 1.

Women continued to support Carter, but by a smaller margin than men. The Democrat also maintained a strong lead among blacks, Puerto Ricans, and led among lower-income voters. But he was nosed out by the President in the \$15,000 to \$25,000 income bracket—outpaced 54% to 44% among those who make more than \$25,000.

In the Senate race, Buckley was bolstered in more conservative Queens and seized the lead in Staten Island. But he slipped in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Moynihan shaved two points off the senator's upstate margin.

But it was in the suburbs that the ex-ambassador did the most damage to Buckley's reelection bid. Although the senator overtook him in Rockland, Moynihan turned the tables to take a 53% to 47% lead in Nassau and reduced Buckley's edge to only two points in Westchester.

Stresses Tough Talk

Moynihan has mounted a \$200,000 TV ad campaign stressing his tough-talking role as UN envoy and branding Buckley as an enemy of New York. The senator launched his counter-campaign Tuesday.

Since the first survey, Moynihan improved his position in upstate metropolitan areas, picked up some Republican support and moved into the lead for the first time among women. He gained slightly among Protestants and Catholics — but still trailed Buckley among both groups, and led among Jews by 36%-14%. Despite opposition from some black leaders, Moynihan maintained a 70% to 21% margin among blacks compared to Carter's 88%-12% lead among them.

Although Moynihan lost ground to Buckley among the elderly, he was ahead 57%-43% among the \$25,000-plus voters who also backed Ford.

The 37th News Straw Poll, one of the nation's most respected voter surveys, is being conducted with the technical assistance of Dr. Richard Link of Artronics Information Systems.

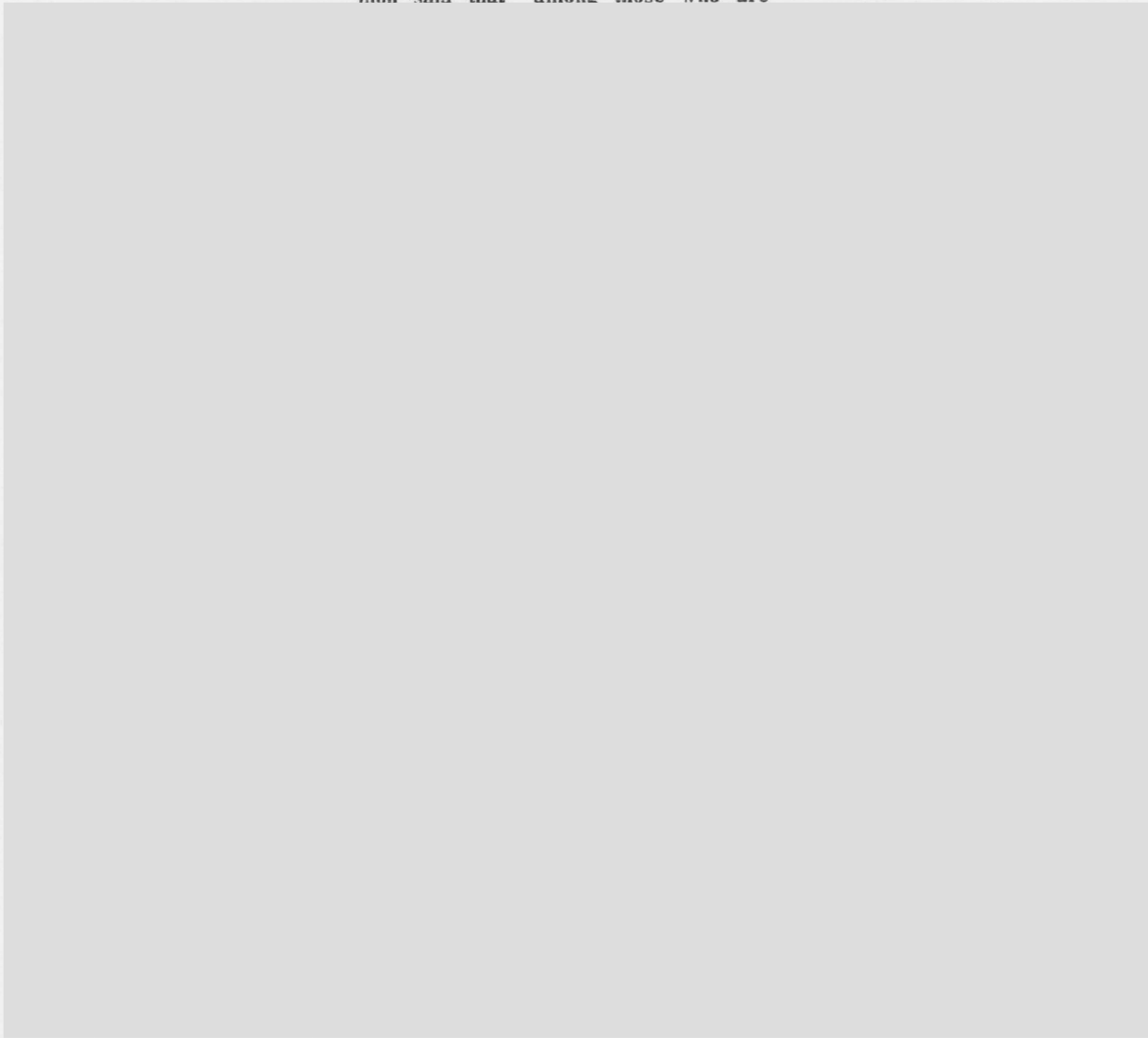
'Soft' vote could bring Ford victory

By Godfrey Sperling Jr.
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The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

One of the nation's leading political analysts says the vote is "softer" this year than at any time in history — opening up the possibility of a come-from-behind Ford victory.

In giving his pre-election assessment to reporters over breakfast, Richard Scammon said that "among those who are



PollELECTIONVoter Turnout Vital To Carter

By Louis Harris

AS JIMMY CARTER clings to a narrow 45-to-42 per cent lead in this final week of the campaign, the element of turnout—who will and will not vote—is emerging as perhaps the most critical dimension of this election. And the latest indicators now point to a lower, rather

Simply put, the bigger the vote, the better Carter's chances. The smaller the vote, the better Ford's chances.

AS ELECTION DAY approaches, the burden of generating the enthusiasm that can be translated into actual votes on election day rests almost entirely with Carter rather than with Ford. And

the confidence test by 48 to 33 per cent and in early August by 60 to 22 per cent. If Carter cannot hold the lead in inspiring confidence, he will be hard-put to get his vote next Tuesday. And he can lose if the turnout at the polls is low.

THE HARRIS SURVEY asked a cross section of 1,000 likely voters

President trails Carter in grades

By Michael Smith

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EVEN IF HE hasn't done so in the voter preference polls, Jimmy Carter is building another kind of lead over Gerald Ford in Illinois—one that might make a difference by Election Day.

Carter's advantage is in voters' minds, and it comes when they compare feelings about Ford's and Carter's personal qualities and presidential job skills.

Though very narrowly, Carter now scores higher than Ford from most Illinois voters on such important points as dealing with inflation and unemployment and understanding the feelings of the people.

In the first and final Tribune Polls of the campaign, voters were asked to grade Ford and Carter on various issues.

In the first poll, in September, a comparison of the candidates' report cards found voters were giving them the same grades on 8 to 10 points and splitting the other two between them.

In the final poll, conducted last week, 764 voters were asked to grade both candidates on each of 21 points, using an A [for best] to F [for failure] scale. The 21 points ranged from personal characteristics to dealing with the issues as the next President.

*** HERE'S HOW** the candidates' report cards compare:

● Carter was rated higher than Ford on 13 of the 21 topics, including independence from special interest groups, being fair to all kinds of people, and being able to inspire the nation. Carter also outscored Ford on dealing

with the economy, energy problems, and tax reform.

● Ford and Carter were given the same grades on six topics—including their positions on abortion and military spending and on their being likeable as well as tough and decisive.

● Ford won higher grades than Carter on only two points—governmental experience and a knowledge of how government works.

THE FACT THAT undecided voters share these perceptions of Ford and Carter may have an effect on the election Tuesday because the undecided have enough voting clout to determine the presidential winner in Illinois.

As The Tribune Poll reported Sunday, the Presidential campaign is ending in a deadlock—Ford is backed by 45 per cent of the eligible voters, Carter by 44 per cent, and the final decision is in the minds of the 11 per cent still on the fence.

Whether the fence-sitters find the differences between Ford and Carter sharp enough to make them line up behind Carter is open to question. Even though these voters give Carter better grades than Ford, the difference usually is that between a C and a B or a B- and a B.

IN ADDITION, it's also evident that Illinois voters are not overly impressed by either candidates' credentials. While neither one got a flunking grade, neither come near getting on the honor roll. Even among those committed voters, both are B-level candidates.

The highest grades given Ford were two A-minuses—for experience and his personal standards. The rest of his marks were B-pluses and Bs.

Carter's grades were no better. He received five B-pluses; his lowest grade was a B-, for the position he's taken on abortion.

Nonetheless, Carter has begun to emerge with a better report card than Ford, and the vote-producing power of such a development late in a deadlocked campaign can't be easily dismissed.



THE TRIBUNE POLL is conducted for the newspaper by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

The findings in this report are based on the results of 764 interviews with eligible Illinois voters conducted by telephone Oct. 12-21. The respondents represent 78 per cent of the men and women interviewed by the first Tribune Poll in September.

The original sample was a probability sample based on random digit-dialing in Downstate Illinois and on modified random digit-dialing in metropolitan Chicago.

To reduce bias against low-income citizens that can occur in telephone surveys, the latest Tribune Poll was stratified by race, education, and region to insure that it is a reliable cross-section of voter opinion.

REVIEW & OUTLOOK

The Economic Issue

In any election in any society, the two grand issues will nearly always be defense, discussed yesterday, and the economy. In this election in this society, the first thing to understand about the economic issue is that the much-advertised "lull" is mostly a myth. The second thing to understand is that if Mr. Ford loses a close election, the myth will haunt us for a generation or more.

The "lull" is absolutely, entirely and 100% an artifact of inventory adjustments, and is no reflection whatever of more fundamental economic trends. While of course no one should be so foolish as to offer certain predictions of what may happen tomorrow, there is nothing in the evidence so far to suggest that the recovery is running out of steam. Quite the contrary, the evidence suggests it is on a steady course.

The chief evidence of a "lull" is of course the declining rate of growth in gross national product over the last three quarters. But these fluctuations have been entirely the result of different rates of inventory accumulation. To gauge the underlying state of demand in the economy, one must subtract inventory changes from GNP to arrive at what economists call "final sales." The results are as follows:

1976	% Chg. from Previous Quarter	
	GNP	Final Sales
First Quarter	9.2	3.7
Second Quarter	4.5	4.2
Third Quarter	4.0	4.4

One can only speculate about the reasons for the volatile inventory figures. The third quarter's low rate probably had much to do with drawdowns resulting from the Ford Motor strike. The rapid accumulations in the first quarter probably represented speculation that the administration and the Federal Reserve would cause inflation by gunning the economy for political reasons. Manufacturers stopped inventory speculation when the government did not "stimulate" and when the rate of inflation actually subsided to an annual rate of 4.4% in the third quarter against 5.2% in the second.

In all, the evidence so far suggests that the economic recovery is right on the course President

Ford and his economic advisers charted. The economy is growing, slowly but surely, inflation is being wrung out, and the stability for future growth restored. It seems testimony to a sure touch by Mr. Ford's economic advisers, and to no little courage by the President himself. The conventional political wisdom, to which Mr. Ford often hews, would call for opening the spending throttles in an attempt to have growth before the election despite the risk, or even certainty, of inflation afterward.

A very dangerous thing has happened, though, in the economic and political debate on the GNP figures. In an attempt to breathe some air back into their econometric models, the Keynesian economists have seized on a "shortfall" in government spending and blamed this for the "lull." Now, our understanding of The General Theory is that Lord Keynes believed the "multiplier" operated through aggregate demand, of which we would assume final sales are a pretty good measure. We have yet to hear of a model relating jiggles in government spending to jiggles in inventory numbers — though we assume we will, given the stake Keynes' modern disciples have in their extensions of his theories.

Now, not even the Keynesians believe the current "lull" amounts to anything much. They talk about it chiefly to make a more serious point, which is that it would be nice to grow faster. To achieve this they advocate more "stimulus." The annoying thing is they take for granted what "stimulus" is. What they have in mind, of course, is more government spending and higher deficits. Since this standard Keynesian prescription is what Democratic Party politicians usually want to do for their own narrow reasons, the doctrine quickly finds political champions.

But in fact the whole debate is over whether higher spending and higher deficits are any kind of stimulus to begin with. If they are, the healthiest economy in the world ought to be Great Britain's, and the strongest currency the

Some Basic Facts About the Economy

By HERBERT STEIN

Candidates (Democratic) for high office seem to have forgotten a number of basic facts about the American economy. On the chance that even readers of *The Wall Street Journal* may have forgotten some of those facts I list the more obvious ones here.

1. Total output in the United States this year is about 20% higher than in 1968. This is an average annual rate of increase of 2.3%. In the period 1960 to 1968 the average rate of increase was 4.5%. The 1960-68 period began in a recession and ended in a wartime boom. The 1968-76 period began in a wartime boom and ended in the early stages of a recovery. The wartime boom, which raises the growth rate for the early period and reduces it for the later period, is surely not a sign of good economic management in the earlier period or of poor economic management in the later one.

The average growth rate of real output between the whole period 1961-68 inclusive and 1969-76 inclusive was about 3.25%. That is not very different from the average of the whole postwar period.

2. Probably the best single measure of the economic welfare of the American people is real per capita disposable personal income, which is personal income adjusted for inflation and taxes. This is now at an all-time peak (as is real GNP). Real disposable personal income per capita increased at an average annual rate of 2.25% from 1968 to 1976. This is a little more than the average rate of the entire postwar period. It is a little less than in the 1960-68 period, where, again, the wartime boom was important.

3. Total labor compensation per hour, including fringe benefits, in private non-farm employment increased 77.5% from 1968 to the second quarter of 1976. In real terms, if this is adjusted for the rise of the deflator for personal consumption expenditures, this was a rise of 14% or about 1.66% per annum. This average is held down by the increasing proportion of women and young people in the labor force, since their average pay is lower than for adult males.

4. Real net income from farming per farm was almost 40% higher in the first half of 1976 than it was in 1968. It had declined substantially from 1973, the year when farmers "suffered" from the Soviet wheat sales and the first grain embargo, but was still higher than in any year before 1973.

The Poverty Figures

5. There is very little poverty in the United States, despite recent Census Bureau estimates that there were almost 26 million people in poverty in 1975. These estimates exclude the effect of food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing, which are so great as to remove from the "poverty" category most of the people who seem to be in that category when account is taken only of money income.

6. The rate of inflation in the United States, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, rose from around 1.5% per annum at the beginning of the Kennedy administration to about 6% at the beginning of the Nixon administration. Thereafter it was reduced to about 2.5% by a policy of general restraint on the economy followed by price and wage controls. From this low point the rate rose again as a result of more expansive policies, crop failures abroad, the quadrupling of the oil price, and the ending of controls. The rate briefly reached about 12%, around the time Mr. Ford became President. Since then it has been reduced to about 6% again, back to where it was when Mr. Nixon came in.

7. The American people are not being crucified on a cross of high interest rates. If it is legitimate to adjust wage rates for inflation, to get a measure of what workers are really earning, it is legitimate to adjust interest rates for inflation to get a measure of what borrowers are really paying. On this basis real interest rates are now lower than they were in, say, 1961.

8. Unemployment is high. In the third quarter of 1976 the unemployed were 7.8% of the labor force, compared to 5.2% in 1964, when Lyndon Johnson won his big

election victory, and 3.6% in 1968 at the time of the Vietnam war boom. Employment is also high. In the third quarter of 1976, 41.8% of the population was employed, compared to 37.5% in 1964 and 39.6% in 1968. As a proportion of the population over 16 years of age, total employment now is 57.6%, compared to 56.6% in 1964 and 58.6% in 1968.

The high employment rate does not take the curse off the high unemployment rate. However, it is significant. When the total employment rate is high the probability is increased that an unemployed worker is a member of a family in which there are also employed workers. Also, the incomes earned by the employed pay taxes with which the unemployed are supported, through unemployment compensation and otherwise. Moreover, the higher total employment is, the less room there is for expanding the economy without speeding up inflation.

9. The combination of high inflation and recession is not confined to the United States. Relative to their earlier postwar experience, the recession was more severe in the other major industrial countries than in the United States. Except for West Germany, the United States has had the quickest recovery from the recession and the least inflation in the past year.

10. We are not suffering from a health crisis in America. As measured by mortality and morbidity, the health of the American people is not deteriorating. The money and resources devoted to health, per capita, are rising. The problem of health care is that costs are rising sharply. This is mainly the result of the enormous increase in funds available for medical care through private insurance and government pro-

Staff Changes Expected in Ford, Carter Administrations
By Jack Anderson

If Jimmy Carter is elected President, his advisors expect "fresh faces" will take over key positions within the administration, Jack Anderson reported Thursday.

Prominent Democrats said Cyrus Vance and George Ball are being considered for Secretary of State. But, sources close to Carter said Dick Clark, a back row Senator from Iowa, will take over that spot.

Admiral Zumwalt is a good guess for Secretary of Defense, Anderson said.

The best bet for Attorney General is Morris Dean, a Birmingham lawyer. Secretary of Agriculture under Carter could be Bobby Smith, the Vice President of the Georgia Farm Bureau.

John Dunlop, the man who quit President Ford's Cabinet, may become Secretary of Labor, and Leonard Woodcock could take over the HEW post.

If President Ford wins on Tuesday, his advisors expect him to replace Secretary Kissinger with UN Ambassador William Scranton. Secretary Simon's most likely replacement is Alan Greenspan. Ford is expected to retain Donald Rumsfeld, Edward Levi, William Coleman.

Other changes are uncertain, Anderson said, but added that Ford has indicated privately that he intends to increase his personal control over the Cabinet in his second term.

--Good Morning, America (10/28/76)

Yugoslavia: The Use of Force Abroad

THE ISSUE is not really Yugoslavia. It is how a President would go about deciding to use force abroad, and how he would address that decision to Americans and foreigners alike. As Jimmy Carter demonstrated by saying he wouldn't intervene in Yugoslavia even if

in places such as the Mideast, Angola and Southern Africa. Actually, ambiguity may inspire recklessness as well as caution in an adversary. It may also frighten or confuse allies. And it can have the effect of provoking domestic dissent, and even some congressional restrain-

Loss of California by Carter Is Feared by Party Chiefs

By R. W. APPLE JR.

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27—Despite both public and private polls showing a dead heat in the nation's largest state, leading California Democrats have almost unanimously concluded that Jimmy Carter is likely to lose here on Tuesday.

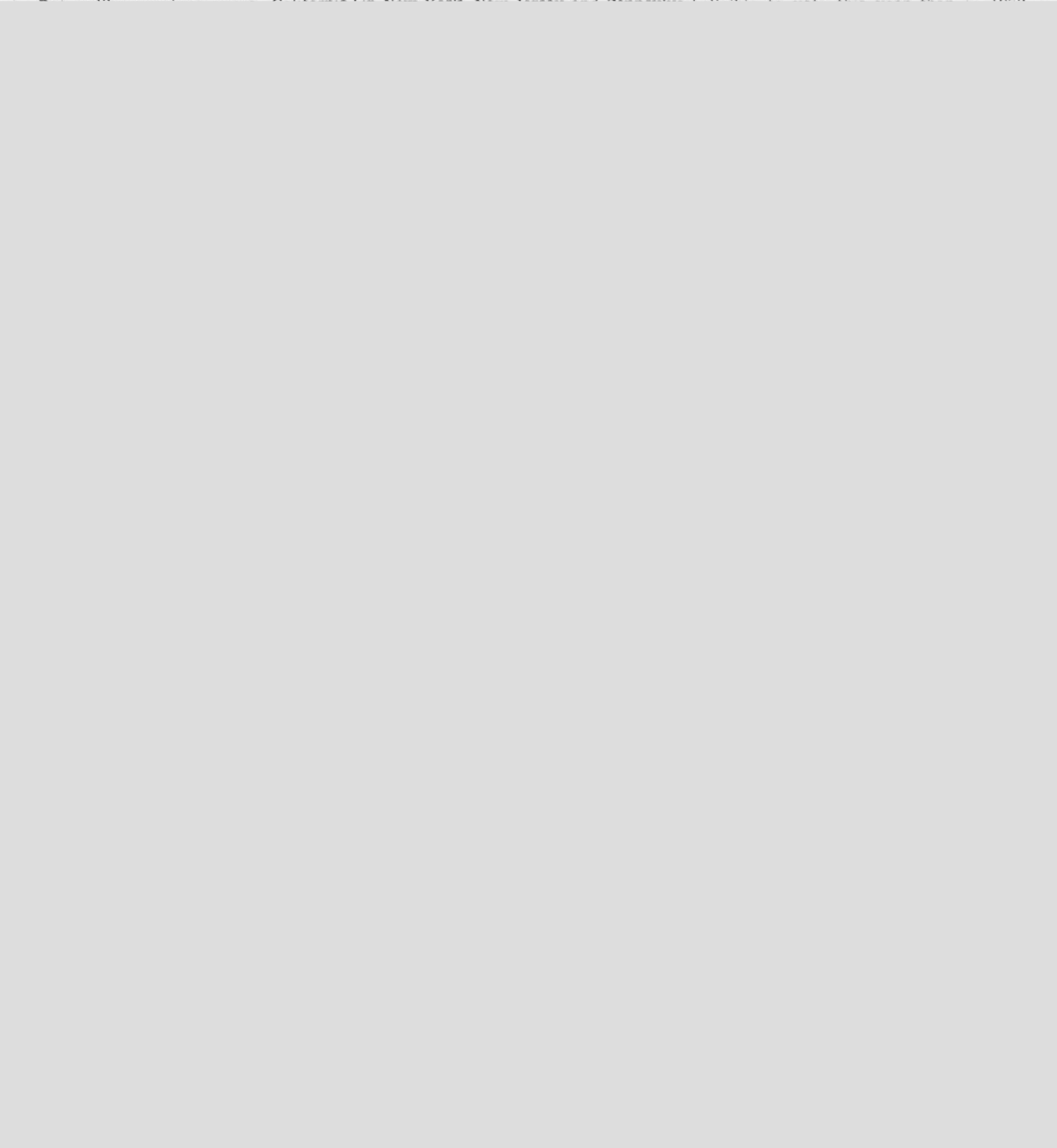
Situation in Big States

The situation in the remaining eight of the big 20 states is as follows: Mr. Carter holds commanding leads in Massachusetts and Florida, which the Republicans have largely written off; he leads by about 6 percentage points in Texas, according to two current news media surveys, and he is running very strongly

in the campaign was able to turn out only 250 people for a rally last Sunday on Fairfax Avenue in Los Angeles, the heart of a traditionally Democratic Jewish neighborhood, even though Senator Henry M. Jackson was the speaker.

Ford Benefitted

Despite a major registration drive, a half million fewer Californians will be



Michael Kilian

Wisconsin

may keep

Ford in the

White House

MADISON, Wis.—For whatever it's worth—which could be the whole whizbang—don't be surprised if President Ford carries Wisconsin Nov. 2.

To some, it might not seem to matter. Wisconsin remains an insular province

Molldrem's plans to become a college English literature instructor were wrecked when he was denied conscientious objector status in 1966 and was called up for the Viet Nam War. He refused induction and was charged with draft evasion. It took four years before the charges were dropped.

He's voting for Carter solely on the amnesty issue.

There are few like Molldrem in Wisconsin. With blacks comprising less than 3 per cent of the population, neither is there much of a black vote.

Unions are strong, of course, but not unified. One teachers union official who has traditionally worked for Democrats threw away his Carter literature this year and replaced it with campaign material for Dr. Adolph Gunderson, Repub-

Ford Makes Hit with New Style

President Ford, campaigning in Valley Forge, Penn., Wednesday night, displayed a new kind of style which seemed to please both his aides and his audience.

The President talked from a theater-in-the-round, totally removed from the trappings of his office, Charles Gibson reported. He said Ford established a "one-on-one rapport with an audience of more than 2,000."

"For the next fifteen minutes I'd like to hear a pin drop. I don't want you to cheer if I say something that might inspire you. I hope you won't moan or groan -- and please don't fall asleep -- I would like to talk very seriously, and straight from the shoulder," he said.

Ford stood on the white stage holding a microphone in his right hand, much in the style of a Las Vegas entertainer. He kept moving around the stage, stepping over the microphone cord. Gone was the usual Ford habit of shouting into the mike. He talked softly and the audience listened intently.

There was nothing new in what Ford said. He talked of his vision of the first Presidential term of America's third century -- jobs, catastrophic health insurance for the elderly, social security finances, inflation, crime, taxes and government spending and continuing his record of having no Americans in combat abroad.

But the style was new. Reporters who in the past have ducked out for drinks while Ford spoke moved forward and joined the audience. (UPI)

Aides said they just wish the President had been exhibiting such style all along, Gibson said.
--AP, UPI, Networks (10/28/76)

First FamilyFORD/DOLE CAMPAIGNJack, Michael on campaign, Dad

Jack Ford praised his father Thursday for running an open administration where people, including his family, are not afraid to speak their minds.

Ford said his father enjoys listening to both sides of the issue. He does not run a "programmed, monolithic administration," he said on Good Morning, America.

On the subject of Mrs. Ford's health, Jack said the White House is probably the best place to be to get medical treatment for her back and arthritis problems.

He said his mother has been an inspiration for the whole family because of her campaigning abilities.

On the campaign, Michael, who was also on the show, said at one point during the campaign, his father and Jimmy Carter engaged in criticism of each other which "wasn't fair to the American people.

He said he thought the two men should keep the campaign on the high road and said he expressed that viewpoint to his father.

As a family member, Jack said he has tremendous reservations about his father becoming President for the next four years because of the strain.

But, Michael and Jack agreed that because of their father's accomplishments in the past two years, they think he is the best choice.

--Good Morning, America (10/28/76)

WatergateFORD/DOLEJaworski Ridicules Dash

Former Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski rejects as "silly" Watergate committee lawyer Sam Dash's charge that a stronger prosecutor might have blocked the pardon of Richard Nixon.

Dash suggested in a Women's Wear Daily interview Wednesday that President Ford "wouldn't have dared pardon Nixon" if he thought Jaworski would resist in court or by going to the people.

Jaworski, a Houston lawyer, ridiculed the suggestion.

"I got a call from President Ford at 9:30 am. He pardoned Nixon at 11 a.m. How could I have gone to the people? That shows how silly that is," Jaworski said.

"There was no possible way to attack it. There is no limit to Presidential pardon. It would have to be fought out in the Constitution," Jaworski said.

"I'm sure that when Ford pardoned Nixon, he did not think he would get any kind of reaction" from Jaworski, Dash said, suggesting Ford believed Jaworski was too weary of Watergate to intervene.

Jaworski said Dash was in no position to know whether or not the Special Prosecutor was weary because the two had no contact during the last 8 months of the investigation.

"If his (Dash's) comments (in the interview) are no more erudite than the questions he asked on the Watergate committee, then I'm not concerned," Jaworski said.

--UPI (10/28/76)

WatergateFORD/DOLE

Attorney General Edward Levi stands by his refusal to investigate President Ford's role in a 1972 Watergate controversy despite a claim that key witnesses never were questioned, the Justice Department said Wednesday.

A Department spokesman restated Levi's decision in response to an NBC News report suggesting Levi acted on incomplete evidence in deciding there are no grounds to investigate the President.

Robert Havel, the Justice spokesman, said Levi explained adequately last week why he turned down Congressional requests to investigate Ford's actions.

"We found no credible evidence and we stand by that," Havel said.

NBC-TV reporter Carl Stern said he had learned Levi made his no-investigation decision without questioning "two of the three most available witnesses" -- Dean and William Timmons.

Stern said investigators did question Cook, but not under oath and without asking to see "supporting records he says he has."

Following Stern's report, Rep. Henry Reuss sent Ford a telegram urging him to answer the charges publicly at a campaign appearance before educators in Milwaukee Thursday.

"I ask that you tell this independent organization of educators whether or not you talked to Richard Cook or any other White House personnel about the...investigation at any time in 1972," Reuss said.

Stern's report also drew a sharp response from Cook, who said he was "anxious to state under oath the circumstances surrounding Dean's distortions regarding me," and who alleged NBC has paid Dean a \$7500 advance for documentary rights to his book. Cook asked the network to explain why it had "concealed" that arrangement.

An NBC spokesman said network news President Richard Wald issued a statement two weeks ago saying: "NBC had no financial interest in the success of John Dean's book. A year ago, when we were planning a documentary on the Nixon administration, we took an option to buy the TV rights to the book he (Dean) was writing.

"We paid \$7500 for that option. It gave us a first negotiating position if we wanted to buy the book; at the insistence of Mr. Dean's lawyer, it expressly ruled out any obligation by Mr. Dean to appear on NBC or do anything at all for NBC unless we decided to pick up that option and pay for the privilege. We haven't picked up the option. We have not paid for the privilege."
--UPI (10/27/76)

Focus on Ford ignored before, he says

Dean defends 'new' Watergate charge

By George Moneyhun
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

New York

Former White House counsel John W. Dean III accuses the news media and the public of ignoring his initial allegations three years ago that President Ford was involved in the Watergate cover-up.

Mr. Dean said he has telephone logs with the times and dates of his conversations with Mr. Cook, in addition to "miscellaneous notes" that do not "directly corroborate my testimony" but do provide sufficient reminders of conversations for Mr. Dean to vigorously defend his recollection of them.

President Ford has repeatedly indicated that he answered all questions about his involvement with the Nixon administration during his 1973 vice-presidential confirmation hearings. He testified that he had no recollection of any such contacts with Mr. Cook.

Congressional critics have called on President Ford to make

Former Sen. Sam Ervin said Wednesday he has agreed to make radio and television commercials to support Jimmy Carter.

Ervin said that Carter had requested his help by telephone Tuesday. Content of the commercials will be "up to my discretion," Ervin said.

Ervin said he will mention in the commercials his contention that while President Ford was House Minority Leader, he was responsible for attempts to block a House Watergate investigation before the 1972 election. Ervin has previously made that opinion public.

The Ervin commercials are to be used in North Carolina in the final four days of the campaign, a Democratic spokesman said, adding that Carter's Atlanta headquarters expressed interest in using the Ervin commercials in other states as well.
--AP (10/27/76)

Carter Says Ford Ignores Aged

Jimmy Carter today accused President Ford of neglecting the needs of senior citizens and promised, "that won't happen when I'm President."

The Democratic nominee addressed two separate gatherings of more than 400 older persons in connection with Carter-Mondale Senior Citizen Day observed by party organizations across the country.

"There's been a great demonstration of neglecting the well-being of senior citizens," Carter said before flying to Erie, Pa., in his nationwide blitz for votes in next Tuesday's Presidential election.

The Georgian, who said Wednesday night his fiscal program would provide for a tax cut in the next four years, arranged to campaign later today in Cleveland, then fly to New York City for handshaking and speechmaking in Brooklyn.

"In 1935, the Republicans fought tooth and nail against Social Security. In 1965, they fought just as hard against medicare," he told senior citizens in Pittsburgh. He also expressed confidence that he will win next Tuesday.

"Recently, they have sought to reduce their record of deficit by opposing Social Security, cost of living adjustments. Last year, they proposed cutbacks in Social Security benefits, reductions in food programs for the elderly, and increases in the cost of medicare."

Outlining his own program for the elderly, Carter said he would appoint a counsellor on aging.

"When I become President, I will have a full time counselor on aging at my shoulder to make sure I don't forget to pay attention to the special needs of senior citizens," Carter said.

He said medical treatment of the elderly, in many instances, could be accomplished just as effectively at their own homes rather than at hospitals and nursing homes.

"Currently, 72 percent of all medicaid payments go for nursing home care, while only 0.2 percent is spent for home-health alternatives. Experts estimate as many as 40 percent of nursing home residents could be cared for at lower costs in their homes," Carter said.

--UPI (10/28/76)

ElectionCARTER/MONDALE

Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo will not attend a political rally with Jimmy Carter Friday unless some of his Democratic Party enemies are barred, according to Carter's top Pennsylvania staff aide.

Joseph Timilty quoted Rizzo as saying he wanted no part of a rally that included representatives of the recent recall movement to oust him as Mayor.

"The Mayor said if the people of the recall movement were running the rally, he was not going to participate," said Timilty.

Timilty said he told Rizzo the invitations would not be sent out until today. Asked whether those invited would be among the persons Rizzo wished to avoid, Timilty replied: "I think you'd have to ask him."

"I will not look over 200,000 people (approximately the number that signed recall petitions) to see who I should not invite," said Timilty.

Timilty said 10,000 persons were expected to attend the political rally.

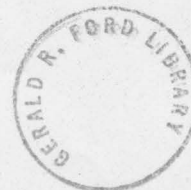
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POLITICAL RDP LEAD

BY DAVID C. MARTIN

CAMPAIGNING IN KEY INDUSTRIAL STATES, PRESIDENT FORD SOUGHT TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR POLICY TODAY WHILE JIMMY CARTER ATTEMPTED TO ASSURE, BUT NOT PROMISE, VOTERS THEIR TAXES WOULD BE LOWER IF HE IS ELECTED.

FORD, CAMPAIGNING IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, UNVEILED PLANS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE COUPLED HIS PROPOSALS WITH A PROMISE THAT CONSTRUCTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES IN PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, WOULD BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WOULD MEAN 6,000 NEW JOBS.

CARTER TOLD A RALLY IN CLEVELAND HE CANNOT PROMISE A SUBSTANTIAL TAX REDUCTION THAT A DAY EARLIER HE HAD DECLARED WOULD BE THE "ALMOST INEVITABLE" RESULT OF HIS ECONOMIC POLICIES AFTER FOUR YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAID THAT WITH A GOOD RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND LOWERED INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT "PERHAPS" THERE COULD BE "SOME TAX CUTS."

HE ADDED, "I AM VERY CAREFUL NOT TO PROMISE THAT FOR SURE."

OHIO WITH 25 ELECTORAL VOTES IS BELIEVED TO BE LEANING SLIGHTLY TOWARD CARTER, ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES SAY THE RACE IS TIGHT.

AT A STOP IN INDIANAPOLIS, FORD TOLD AN OVERFLOW CROWD AT THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL THAT HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT HAS SUFFERED "A PRECIPITOUS DECLINE IN POPULARITY" BECAUSE HIS CAMPAIGN DEPENDS ON A "DISCREDITED OLD FORMULA OF MORE PROMSES, MORE PROGRAMS, MORE SPENDING."

IT WAS PART OF A CONTINUING NOTE OF GOP OPTIMISM.

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE, WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF RICHARD B. CHENEY CONTENDED THAT FORD'S CAMPAIGN HAS MADE SUCH INROADS IN THE DEEP SOUTH THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NEED TO CARRY ONLY FOUR OF THE EIGHT MOST POPULOUS INDUSTRIAL STATES.

CHENEY SAID THE PRESIDENT AND HIS STRATEGISTS ORIGINALLY HAD THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CARRY AT LEAST FIVE OF THE "BIG EIGHT" -- NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA. BUT CHENEY SAID REPUBLICAN POLLS INDICATE FORD'S PROSPECTS IN THE SOUTH LOOK PROMISING IN LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, VIRGINIA, NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA AND TEXAS.

AS A RESULT, CHENEY SAID, THE PRESIDENT NOW MIGHT NEED TO CARRY ONLY FOUR OF THE "BIG EIGHT" -- BUT HE DIDN'T SAY WHICH FOUR.

FORD HAS MADE STRONG GAINS IN VOTER PREFERENCE POLLS IN CALIFORNIA, WHOSE 45 ELECTORAL VOTES GIVE IT THE BIGGEST CLOUT OF ANY STATE. THE LATEST CALIFORNIA POLL SHOWS THE PRESIDENT ONE PERCENTAGE POINT AHEAD OF CARTER AFTER TRAILING BY 20 POINTS TWO MONTHS AGO.

BUT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS THERE ARE CLAIMING "IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER" NOW IN THE CARTER CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA. DEMOCRATS OUTNUMBER REPUBLICANS BY ABOUT 2.1 MILLION IN THE STATE FOLLOWING A REGISTRATION DRIVE THAT SIGNED UP THREE NEW DEMOCRATS FOR EVERY NEW REPUBLICAN.

FORD TOLD NEWSPAPER EDITORS LAST WEEK THAT "CALIFORNIA IS THE REAL KEY STATE IN ANY REALISTIC COMBINATION." CARTER UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF CALIFORNIA BY PLANNING TO SPEND THE FINAL DAY OF HIS TWO-YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN AT GET-OUT-THE-VOTE RALLIES IN THAT STATE.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- A SURVEY OF 661 U.S. DAILY NEWSPAPERS SHOWS 411 SUPPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S CANDIDACY AND 80 ENDORSING JIMMY CARTER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER REPORTED THURSDAY.

THE PAPERS SUPPORTING PRESIDENT FORD REPRESENT 62 PER CENT OF THOSE POLLED AND HAVE A COMBINED CIRCULATION OF 20,951,798, COMPARED WITH 12 PER CENT AND 7,607,739 CIRCULATION OF THOSE SUPPORTING CARTER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER SAID.

TWENTY SIX PER CENT OF THE PAPERS SURVEYED INDICATED THEY WERE EITHER UNCOMMITTED OR INDEPENDENT.

ONE PAPER, THE TUCUMCARI, N.M., NEWS HAS ENDORSED SEN. EUGENE MCCARTHY, AND THE DIXON, ILL., TELEGRAPH HAS ENDORSED AMERICAN PARTY CANDIDATE THOMAS G. ANDERSON.

THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT FORD DOES NOT ENJOY NEARLY THE OVERWHELMING 72.6 PER CENT PRESS SUPPORT FOR RICHARD NIXON IN 1972 OVER GOERGE MCGOVERN'S 2.2 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IT COMPARES CLOSELY WITH NIXON'S 60.8 PER CENT SUPPORT IN 1968 OVER HUBERT HUMPHREY'S 14 PER CENT.

IN THE 44 YEARS OF THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER POLL, ONLY IN THE 1964 ELECTIONS HAVE NEWSPAPERS SHOWN MORE SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, WHEN LYNDON B. JOHNSON WAS ENDORSED BY 440 DAILIES, COMPARED WITH 359 FOR BARRY GOLDWATER, THE PUBLICATION SAID.

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NON-ENDORSEMENT

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) -- NEWSDAY, A MAJOR EVENING NEWSPAPER, TODAY TOLD ITS READERS THAT IT WAS ONCE AGAIN FOLLOWING ITS POLICY OF NOT ENDORSING POLITICAL CANDIDATES.

PUBLISHER WILLIAM ATTWOOD, IN A SIGNED EDITORIAL, NOTED THAT HIS PAPER'S 2,000 EMPLOYEES MIGHT PREFER A DIFFERENT CANDIDATE "THAN I DO MYSELF. SO WHAT MANDATE WOULD I HAVE FOR CLAIMING THAT NEWSDAY ENDORSES MY CHOICE?"

HE SAID THE PAPER WOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT ENDORSE ANYONE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.

HE CLOSED BY ADDING A "PERSONAL POSTSCRIPT," SAYING HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY A PERSON'S CONVICTIONS WOULD LEAD THEM TO VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN GERALD FORD, DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER, COMMUNIST GUS HALL, LIBERTARIAN ROGER MACBRIDE, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS AN "ANARCHIST," OR AMERICAN PARTY CANDIDATE LESTER MADDOX, DESCRIBED AS A "SEGRAGATIONIST."

HOWEVER, ATTWOOD WROTE, HE HAD "SOME TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING A VOTE FOREUGENE MCCARTY, WHOSE ONLY DISCERNABLE PLATFORM IS HIS OWN EGO."

"BUT," HE ADDED, "I CERTAINLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES CAN JUSTIFY NOT VOTING AT ALL. IN A DESPOTIC WORLD THIS IS NO TIME FOR ANY AMERICAN TO GIVE UP SO RARE AND PRECIOUS A PRIVILEGE."

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CARTER-LOAN

BY W. DALE NELSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RAISED A QUESTION IN 1966 AS TO WHETHER JIMMY CARTER HAD DRAWN EXCESSIVE FUNDS FROM A \$175,000 SBA LOAN MADE TO HIM FOR HIS PEANUT FARMING BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SHOW.

CARTER'S BANKER REPLIED THAT THE WITHDRAWALS WERE "POSSIBLY HIGHER THAN AGREED IN THE LOAN AGREEMENT, BUT WE DOUBT THEY WERE VERY MUCH HIGHER DUE TO SIZABLE INCOME TAXES" IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUSINESS.

THE LIMIT ON WITHDRAWALS WAS \$10,000 PER YEAR PLUS AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO PAY TAXES.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM CARTER.

PAUL A. LODATO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR THE SBA, SAID ATTORNEYS AND FINANCIAL OFFICERS OF THE AGENCY HAD EXAMINED THE FILES ON THE LOAN AND FOUND NO INDICATION THAT CARTER HAD DRAWN MORE THAN THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR SALARY AND TAXES.

THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, OBTAINED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, WERE MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY THE CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION LIBERTY LOBBY. THEY FORMED THE BASIS OF A STORY IN TODAY'S EDITION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, THE SPOTLIGHT.

THE PAPERS ALSO SHOW THAT THE SBA REFUSED A REQUEST FROM CARTER IN 1966 THAT IT RELEASE HIM FROM AN AGREEMENT PLEDGING PROPERTY OWNED BY HIM AND HIS MOTHER LILLIAN AS COLLATERAL FOR THE LOAN.

CARTER TOLD THE AGENCY HE WANTED THE PROPERTY UNENCUMBERED SO THAT HE COULD BORROW MONEY ON IT.

JOHN P. LATIMER, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE SBA IN ATLANTA, REJECTED THE REQUEST IN AN AUG. 4, 1966, LETTER TO S. R. HUNTER, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS BANK OF AMERICUS, GA. HE SAID IT APPEARED THAT CARTER WANTED TO USE THE PROPERTY TO BORROW MONEY "FOR PERSONAL REASONS RATHER THAN A NECESSARY AND IDENTIFIED BUSINESS PURPOSE."

UNDER SBA REGULATIONS PROPERTY PLEDGED TO REPAYMENT OF A LOAN CANNOT BE RELEASED TO COVER PERSONAL EXPENSES UNLESS THE RECIPIENT OF THE LOAN OFFERS SOME CONSIDERATION IN RETURN.

THE LAND WAS RELEASED AFTER CARTER RENEWED HIS REQUEST IN DECEMBER 1967, SPECIFYING THAT HE NEEDED MONEY FOR A LIQUID FERTILIZER MANUFACTURING PLANT AND OTHER EXPANSIONS OF HIS BUSINESS.

HE HAD SAID ORIGINALLY THAT RELEASE OF THE LAND WAS "VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR BUSINESS OPERATIONS" AND THAT THE MORTGAGE ON THE LAND WAS INTERFERING WITH PURCHASES OF MACHINERY AND FINANCING OF INVENTORIES.

HUNTER TOLD THE SBA THE REQUEST WAS "AGREEABLE WITH OUR BANK ... IF IT IS AGREEABLE WITH YOU."

IN AN AUG. 13, 1966, MEMORANDUM, HOWEVER, MAX HOUSTON OF THE SBA OFFICE IN ATLANTA QUOTED HUNTER AS SAYING IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THAT HE HAD HEARD "LOOSE TALK" THAT CARTER WANTED THE FUNDS FOR A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEN REP. HOWARD CALLOWAY, R-GA., OR FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD BANK IN AMERICUS.

CONTACTED IN AMERICUS, HUNTER SAID, "I DON'T THINK IT WAS ANYTHING BUT LOOSE TALK."

"THIS THING REMINDS ME OF A BUNCH OF DOGS WORRYING A BONE," THE BANK PRESIDENT SAID.

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By DOUG WILLIS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES AP - Jimmy Carter's comfortable lead in California over President Ford has melted to nothing, but Democratic leaders say "it's all coming together," now in the Carter campaign.

Ford, despite spectacular gains in voter preference polls, still has the registration figures stacked heavily against him in California whose 45 electoral votes give it the biggest clout of any state.

The President was one percentage point ahead of Carter in the latest California Poll, after trailing by 20 points two months ago.

But in the same period, a registration drive has signed up three new Democrats for every new Republican. Democrats now outnumber Republicans by about 2.1 million, around 58 per cent to 36 per cent.

Leaders of both parties say the race for California's 45 electors may be decided by the size of the voter turnout and the impact of a state ballot proposition pushed by farm labor leader Cesar Chavez.

Ford said before his final swing through California last week that the state is on his must-win list.

"There are a number of other combinations, but California has 45 electoral votes. That means California is the real key state in any realistic combination," Ford told newspaper editors.

Carter underscored the emphasis he puts on California with plans to spend the final day of his two-year-long campaign for president at get-out-the vote rallies in three California cities.

After equally slow and disorganized starts, the Ford and Carter campaigns both are attracting large numbers of volunteers.

"It can go either way now, and it's going to be voter turnout that decides it," said Republican state Vice Chairman Mike Montgomery.

"You're going to see people from both parties criss-crossing the street in the same precincts. If there are kids at home, we'll baby-sit. If they're in traction, we'll wheel them to the polls. We need an 80 per cent turnout of the Republicans to win, and we're organizing to get 80 per cent," Montgomery said.

"It will be close, with the remaining variable being the turnout," said Gray Davis, chief adviser to Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Davis agreed Carter's campaign was slow starting in California. But he said the voter registration drive was a success, and that volunteers are in place for the get-out-the-vote drive.

"It's coming together. Yes. We will win," Davis said. "There is no doubt that more eligible voters prefer Gov. Carter to Gerald Ford. A big turnout will produce a substantial victory for Gov. Carter. A modest turnout will produce a close victory."

Montgomery said he will have one or more volunteers working in every one of California's 24,440 precincts to get out the GOP vote.

Democrats, with less precinct organization, say they will reach three-quarters of the state's 5.8 million Democrats by letter or telephone or both next Monday and Tuesday to remind them to vote.

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ATLANTA (UPI) -- ACCORDING TO THE DARDEN RESEARCH CORP., JIMMY CARTER LEADS PRESIDENT FORD BY NEARLY A 2-TO-1 MARGIN IN GEORGIA. THE POLL INDICATED 59.8 PER CENT OF THE GEORGIA VOTERS CONTACTED LAST WEEK WOULD VOTE FOR NATIVE SON CARTER, 30.4 FAVORED FORD AND 9 PER CENT WERE UNDECIDED.

FORMER GOV. LESTER MADDOX AND OTHER CANDIDATES COULD MUSTER 2.8 PER CENT OF THE POLL, ACCORDING TO CLAIBOURNE DARDEN JR., WHO HEADS THE FIRM.

CONTACTED IN 54 CITIES ACROSS THE STATE, 53.8 PER CENT OF THE 500 VOTERS SAID THEY WERE DEMOCRATS AND 11.4 PER CENT WERE REPUBLICANS. INDEPENDENTS ACCOUNTED FOR 33.4 PER CENT. GEORGIA DOES NOT REQUIRE VOTERS TO REGISTER BY PARTY.

DARDEN SAID JUST OVER 60 PER CENT OF THOSE SURVEYED WATCHED THE FINAL FORD-CARTER DEBATE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AND 43.4 PER CENT FELT CARTER WON, 18.1 PER CENT CONSIDERED FORD THE VICTOR AND 32.6 PER CENT RATED THE DEBATE A TOSSUP.

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AM-CARTER SKED 10-28

BY DON PHILLIPS

CLEVELAND (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER, CAMPAIGNING BEFORE ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES IN THE INDUSTRIAL NORTHEAST, SAID THURSDAY THAT BOTH A TAX CUT AND NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS COULD BE ACHIEVED MERELY BY REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION.

HOWEVER, ADDRESSING ABOUT 20,000 CHEERING SUPPORTERS IN CLEVELAND, CARTER APPEARED TO BACK OFF SOMEWHAT FROM HIS STATEMENT IN PITTSBURGH WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAT A TAX REDUCTION WAS "INEVITABLE."

"I'M VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I PROMISE," HE SAID IN THE CLEVELAND SPEECH. "IF WE CAN HAVE A 5 OR 6 PER CENT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND IF WE CAN CUT OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO JUST ABOUT WHAT IT WAS WHEN RICHARD NIXON ENTERED OFFICE AND HAVE INFLATION CONTROL AND A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND OUR NORMAL SPENDING, WE CAN REALIZE ENOUGH INCOME TO HAVE A COMBINATION OF NEW PROGRAMS AND TO HAVE SOME TAX CUTS.

"NOW I'M VERY CAREFUL NOT TO PROMISE THAT FOR SURE. BUT IF OUR PROJECTIONS ARE RIGHT, IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND JUST HAVE NORMAL ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN REALIZE A BETTER LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE."

AT CLEVELAND AIRPORT BEFORE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FLEW TO NEW YORK, HIS PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL TOLD REPORTERS REGARDING CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON TAXES: "IT IS NOT A PROPOSAL IN THE SENSE OF A CAMPAIGN PROMISE. IT'S A STATEMENT OF A POSSIBILITY OR A PROBABILITY."

CARTER WAS ASKED AT AN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE IN ERIE, PA., HOW AMERICANS COULD KNOW THAT HIS TAX CUT WAS NOT "JUST PIE IN THE SKY ELECTION RHETORIC."

HE REPLIED, "THE PRESUMPTION THAT WE'VE MADE HAS BEEN VERY CAREFULLY PUT FORWARD. THE 5 TO 6 PER CENT ECONOMIC GROWTH IS WHAT WE EXPERIENCED DURING THE JOHNSON AND KENNEDY ADMINISTRATIONS. SO I THINK THESE ARE REASONABLE GOALS."

CARTER APPEARED BUOYED BY WARM RESPONSE FROM CROWDS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO, BUT STRESSED IN EACH SPEECH THAT THE ELECTION IS NOT YET IN THE BAG AND HARD WORK REMAINS DURING THE FINAL FIVE DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

ADDRESSING AN ESTIMATED 7,500 IN ERIE'S PERRY SQUARE AND THE MUCH BIGGER CROWD IN CLEVELAND, CARTER CONTINUALLY STRESSED THE NEED TO GET OUT THE VOTE.

IF A FEW MORE VOTERS HAD FAILED TO VOTE FOR JOHN KENNEDY IN 1960, HE SAID "WE WOULD HAVE HAD NIXON EIGHT YEARS EARLIER." AND HE SAID IF ONE MORE PERSON HAD VOTED FOR HUBERT HUMPHREY IN EACH PRECINCT IN THE COUNTRY IN 1968, "WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD WATERGATE. WE WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD THE ADMINISTRATION OF RICHARD NIXON."

BOTH CARTER AND HIS STAFF APPEARED SENSITIVE ABOUT POLLS WHICH SHOWED FORD CLOSING THE GAP AGAINST HIM.

ASKED WHY HE WAS LOSING GROUND IN THE POLLS, CARTER SHOT BACK,

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(POLITICS)

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER HAS WON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS, A COALITION OF IRISH-AMERICAN GROUPS, IN HIS BID TO DEFEAT PRESIDENT FORD IN NEXT TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

THE ENDORSEMENT CAME WEDNESDAY NIGHT DURING A CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH THE PITTSBURGH AREA.

FATHER SEAN MCMANUS, DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAPLAIN OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, SAID THE CAUCUS REPRESENTS "ALL THE MAJOR IRISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES."

MCMANUS, WITH CARTER BY HIS SIDE AT THE PITTSBURGH HILTON HOTEL, SAID IRISH AMERICANS HAVE BEEN "DEEPLY HURT BY THE STONEWALL SILENCE OF THE NIXON-FORD ADMINISTRATIONS" ON THE SITUATION IN IRELAND AND ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE IRISH PLANK OF THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

THE PLANK SAYS THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF A UNITED IRELAND.

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PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER JIMMY CARTER HAD TO SOOTHE THE FEELINGS OF A DOZEN PENNSYLVANIA BLACK DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AFTER ONE OF THEM TOLD HIM THAT "SOME OF YOUR STAFF PEOPLE ARE RACIST."

CLIFTON PITTS OF DUQUESNE TOLD CARTER AT A BRIEF GATHERING WITH THE BLACK LEADERS:

"WE HERE IN PENNSYLVANIA ARE 100 PER CENT GOING TO SUPPORT YOU EVEN THOUGH WE FEEL THAT SOME OF YOUR STAFF PEOPLE ARE RACIST.

"WE WENT THROUGH HELL TO SIT DOWN WITH YOU."

CARTER WAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY THE REMARKS ALTHOUGH HE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED.

HE TOLD PITTS AND THE OTHERS, "IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN DONE, I APOLOGIZE AND I DO HOPE THAT YOU WON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME."

CARTER ALSO SAID HE DID NOT REALIZE THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY FRICTION.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ROMAN CATHOLICS AND COLLEGE EDUCATED VOTERS MAY BE PIVOTAL IN JIMMY CARTER'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, ACCORDING TO POLLSTER LOUIS HARRIS WHO SAYS THE GEORGIA DEMOCRAT IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH BOTH.

GEORGE GALLUP, ANOTHER PUBLIC OPINION EXPERT, SAYS THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES AWAKENED MANY APATHETIC VOTERS AND PRESIDENT FORD APPEARS TO BE BENEFITTING THE MOST.

BOTH MEN SPOKE WEDNESDAY AT A NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSED THE CANDIDATES' NARROWING GAP IN THE POLLS.

HARRIS SAID "AMONG THE COLLEGE EDUCATED ... CARTER IS DOUBTED, MUCH MORE THAN ANY OTHER SEGMENT," HARRIS SAID. THEY "WORRY ABOUT HIS INDEPENDENCE. THEY SAY HE MAKES THEM FEEL UNEASY ... HE TRIES TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN."

HE SAID CATHOLICS ARE UPSET WITH THE WAY CARTER HAS HANDLED ABORTION.

GALLUP SAID "A GREATER SHIFT OF OPINION HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN THE PRESENT RACE THAN IN ANY IN WHICH WE HAVE EVER BEEN INVOLVED." HIS FIRST VOTER SURVEY WAS IN 1935.

GALLUP SAID THE DEBATES CREATED NEW INTEREST IN THE ELECTION AND "OUR SURVEY DATA AT THIS POINT WOULD INDICATE IT IS HELPING PRESIDENT FORD."

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AM-LOANS 10-28
BY LEONARD CURRY

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN 1965 TO RECLAIM SOME GEORGIA LAND BEING HELD AS LOAN COLLATERAL. HE WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF SUSPICIONS HIS AIM WAS TO RAISE MONEY FOR PERSONAL REASONS -- POSSIBLY POLITICS -- AND NOT TO EXPAND HIS BUSINESS.

THE REFUSAL CAME FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITIZENS' BANK OF AMERICUS, GA., WHICH LOANED CARTER \$175,000 IN 1962 TO BUILD AND EQUIP AN AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE ON 200 ACRES OF LAND IN HIS HOMETOWN OF PLAINS, GA. THE BANK PROVIDED 25 PER CENT OF THE LOAN WITH THE SBA PUTTING UP THE REST.

CARTER WAS CAMPAIGNING IN OHIO AND NEW YORK AND WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

DETAILS OF THE 1965 REQUEST AND ITS DENIAL ARE CONTAINED IN SBA FILES MADE AVAILABLE TO UPI IN RESPONSE TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST.

UPI WAS GIVEN ADDITIONAL SBA FILES BY "SPOTLIGHT," A CONSERVATIVE PUBLICATION STRONGLY CRITICAL OF CARTER. UPI ALSO VERIFIED THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE FILES WITH SBA.

THE SBA RECORDS SHOWED THAT IN 1965 CARTER ASKED THAT SECURITY LIENS BE REMOVED AGAINST SOME OF HIS ASSETS, INCLUDING 200 ACRES OF LAND IN PLAINS, GA. HE SAID HE NEEDED THE LAND FREE OF MORTGAGE TO BORROW MORE MONEY TO EXPAND HIS BUSINESS.

ACCORDING TO THE FILES, THE PRESIDENT OF CITIZENS BANK, S.R. HUNTER, RECOMMENDED AGAINST THE REQUEST ON GROUNDS CARTER REALLY WANTED THE MONEY FOR REASONS UNRELATED TO HIS BUSINESS. TWO REGIONAL SBA OFFICIALS IN ATLANTA, JOHN P. LATIMER AND MAX E. HOUSTON, AGREED WITH HUNTER'S ASSESSMENT IN SEPARATE MEMOS AND LETTERS.

SBA RECORDS SHOW THAT HUNTER SAID CARTER SAID HE NEEDED MONEY TO RUN FOR THE SEAT OF THEN-REP. HOWARD CALLAWAY, R-GA. HUNTER ALSO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING CARTER WANTED TO START A RIVAL BANK IN AMERICUS.

FOR HIS PART, HOUSTON SAID IN A MEMO DATED SEPT. 24, 1965, THAT "MR. CARTER HAD ADMITTED IN MR. LATIMER'S OFFICE, AND THE (CITIZENS) BANK IS ALSO AWARE OF IT, THAT THE PRIMARY REASON WAS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS IN STARTING ANOTHER BANK IN AMERICUS."

(CARTER NEVER SOUGHT CALLAWAY'S HOUSE SEAT, DECIDING INSTEAD TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR. HE RAN THIRD IN A THREE-MAN RACE. NOT LONG AFTERWARD, HE BEGAN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL 1970 RACE FOR GOVERNOR WHICH, IN TURN, EVENTUALLY LED TO HIS PRESIDENTIAL BID.)

QUESTIONED BY UPI ABOUT THE STATEMENTS IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WEDNESDAY, HUNTER SAID THE SBA MATERIAL WAS WRONG ABOUT THE POLITICAL RACE AND CARTER'S INTENTION TO START A BANK.

"IT REMINDS ME OF A DOG WORRYING A BONE," HUNTER SAID. "THERE'S NOTHING IN IT."

THE SBA FILES SAID THE CITIZENS BANK RECOMMENDED AGAINST RELEASING THE LAND TO CARTER AS THE LOCAL INSTITUTION RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING SUPERVISE THE LOAN.

IN A MEMO TO SBA ON YELLOW FILE PAPER, HOUSTON SAID CARTER'S REQUEST WAS DENIED AUG. 8, 1965, "WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PARTICIPANT" BANK. HE SAID "THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK FELT THAT IT WAS NOT NEEDED FOR THE REASONS (CARTER) HAD GIVEN AND HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF RELEASING ANY PLEDGED COLLATERAL WITHOUT SOME CONSIDERATION."

HOUSTON, ACTING CHIEF OF SBA'S LOAN PROCESSING AND ADMINISTRATION SECTION IN ATLANTA, ALSO SAID HUNTER BELIEVED CARTER WANTED THE LAND FREED OF LIENS TO USE AS COLLATERAL FOR "OUTSIDE FINANCING FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS."

"THESE BEING (1) TO ENTER A POLITICAL RACE AGAINST CONGRESSMAN CALLAWAY IN THE NEXT ELECTION OR TO BORROW MONEY FOR PURCHASING STOCK IN A NEW BANK WHICH HE IS TRYING TO FORM IN AMERICUS. MR. HUNTER STATED THAT THIS WAS LOOSE TALK; HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT BORROWER NEEDS THIS MONEY FOR THE REASONS HE GIVES."

SBA SAID CARTER REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ONE-YEAR DEFERRALS OF HIS PAYMENTS IN 1966 AND 1970 -- THE YEARS HE RAN FOR GOVERNOR -- BUT "THE LOAN WAS REPAID ON A TIMELY BASIS."

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AM-Carter, 2 Takes, 490-890

By LYNNE OLSON

Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND AP - Jimmy Carter said Thursday he cannot promise a substantial tax reduction that a day earlier he had declared would be the "almost inevitable" result of his economic policies after four years in the White House.

Addressing a rally as he arrived here on his continuing trek through states where the election race with President Ford is tight and possibly crucial, the Democratic nominee said that with a good rate of economic growth, lowered inflation and unemployment, "perhaps," there could be "some tax cuts."

He added, "I am very careful not to promise that for sure."

Carter has said that on the basis of projections by his advisers, the government could have an additional \$60 billion a year by the end of fiscal 1981 - an amount that Republican critics of Carter have termed impossibly large.

In a radio interview on Wednesday night in Pittsburgh, he had told a listener who asked about taxes that rather than higher taxes under his administration, there would be "a much more likely prospect of tax reduction in the next four years."

Carter went on to say, "I believe that is almost inevitable," but gave no indication of how much of a tax cut he had in mind.

During an airport press conference in Erie, Pa., on Thursday, Carter was asked how he could achieve his goal of a general income tax reduction while paying for proposed new programs and balancing the budget by the end of his first term.

Carter replied that his advisers say a growth rate of five to six per cent in the economy and a reduction in unemployment from the present 7.8 per cent to four per cent are attainable, and if realized, "there is going to be about \$60 billion accumulated per year above and beyond what we have now."

Carter said, "I would guess a substantial portion of that would go for a tax cut, and a substantial portion would go for implementing new programs."

Asked how much of a tax cut he was envisioning, Carter said, "I don't know."

He reiterated that new programs would be phased in gradually to make sure the balanced budget - which Carter has promised - could be accomplished. And he cautioned that while his goals were in his view reasonable, they could not be attained without "cooperation between myself as President, the Congress and the American people."

Carter's apparent retreat on the certainty of a tax cut may have reflected some concern among his staff that he was possibly going too far on a subject that has been troublesome for the Georgia governor since early in the campaign.

Carter said previously he would shift some of the tax burden to higher income taxpayers to ease the burden on lower and middle income taxpayers. After some initial controversy with the Republicans over where the cut would be made, Carter aides said their plan would benefit all families earning less than \$25,000 by closing tax loopholes and lowering tax rates.

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By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Preferring not to wait for Supreme Court review of his convictions, John D. Ehrlichman asked on Thursday to be sent to prison to serve his Watergate sentences. Two federal judges agreed and ordered him to report to a federal work camp in Arizona by Nov. 1.

When he begins serving his minimum 30 months, Ehrlichman will become the first of the three men closest to Richard M. Nixon - and the highest ranking member of the Nixon administration to date - to be imprisoned.

His lawyers could not be reached to determine whether Ehrlichman will now drop his intended appeals to the Supreme Court.

Ehrlichman, Nixon's domestic counselor and his No. 2 aide, was convicted and sentenced in both the so-called White House "plumbers" case and in the Watergate cover-up. His appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals was rejected in each case.

At his sentencing in the cover-up case, along with former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman, Ehrlichman expressed contrition.

"It is clear to me from the jury verdicts . . . that my public life was perceived in such a way that my peers find me unworthy of their trust and belief," he said. "I have been found to be a perjurer, and no reversal on appeal alone can expunge the stigma of these verdicts."

As the boss of the so-called "White House Plumbers," Ehrlichman was sentenced to 20 months to 5 years for violating the civil rights of a Beverly Hills psychiatrist. The jury found that White House agents, under Ehrlichman's direction, broke into the Beverly Hills, Calif., office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding to rifle the files of a patient, Pentagon Papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

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WASHINGTON: Daniel Ellsberg.

Then, he was convicted of obstructing justice, conspiring to obstruct justice and multiple counts of lying under oath in the Watergate cover-up. His sentence in that case was 30 months to 8 years.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, who presided over the cover-up trial, made the Watergate and plumbers case sentences concurrent, meaning that Ehrlichman will be eligible for parole after serving 2½ years.

A provision in the law, however, allows Sirica to reduce a sentence within four months after Ehrlichman goes to prison. Sirica has done that on previous occasions, reducing to time served the sentences of such prominent Watergate figures as James W. McCord Jr., John W. Dean, and Jeb Stuart Magruder.

A similar reduction in sentence was ordered for Charles W. Colson by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, who presided over the plumbers trial.

Sirica and Gesell jointly issued Thursday's order, saying Ehrlichman's lawyer told them that he "now wishes voluntarily to surrender his personal bond and to begin service of the concurrent sentences."

Court sources said that the lawyer, Stuart Stiller, walked into the judges' office Thursday morning, without any advance notice, and said Ehrlichman wanted to begin his sentence.

The former White House aide could not be reached for comment in Santa Fe, N.M., where he has been living since his conviction. An answering service said he was out of town.

Ehrlichman will serve his sentence at the federal prison camp in Safford, Ariz. The judges' order gives him a choice of surrendering there or to U.S. marshals in the District of Columbia by noon Nov. 1.

Since he moved out of his home in Seattle and separated from his wife, Ehrlichman has become a virtual recluse. He grew a beard and set to work writing novels. The first, called "The Company," was published this year. Another is in the works. He says he has no intention of writing a book about Watergate as his co-defendants, Mitchell and Haldeman, are doing.

The 51-year-old Ehrlichman was in Washington recently testifying about drug enforcement in the Nixon administration. He declined at that time to talk with a reporter about his experiences in Watergate and his present life.

When Ehrlichman stood with his co-defendants before Sirica for sentencing on Feb. 21 last year, another of his lawyers made an appeal - not for leniency - but for a sentence that would give Ehrlichman a chance to atone for his Watergate trespasses.

"He requests no less than a strict sentence from your honor," said lawyer Ira Lowe. But he asked that rather than be sent to prison, Ehrlichman be allowed to spend his time working with Indian tribes in the northern pueblos of New Mexico where he could make use of his expertise as a land-use lawyer.

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(STOCKS)

NEW YORK (UPI) -- THE STOCK MARKET CLOSED LOWER TODAY IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AMID UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT THE COURSE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE, UP ABOUT THREE POINTS AT THE OUTSET, WAS OFF 3.91 TO 952.21 SHORTLY BEFORE THE CLOSE. IT HAD RALLIED BRIEFLY FROM A FOUR-POINT AFTERNOON DEFICIT.

DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ABOUT A SEVEN-TO-SIX MARGIN AMONG THE 1,840 ISSUES CROSSING THE TAPE. THERE WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF UNCHANGED ISSUES.

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(MONEY)

BRUSSELS (UPI) -- THE U.S. DOLLAR, WHICH HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE POUND'S WOES ALL WEEK, FELL THURSDAY AGAINST ALL MAJOR CURRENCIES EXCEPT THE FRENCH FRANC AND THE ITALIAN LIRE. BANKERS IN PARIS EXPRESSED FEARS THAT STERLING'S STEADY SLIDE MIGHT DRAG DOWN THE FRANC, WHICH HAD BEEN FIRING UP UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK. THE FRENCH CENTRAL BANK HAD TO INTERVENE WITH \$30 TO \$40 MILLION WEDNESDAY TO SUPPORT THE FRANC, THEY SAID. IN FRANKFURT THE DOLLAR FELL FROM 2.4010 MARKS TO 2.3960, IN ZURICH FROM 2.4348 FRANCS TO 2.4295, IN BRUSSELS FROM 37.40 FRANCS TO 37.35, AND IN AMSTERDAM FROM 2.5190 GULDERS TO 2.5075. IN PARIS, THE DOLLAR ADVANCED FROM 4.9987 FRANCS TO 5.0030 AND IN MILAN IT WAS UP FROM 864 LIRE TO 864.10. IN TOKYO, THE DOLLAR STEADIED AT 293.65 YEN AGAINST 293.45.

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NEW YORK (AP) -- DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES:
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MINISTERS-ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SEVENTEEN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN MINISTERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT TODAY TO ISRAEL AND CONDEMNED THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

W. A. CRISWELL OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ AT A LUNCHEON CEREMONY THAT HE IS PRO-ISRAEL BECAUSE "THE WORD OF GOD SAYS THE LAND IS FOREVER THEIRS IN AN UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT."

THIS SUPPORT FOR THE JEWISH NATIONAL STATE WOULD NOT WEAKEN THE UNITED STATES, CRISWELL SAID, EVEN IF THERE WAS ANOTHER ARAB OIL EMBARGO OR A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

"IT'S A MATTER OF LOVE AND DEVOTION," HE SAID. "IT'S NOT A MATTER OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS."

IN RESPONSE, DINITZ CALLED THE PROCLAMATION, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SIGNATURES OF 7,000 CHRISTIAN CHURCH-GOERS, "UPLIFTING AND REFRESHING."

"ALL TOO OFTEN WE BELIEVE WE ARE ALMOST ALONE," DINITZ SAID.

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