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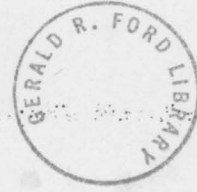
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Carter Tries to Shake Flip-Flop Reputation

Jimmy Carter Wednesday spent the eve of his first debate with President Ford studying domestic issues and preparing to counteract what an aide termed "a bum rap" reputation for changing positions.

In the morning, Jimmy Carter paid a visit to his family's peanut processing plant to oversee operations. But, Sam Donaldson noted, Carter did not look rested nor did he seem in a good mood. Ed Rabel said Carter looked tired and edgy. (ABC,CBS)

Donaldson said the fallout from Carter's Playboy interview "has clearly upset him." (ABC)

Apparently annoyed by the turn in the campaign, Carter seemed elusive, giving only a terse answer to questions about the interview, Ed Rabel stated. (CBS)

Although there was no reaction from the President and his staff on the Playboy story, John Connally said at the White House Wednesday, Carter had made a serious mistake "both in content and judgment" in the interview. (ABC,CBS)

Carter telephoned Lady Bird Johnson Tuesday night to apologize for calling her late husband a "liar and a cheat" in the interview. Judy Woodruff said those remarks may hurt Carter in Texas. (NBC)

Lester Maddox found Carter's language "ugly" and said all he is doing is "selling Playboy magazines." (NBC)

Among Baptist clergymen, there were differences of opinion about the interview. The editor of the Southern Baptist Journal said he was "flabberghasted." (NBC)

In preparation for the debates, Carter is working from two-inch thick briefing books, one filled with facts and figures on the economy and the other containing about 50 questions and answers on topics expected to be raised in the debate.

In addition, Carter was given a three-page typed memo Tuesday night which Powell said contained "bits and pieces of things people wanted to throw in at the last minute."

Jody Powell told reporters that when he delivered the memo to Carter, "He and Amy were sitting on the couch in the den reading comic books. I accused him of not doing his homework and he said he thought it was about as good a preparation as any."

Rabel remarked there is a developing consensus among Carter's supporters that politically he is becoming his own worst enemy. His Playboy interview, his apparent flip-flop on

grain embargoes, his contradictory remarks on firing FBI Chief Kelley and for seeming to advocate higher taxes for middle-income families. Carter, his backers agree, seems "to be mocking his own strategy," Rabel added. (CBS).

NBC included silent film of Carter working at his peanut farm with a voice-over report from Woodruff. The spot, running second in the show, lasted 2:00 and was concluded with a standup comment in front of Carter's peanut plant.

ABC's #3 story viewed Carter at the peanut plant and on Plains streets followed by reporters. The story ran 1:45.

The #3 CBS story, which ran 1:46, showed film of Carter at the peanut plant and on Plains streets. Ed Rabel wrapped up outside the Plains campaign headquarters. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)

Carter and the South
(Editorial, excerpted, Shreveport Journal)

The great unwritten story of the present presidential campaign may be Jimmy Carter's true strength in the South. Top columnists and TV commentators constatly refer to Carter's "unshakeable strength" in the South or say that Southern pride will end up in the states of the old Confederacy giong for "one of its own." We don't think those statements are true at all.

According to Roland Evans and Robert Novak, a secret poll taken by the President Ford Committee shows the President is leading Carter in Virginia 43 to 41. So, then, that sounds like the solid South isn't so solid after all.

Evans and Novak say the poll shows Carter leading Ford by only eight points in Alabama, with a huge undecided vote.

The PFC poll showed Carter ahead in Tennessee, but not by such an overwhelming margin that Ford couldn't catch up. Carter was ahead in Florida, but not by much. Mississippi and Texas appeared to be safely in the Carter camp in the poll, but we would question that. How can Carter support divestiture of the oil companies and hope to carry Texas, which is more or less dominated by a petroleum economy? If Mississippi didn't got for "one of the South's own" in Lyndon Johnson, why should it go for Carter, whose platform so resembles LBJ's?

The PFC polls apparently did not take a look at Louisiana. But there is an ample base here for a successful Ford campaign. For one thing, Louisiana has two Republican congressmen and there is a strong possibility that the 5th District will elect a Republican congressman. Carter's views on divestiture and busing won't sit well with many Louisianans. Just what his pro-abortion stand will do to him in the heavily Catholic areas of South Louisiana is not known to us, but it is safe to say that it won't bring him a harvest of votes.

Our estimate is that Carter is in deep trouble in every state in the South with the exception of his native Georgia. --
(9/17/76)

Carter Now in Trouble in Texas
(By Bo Byers, excerpted, Houston Chronicle)

Texas Democratic party workers are deeply disturbed about the failure of Jimmy Carter to get his presidential campaign moving in Texas.

Many of them feel that support for Carter has eroded steadily since he won the nomination in New York City two months ago.

The complaints and expressions of concern among delegates to the state conventions here this weekend were much the same that are being heard throughout the nation.

The consistent, basic criticism is that Carter has not established a clear image as a decisive campaigner who conveys exactly what his candidacy represents to the voters.

That is a serious, persistent theme, and, significantly, it comes from both conservatives and liberals in the Texas Democratic party.

Coke Mills, a moderate-conservative and a down-the-line Democrat, ventures the opinion that Carter is "strong" in the heavily Baptist Bible belt that encompasses the Waco-Abilene senatorial district.

But Mills then adds, "I sort of sense that some of that support could be a little shaky." Mills ventures the hope that the upcoming debates between Carter and Ford may strengthen Carter's image.

State Rep. Herman Adams, a conservative, thinks Carter will carry most of the Southeast Texas area -- but only because of its traditional support for Democratic candidates, not because Carter stirs the voters' imagination.

Claud Brown, a State Democratic Executive Committee member who said he is quitting after 30 years of battling against the liberal faction of the party, thinks Carter is doing poorly in conservative West Texas.

Delegates to the state convention were generally unimpressed with Carter's organizational effort in Texas.

There is almost unanimous criticism from all sides of Carter's use of an "outsider," Chuck Parrish of Atlanta, to direct the Texas campaign. They complain Carter made the same mistake as McGovern in 1972, when out-of-state people were sent to Texas to run the show.

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The consensus of delegates interviewed here was that Carter may have been far ahead of Ford in July and may still be ahead now but there is a growing danger that he may lose Texas by election day, Nov. 2.

In light of the pessimism expressed here, which I believe to be well supported by the evidence both nationally and in Texas, I would rate Carter only slightly better than 50-50 to carry the state. In July, I thought he would coast to a possible 65-35 Texas victory. -- (9/19/76)

Carter's Illinois Problems

(By Jerome Watson, excerpted, Chicago Sun-Times)

If the polls are accurate, Jimmy Carter is walking a tightrope in Illinois. Carter expected to slip in the polls after the Republican convention, but apparently fell further than he thought he would, and is running about even with President Ford.

Illinois has been a reasonable microcosm of the nation, with a long history of voting for presidential winners, and if the election is close here, it may well be tight nationally. With Illinois the possible balance-tipper in November, Carter has put in what appears to be a professional campaign staff.

While the staff does its thing, Carter faces the question of how to deal with "the Howlett problem." Democratic gubernatorial candidate Michael J. Howlett is doing terribly in published polls, with no sign yet of a victory surge.

For Carter, these questions:

Could Carter become a victim of the "reverse coattails" phenomenon and be dragged to defeat by Howlett? Would the reverse coattail effect be worse if Carter linked himself closely to Howlett to please Daley? Or do Carter's independent image and his position at the top of the ballot make that unlikely?

If Carter is perceived by the Daley-Howlett camp as having scuttled Howlett, will the machine slacken in its efforts on Carter's behalf as some observers believe it did in the Hubert Humphrey-Richard Nixon race in 1968?

Carter, having proved his adroitness at tightrope walking, may figure he can have it both ways -- romance Daley and retain all-out support from the machine while clearly keeping Howlett at arm's length. The risk is that if Howlett proves to be irretrievably lost, a desperate and unhappy machine might throw everything overboard to save the county ticket.

Despite Carter's pledge to campaign intensively in Illinois, he has been here only once, and his staff doesn't

know when the next trip will be made.

Meanwhile, Daley, who felt double-crossed by the Carter camp in a convention rules fight and had to be annoyed by Carter's cold-shouldering of Howlett here 10 days ago, prevented the national party from holding a fund raiser here partly designed to aid Carter. -- (9/19/76)

Carter as TV 'Underdog'

(By Martin P. Nolan, excerpted, Boston Globe)

Jimmy Carter is so beset by his own blunders on sex and taxes that his best cure may be to adopt the role he seems to be stumbling toward anyway, that of an underdog against President Ford.

That advice, from several Democratic politicians and one Democratic pollster, means an uncharacteristic Carter stance of apology, turning the other cheek against President Ford in Thursday night's televised presidential debate.

"Once public opinion polls show a dead heat or show Ford pulling ahead, we're into a second stage in this campaign," says pollster Peter D. Hart. "At that time, Carter will no longer be the point man. Ford will and people will start asking 'Hey, do we really want this guy for another four years?'"

Carter's main problem, according to Hart, is "sending out mixed signals. If he had been more specific rather than 'thematic' in the primaries, he might not be having this problem now."

One leading Democrat, asked what advice he would give Carter for the first debate, said "Duck. He's already on the defensive anyway, so at least he doesn't have to worry about appearing too aggressive. Just duck, Jimmy." -- (9/22/76)

Mondale Side-Steps Playboy Issue, Attacks GOP Tax Record

Sen. Walter Mondale balked Wednesday at answering questions about Jimmy Carter's controversial statement on lust and sin, steering a press conference into an attack on Republican tax policies.

When questioned about Carter's remarks as published in the Playboy interview, Mondale told an informal news conference in Chicago: "It's not a matter of central concern at all in this campaign."

Mondale spoke in Chicago, shortly before slyly to address a Springfield, Ill. political rally and a visit to a farm. Earlier, Mondale had made it clear to members of the press in his entourage that he didn't want to discuss the Carter interview.

The Minnesotan launched into a standard criticism of Republican tax programs, saying: "Republicans stink on tax reform. We want to get serious on that issue, change those taxes, and bring relief to middle-income Americans."

"You know why Gov. Carter is answering those questions? His opponent, who hasn't been elected to the presidency, is hiding behind his desk in Washington, not answering anything," Mondale said.

"What's going to be interesting is when he finally comes out from behind that desk and joins the others, the rest of us, in campaigning for his national office, and begins to answer many questions about his campaign, his administration and some of the other questions that are arising that often need answers," he said.

ABC presented a 1:30, #4 report, showing Mondale christening his plane and talking to reporters at the airport. Don Farmer did a standup closing at a newsstand. AP, UPI, ABC — (9/22/76)

Carter Supports Improvements in Health Care,
But He Is Not Clear on Specifics

(By Curtis Wilkie, excerpted, Boston Globe)

Jimmy Carter is using his promise of a vaguely described national health care plan in an effective appeal to voters beleaguered by heavy medical bills.

Carter has criticized the Ford Administration for its veto of bill to fund medical research and to set up small health care programs. Lately, he has been trying to link the Administration to scandals in the Medicaid program. Carter seems to be striking a responsive chord.

On Tuesday (9/14), he stood before another cheering crowd in front of a Phoenix hospital and declared: "Recent public opinion polls have shown that if there's one program that American people are willing to pay for, out of tax funds, it's good health care."

What exactly, the nation might have under a Carter administration is still unclear, however. As one aide put it, "he's talked about a lot of specific points in general terms."

In recent weeks, Carter has all but expunged the words "health insurance" from his lexicon. Now he talks about health "plans" and "systems," yet when he was asked about it last week, he said his use of words did not represent a shift. He has begun emphasizing the need for preventive health care programs, to provide inoculation and detect diseases early. He is also talking about the use of paramedical personnel and stressing improved outpatient care so the ill can stay at home.

There has been little discussion of details for the insurance program, although aides say he still subscribes to the concept of a nationwide mandatory health insurance program.

Carter has not endorsed the major piece of Democratic legislation in this area, the Kennedy-Gorman bill. The bill provides for a takeover of health insurance by the Federal government and would leave no one uncovered.

Carter often points out that health care now costs an average of \$600 in insurance payments and medical bills for every person in the country. But he has not predicted a cost under a nationwide insurance plan. Aides say that there are "too many variables" to set a price on national health insurance.

Earlier in the summer Carter said that he hoped to stabilize the Federal government's rising proportion of the gross national product at 20-21 percent.

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While the ultimate cost of a Carter health care program remains cloudy, there is also indecision over when it would take effect.

Milton Gwirtzman, one of Carter's issues specialists, said that they are talking about phasing into a national health insurance program gradually.

One way to phase in a national health insurance program would use a deductible system which would decline over the years. Another method would phase in the program by bringing various population groups under the coverage one step at a time. The population could be divided by age or income.

A third possibility would gradually extend coverage to certain parts of health care. Under this system, insurance might be provided first for catastrophic illness or baby care and later be extended to cover dental work and the cost of eyeglasses.

Carter's most extensive remarks on the subject of national health insurance came in a speech to a group of medical students in Washington last April. At that time he pledged that "coverage must be universal and mandatory. Every citizen must be entitled to the same level of comprehensive benefits."

He did little then, or in the intervening months, to spell out how it might be accomplished. However, Carter feels that his statements represent a commitment to achieve, eventually, national health insurance. And that commitment, he apparently believes, stands him in better stead with the voters than Ford's position, which would provide catastrophic health insurance for those already under Medicare, but would do little else to expand coverage. -- (9/19/76)

Only Peanuts(Editorial, excerpted, Youngstown Vindicator)

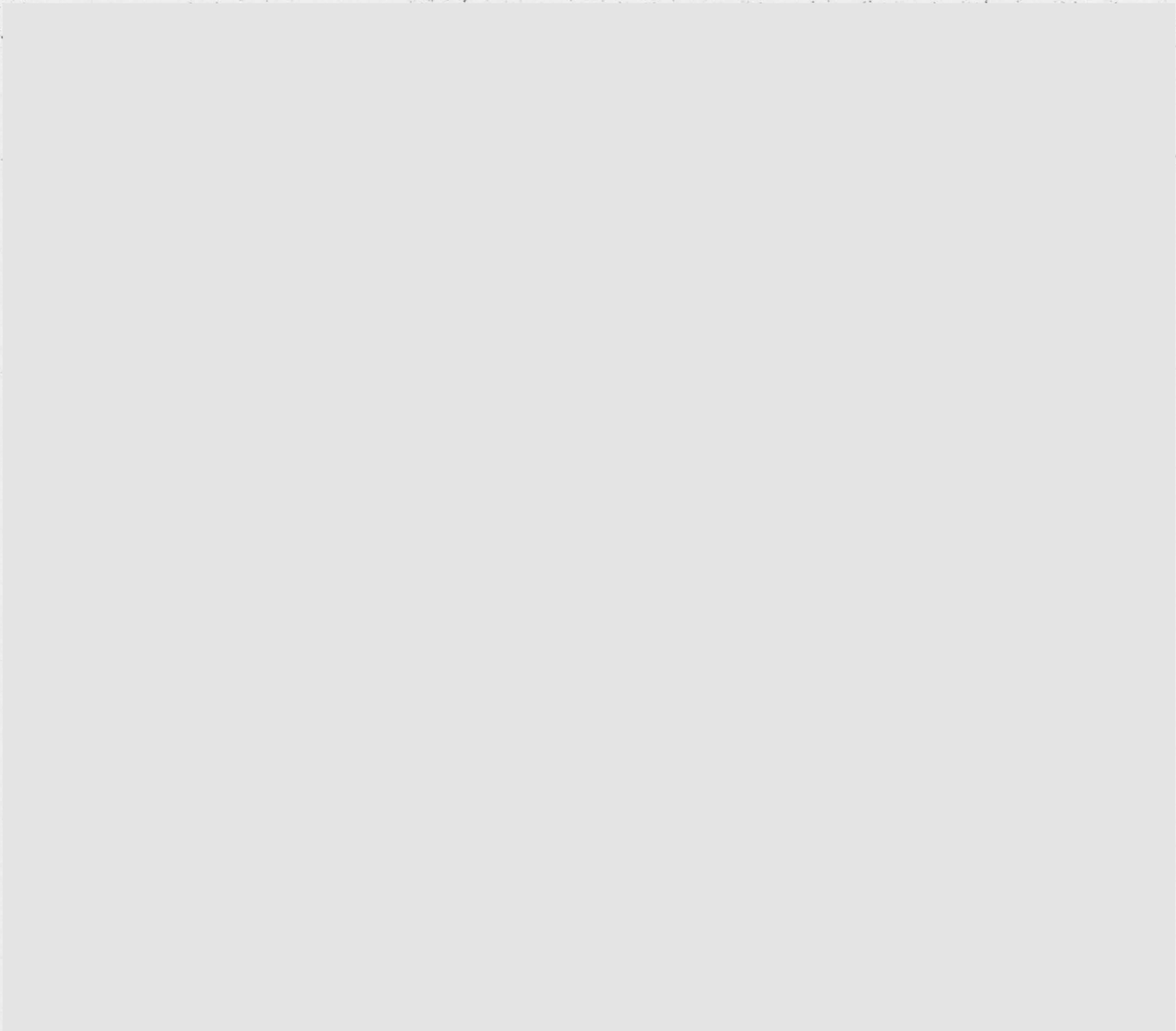
Jimmy Carter has put an end to the familiar saying "It's only peanuts." There's nothing "only" about the way his family has prospered from a highly profitable, no-risk business subsidized by the government. Peanuts have given him the wealth and leisure to run for President.

There's nothing in the new tax bill to upset the peanut cart. Peanut profits are a matter of indirect subsidy rather than taxation. The way it works, as reported in The Wall Street Journal:

The federal government limits peanut plantings to 1.6 million acres in allotments to individual farmers. The Carter allotment is 228 acres. Peanuts the farm cannot sell in the open market are bought up by the government under the agricultural support program. This year more than a billion pounds of peanuts and peanut products are in government stockpiles. Last year stockpiling peanuts cost the taxpayers \$155 million. This year they'll put up \$220 million.

The real benefit to operations like the Carters' is that the government sets the price. This year it will amount to \$414 a ton, about double the price peanuts get on the world market.

The total farm support program cost the taxpayers \$2.68 billion in 1973, and has undoubtedly gone up since then. Carter hasn't indicated what he thinks about the subsidy program, but in general he's against special tax breaks for business. Except, perhaps, for his own. -- (9/17/76)



WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

Boston Globe, (9/22/76)

The Playboy Adviser
(Editorial, excerpted, Boston Globe)

The good news out of Jimmy Carter's ever so earnest self-revelation to Playboy magazine is that the Democratic candidate knows desire, and that's human. Now, we have Mr. Carter's assurance that his thoughts have occasionally drifted to something more than power and office.

The bad news is the style of expression, sloppy in a presidential candidate, who should be expected to use more discretion -- and taste -- in his choice of words in the Playboy interview made public this week. The troublesome aspect of the Carter rhetoric was its pompous tone, tinged, as befits a Playboy interview, with a trace of chauvinism. It reeked of sexism even at its most lofty moment.

But Mr. Carter has suddenly and unmistakably instilled interest in the contest for the White House. Neither he nor Mr. Ford has yet addressed a serious, central issue in a sound and sustained way, and neither candidate has settled on a firm strategy or style. But Mr. Carter, at least, has found a way to drive away the thick clouds of apathy. He has found a way to make America listen. He has talked to the nation about Sex.
-- (9/22/76)

Ford Prepares for Debate, Meets Graham, Connally

The White House Wednesday acknowledged that President Ford has been rehearsing for his Thursday night debate with Jimmy Carter.

Ron Nessen, who for days told reporters he knew nothing about Ford making any preparations for the debate, said Ford has been working and rehearsing for the past four or five days.

Nessen said Richard Cheney, James Baker, Stuart Spencer, Nessen himself and other aides were popping questions at the President to prepare for the debate in Philadelphia. He said Don Penny also was working with the President.

Wednesday afternoon, Ford met with John Connally and Rev. Billy Graham and went with the Baptist evangelist to a reception given by visiting Liberian President William Tolbert Jr.

Later in the day, Ford held a ceremony in the East Room to sign a record \$104 billion defense appropriations bill for fiscal 1977. The President took advantage of the situation to make some swipes at Jimmy Carter's plans to cut the defense budget, Bob Schieffer reported. (CBS)

President Ford said he believes the bill reflects a new awareness that this country can "no longer shortchange our national defense efforts." (NBC,CBS)

He commended Congress and its leadership for joining the Administration in reversing the trend. (NBC)

By signing the bill, Ford reinforced the campaign theme -- strong defense, Marilyn Berger reported. She said Ronald Reagan's charge of an ailing defense has helped Ford push the bill through Congress. (NBC)

"If the Ford people are reading the public mood correctly, a record that's strong on defense can pay dividends in the general election," Berger reported. (NBC)

In its #2 story, which ran 1:56, CBS included excerpts of Ford's remarks, Connally's remarks and a clip of Graham at the WH. Schieffer did a stand-up close outside the WH.

ABC's story, running 1:45, presented film of Ford in the East Room and excerpts of Connally's comments. Jarriel did his wrapup outside the WH.

Following an anchor introduction, NBC ran film clips of Ford's speech. The #5, 2:00 spot was concluded with a stand-up comment. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)

Dole Attacks Carter's Farm Policies in Wheat Belt Swing

Sen. Bob Dole campaigned in the nation's wheat belt Wednesday, boasting of his congressional record on agriculture while accusing Jimmy Carter of "trying to con the American farmer."

In appearances in North Dakota, Dole claimed that while Carter says he's against grain embargoes, he may actually favor them.

Dole also planned campaign stops in South Dakota and Nebraska before heading for southern California. He plans to watch the debate between Carter and President Ford from his hotel in San Diego.

Dole repeated his grain-embargo theme in a speech to about 2,000 students at the University of North Dakota, where he said that despite the 1975 freeze on grain shipments abroad, such moves "are going to be a thing of the past in the Ford-Dole administration."

Dole, a frequent critic of the 1975 grain embargo, softened that opposition somewhat Wednesday when he said Ford had acted under "great pressures from the longshoremen -- they refused to load the ships."

The college speech was generally well received although he drew an equal number of boos and cheers when he reiterated his opposition to granting amnesty to draft resisters. There were more scattered boos and jeers when he criticized Democratic platform proposals to cut defense spending in favor of social programs. (AP)

But he received a loud round of applause when he added, "I'm all for social programs, but I'd like to be around to see some of the beneficiaries too." (AP) AP,UPI -- (9/22/76)

Rockefeller disagrees with Ford, opposes amendment on abortion

By ERNEST B. FURGURSON
Washington Bureau of The Sun

Washington—Vice President Rockefeller took a clearly contrary position yesterday to President Ford's stand on abortion as a political issue.

Mr. Rockefeller said he did not think abortion should figure in political debate, and that he was against any

more liberal standards.

Asked whether he was being a loyal Republican when he differed with the President on the matter, Mr. Rockefeller said, "Yes sir—that's why I'm handling this question with such care." He emphasized that his opinion

Baltimore Sun, 9/22/76

Denver Post,
9/14/76

'... BUT, THEN, PERSONALLY, I'M AGAINST ABORTION, TOO!'

Carter's lead wide but soft

With the first Ford-Carter televised debate next Thursday about to open a new chapter in the presidential race, The Daily News presents another in its "countdown" reports.

This survey, conducted jointly by The Daily News and Newhouse News Service, is based on information gathered by political reporters in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Their reports are based on public and private polls, talks with leaders of both political parties and an assessment of recent voting patterns.

By Edward S. Gilbreth
Daily News Political Editor

Jimmy Carter leads President Ford in prospective electoral votes by nearly 4 to 1, a nationwide political survey conducted this last week shows.

The survey, on virtually the eve of the first televised debate between Ford and Carter, indicates that Carter would win the Nov. 2 election in a landslide unless Ford can rout Carter in the debates or through some dramatic coup.

The survey awards Carter 314 electoral votes to 80 for Ford, with 144 (including the 26 from Illinois) listed as uncertain.

THE CANDIDATE WHO WINS in November must get at least 270 or the 538 total electoral votes to be cast by electors from the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The results reflect increased over-all strength for Carter, although an erosion in his hard-core support, since the first Daily News survey two weeks ago. That analysis gave Carter an electoral vote lead of more than 2 to 1, but still 31 votes shy of the magic number of 270.

The new results parallel an increase in Carter's popular vote potential as reported by the Gallup Poll. The Countdown I survey was conducted while Gallup was reporting Carter with a 10 percentage point lead over Ford. Carter's lead had spurred to 15 percentage points at the time Countdown II was made.

The latest survey, however, shows that Carter's support is soft in many states now favoring him and that Ford can cut into the Democrat's lead.

CARTER'S STRONGEST SUPPORT continues to be in his native South (although the region is not solid for the Georgian), in Border States and in major states of the industrial Northeast.

Ford derives his strength from smaller Mid-

west and Western states, from northern New England and from his home state of Michigan.

There is a wide stretch of uncertain states, from the Midwestern clutch of Ohio-Indiana-Illinois and moving west to California. If Ford starts picking up support in these states, it will be a sign that the presidential race still can be close.

Only about one-third of the electoral votes awarded to Carter in Countdown II are from states regarded as strongly supporting him.

The other two-thirds are from states considered less than solid.

The survey regards the Carter-Mondale ticket as the probable winner in 12 states and the District of Columbia, for a total of 108 electoral votes. The ticket is seen ahead in 13 other states with 206 votes, for a cumulative total of 314, or 44 more than needed for election.

The Ford-Dole ticket is seen as probable winner in five states with 37 votes. It is viewed as ahead in eight other states, with 43 votes, for a cumulative total of 80.

Eleven states are listed as uncertain.

SOURCES IN THE President Ford Committee reported last week that Ford polls (which did not include all 50 states) showed the President winning in 12 states. (The states were not identified.) This compares with 13 states awarded the President in Countdown II.

The survey indicates that if the Republicans are to win, they must not only capture almost all of the undecided states, but must break into the large bloc of states where Carter now leads, but lacks a commanding hold.

Here's how Countdown II sees the Ford-Carter race in the various states before the first of the televised presidential debates:

ALABAMA (9) — Probable for Carter. Gov. George Wallace leads a rare unification of state Democratic leaders. The black vote is solid. But Republicans will be strong in the Mobile area.

ALASKA (4) — Leaning to Ford. He is current favorite among pipeline workers. A big plus for Ford is at-large Rep. Don Young (R), who looks like runaway winner.

ARIZONA (6) — Leaning to Ford. His margin will depend on Reaganites and how rapidly the GOP mends sharp split from recent Senate primary.

ARKANSAS (6) — Probable for Carter. He has the entire state Democratic establishment behind him. There is almost no Republican organization here.

CALIFORNIA (45) — Uncertain. Carter leads in surveys, but pollsters warn the lead is soft and race could go either way. Carter suffers from disarray in campaign organization, beset by feuding operatives. Ford expected to benefit from tough campaign waged by S.I. Hayakawa (R) against Sen. John Tunney (D). Polls rate them neck and neck.

COLORADO (7) — Uncertain. Tradition favors Ford, but both Ford and Carter campaign organizations have been reshuffled since the conventions and both still are shaky. Neither candidate has caught fire yet.

CONNECTICUT (8) — Leaning to Carter. He's in good shape with organized labor, which is strong and usually votes a straight ticket. Incumbent Sen. Lowell Weicker (R) could be of help to Ford.

DELAWARE (3) — Undecided. But popular Sen. Joe Biden (D) is working hard for Carter.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (3) — Probable for Carter. The nation's capital voted for George McGovern in 1972 and remains strongly Democratic.

FLORIDA (17) — Probable for Carter. This is a big blow to Ford forces, who must crack this leading Southern state in order to get any large number of electoral votes in the South. Carter has a top-notch organization working for him down to county level.

GEORGIA (12) — Probable for Carter. He's the native son. Georgia never has given the nation a President and this is the state's big chance. The voters know it and will respond.

HAWAII (4) — Probable for Carter. The military establishment in this state is tied to the GOP, but won't overcome overwhelming Democratic superiority in voter registration.

IDAHO (4) — Leaning to Ford. There is a traditionally strong Republican vote. If favorite son Sen. Frank Church had been on the Democratic ticket, things would have been different.

ILLINOIS (26) — Uncertain. Carter's early lead is evaporating. Both Carter and Ford polls show the President trailing only slightly. Ford is hurt by weak GOP organization, but helped by an expected strong showing by Republican gubernatorial candidate James R. Thompson, currently the odds-on favorite.

INDIANA (13) — Uncertain. Ford should be a cinch, but Carter is showing surprising strength among farmers. A Ford poll gives Ford a slight lead, while a Carter poll gives the Democrat an edge of one percentage point.

IOWA (8) — Leaning to Carter. The Ford campaign is not well organized. Democrats now hold a 53 per cent to 47 per cent edge over Republicans in voter registration.

KANSAS (7) — Leaning to Ford. A Topeka Capital-Journal poll showed 3 out of 4 Ford supporters are attracted by Dole's being on ticket.

KENTUCKY (9) — Probable for Carter. He will benefit from strong United Mine Worker support in both eastern and western coalfields. Moreover, many Louisville voters still are angry over Ford's role in their busing controversy.

Carter's poll has him leading in Ohio by 6%

By Joseph D. Rice

Jimmy Carter's most recent poll showed him leading President Ford by 6% in Ohio but indicated Carter was in trouble with ethnic and Catholic voters in Cuyahoga County. The Plain Dealer learned yesterday

Local Democratic leaders have expected Carter to run well here and the literature of County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney and Democratic Cochairman Anthony J. Garofoli, candidates for commissioner, ties them to Carter and his running mate. Sen. Walter F. Mon-

Carter trails Ford in Illinois and appears to be nearing a decision on whether to write the state off, sources said. Democrat Michael Howlett, Mayor Richard J. Daley's candidate for governor, is seen as Carter's main liability in Illinois.

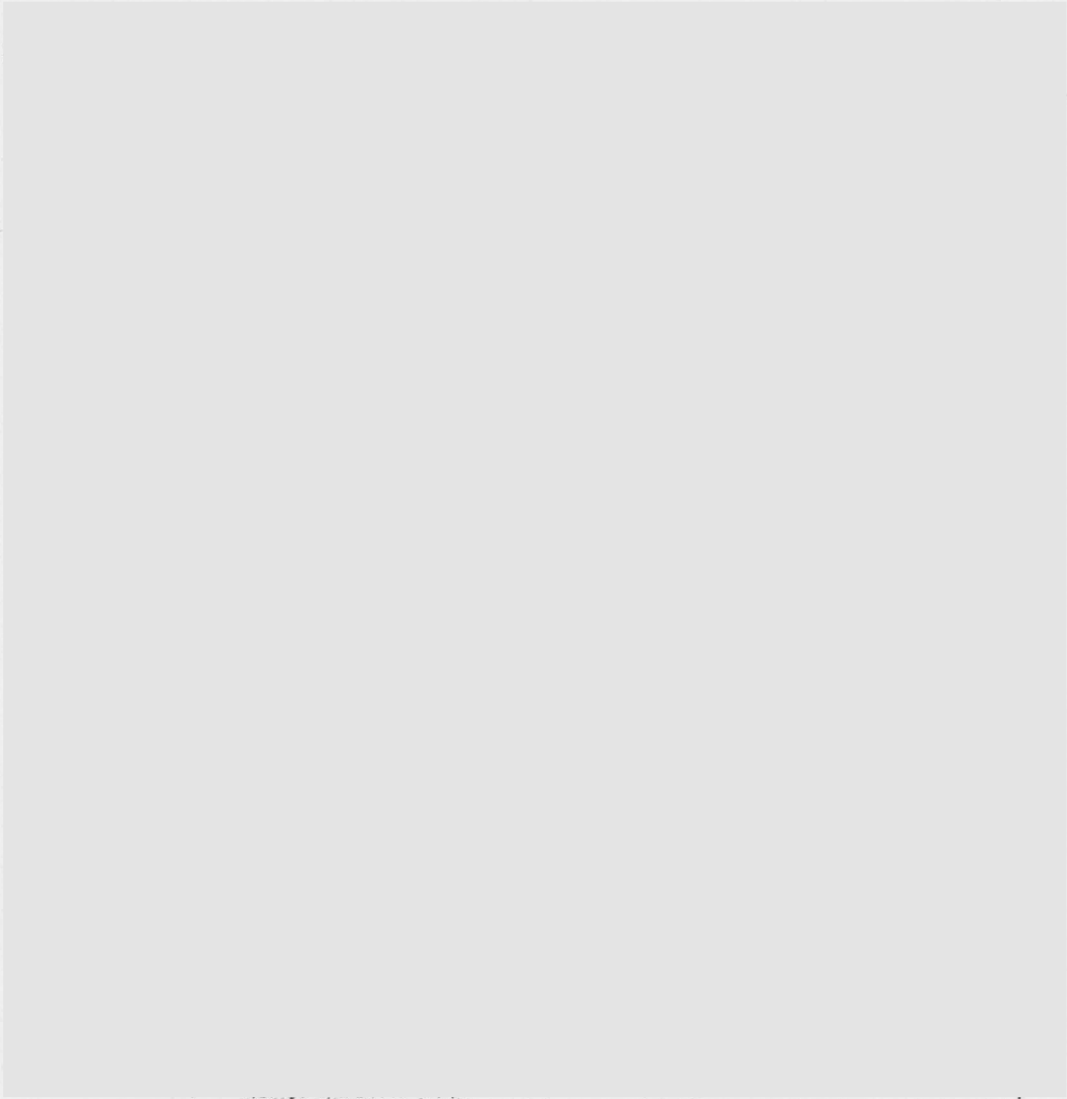
Carter to Field First Debate Question

Jimmy Carter won the flip of the coin and will receive the first question from the panel of journalist-questioners at Thursday's election debates in Philadelphia.

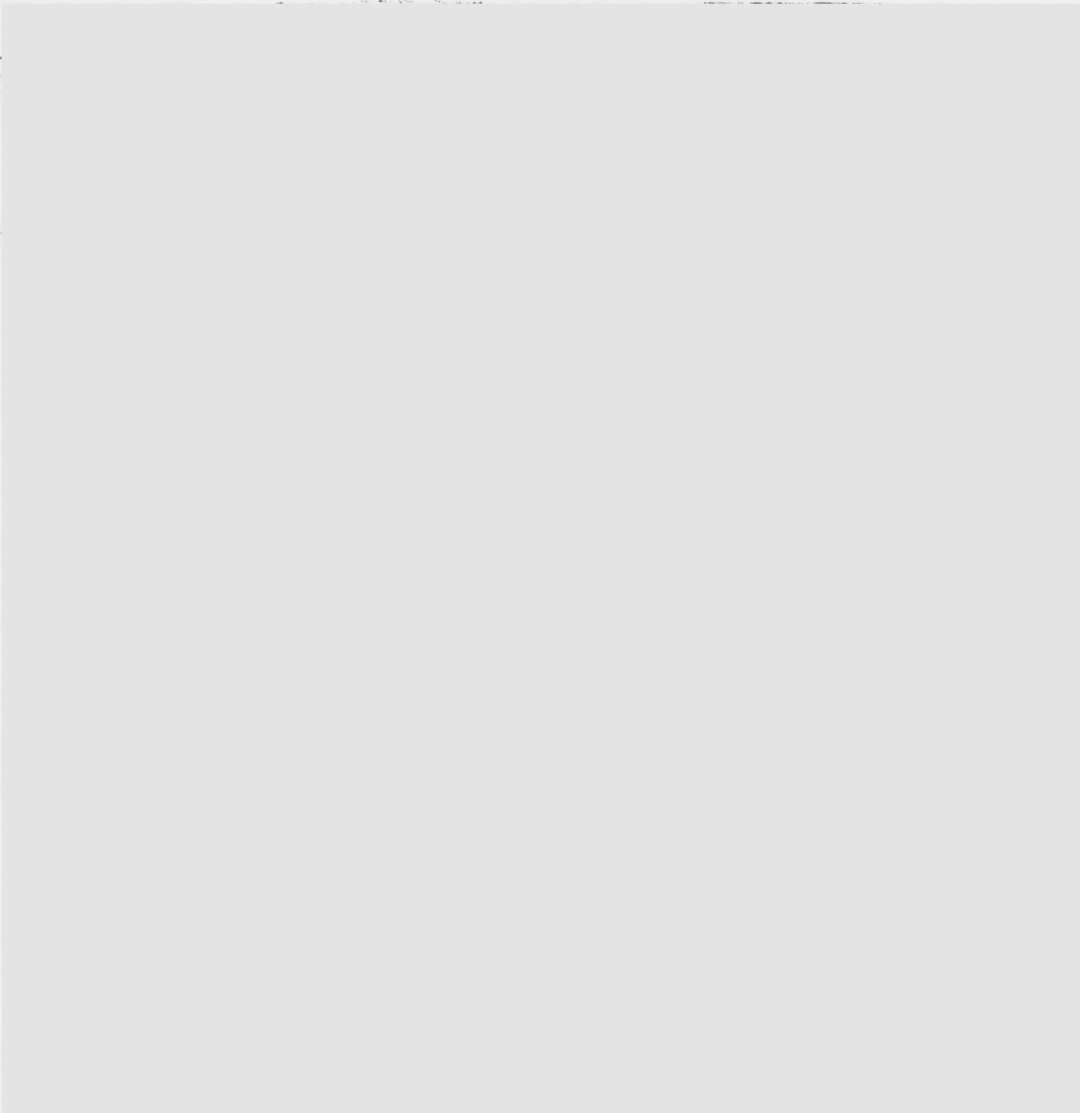
Three minutes are allowed for Carter's answer and the President has a two-minute rebuttal. Three minutes are allotted for final summation.

Both debaters will inspect the theater in advance. They will find a simple blue and white theatrical set with waist-high, half-circle oak lecterns and leather and chrome stools on which to sit or lean.

A four-block area around the theater will be off limits to all but the 500 people, half of them reporters who have tickets. Groups who asked for permits to demonstrate outside the theater claimed police and Secret Service were denying them free speech and assembly. AP,UPI,ABC -- (9/22/76)



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Terrific, chief, but let's try it again with a few less of the
'Yeah-well-your-mother's-one-too' rejoinders'

Houston Chronicle, 9/17/76

Sevareid Comments on Debates

Speculative prognosis about tomorrow night's presidential debate have consumed as much printer's ink and air time as with the Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning quarterbacking after the debate.

Two principles are wading through thick briefing books on the issues. They practice privately before cameras or mirrors. Each has been advised how to psyche out the other fellow. Their water glasses will be afixed to solid flooring so Mr. Ford won't drop his and provide more material for stand-up comedians across the land.

The two men are already over-produced as we say in the trade. There's only one essential ingredient in debate preparation: a lot of sleep beforehand. The rest means very little to a tired man with frazzled nerves, as Nixon discovered in his first debate with Kennedy.

It probably will not be a debate as history understands debates, it will be a kind of groomed happening. With the questioners and the moderator, a total of six people will be uttering during those 90-minutes; plus the audience in the hall if it makes noises. It was a firm conviction that the entire American press' manner will be more important than matter, techniques more important than substance. How the personality comes across will be more likely to decide all those undecided votes than how the arguments come across.

The whole country has been waiting for a crystalization of the two candidates' philosophies and visions of the country's true prospects. So far it has all been diffuse and confusing. There's too many back-trackings, side-steppings and clarification of clarifications. Both candidates have tandrums with every conceivable special interest and pressure group. But there really are quite a few voters, who are not groupies, who think of themselves only as Americans, concerned about their country as a country. And they're looking for a sign before they decide how to vote. They don't think abortion is a presidential matter, they don't think school busing is a test of 20th century civilization, they don't know whether defense spending ought to go up or down, they are perfectly willing to leave it to circumstances whether grain is ever embargoed or not. They don't care whether the Ford daughter tells mother or not, and they don't care whether that's a twinkle or a lear when Mr. Carter looks at a lady.

All these citizens will be watching and measuring...what they have waited for... is convincing proof of that intangible but recognizable thing called size. -- (9/22/76)

Distorting the Abortion Issue
(Editorial, excerpted, Knoxville News Sentinel)

There is something sad and regrettable about the way the abortion issue has been dragged into the fall election campaign.

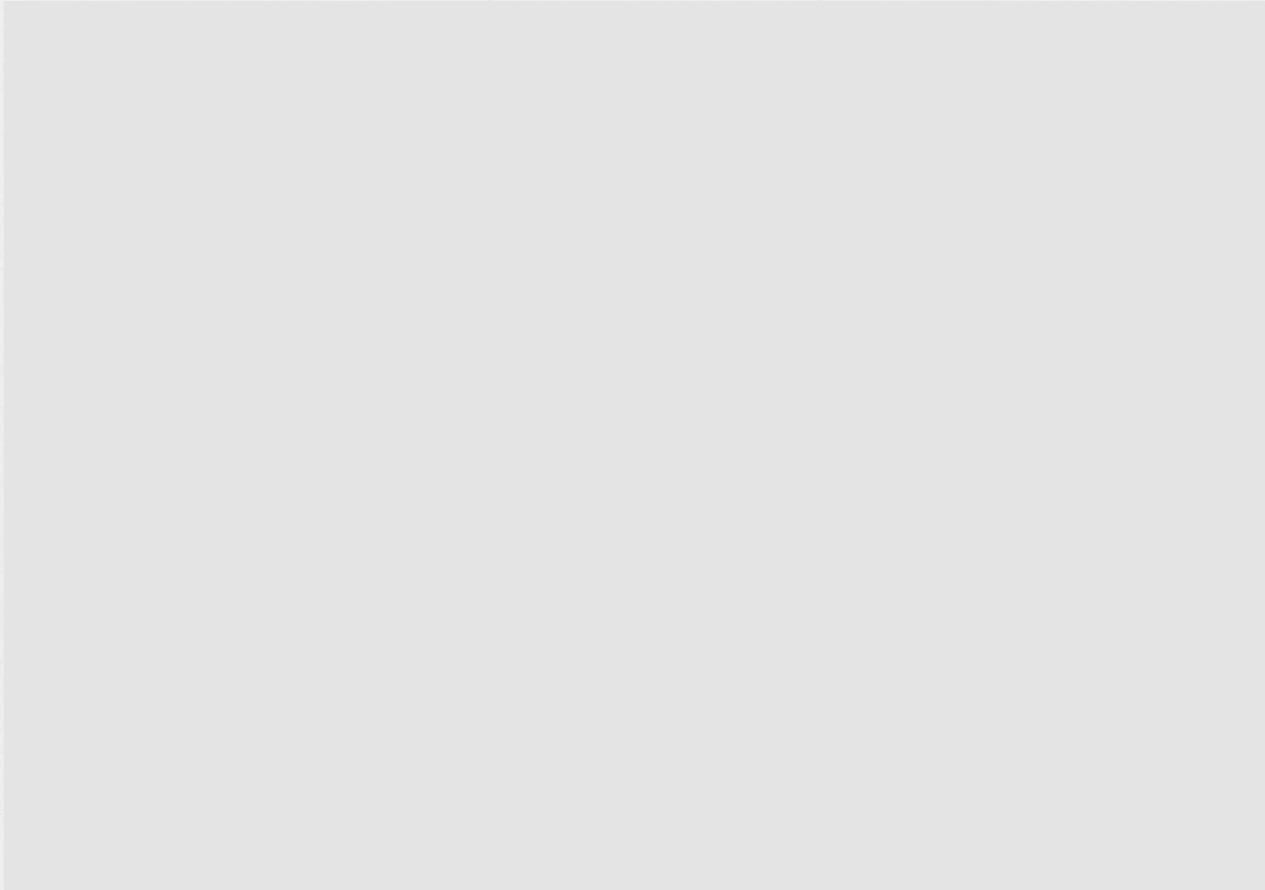
The Catholic bishops -- although they say they are not endorsing anyone -- have been pressing presidential and congressional candidates to support a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate have agreed to shut off Medicaid funds for the great majority of poor women seeking voluntary abortions. Aid would be prohibited "except where the life of the mother would be endangered" by continuing the pregnancy.

There is some language in the bill that softens the prohibition if the woman is seriously ill or if rape or incest is involved. But the net effect would be to make it more difficult for poor women to have legal abortions.

This creates a kind of medical class distinction, with abortions readily available to those who can pay but much harder to obtain for the poor, whose unwanted children often become a burden to society.

Such distortions are to be expected, no doubt, considering the pressures of a political campaign. But one of these days we'd like to see a politician stand up, for a change, and defend a woman's right to make her own decisions on whether or not to bear a child. -- (9/20/76)



KENT ALEXANDER 9-15

"Naw, I'm not gonna vote. I sleep during the day and Tuesday is my pinochle night"

Publishers Predict Election Outcome

Thirty-five newspaper publishers who responded to a special survey believe overwhelmingly Jimmy Carter is the strongest presidential candidate at this time but split evenly on who will win in November. They viewed the economy as the No. 1 campaign issue.

The poll was conducted by the Washington bureau of RKO General Broadcasting which sent questionnaires to 109 publishers in all parts of the country. Of the 35 who responded, 34 said Carter is "stronger at this time" and 1 picked President Ford.

When asked the eventual winner, however, 17 said Carter, 17 said Ford and 1 was undecided.

Asked what they considered the key campaign issue, 29 of the 35 publishers said the economy, one of Ford's big talking points, while 13 mentioned credibility which has been strongly emphasized by Carter.

The survey reflected the views of 10 newspaper publishers in the Northeast, 11 in the South, 4 in the Midwest, 5 in the Southwest and 5 on the Pacific coast, with nine of the participating publishers requesting anonymity. AP,UPI -- (9/22/76)

CONGRESS

Schorr Investigation Dropped

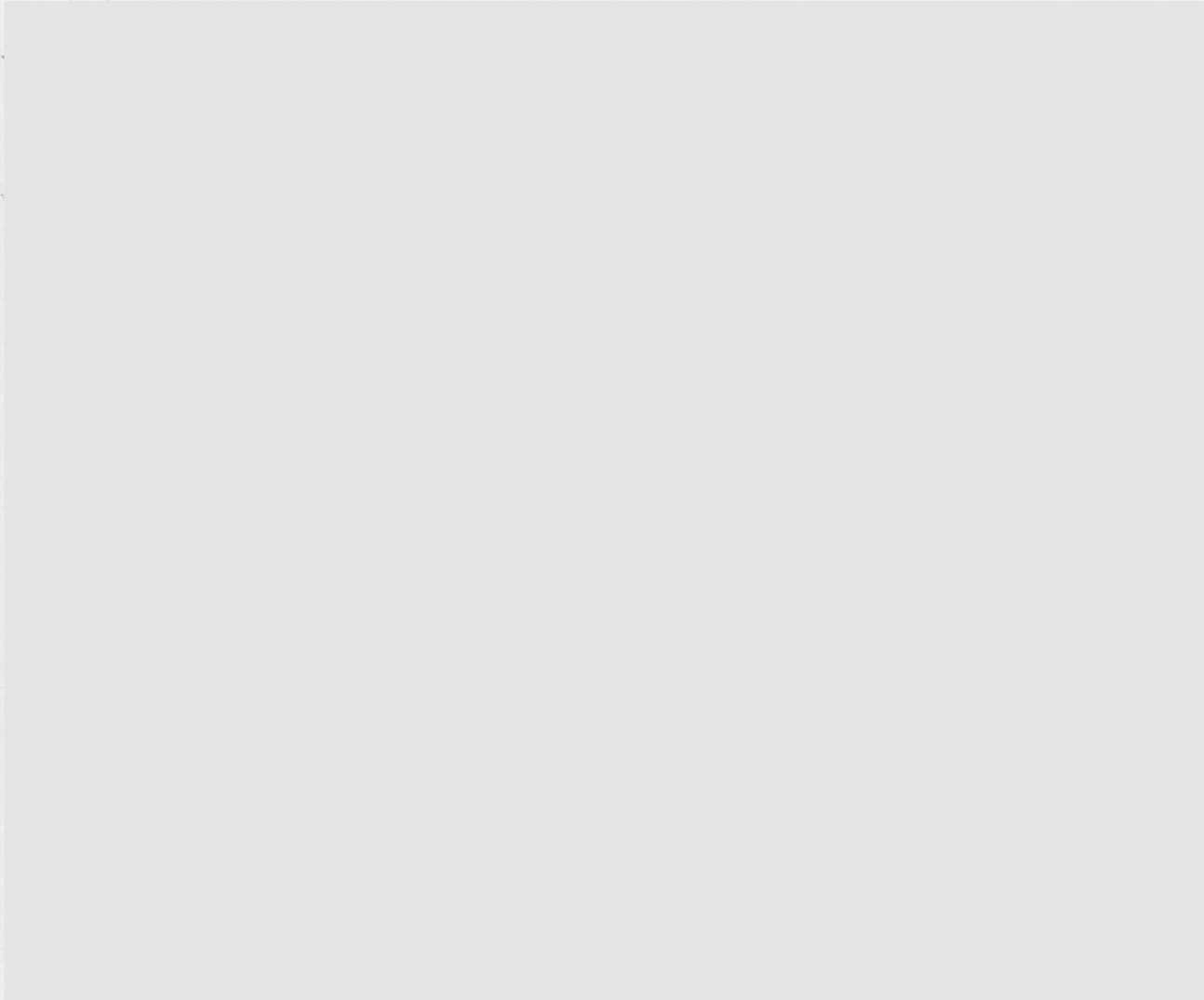
The House Ethics Committee Wednesday abandoned attempts to punish CBS reporter Daniel Schorr for refusing to hand over his copy of a secret intelligence report or to say where he got the report.

The panel voted 9-1 to lift the subpoenas against Schorr and three other persons involved in the publication of a classified report on activities of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Rep. Thomas Foley (D-Wash.) said the committee action effectively ends its attempt to discover who gave the report to Schorr or to take legal action against Schorr for refusing to cooperate in the panel's investigation.

Schorr said: "I think it's a great thing that the Ethics Committee has, in effect, decided not to press what would have been a disastrous confrontation with the press." (networks)

A CBS spokesman said that now that the legal question has been resolved, the company will address the problem it has with Schorr, Maria McLaughlin said. (CBS) AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)



The Boston Globe

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"And that's the way it is..."

Boston Globe, (9/19/76)

Senate Denies IRS Request in Scott Case

The Senate Ethics Committee refused to open or to turn over Sen. Hugh Scott's sealed financial records to the IRS which is probing the Gulf Oil Corp. payments to the Senate Republican leader, sources said Wednesday.

Senate sources said the committee voted 6 to 0 to turn down the IRS request at a secret meeting last week at which the panel voted 5 to 1 to end its investigation into Gulf contributions to Scott and a number of other senators.

The committee also rejected a motion to call witnesses in the Gulf case, including Claude C. Wild Jr., the former Gulf lobbyist who allegedly paid Scott \$5,000 each spring and fall over a number of years. AP,UPI,NBC -- (9/22/76)

FOREIGN POLICYAfricaNegotiations Linger in HAK's Peace Plan

Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith, weighing with other white lawmakers the British-American plan for transferring power to Rhodesia's black majority, said Wednesday "We have got to face up to realities."

He refused to say whether his 20-member cabinet had agreed to the plan in its two days of meetings, adding that the decision will be made Thursday by his party caucus -- the 50 white members of parliament.

However, Smith did say the cabinet reached a consensus of Kissinger's plan and seemed optimistic of its approval. (ABC)

Kissinger reportedly carried to black African leaders word that Smith is recommending to his government a shift to black rule within two years, talked with Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko, who endorsed Kissinger's peace plan.

Speaking at the National Press Club Wednesday, visiting Liberian President Tolbert warned that time is against Kissinger and Smith. (ABC) AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)

Kelley: U.S. Investigations Drop in 2 Yrs.

FBI Director Clarence Kelley testified Wednesday that in the past two years, the number of domestic security cases under investigation has dropped 97 percent.

As of Monday, Kelley told the Senate Intelligence Comm., the FBI's domestic intelligence section was actively investigating 78 domestic organizations and 548 individuals.

The organizations still under investigation are "generally speaking violence-prone and advocating the overthrow of the government," Kelley said. The individuals "are those who are in a leadership capacity or are violence-prone," he added.

Kelley attributed the drop in the number of investigations from 21,414 in July 1973 to the current 626 to a combination of internal reorganization, such as adoption of new guidelines, and changing social conditions. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)

PRESIDENCY

U.S. Steel Paid Ford's Fla. Expenses

U.S. Steel paid all President Ford's expenses for several short vacations at Disney World near Orlando, Fla., when he was House Republican Leader, sources said Wednesday.

U.S. Steel's chief lobbyist, William Whyte, told UPI Ford made only one visit to the world-famous amusement park in 1972 immediately following the Republican National Convention.

But steel industry sources told UPI that Ford, and on occasion members of his family, were treated several times to vacations at the U.S. Steel's Disney World hotels and guest cottage. The White House had no immediate comment. AP,UPI,NBC -- (9/22/76)

Lorber Wins R.I. Race

The state election board Wednesday declared Richard Lorber the winner by 100 votes over Gov. Philip Noel in Rhode Island's Sept. 14 Democratic Senate primary.

Noel's lawyer said he would go to court to challenge the board's decision, which followed a vote recount and tallying of absentee ballots in the seesaw primary race. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/22/76)

NAM, Chamber Merger Cancelled

The National Association of Manufacturers called off the proposed merger between the NAM and the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, apparently out of concern its interests would not be fully represented in the new organization. AP,UPI -- (9/22/76)

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1. Ford/Defense bill	1:45 (2)	2:00 (5)	1:56 (2)
2. Kelley/Domestic security	:15 (15)	1:30 (8)	:22 (5)
3. HAK/Kenya	1:00 (12)		:10 (6)
4. FDA/red dye		:15 (13)	
5. Rocky/Carter interview	:25 (5)		
6. Ford/sugar prices	1:52 (8)		
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1. Schorr probe	:45 (14)	:45 (11)	1:47 (lead)
2. Carter's day	1:45 (3)	2:00 (2)	1:46 (3)
3. R.I. Senate race	:20 (16)	:10 (9)	:19 (4)
4. Rhodesia			1:00 (7)
5. Ian Smith interview			1:47 (8)
6. U.S. Army/W.Europe			1:35 (9)
7. French inflation			:20 (10)
8. Underdeveloped nations/Wrld. Bank			:23 (11)
9. Stocks	:20 (10)		:12 (12)
10. EPA/'77 cars	:12 (9)	:50 (lead)	1:40 (13)
11. Mirex pesticide			4:40 (14)
12. FDA/dyes	1:53 (6)		:29 (15)
13. Britain/nuclear power			:15 (16)
14. Polio vaccine	:24 (7)		:24 (17)
15. Debates/Sevareid			3:20 (18)
16. McCarthy/debates			:11 (19)
17. Debates	:30 (lead)		
18. Mondale's day	1:30 (4)		
19. Scott		:20 (12)	
20. Viking II		1:00 (14)	
21. Cristop curtain		1:15 (15)	
22. Kennedy/Nixon focus		2:00 (16)	
23. Tolbert/HAK reaction	1:00 (13)		
24. Rizzo update	1:30 (17)		
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World-Wide

THE HOUSE ETHICS PANEL gave up trying to trace the leak of a CIA report.

The committee lifted its subpoena against CBS reporter Daniel Schorr, who last week refused to tell the panel where he got the House intelligence report he gave to the Village Voice. The publisher of the New

A polar icecap on Mars is largely frozen water, not carbon dioxide as previously suspected, data from a Viking mother ship orbiting the planet showed. The discovery increases chances that conditions for life once existed on Mars.

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The red dye used to color maraschino cherries and the black dye used in licorice

Business and Finance

NEW ORDERS for nondefense capital goods slumped 11.7% in August after seven consecutive monthly gains in that barometer of business capital-spending plans. The decline to a seasonally ad-

Kennecott said a group headed by Newmont Mining has substantially improved its offer to buy Peabody Coal. Kennecott's directors will consider that bid, along with one from Utilities Group.

(Story on Page 4)

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Harris Survey

Voters gain confidence in Ford

By Louis Harris

PRESIDENT FORD has made a remarkable comeback in public confi-

IF GERALD FORD plans to run on his record, he stands to pick up votes. At the moment, his rating is far better than his vote showing.

Among the groups where the President might show the greatest gain if he can convert his job ratings into votes are:

- Young people, where he enjoys a 49-42 per cent positive rating. In the latest vote totals, he trails Carter by 52-32 per cent among the young.
- The college-educated, where he receives 51-44 per cent positive marks. He leads the former Georgia governor among the best-educated by a narrow 44-40 per cent.
- Independents, a pivotal group, where President Ford is now accorded a

It is largely the public's view of President Ford as a person that has moved dramatically upward. For example, a 76-14 per cent majority rates Ford as "a man of high integrity," up from 71-29 per cent before the Republican convention. By contrast, in early August, Jimmy Carter was viewed as a "man of high integrity" by a 75-5 per cent margin, but now he has slipped to 69-9 per cent positive rating, 7 points lower than the President's standing on the key honesty issue.

Between August 27 and 30, the Harris Survey asked a cross-section of 1,478 voters nationwide: "How would you rate the job President Ford is doing—excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?" and "Let me ask you about some specific things President Ford has done. In the following list, would you rate him excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?"

	Posi- tive	Nega- tive	Not Sure
	66	32	2

Pollsters Show Carter Leads Race, Unsure of Outcome

Pollsters Daniel Yankelovich and Burns W. Roper agreed Thursday that many voters will not make up their minds until the last two weeks of the campaign.

The most recent Yankelovich poll shows Carter leading the President 46 to 40 with 14 percent undecided. The latest Roper poll shows Carter with a 46 to 29 percent lead and 25 percent uncommitted.

Roper said polls have a small influence on voters during the January to June period of the campaign and progressively less influence, down to none, by election day.

Appearing on NBC's Today Show, both pollsters agreed that Thursday's debates will probably not be a decisive factor in the election.

Yankelovich said people are uncertain about what to expect from a Carter Administration in terms of his priorities, principles and programs. He said the general mood of the country is a readiness for change but said voters still question whether Carter is fit for the job. -- Today Show 9/23

Candidates Prepare For Big Debate

President Ford and Jimmy Carter head for Philadelphia Thursday for their face-to-face meeting. Tom Pettit noted that Carter has been given the Helen Hayes-Hugh O'Brien dressing room. The President has been given the Cornelia Otis Skinner dressing room.

He said the President will try to make Carter look as inconsistent as possible on the issues. Carter will try to make the President look dull and dull-witted, Pettit said. (NBC)
-- Today Show 9/23

Ford given slight edge for the debate

By Godfrey Sperling Jr.

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

Soundings among Democratic leaders, as well as Republican officials, indicate that the President has picked up a slight debating edge as he moves into his first under-the-lights confrontation with Jimmy Carter.

• Mr. Ford — Democrats are privately conceding and Republicans publicly asserting — now has the momentum running in his favor.

This public swing toward Mr. Ford is perceived and expressed both in polls and in the "feel" of the political situation as discerned by these leaders.

Thus, Mr. Ford's White House campaigning is seen as being more effective than Mr. Carter's assiduous and vigorous travel and stumping.

• The President goes into the debate, it seems, with the advantage of what politicians call "having it both ways." That is, he is the underdog — since he is still slightly behind in the national polls — and he is the underdog — since he is President of the United States.

That is, he may well evoke the sympathy that goes to the man who is perceived as being behind while, at the same time, commanding the respect that goes to the President.

"The odds now are slightly against Mr. Carter [in the first debate]," one Democrat said, echoing what others now are saying but not for attribution.

Carter's new tactics: flush Ford from 'hiding'

By John Dillin

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

With the Carter campaign

Jimmy Carter has shifted to an aggressive campaign strategy after being convinced by aides that President Ford is successfully isolating himself from tough public examination.

Mr. Carter's sharp, partisan attack on the President — comparing him to Herbert Hoover and frequently bringing in the name of Richard Nixon — has steadily intensified during the past two weeks.

"We are dealing with an incumbent President who has, to all practical purposes, manipulated the press and cut himself off from cross-examination," says Mr. Carter's closest aide, Jody Powell.

The President is getting a "free ride" from the media, Mr. Powell charges.

"I would guess that since the Republican convention the Democratic nominee has subjected himself to questions and cross-examination on the average of four or five times to every one time that the President has," he says.

Mr. Carter's standard stump speech, once a moralistic appeal to unify and uplift the nation, has turned sharply partisan.

"The Republicans have always been the party of big business, special interests, secrecy, excluding the people," Mr. Carter told crowds this week.

16 groups sue to picket at debate site

By John F. Clancy
and Jan Schaffer
Inquirer Staff Writers

Sixteen protest groups and eight individuals filed suit in U. S. District Court here yesterday seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent police and Secret Service agents

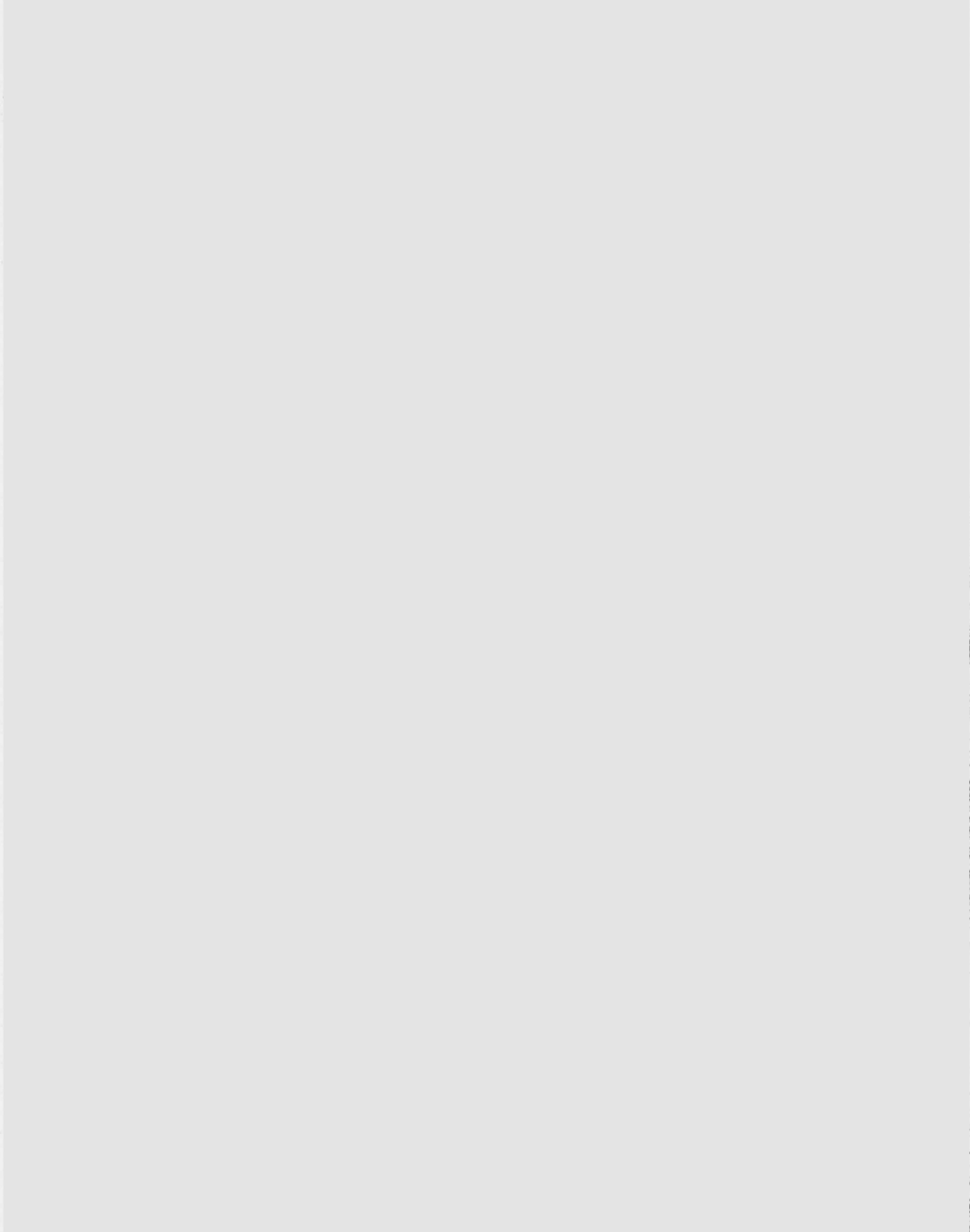
protesting the military budget and the escalation of the nuclear arms race, and leftist and revolutionary groups protesting about the nation's social ills.

The Great Debate is on, a worthy, historic event

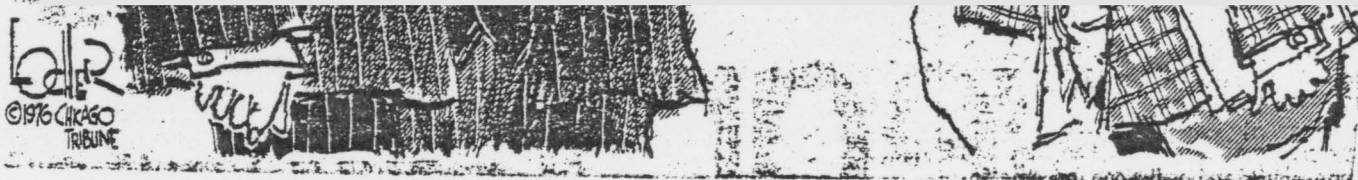
Down at the illustrious Walnut Street Theater, which began its history 167 years ago as a circus, all is approaching readiness today. The Great Debate of 1976, despite a flurry

a unique vehicle for transmitting the ineffable qualities of personal manner and personal response.

There, on the face of a glass tube, one human being almost as live and



We need a man who's been
in top government before...
a man who knows the ropes!



Amnesty

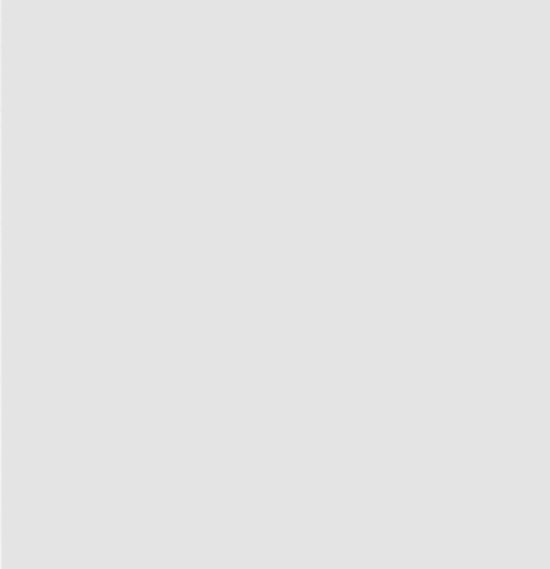
Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter provide a clear choice on the issue usually referred to as "amnesty," though neither of them uses this word to describe what he favors.

We supported President Ford's program of "clemency" for Vietnam draft evaders willing

the point is that a "blanket" proclamation of it would be unfair on two counts. It would be unfair to those who did serve in the armed forces, some despite their own objections to the war. And it would be unfair among the violators themselves, some of whose motives

QUOTABLE QUOTES...

From its transoceanic perspective, The Guardian of London makes this irreverent assessment of the American candidates: Gerald Ford says Jimmy Carter — the breadth of his grin and the depth of his experience — is the issue. Jimmy Carter says trust is the issue. Gerald Ford is bent on either being very presidential



MEDIA

Reporting slanted on abortion issue

ELECTION

By William D. Valente

Journalists would do well to heed the warning of their colleague, John P. Roche: "At some point a political

tual foundation. It smacks more of propaganda than of disciplined reporting and analysis.

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What can the states expect?

Western governors warn Carter of perils ahead

By Judith Frutig
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

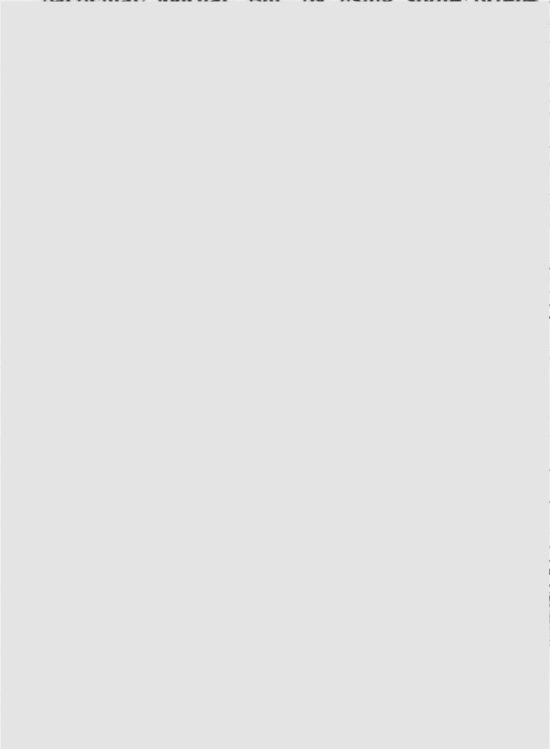
Publicly, the nine Democratic governors here this week are united in support of the Carter-Mondale ticket. But in private conversations, they say their party's nominee has an uphill battle in the West.

But others — including his state campaign chairman in Colorado — aren't so sure: "I think we should be sitting around talking about how we're going to influence his administration," said Governor Lamm.

The major factors that could foster a Carter win in the West, the governors say, is voter resentment over Ford administration farm policies, unemployment, water shortages, Republi-

Carter's lapse

Jimmy Carter's interview with Playboy magazine has sparked adverse reaction, and understandably so. It was in poor taste. Not only did the Democratic candidate choose to have his candid comments published in this particular journal. But by using some offen-



Carter's choice of sex slang 'unwise'

By Neil Mehler

Political editor

JIMMY CARTER was espousing "standard Protestant theology" and "New Testament notions" in his controversial interview with Playboy magazine, but his use of slang in discussing sex was inappropriate, his Illinois campaign director the Rev. James Wall,

ter was trying to show people who "probably think of him as a bluenose that he's not a moralist or a person who would impose his views on others—it's human to be tempted and his decision is not to give in, but he is not condemning people who do."

MARTIN LUTHER expressed the same view in his famous observation that "it's one thing to allow the birds to

[Minn.], his vice presidential ticket mate, and Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Mondale got a taste of Chicago Democratic campaign hospitality when Mayor and Mrs. Daley and thousands of Chicago met their train at the station.

Wage Base Increase Needed For Carter's Tax Plan

Jimmy Carter's plan to restore financial strength to the social security system involves raising the wage base on which social security taxes are collected, spokesmen for the Democratic presidential candidate said Thursday.

Nelson Cruikshank, co-chairman of Seniors for Carter-Mondale, said Carter has not stated how much he would raise the base, but that might "possibly be \$28,000 or \$29,000."

Social Security taxes currently are collected at a rate of 5.85% on the first \$15,300 of earnings. Under current law this amount is increased yearly based on a formula involving increases in the cost-of-living index.

Last week, at a seminar on aging, Social Security Commissioner James B. Cardwell said a wage base of \$28,000 would be needed to solve a short-term financial deficit of social security, if raising the wage base is the only method used. He said, however, he supports President Ford's plan to bring in more money by a combination of higher wage base and tax rate.

Ford has proposed raising the tax rate from 5.85% to 6.15% coupling this with the required annual increase in the wage base that Cardwell said should rise to about \$16,500 in 1977.

Carter's position on social security was outlined at a news conference called by the Democratic National Committee to discuss programs for the aging. -- 9/23 AP

HHH Met By Israeli Protesters

Sen. Hubert Humphrey was barely into his speech at a New York kickoff rally for the Democratic presidential ticket when a dozen persons stood up in front, threw leaflets into the air and began shouting, "Israel must live, Carter must go!"

"All right, you've had your chance," Humphrey said into the microphone Wednesday night as the chanting continued. Finally, he said, "Goodbye" and left the stage.

The leaflets, bearing the organizational name SOIL, said "Carter clearly favors the creation of a PLO gangster state" that would lead to the extermination of Israel. SOIL is an acronym for the Zionist organization called Save Our Israel Land.

About 250 persons had turned out at the Americana Hotel for the rally sponsored by the New York Citizens for Carter-Mondale Committee. -- AP;UPI 9/23

REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Jimmy Robin Hood

All year long Jimmy Carter had avoided the political posturing that is favored by the Democratic left. He refrained from pitting one class of Americans against another. He would not tell one group of citizens that if he were President he would help them out by

Whatever he has in mind, it is wrong. The American people know that Robin Hood economics is wrong, which is one reason they treated Mr. McGovern so peremptorily in 1972. And unless Mr. Carter flip-flops entirely, in preference to identifying exactly whom

Mr. Carter's energy half-policy

Jimmy Carter's plan to combine federal agencies involved with energy regulation and promotion into a new cabinet level department reflects a recognition that energy remains one of the most

ment of electric automobiles and better gasoline engines.

Since Congress is controlled by Democrats, Mr. Carter has some missionary work to do within his own party before

Carter's tax plan lost in foggy do's

WASHINGTON—Well, the cat got out of the bag last weekend. Either Jimmy Carter is a closet Socialist — or he doesn't have the foggiest notion of how the tax burden in this country is distributed.

In an interview with AP, Carter al-

productive class in our society.

Carter has another idea. He is going to sock it to the "big corporations," a 180-degree turn from what he told Henry Ford II and the Carter tax club at the Club two months ago.

What will get...

Is Ford being probed — or not?

The White House said it did not intend to press the Watergate special prosecutor, Charles Ruff, for a public statement about the purpose of subpoenas reported by the Wall Street Journal to be part of an investigation that "may involve President Ford's past cam-

paigned." But the special prosecutor's guidance that the special prosecutor's investigation had anything to do with Mr. Ford.

Certainly Mr. Ford's whole public record, as well as the exhaustive investigation given him as a vice-presidential appointee, is testimony to his rectitude. What has raised the current questions is the direction of the subpoena to

Crime Rate Up

Thefts increased 11% and violent crimes declined 6% as the over-all US crime rate edged upward during the first six months of this year, the FBI reported Thursday.

Of the seven crime categories measured by the FBI's uniform crime reports, theft was the only one showing an increase nationally. But that 11% jump boosted the over-all crime rate 3% compared with the same period in 1975. -- AP;UPI;Networks 9/23

Ford To Sign Jobs Bill

Prospects are that President Ford will sign at least one of two major jobs bills sent to him by Congress in the closing days of the session.

One bill extends 260,000 existing public service jobs in state and local governments. It is widely supported by both parties, and all indications are that Ford will sign it, even though he originally proposed phasing out these jobs during the coming year.

The other bill is a \$3.7 billion appropriation for public works construction projects that Ford has said would lead to "larger deficits, higher taxes, higher inflation and, ultimately, higher unemployment." -- AP;UPI;Networks 9/23

South Africa

FOREIGN POLICY

HAK: "Sense of Hope" In Africa Settlement

Secretary Kissinger left Africa Thursday "with warm feelings and a sense of hope" that he has achieved a solution to the question of black majority rule in Rhodesia.

Kissinger told newsmen he had briefed Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta on his weekend talks in Pretoria with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and South African prime minister John Vorster. -- AP;UPI;Networks 9/23

Rhodesia's big decision

Is Henry Kissinger's African shuttle about to produce a breakthrough in white minority-ruled Rhodesia? Prime Minister Ian Smith's response was awaited in an important announcement expected on Friday. But in the in-

lation that would lead to black majority rule in two years, as British Prime Minister James Callaghan advocates. Only if the Front gives Smith the go-ahead are negotiations likely to get very far.

Swine Flu Outbreak In Va.

Doctors say they have discovered what appears to be a second instance of swine flu being transmitted from human to human.

The second case, reported at the University of Virginia Hospital, occurred about the same time as the highly publicized outbreak among 11 recruits at Ft. Dix, N.J., early last January.

The Ft. Dix sickness is the only concrete example of swine flu being spread between humans. The Virginia case was investigated by government health officials but was not widely known until it was reported in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. -- AP;UPI 9/23

Meany May Retire Next Year

Top officials close to George Meany say there is a serious possibility Meany will retire next year after more than 20 years as head of the AFL-CIO.

Meany has been slow to recover from a recent illness. Aides say that while his basic health is good, he has lost his usual vitality and has been forced to curb some activities. -- AP;UPI 9/23

INTERNATIONAL

Cosmonauts Return

The two Soyuz 22 cosmonauts returned to earth Thursday after an eight-day photography mission in space, Tass announced.

The cosmonauts parachuted to earth in their return vehicle on the Kazakhstan steppes east of the Baikonur space center, the official Soviet news agency said. -- AP;UPI;Networks 9/23