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Ford Not Involved in Mich. Fund Probe, Nessen Says

There is no indication President Ford is involved in a federal investigation of campaign fund practices in the Michigan district he represented in Congress, Ron Nessen said Tuesday.

In Grand Rapids, 5th District Republican chairman Robert Eleveld said campaign documents dating back to 1964 were turned over to Watergate special prosecutor Charles H. Ruff under a subpoena issued shortly after the GOP National Convention last month.

Party officials in Grand Rapids say they are confused by the investigation. (ABC, NBC)

Asked about the inquiry, Nessen said: "There is no suggestion in any way that it has anything to do with the President. We have received here no indication that the President is involved in any investigation."

The Wall Street Journal, reporting the subpoena of the 5th District records, also said Rufs has subpoenaed records of a maritime union based in New York and believed to have contributed to Ford's last congressional re-election campaign in 1972.

Phillip Buchen told Bob Schieffer he is convinced the President is not the target of any federal investigation. Buchen suggested the records were subpoenaed because the special prosecutor is looking into the operations of some maritime unions. (CB)

Charles Gibson said the problem for Ford is that the subpoenas "draw inferences without providing specifics." (ABC)

Gibson noted that the special prosecutor's office has done nothing to clear up any suspicions. But "the last thing the President wants to do is criticize the special prosecutor. That might make him sound like his predecessor," Gibson added. (ABC)

ABC's lead story, which ran 2:20, viewed film of the PFC in Grand Rapids and clips of a Ford '72 campaign ad. Charles Gibson then delivered a 1:43 WH reaction report showing Nessen's quotes over his photo and film of the President at his V.P confirmation hearings.

Follwing an anchor lead-in, CBS' Bob Schieffer gave a studio report for the #2, 1:31 story.

NBC devoted two separate spots to this story, leading with a Carl Stern report lasting 2:00. Mike Jackson followed with the Grand Rapids reaction and interviews with campaign workers there. The stories ran third and fourth in the show. AP,UPI,Networks — (9/21/76)

President should play his game, not Carter's

President Ford cannot possibly outpromise Jimmy Carter and shouldn't try. The President's speech at Ann Arbor this week fell flat because Mr. Ford played Carter's game instead of his own.

The big issue of this presidential campaign may

ence can hear what it wants to hear, but saying plainly and simply what you mean, and meaning what you say."

For the most part, the President measures up to this standard of trust. Unfortunately, he failed to

Ford Sets His Tone

Rather than risking neglect of his official duties, President Ford has chosen to stay at work during this early part of the campaign and let his run-

Concerning health care, Mr. Ford pointed out that he already has proposed to Congress the combining of 16 "overlapping and confused federal

Demonstrate Against Ford (Editorial, excerpted, Michigan Daily)

Tonight, a capacity crowd will jam its way into Crisler Arena to see one of the major events scheduled on campus this year. Gerald Rudolph Ford and his campaign cronies have decided to try and capitalize on the circumstantial fact that he played football and went to school here by springboarding their quadrenniel GOP travelling road show at the big 'U.'

Ford kicking off his presidential campaign at a college campus is something akin to Hitler making the first donation to the United Jewish Appeal.

Ford is a time-proven enemy of higher education. With atypical consistency, he has vetoed almost every bill designed to benefit higher education that has passed through the Oval Office. Ford should not be allowed to exit the arena without first being forced to come up with a rationalization for that voting record, however pathetic the reasons may be.

He should also be blasted for his recent phone call to William Scranton, U.S. representative at the UN, ordering a veto of a proposal which would have allowed the Democratic Republic of Vietnam into the General Assembly. How long is Ford, Kissinger and the rest of the clique going to hold a grudge, and continue American humiliation with regards to a country that poses no threat to our security and is now offering the olive branch? He sure won't volunteer that information tonight.

The list could be expanded to include unemployment, amnesty, abortion, taxes, child care and a dozen other issues of the day. Fumble-fumps Ford will continue his neandrethal policies towards these issues until the people force him to get his act together, if that is indeed possible at this point. -- (9/15/76)

Ford's Sickening Speech (Editorial, excerpted, Michigan Daily)

President Ford's speech Wednesday night in Crisler Arena was typical of what the major presidential candidates have been doing during this campaign year: clearly identifying the issues, but failing miserably in proposing concerte and progressive solutions. Ford's image is that close to a big corporation's chairman of the board: stick to a well-proven forumla, exercise moderation, sacrifice creativity for stability and take action only in self interest. It isn't really that the President is dishonest -- in face he is probably a decent sort, a person that will stand up for what he believes -- but that is not a reason

in itself to lead the most powerful nation in the world.

We know right now for a fact that the only national goal Gerald Ford is certainly interested in is that of getting elected to the presidency for the first time in his life. His chatter on "the issues" in light of that fact becomes both secondary and superficial.

A cheap shot, Ford, coming to your alma mater -glowing as a finely sharpened Madison Avenue ad person does
at having realized that you can sell manure as gold by wording
the copy properly. Using an academic institution as a blatant
political springboard for your political aspirations was highly
out of order.

He also talked about the realization of the American dream and the duty of the United States to be the leader of the free world, as epitomized by Ford when he spoke of Henry Kissinger sticking our fingers into southern Africa when perhaps they don't belong there. He spoke of "earning trust" as opposed to asking for it like Jimmy Carter does, but he neglected the fact that when it comes down to basics, he's just as untrustworthy as the Democratic candidate. Untrustworthy through pure ambiguity, and that's enough. -- (9/17/76)

A Three-Yard Punt (Editorial, excerpted, Youngstown Vindicator)

Perhaps it was too much to expect President Ford to keep up the pace of his address to the Republican convention, but his speech at the University of Michigan, the official kickoff of his campaign, fell far below the Kansas City performance.

Ford did make an effective statement of what apparently will be a basic theme of his campaign, trust. Certainly one of his great assets is the public's confidence in his decency and integrity. Since Jimmy Carter has been calling upon the voters to put their trust in him, the President was on solid ground when he said, "Trust must be earned."

The advance hints of "surprises" in Ford's opening fusillade did him a disservice, for there were few surprises. The touted program to encourage home-buying, apparently intended to attract middle-class Northeasterners and Midwesterners, put its main stress on lowering the down payments for FHA-insured mortgages. Since 1974, this has been down to 3 percent of the first \$25,000 of the loan, a maximum of \$750, and even that inducement has produced relatively little interest in such loans.

Ford has helped himself with his stance of "acting presidential" and getting good publicity through official acts. However, he must demand better of his speechwriters if his campaigning is to be effective. -- (9/17/76)

Dole Heads for Campaign Trail Following Medical Exam

Sen. Bob Dole returned to the campaign trail Tuesday after taking time out for a medical checkup that aides said was routine.

The senator was scheduled to appear at the Ohio Republican State Convention in Columbus on the first leg of a week-long trip that included a search for farm belt votes in the Dakotas and several days in southern California. AP, UPI -- (9/21/76)

CARTER/MONDALE CAMPAIGN

Playboy Interview

Congress Blasts Carter on Playboy Interview

At least four Senate Democrats said Tuesday that Jimmy Carter should not have consented to a recent Playboy interview, which has quickly injected sexual mores into the presidential campaign. He told Playboy he had "committed adultery in my heart many times" by looking at women other than his wife.

"I don't think this particular interview should have been given to this particular magazine," said Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd.

Democratic Sens. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Walter Huddleston of Kentucky and J. Bennett Johnston Jr. as well as at least two GOP senators also indicated they felt Carter made a mistake with the Playboy interview.

"The trouble with Jimmy Carter is that when he says what he really thinks, it comes out pretty scary," said Senate Republican Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

In Plains Tuesday, Carter "carefully sidetracked" any references to the interview, Sam Donaldson stated.

Donaldson said his decision to introduce the love and lust subject into the campaign may not have been wise. "Carter says he wants to focus on the real issues. But if the public has once again been sidetracked away from the real issues... Carter has no one but himself to blame," he added. (ABC)

ABC ran a 2:15, #4 story showing film of Carter and his advisers in Plains, excerpts of Powell's remarks and Carter's minister's remarks.

CBS reported the story in a #5 anchor report that ran :13. UPI,ABC,CBS -- (9/21/76)

Carter Outlines Energy Plan

Jimmy Carter unveiled Tuesday what he called "a bold proposal" to reorganize the federal energy effort, including abolishing most of the present agencies dealing with energy and combining them in a cabinet-level department.

Carter disclosed the plan on his return from a whistlestop tour of three Eastern industrial states Monday. The energy reorganization plan was an example of what Carter has been stressing all during his campaign: reorganization of existing federal agencies to eliminate overlapping duplication and inefficiency.

Carter told reporters at his home that he thought the public would be eager to have the energy issue straightened out and that Congress would be in a "frame of mind" to deal with it.

"There should be combined in one cabinet-level department under a secretary who would report to the President all current offices or agencies that presently perform the energy function of policy and analysis, conservation, research and development, data collection and econmic regulation of oil, gas, utilities and pipelines," the Carter position paper said. AP,UPI,NBC,CBS (9/2)

Mondale Attacks Ford Tax Plan

Jimmy Carter jumped off his campaign train Tuesday but Walter Mondale continued their whistle-stop strategy, blasting the Ford Administration as he rode through Ohio and Indiana.

At every stop, Mondale hammered away at the Republicans on taxes. He said by raising the issue a few days ago, the Republicans made the worst mistake of the campaign.

Mondale said the Republicans have always been for more loopholes for the rich and higher taxes for the average American person, Charles Quinn reported. (NBC)

The Democratic ticket is six to nine points ahead in Ohio but the support seems soft, Don Farmer said, adding that no Republican has won an election without taking Ohio. (ABC)

NBC featured film clips of Mondale campaigning and excerpts from his speech in Ohio. Quinn concluded with a standup. The spot ran 2:00, 7th in the show.

In its #6 story, which ran 1:57, ABC film showed Mondale on the campaign trail and excerpts of his remarks. Farmer did his wrapup at the train station. AP, UPI, NBC, ABC -- (9/21/76)

Jimmy Carter's Tax (Editorial, excerpted, Chattanooga News-Free Press)

Jimmy Carter surely will come under political attack for paying a tax of only 13 percent of his income while many others earning less money may have been paying at a higher percentage rate.

We don think Carter deserves that kind of attack. He apparently followed the law. So if something is wrong, it is the law, not the individual who abides by it.

There is no obligation on the part of any American to pay any tax that the law does not require. What is wrong is that the laws on taxation are written to include so many special favors and penalties that they are applied unequally, creating what we commonly speak of as "loopholes."

For political purposes, Congress has written into the tax laws special provisions that favor some but not others. Then it tries to chink up some of the loopholes from time to time, while creating others. It has gotten so bad even the IRS can't tell you for sure what the tax laws mean.

The law needs to be changed and simplified, with something nearer equality resulting. That can be done only by limiting exemptions and deductions drastically, providing more nearly uniform rates.

Don't expect it, but a basic family exemption followed by taxation of all the remaining income at, say, 19 to 20 percent, might not impose a heaver tax load on most people but would produce about the same amount of tax money with greater justice to all people.

In the meantime, don't criticize Jimmy Carter for following the tax law even if he doesn't pay so much tax. -- (9/5/76)

(By Farley Clinton, excerpted, The Wanderer -- a National Catholic Weekly)

Jimmy Carter appeared severely disappointed as he left the Mayflower Hotel after his meeting with representatives of the American Hierarchy. This confrontation with the Church, was the biggest fiasco of his campaign so far.

He smiled a great deal, just as in his photographs, but said nothing at all. He is a rather small man in person, without any particular distinction in his presence. He certainly did not look like a national figure, and his very numerous entourage gave the impression of being quite unfamiliar with the world outside a very small town in Georgia. On the whole they seemed younger,

and for one reason or another more undersized, than most workers in national campaigns, or even in the statewide campaigns in the larger states.

After nearly 20 years dealing, off and on, with politicians in urban areas, they were, to me, a disconcerting set of people to run into, in a presidential campaign. The disturbing idea began to dawn that, what seems absolutely impossible may be the truth, that the pleasant, disarming surface of Carter may be absolutely all there is to him. I assumed he was a fellow of infinite cunning, who told lies because he had something -- a policy -- a great ambition -- a master plan -- that he was cleverly hiding.

Yet these people who travelled with him seemed -- well, let us not say that they told lies -- but, when you could persuade them to talk, they said things that were untrue or misleading, and yet they didn't seem to be hiding anything at all. It is not as though there were any true ideas or true facts that they knew, and wanted to keep from you. They were in face, so far as one could tell, all of them as platitudinous, as unthinking, and as unrealistic as Jimmy Carter's speeches.

I think that, if the Bishops' statement has any effect whatsoever, it will make it politically suicidal for any big city Irish Catholic to support the Democratic platform of 1976.

This does not mean that Ford will win. Already -- without this open break with the Church -- Carter has lost more Catholic support than any other Democratic presidential candidates in history. Whenever he entered a Democratic primary in a heavily Catholic state he did miserably. And the polls show that he almost immediately lost a large chunk of Catholic support to Ford. Lots of people, traditionally Democratic, left him for the same reason the Bishops are now forced to repudiate him. But this may mean that he has already lost almost as much Catholic support as he is going to, except from what happens through the probably breakdowns of the Democratic political apparatus in the big cities. But Carter is miles ahead of Ford in the Northeast anyhow, and can afford to lose much strength there.

Obviously he simply doesn't know, and doesn't care, why anybody would oppose abortion. He has no principles. At least he doesn't have sufficient sense of principle to make him worry about other people's principles, as a possible factor in their lives. He just smiles.

Consider that Catholics have made up between 30 and 50 percent of the Democratic Party. Consider that for years abortion has been in all the newspapers as the No. 1 issue for Catholics. Consider that everybody else has made speeches and taken a stand on the matter -- and so did he. But evidently his self-contradictions in his speeches arose from this, that he never really took seriously

what anyone else was saying about it, or what he himself was saying about it. And yet consider that he is always talking about how spiritually minded he is, and how he reads the Bible, and how, more than other people, he has a deep grasp of the importance of religion in this world...

Yes, of course, yes, yes... -- (9/23/76)

POLITICAL FOCUS/ROBERT WALTERS

The Truck-Stop Campaign

PLAINS, Ga. - Even if nobody famous lived in this hamlet, the community - and its name is Carter.

The fanciest and newest peanut processing machinery in town senuted to cost hetween \$500,000 and \$1 million is from a nodium to an assembled audience) in this comparion "

Innovation: Carter wasn't the first contender to emphasize a casual visitor would require only a few hours surveying the that approach in the primaries, but now he has embarked on town to learn that one family dominates the economic life of a truly innovative course of action: he is using virtually the same strategy in the general election campaign.

"You won't see very many stand-up appearances (speeches

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Straw Poll Finds Carter Way Ahead in Youngstown (By Clingan Jackson, excerpted, Youngstown Vindicator)

First <u>Vindicator</u> straw poll returns from Democratic wards in Youngstown show that Jimmy Carter, Democratic nominee for president, is running five-to-one over President Ford.

The voting indicates Carter would win in the city by more than 30,000 plurality, for he is polling stronger than Democratic George McGovern did in 1972, and McGovern won the city by about a 13,000 majority.

Voting in the U.S. Senate and 19th District congressional races shows that GOP candidates in those slots are considerably stronger than the President. Local Democrats running for country offices have greater strength than the national candidates.

Ballots were returned by 54 who have participated in Democratic primaries and eight with Republican primary voting records. Thirty indicated they voted for McGovern in 1972 and nine that they voted for Nixon.

These straw ballots were cast as follows:

President		
Ford	11	
Carter	50	
Senator		
Robert Taft Jr.	15	
Howard M. Metzenbaum	45	* * *
Congressman		
Jack C. Hunter	21	
Charles J. Carney	40	(9/19/76)

Issues Religious Leaders Protest Abortion as Campaign Issue

A religious coalition of Protestant and Jewish leaders gathered Tuesday in Philadelphia to protest the attention the abortion issue has been given in the election campaign.

"We view as irresponsible the actions taken by the two presidential candidates and the Roman Catholic hierarchy," a spokesman said

The coalition feels that only the Catholic side of the abortion issue has been considered. They asked Ford and Carter to meet with Protestant and Jewish leaders, but the President declined and Carter would only send a representative. CBS -- (9/21)

Issues

<u>Curbing Business Misdeeds</u> (Editorial, excerpted, Des Moines Register)

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Neither President Ford nor Jimmy Carter comes to grips with the problem of illegal payments abroad by U.S. corporations.

In legislation proposed by his administration, Ford, in effect, throws up his hands and accepts corporate bribery as a necessary business evil. He recommends only that companies be required to report certain "questionable payments."

Carter criticizes the administration bill as a "go-ahead-and-bribe" message to corporations. He particularly objects to a provision preventing disclosure of corporate payments to the public for at least a year. Carter criticizes but does not offer his own solution. Presumably, he is leaning more toward efforts by Democratic congressmen to outlaw payoffs of foreign officials (the aim of a bill passed by the Senate Wednesday), and/or to punish U.S. bribers by denying them tax benefits.

Carter, Ford and many congressmen are taking too narrow a view. Corporate bribery seems just one symptom of a more serious disease, the breakdown of corporate accountability.

Federal charters could require that executives be more responsible to shareholders and directors, could set requirements for disclosure of business information to government and the public, and could impose uniform accounting methods to uncover slush funds.

Ford and Carter should take a serious look if they are serious about halting corporate misdeeds. -- (9/17/76)

REGULATORY FOCUS/RICHARD E. COHEN

The Regulatory Reform Void

It may not be surprising, but it is worth noting that the two sue is the fact that a Carter aide recently called a White major presidential candidates are giving short shrift to the issue of federal regulation and the alleged need for regulatory

House aide to find out how many agencies there really were.

Another example of the deliberate ambiguity of Carter's reform. Both President Ford and Jimmy Carter want the position on regulatory issues is the response of the Carter public to know that they perceive and share the national transportation task force coordinator to a reporter's question Debates

The 'Debate': a Fuzzy Picture

The League of Women Voters has made a muddle of the rules for the televised presentation of the presidential candidates Thursday.

It has given the candidates much too much power over the event, and has placed restrictions on the television coverage that will do nothing to en-

hance the presentation.

We share, first of all, the misgivings of the networks about the prohibition of camera coverage of the audience itself. If this is in fact a news event, as had been argued to evade the restrictions on political programs, then all the media should be equally free to cover the events as their wisdom dictates. We can share the unease of many with the way cameras sometimes wander at major events, dawdling over the inopportune sleeper, ridiculously costumed people and other diversions from the thrust and content of the event. But to impose regulations to limit that is to take a step down the risky road to

L.A. Times, 9/21/76

Buffalo Eve. News, 9/1/76

HAK Proposal Considered, Acceptance Likely

Secretary Kissinger was reported Tuesday to be carrying the word to black African leaders that Prime Minister Ian Smith has accepted the principle of rule by Rhodesia's black majority within 18 months to two years.

Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere told reporters that Kissinger had revealed Smith's position during a 90-minute meeting after the secretary flew Tuesday from Zambia on his mission for racial peace in southern Africa.

Smith, however, voiced concern that Kissinger may be jumping the gun. He said to quote him as being optimistic is the wrong interpretation. Smith said the negotiation is "only possible."

Nyerere said he was no longer "gloomy about prospects for a Rhodesian settlement" and awaits a public statement from Smith's regime -- expected Friday -- that accepts terms for a settlement.

In Salisbury, Smith spent 3 1/2 hours outlining to his cabinet the proposals offered to him at his Sunday meeting with Kissinger. Smith said the cabinet would study the plan -- "even sleep on it, even dream on it" -- before deciding its position Wednesday. (ABC,CBS)

Reacting to the possible settlement, the Russians attacked the Kissinger shuttle Tuesday. They are concerned that if Kissinger succeeds, their influence in Africa will be diminished.

The British government, on the other hand, praised Kissinger's attempt to bring peace to Rhodesia, although they are not certain he will be successful.

Walter Cronkite said Kissinger had apparently achieved "a diplomatic coup." (CBS) AP, UPI, Networks -- (9/21/76)

Cost of Living Up, Consumers Suffer

The cost of living rose 0.5 percent for the third straight month in August, reflecting higher prices for clothing, gasoline, fruits and vegetables, the Labor Department reported Tuesday.

The consumer price increase translates into an annual inflation rate of 6 percent, larger than administration economists had expected. President Ford has projected an inflation rate of 5 percent for 1976.

Combined with a slight decline in pay, the August price increase cut into the average worker's real spendable earnings by 0.3 percent. Real earnings have declined 0.6 percent over the past year.

Ford's economic adviser, William Seidman, said the inflation rate over the past few months has exceeded administration predictions -- but only by a bare fraction. "With predictions the way they are," he said, "this is about as close as you can hope to get."

Ron Nessen added that the steadiness of the trend indicates that numberous predictions of a resurgence of inflation this year "were not well founded." AP, UPI, Networks -- (9/21/76)

Stocks Leap in Heavy Trading for 3-Year Record High

Stock prices leaped ahead Tuesday in a surge of buying that propelled the Dow Jones Industrial Average past 1,000 to a new 3 1/2-year closing high. Trading was heavy.

Analysts said a primary catalyst for the rally was the hope that the Federal Reserve might relax its credit policy. Encouraging a continuation of the recent downtrend in interest rates. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/21/76)

Ford Confirms Golf Outing Story

President Ford acknowledged Tuesday he accepted two golfing vacations at a U.S. Steel country club when he was a congressman, one occuring after the House adopted an ethical code forbidding members to accept such favors.

U.S. Steel's chief lobbyist William Whyte said his firm paid "room and board" for both Ford visits to the Pine Valley Golf Club near Clementon, N.J.

Ron Nessen quited Ford as saying: "I've been a friend of Bill Whyte for 28 years. I've been there twice as his friend to play golf." AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/21/76)

President Raises Sugar Tariffs

President Ford, taking note of falling sugar prices, sought to protect domestic sugar producers by raising the tariff on imported sugar from 62 1/2 cents a pound to \$1.87 1/2 Tuesday.

"Increased customs duties will offer domestic producers some protection from imports," Ford said.

He added that the levy on foreign sugar "is an interim measure" that he will review following an expedited examination of the entire sugar situation by the U.S. International Trade Commission. AP,UPI,CBS -- (9/21/76)

U.S.

Former Chilean Ambassador Killed in Car Blast

A former Chilean ambassador to the U.S., Orlando Letelier, and a woman associate were killed and a third person injured Tuesday when a car they were in exploded on an Embassy Row street in Washington.

Letelier was the ambassador during the Salvatore Allende regime. The generals who overthrew Allende put Letelier in jail.

Chilean exile groups said the generals were responsible for Letelier's death.

Manuel Trujos, the present Chilean ambassador to the U.S., strongly denied his government was involved in the crime. (CBS) AP, UPI, Networks -- (9/21/76)

At taxpayer expense?

Cranking up the Ford P.R.

By San Friedman Knight News Service

WASHINGTON — The White House is cranking up the government's vast public relations machinery to help President Ford's campaign.

1972 Nixon campaign under Charles Colson, then a presidential assistant. Colson, as a result of Watergate disclosures, became identified with "dirty tricks," and his opearti was called "the Attack Group."

"This is not an attack group."

to editors written, sending in articles to be placed opposite editorial pages and genexally orchestrating our announcements with the olitical operation."

Rhatican said personnel from the three normally nonoFolitical departments were invited to the

Henry Kissinger and the Anguish of Power

by John G. Stoessinger

aving known Henry Kissinger fairly well since our days at Harvard in the early fifties, I have lately noted with rising consternation the public's changing attitude toward him. I must confess to an uneasy suspicion that many people who invested Kissinger with magic in his halcyon days may have made him a symbol of their own hunger for a moment of perfection and of glory. And I suspect that many of those who later attacked him without mercy might have done so out of their own frustration, bitterness, and disappointment. What has been sadly lacking, however, is a sense of reality and balance.

While Kissinger, today, is still widely perceived as an asset to the United States in its relationships abroad, many Americans are still deeply ambivalent about his impact at home. Kissinger himself has been consistent. He has never wavered in his striving for a stable world order. But in this quest he has often walked alone. His career has shown clearly that vision and courage may not be enough to ensure success. As he himself has written, popular support is essential as well. Luck and timing also play a crucial role. Thucydides realized this long ago in ancient Athens when he elevated Fortune to the rank of goddess.

Many years ago, Kissinger told me, "I know I have a first-rate mind, but that's no source of pride to me. Intelligent people are a dime a dozen. But I am proud of having character."

Kissinger has never had much patience with mediocrities or fools. But when, in the rolling cadences of his Bavarian accent, he described some luckless academic as a "characterless bastard," he meant to convey a bottomless contempt.

Kissinger has always reserved this ultimate epithet for those unfortunates who do not have the courage to act on their convictions. A man who says one thing but does another is even more certain to incur his wrath than someone who has no convictions whatsoever.

"Character," to Kissinger, has little to do with intelligence. What he admires is a man's capacity to stand up for his convictions in the world of action, alone if necessary. When, in a rare unguarded moment, Kissinger said, "I have always acted alone," he revealed a deep emotional conviction. Even though his intellect reminded him that "a policy that was conceived in the mind of one but resided in the hearts of none" was doomed to failure, this emotional preference for solitude remained.

Among contemporary statesmen, Kissinger most admires those who not only conceive a vision but find the courage to translate it into action even in the face of anguish and adversity. The fact that most of the men who share these qualities with him happen to be adversaries has not deterred him in the least. When, as a scholar at Harvard, he was preoccupied with Europe, he often expressed considerable admiration for the strength and steadfastness of Charles de Gaulle, the bête noire of the North Atlantic Treaty. After Kissinger came to power, he spoke with genuine respect of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai and of their courage in adversity. Among his fellow intellectuals, he was most drawn to Hans J. Morgenthau, even though the older scholar had often attacked his policies on Indochina and the Middle East. But he admired Morgenthau's vision in having been the first to oppose Indochina policy under Kennedy and Johnson and his courage in making that early opposition known despite official ridicule and even harassment.

In Kissinger's hierarchy of values, courage and decisiveness come first. Loyalty, too, is prized by him. Intelligence, even brilliance, he considers fairly commonplace. If they are coupled with indecisiveness and weakness, that combination is sure to arouse Kissinger's contempt. Whether one chooses to describe Kissinger's ideal in the romantic terms of Hegel's Zeitgeist or in the more rustic image of an embattled cowboy

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CARTER PROPOSED an energy department; Ford aides rejected hints of scandal.

Jimmy Carter, at home in Plains, Ga., to prepare for tomorrow night's debate, said that if he is elected President, he will move to

Springly States

Ocean. The major issue facing the threemonth assembly session is the status of white governments in southern Africa.

Both Western and Third World diplomats expressed optimism that this UN session could avoid the confrontations of

Business and Finance

CENERAL MOTORS is raising prices an average 4.9% on its 1977-model full-size cars, well below the average 5.9%, or \$344, boost previously slated for all its

Mutual funds' net redemptions slowed to \$280.4 million last month from July's \$314.7 million. But that was far wider than the yearearlier \$91.2 million.

Carter is more presidential than President, survey says

To Bill Meyer Inquirer Washington-Bureau

WASHINGTON - Somewhere between April and September: Jimmy Tarter hearing more "presidential" in the eyes of the voters than the man who is president.

Now President Ford enters tomor-

do not vote in large numbers. Any- still battling the liberals in his own thing Carter can do to stir up interest in the compaign will solidify his sup-

The Carter campaign leaders, desperately afraid of overconfidence, has portrayed the former Georgia governor's impressive support in the party, and many were saying they would not vote or would vote for Ford before they would get behind Carter.

They have changed their minds. The survey shows that Carter has

Ford Looks Forward to Debates

President Ford is looking forward to the big debate Thursday with Jimmy Carter and aides say he is in "good mental shape" for the historic, face-to-face encounter.

Ford displayed a carefree air by dancing beyond midnight
Tuesday at the state dinner honoring Liberian President
William R. Tolbert.

"I'm getting in training tonight by dancing with Betty and the guests," Ford teased reporters when asked about the debate at the historic Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia. (UPI)

White House aides say Ford hopes to use the presidential debates to brush aside doubts about his intelligence and ability.

Preparing for the first debate, scheduled for Philadelphia on Thursday night, Ford has been consulting briefing books on the issues and on Jimmy Carter's record as governor of Georgia. Ford planned today to rehearse for the nationally televised face-off with Carter.

In rehearsal, aides were expected to fire questions at the President as if they were reporters. They had videotape equipment available in case they want to play back, critique and refine any of the answers. "He wants to appear informed, decisive and experienced while picturing Carter as the opposite," an aide said.—AP, UPI, Morning Shows (9/22/76)

Debate eve: Ford closing gap in polls

Personality battle shapes; tax issue stalks Carter

By Godfrey Speriing Jr.
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
Washingto

The President, according to new national polls, now is fairly close behind Jimmy Carter — positioned almost the same as John Kennedy was when he took on Richard Nixon in the avantful debate which turned that race around

Further, they feel that because Mr. Carter will be free to go on the attack against Mr. Ford's record, he will emerge in the eyes of those watching as an attractive, aggressive:

Debate becomes crucial for Carter

Sun Staff Correspondent

Plains, Ga.—The opening presidential to firm up existing inclinations, rather debate tomorrow night, which initially appeared to be crucial for President Ford's switch voters from one candidate to the · underdog campaign, has evolved into the most crucial test of the year so far for Jimmy Carter

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But though polls do continue to give the-Democratic nominee a lead, both national-

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On With the Debates -

Nothing is ever simple anymore, least of all arranging a debate between presidential candidates. But it now appears that the in selecting the panel of journalists who will do the questioning. The three questioners for the first of the three debates, which will deal

Consumer-price rise to fuel presidential debate

Business and financial correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Vashington

American consumers — particularly hardpressed low and middle-income families — are having to run harder just to stay in place.

For both President Ford and Democratic challenger Jimmy Carter, one fact is now

Moreover, average family workers watched their real spendable income drop 0.3 percent from July to August — and for the year fall 0.6 percent.

Mixed feeling admitted

The reason, according to Labor Department analysts, was that price rises tended to offset a slight increase in average hourly earnings.

Ford-Carter debate stirs lively interest in Moscow

By David K. Willis
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

"Do you think the first Ford-Carter television debate will be shown simultaneously in Western Europe?" asked the Soviet expert eagerly. "I will be in Helsinki on that day and I would very much like to see it..."

So would all his fellow America-watchers in

didate member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Mr. Arbatov is director of the Institute for U.S. Studies and an adviser to the Kremlin on U.S. affairs.

Tass news agency said the 2% hour talk with Mr. Brezhnev was held "in a frank and friendly atmosphere," wording that usually indicates that some disagreements were aired. Mr. Harriman believes, for instance, that Mos-

cow has misrepresented Secretary of States. Henry A. Kissinger's aims in southern Africa. And he makes plain that Mr. Carter as president would expect more Soviet compliance; with the Helsinki documents' provisions on exchanging publications and ideas.

Other impacts of the campaign so far in Moscow:

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ax reform

first presidential candidates to call for an over- including the federal legislators who fall within haul of the tax system. When they advocate the income elite. This, in turn, encourages simplification and greater equity they echo cheating on income taxes and would eventually sentiments voiced by virtually every president corrupt the tax system. in this century. There is no arguing such re- Currently tax rates go as high as a max-

Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter are not the that government protects primarily the rich -

Ford, Carter split on economic issue and lots of others

By Bill Neikirk

WASHINGTON-If the American peas grams in hard-hit areas: ple don't know it already, they will soon. Point of conflict: Ford says Carter's discover that President Ford and Jim- approach would whip up a new inflation-

would try to cut joblessness to the area; of 5.5 per cent quickly; then reduce it, further with carefully targeted pro-

my Carter disagree sharply on-how to ary storm because it would cause huge tackie the nation's economic problems. ... federal deficits. Carter says Ford's ap-- oroach would condemn the country to

taxes for middle-income taxpayersthose earning around \$15,000 a year. Carter denies this, though he seemed to be taking that position in a recent interview. Ford also says Carter would wait a year before proposing reform, while he would act immediately.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE:

Carter favors a national health system with the program financed by federal. funds and employe and employer contributions, at an undetermined cost. Ford backs a plan to provide catastrophic, health coverage for Americans.

Point of conflict: Ford says Carter's plan would be too costly. Carter says. Ford plan doesn't go far enough and proves that the President lacks compas-

The IMF: a Ford-like Outlook

The International Monetary Fund would never, never intervene in an American election campaign. Heaven forbid. Nor would the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development or the heads of government of the indus-

Jerald terHorst

Trust me, urge both Ford, Carter



WASHINGTON—Whenever Presidents
Ford says, "You know where I stand,"
or Jimmy Carter declares, "You can
depend on it," the natural urge is to
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ENTER JERRY Ford and Jimmy Carter. Ford won the Republican nomination not because he is the natural Churchill of his party, but because he is the incompant Bresident and an helenal

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Carter Unworried About Interview Reaction

Jimmy Carter is described as unworried about political backlash from his blunt language on the sexual conduct of others and his own confession of past temptation.

Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell Tuesday denied that any kind of crisis had developed over Carter's use of crude language in an interview with Playboy. Powell said Carter meant that we have to set our personal standards very high even though we may not always live up to them. (ABC/CBS)

Still, Democrats charge that Carter has provided ammunition for his opponents in the interview. Ed Bradley reported that the Carter people are hoping the debates will set things strait.

The President and Mrs. Ford refused to comment on the Playboy interview when questioned by reporters during a state dinner for the President of Liberia Tuesday night.

Senator Dole, however, campaigning in Ohio, said he would not have given such an interview.

Journalists were divided over the political implications of the interview. In an ABC face-off, Vic Gold said the interview would hurt Carter's bid for the presidency, but Robert Scheer, co-author of the interview, disagreed. (ABC)

Gold said by endorsing adultery, Carter made a "mistake in judgment" which the American people must take into account in November. To dramatize his point, Gold read a long passage from the interview, including the words "screw" and "shack up." (ABC)

Scheer, however, argued that Carter did not endorse adultery, but revealed that he too was a complex human being. He said the interview indicated that the Carter administration would be "more tolerant...less puritanical...one that people can live with." (ABC)
--AP, UPI, Morning Shows (9/22/76)

Reactions to Carter Remarks Mixed

To his son, Jack, Jimmy Carter's remarks about sex in Playboy Magazine were part of an effort to reveal his "inner self."

To an authority on Baptist social ethics, they were an accurate reflection of Southern Baptist teachings.

And to a clergyman-psychologist they showed that Carter is admirably frank about his sexual fantasies.

But a Washington, D. C., pastor retired from a church where 17 presidents have worshiped over the years called the remarks "a very foolish thing to say."

Young Carter, asked for his reaction in Ashton, Iowa, where he spoke to a fund raising dinner Tuesday, said, "I've done that myself, and I think that most people who are truthful about it have committed some sin in their heart."

He said his father made the remarks because he believes that "a politician who runs for office ought to just open himself up completely. Anything in his past, anything anybody wants to talk about, Dad will talk about it with him..."

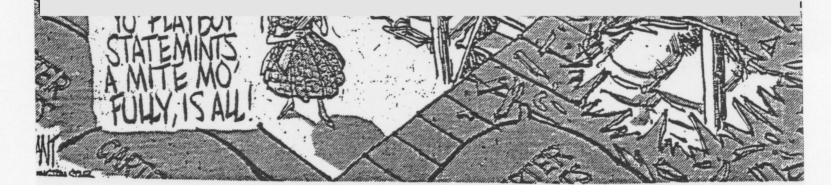
In Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr., said that "what Carter says about lust and forgiveness reflects deep insight and knowledge of the teachings of his religion." His only cirticism was that he "wouldn't have used the same salty language" Carter employed in the interview.

In Evanston, Illinois, Dr. Ronald R. Lee said he admired Carter's candor, but felt he may have been politically naive in revealing his secret passions. Lee, a Methodist clergyman and professor of pastoral psychology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, said Carter's thought were not unusual. He said most people who don't have such sexual fantasies are simply repressing them.

In Washington, the Rev. George M. Docherty, formerly of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, said, "There's a distinction between witting lust and unwitting lust. It is not holier-thanthou to condemn another man for shacking down with another man's wife."

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--AP (9/22/76)



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By John Dillin . Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Jimmy Carter, his campaign distracted by a controversial interview in central thrust of his charges against Mr. Playboy magazine, now hurries to com- Ford. He will focus specifically on the plete plans for the first of three critical. President's "failures" in tax reform, debates with President Ford.

Nearly 100 million Americans - more the economy. than will vote - are expected to watch the two major-party contenders battle

before the TV cameras Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Mr. Carter's strategy in the first de-With the Carter campaign bate appears fixed. Staff members say ing touches on his debate tactics, a conwelfare reform, federal inefficiency, and

> Special efforts will be made to blame the greatest amount of time devoted by the White House for high rates of in-

flation and unemployment as well asrecord-breaking federal deficits.

But even as Mr. Carter puts the finishhe will make "lack of leadership" the troversy has blown up over remarks attributed to him in a-free-wheeling interview with Playboy.

> The interview, conducted on five or six days over a period of three months. lasted_several hours: Altogether, it was ...

'Jimmy!'

Carter Is Finding Ways to Boot It

By JAMES WIEGHART

Mansfield, Ohio—Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign is in

trouble, deep trouble, bogged

down by the former Georgia gov-

Jersey, Carter had such local biggles with him as Gov. Byrne, Sen. Harrison Williams, state party Chairman James Dugan and Rep. Peter J. Rodino Jr. In Trenton, only several thousand persons appeared, mostly labor union members, even though Byrne gave the state employes time off to attend the raily.

· Playboy Talk

There is nothing surprising in Jimmy Carter's use of *Playboy* language when on the subject of sexual promiscuity, actual or fantasized.



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N.Y. Daily News, 9/22/76

CARTER'S 'CONFESSION'

A great deal of attention is being accorded some titillating remarks Jimmy Carter made to Playboy on the topic which obsesses the magazine and its readers.

Kennedy Defends Carter on Taxes

Senator Edward M. Kenndey, D-Mass., Wednesday accused President Ford of distorting Jimmy Carter's positions on taxes and tax reform.

Kennedy, said "under a Carter administration, the loopholes will begin to close, the wealthy will begin to pay a fairer share of taxes, and the back-breaking burden on the average citizen will be lighter.

"Under four more years of Mr. Ford, the loopholes will multiply and get bigger," Kennedy said in a statement.

"The Ford Administration's two year record puts it in the cellar in the standings on tax reform," Kennedy added. "The average American taxpayer can welcome the fact that Jimmy Carter and the Democratic party platform have staked out the high ground on this issue."

Kennedy disputed Ford's claims that Carter planned to raise taxes on persons earning \$15,000 or more.

He said Ford proposed exactly the same in 1974. Kennedy said Ford asked for a 5 percent surcharge on any family earning \$15,000 and any single person earning \$7,500.

Kennedy said, "The next time you hear President Ford or a Republican candidate complain about a tax increase proposal that Jimmy Carter never made, think about the major tax increase that President Ford actually did propose for the average citizen in 1974."
--UPI (9/22/76)

Mondale Slips on Campaign Trail

Vice Presidential candidate Walter Mondale made a slip Tuesday which may confuse running mate Jimmy Carter.

Speaking to a crowd in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mondale said: "You're telling me, you're telling America; you want that White House occupied once again by a people's President, this time named Jimmy Ford."

Slightly shaken by what he had said, Mondale then added: "Jimmy won't like that. Jimmy, I didn't mean it. I didn't mean it. Let me try again. Jimmy Carter."

-- Today, CBS Morning News (9/22/76)

"In order to give you a fair deal on my new deal, we must press on with vigor to the new frontier and establish a great society . . . , y'all!"

The Carter campaign-trail blur

With the Carter campaign ring-g-g-g-g-g, the telephone jarred this reporter awake after only five hours of sleep at his motel in Scranton – or was it. Milwaukee, or Dear-

7:40, a fund-raiser for a local Democrat. by 10 p.m. he had flown to Columbus, Ohio, where he was answering questions before. local TV cameras.

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Dole Keeps Demos on Defensive

Sen. Bob Dole is relentlessly trying to keep the Democrats on the defensive before Thursday's opening Presidential debate.

His stinging sarcasm and broadside rhetoric were at their peak in an address to the Ohio GOP Convention Tuesday night when he said Jimmy Carter "ought to start telling the truth" on where he stands on such issues as tax policy, defense and grain embargoes.

He also said Carter's only priority is "to get elected at any cost."

Agriculture was the likely topic for today as the Kansas Senator campaigned in the Republican farm states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

--AP, UPI, Morning Shows (9/22/76)

Strategy

FORD/DOLE CAMPAIGN

Rockefeller Says Ford Can Win

Vice President Rockefeller told a Chicago audience Wednesday that President Ford can win the election in spite of thepolls.

Referring to Jimmy Carter's alleged fuzziness on the issues, Rockefeller said the President was a gutsy, straightforward American who tells it like it is.
--Today Show (9/22/76)

Whyte: Ford Vacation Records Buried in Abandoned Mine

U. S. Steel lobbyist William Whyte says records detailing free country club vacations by President Ford and other politicians are buried in an abandoned limestone mine in western Pennsylvania.

Whyte, who was recently promoted to Vice President by U.S. Steel, said Tuesday his company has detailed records of visits by politicians, dignitaries and important customers to a companyowned lodge at Pine Valley Golf Club near Clementon, N.J. Whyte said the files go back only to 1969 and would not document Ford visits that began as early as 1964.

Ford acknowledged making two visits when he was in the House, in 1964 and another in 1971. Whyte said the corporation paid Ford's "room and board" in both visits. But former employees of U.S. Steel told UPI that Ford was "frequently" treated to expense-paid vacations between 1964 and 1971.

Whyte said Ford was not the only prominent politician to dnjoy the country club facilities. He declined to identify the other individuals, but Whyte said their names are buried in a deserted limestone mine about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh in Butler County.

Since the Special Prosecutor is not saying what or who it is investigating, the President has something of a cloud hanging over his head as he approaches his first debate, ABC commented. The networks agreed that the timing of the U. S. Steel revelations was bad for the President.

--AP, UPI, Morning Shows (9/22/76)

Thompson Defends Ford

"There ain't nobody buying Jerry Ford for \$200, \$2,000 or \$200,000 as far as I'm concerned."

With those words, James Thompson, former U.S. Attorney and now the Republican nominee for Governor of Illinois, delivered what the President's top spokesman hadn't: a ringing defense of Ford after word that U.S. Steel treated him to two golfing vacations during his days in Congress.

Thompson spoke outside the White House. Earlier, Ron Nessen said he saw no need to justify Ford's brief visits in 1964 and 1971 to a New Jersey country club with William Whyte, an old friend and chief U.S. Steel lobbyist in Washington.

Thompson said outings like Ford's — which Whyte said cost no more than \$75 each — were almost inevitable for public officials and perfectly natural.

"Unless you completely cut yourself off from all your prior friendships and associations and are willing to go behind the 12-foot walls of a monastery, at some point you're going to have to accept hospitality from people who may have some association with government," he said.

The former U.S. Attorney, who prosecuted many members of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's Democratic machine, said he saw nothing "illegal or improper" about U.S. Steel paying for Ford's trips with Whyte "especially if they are long-time friends."

"There are matters of individual discretion," he said, adding that "everybody in public life faces that dilemma because there are few people these days who don't have antyhing to do with government."

"So long as a man's own conscience is clear, so long as what he does is not on the surface clearly apparently wrong to everybody, so long as there is no evidence that can be found to show a quid pro quo, then I think matters like that are almost entirely unavoidable.

"There's really no way to draw a line unless you draw a line, let's say, in terms of a \$3 present and nothing above it."

At one point, Thompson also said: "Oh, Hell, I've been the guest of a lot of people at their country clubs because I don't belong to one."

Asked if those were people dealing with the government, he said, "Oh, sure."
--UPI (9/22/76)

August CPI: Good or Bad News for Ford?

Last month's 0.5 percent inflation rate, which works out to an annual rate of six percent, may be good news politically for President Ford, Bruce Morton said Wednesday. (CBS)

This is because the inflation rate is higher in other industrialized countries, lower than the inflation rate here in 1975, and just about what the administration has been predicting.

If the conventional political wisdom -- that voters vote according to the economic trends -- prevails, Bruce Morton said, the President can claim some voter support on inflation. Jimmy Carter, on the other hand, can claim support on the unemployment trend, which has recently increased.

Irving R. Levine, however, said the inflation rate is running higher than White House economists had forecast. He said the President has been promising that inflation and unemployment would be going down by election time, but recent figures show inflation climbing slightly and unemployment climbing at a steady pace. (NBC)

Levine said the political implications of the economic figures may be crucial to the outcome of the Presidential election.
--Morning Shows (9/22/76)

Africa

FOREIGN POLICY

Smith Meets with Rhodesian Cabinet

Prime Minister Ian Smith met Wednesday with his Cabinet for the second straight day to decide whether to accept Secretary Kissinger's proposals for ending white rule in Rhodesia.

A regular Cabinet session Tuesday failed to decide on a response to the proposals made by Kissinger in weekend talks with Smith.

"There's a lot of life and kick in the Rhodesians, don't worry," Smith said Wednesday before the meeting. Any Cabinet decision would not be binding but would serve as an influence on the ruling Rhodesian Front Party's Parliamentary caucus, which will make the final decision Thursday.

--UPI (9/22/76)

The South African Involvement

Secretary Kissinger is guided by constructive impulses in his efforts to arrange an accommodation between the white and black regimes of Southern Africa and we wish him well in the endeavor. But we also feel it necessary to warn that the exercise, no matter how if turns out in the short-term no-

with our own history of segregation. Yet if South Africa's policy of "separate development" were replaced with the worst "Jim Crow" laws of our own past, its black people would experience a revolutionary improvement in their lives.

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Progress for the Rhodesian Shuttle

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The American diplomatic investment in southern Africa is taking on Middle Eastern dimensions as a result of Henry Kissinger's use of shuttle tactics. As was the case in his earlier journeys to Israel and the Arab countries, the Secretary of State seems to have provided a catalyst for accommodation among seemingly interesting the Countries of State seems to have provided a catalyst for accommodation among seemingly interesting the South Africa of the South Africa

all its neighbors plus the United States and Britain. Mr. Kissinger has come up with a plan that would ease the pain for Rhodesian whites. Western powers would raise a \$2 billion fund to compensate those who emigrate and to encourage others to stay and contribute to a a black-ruled Zimbabwe. The Kissinger plan also contemplates blacks in an interior Salishum arking.

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