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BY HELEN THOMAS

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD STRONGLY DEFENDED HIS ECONOMIC POLICIES THURSDAY BUT JIMMY CARTER CALLED THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE A "TERRIBLE TRAGEDY" AS THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES CLASHED, SOMETIMES WITH BITTER WORDS, IN THEIR FIRST DEBATE.

CARTER AND FORD, APPEARING IN THE FIRST OF THEIR NATIONALLY TELEVISED DEBATES, WARRED WITH WORDS ON JOBS, TAXES, THE BUDGET, FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S PARDON, AMNESTY AND A WIDE VARIETY OF DOMESTIC ISSUES.

CARTER AND FORD MET FACE-TO-FACE IN THE FIRST TELEVISED DEBATE BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SINCE JOHN KENNEDY TOOK ON RICHARD NIXON IN 1960.

STANDING BEHIND TWIN PODIUMS ON AN OTHERWISE BARE STAGE IN THE WALNUT STREET THEATER, FORD AND CARTER GAVE DIFFERENT -- ALTHOUGH NOT NEW -- POSITIONS ON ALMOST EVERY DOMESTIC ISSUE.

WITH THE DEBATE EIGHT MINUTES SHORT OF ENDING, THE SOUND SYSTEMS FAILED AND THE CONFRONTATION WAS INTERRUPTED AS ENGINEERS SOUGHT TO RESTORE THE SYSTEM.

FORD, IN HIS FIRST RESPONSE, JUMPED ON THE OFFENSIVE BY CHARGING THAT CARTER, THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, ONCE AGAIN FAILED TO PROVIDE SPECIFICS ON HOW TO CURE THE NAGGING PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

BUT CARTER, SLOWLY RESPONDING IN KIND, CHARGED FORD HAD SWITCHED HIS TAX POLICIES SINCE TAKING OFFICE, CHARGED THE PRESIDENT WITH RUNNING A "WELFARE ADMINISTRATION" AND, AT ONE POINT, SAID "MR. FORD, SO FAR AS I KNOW EXCEPT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER WATERGATE, HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY."

FORD DEFENDED HIS VETOES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SERVICE JOB BILL CLAIMING THEY WOULD FUEL INFLATION AND ADDING "INFLATION IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO DESTROY JOBS." BLAMING THE CONGRESS FOR EXCESSES, HE SAID THE NEED WAS TO HOLD THE CEILING ON SPENDING AND TO BRING DOWN INFLATION.

HE CONCEDED UNEMPLOYMENT HAS RISEN BUT ADDED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT 4 MILLION MORE AMERICANS BACK TO WORK.

BUT CARTER SAID MORE AMERICANS ARE UNEMPLOYED NOW THAN WHEN FORD TOOK OFFICE IN 1974 AND SAID THAT THE 7.9 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE "IS A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN THIS COUNTRY."

"HIS INSENSITIVITY TO LET THESE PEOPLE WORK HAS MADE THIS A WELFARE ADMINISTRATION," CARTER ADDED. HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON JOBS HAS BEEN A "TRAGEDY" WHICH SHOWED A "LACK OF LEADERSHIP."

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- ABOUT 800 TO 1,000 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE THE THEATER THURSDAY NIGHT AS PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER ARRIVED FOR THEIR FIRST DEBATE, RAISING ISSUES RANGING FROM ABORTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

REPRESENTED AMONG THE GROUP WERE THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, A GROUP CALLING FOR JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND SEVERAL DEMANDING MINORITY PARTY CANDIDATES BE INCLUDED IN THE DEBATES.

THE BULK OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE WOMEN CARRYING SIGNS OR CANDLES DEMANDING THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO HAVE ABORTIONS.

OTHERS CARRIED PLACARDS AND CHANTED SLOGANS. ONE SIGN SAID: "HUNTING FOR JOBS NOT FOR WAR."

ONE BIG YELLOW AND RED SIGN OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY SAID, "WE WON'T BE STEPPED ON BY THE ELEPHANT OR KICKED BY THE DONKEY." PETER CAMEJO, THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SAID "I THINK THAT ALL POINTS OF VIEW SHOULD BE HEARD."

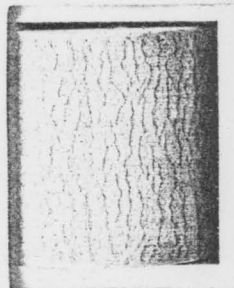
AS FORD'S LIMOUSINE PASSED AN INTERSECTION, THE PRESIDENT WAVED BUT RECEIVED SOME BOOS FROM THE DEMONSTRATORS, LOCATED JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE THEATER. MOST WERE ORDERLY, AND A POLICY HELICOPTER CIRCLED PERIODICALLY.

NATA CHANDLER, THE PHILADELPHIA PRESIDENT OF NOW, SAID THE DEMONSTRATION WAS TO SAY TO THE CANDIDATES, "KEEP YOUR RHETORIC OUT OF OUR UTERUS."

ONE SPECTATOR, SUE HAGELAN, A 19-YEAR OLD NURSING STUDENT, ASKED FOR HER REACTION TO THE DEMONSTRATION SAID: "I LIKE THE PRO-ABORTION ONE."

ASKED HER OPINION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES, SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT FORMED ONE AND "I'LL WATCH THE DEBATES AND THEN DECIDE."

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER OPENED THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE THURSDAY NIGHT BY SAYING AMERICA NEEDS TO REDUCE ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT TO ABOUT 3 PER CENT. HE URGED A 1970S TYPE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM TO CUT URBAN JOBLESSNESS WITHOUT FUELING RUNAWAY INFLATION.

IN THE FIRST SUCH DEBATE SINCE THE KENNEDY-NIXON CONFRONTATIONS IN 1960, CARTER AND PRESIDENT FORD MET FACE-TO-FACE IN THE WALNUT STREET THEATRE NEAR HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE HALL.

"I DON'T BELIEVE THAT MR. CARTER HAS BEEN ANY MORE SPECIFIC IN THIS CASE THAN HE HAS IN MANY OTHER OCCASIONS," FORD RESPONDED TO CARTER'S FIRST ANSWER.

FORD SAID THAT DESPITE RESERVATIONS, HE WOULD SIGN THE LIMITED TAX REVISION CONGRESS HAS PASSED. BUT HE SAID HIS OWN TAX PROPOSALS -- COUPLED WITH A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR CEILING ON FEDERAL SPENDING -- COULD ACHIEVE ECONOMIC GROWTH HE BELIEVES NECESSARY WITHOUT INCREASING INFLATION.

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AFTER THE AFTERNOON VISIT, CARTER RETIRED TO HIS HOTEL, THEN IN MID-EVENING DECENDED TO THE LOBBY FIVE MINUTES EARLY FOR THE TRIP TO THE THEATER.

WALKING BRISKLY AROUND THE CORNER WITH HIS WIFE ROSALYNN, WHO WORE A PALE GREEN SUIT AND A LARGE ORCHID CORSAGE, CARTER SAID, "I FEEL GOOD." ASKED IF HE WAS NERVOUS, HE REPLIED, "I JUST WANT TO BE MYSELF, RELAXED."

AN AFTERNOON INSPECTION OF THE THEATER WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD TOO. PICKUP 3RD GRAF: THE DEMOCRATIC
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XXX INFLATION."

CARTER, ASKED WHAT HE WOULD DO ABOUT TAXES IF HE BEATS FORD IN NOVEMBER, SAID THE NATION'S TAX LAWS ARE A "DISGRACE TO THIS COUNTRY AND A WELFARE PROGRAM FOR THE RICH."

HE SAID THE STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "IS A MESS," AND CUTTING THE BUREAUCRACY WOULD BE A MAJOR GOAL OF A CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

CARTER SAID HIS "TARGET" WILL BE TO REDUCE ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT TO 3 PER CENT DURING HIS FIRST TERM, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE AN OVERALL RATE OF 4 TO 4-1/2 PER CENT. THE OVERALL RATE COUNTS EVERYONE 16 AND OVER.

CARTER SAID AMERICA WILL NEVER END ITS "INFLATIONARY SPIRAL" AND BALANCE ITS BUDGET "UNTIL WE GET OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK."

HE PROPOSED CHANNELING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTO AREAS THAT WOULD CREATE JOBS, ENLISTING COOPERATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AREAS SUCH AS INCREASING HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS TO EMPLOY YOUTH IN CENTRAL CITIES, AND TAX INCENTIVES TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

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BOTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES APPEARED AT EASE DURING THE EARLY QUESTIONING. BOTH WERE SERIOUS IN RESPONDING.

FORD SAID THAT FROM THE ANALYSIS HE HAS SEEN SO FAR, THE MAJOR TAX BILL JUST PASSED BY CONGRESS -- INCLUDING A CONTINUATION OF CURRENT TAX CUTS -- DOES JUSTIFY HIS SIGNATURE.

HOWEVER FORD SAID THE BILL DOES NOT GO AS FAR AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED IN CUTTING TAXES. HE SAID CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE ADDED AT LEAST AN EXTRA \$10 BILLION IN CUTS.

"AND CONGRESS COULD HAVE DONE THAT IF THE BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS AND THE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE HAD NOT INCREASED THE SPENDING I RECOMMENDED IN THE BUDGET," FORD SAID.

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FORD, CHIDED CARTER FOR NOT MENTIONING THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS "FULL EMPLOYMENT" BILL, WHICH IS PENDING IN CONGRESS BUT HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF PASSING THIS YEAR. FORD SAID THE GOAL OF 3 PER CENT UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD COST UP TO \$30 BILLION A YEAR.

"THE BEST WAY TO GET JOBS IS TO EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR," FORD SAID.

HE SAID THAT COULD BE DONE BY REDUCING FEDERAL TAXES, TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS TO EMPLOY PEOPLE IN INNER CITIES, AND PROGRAMS TO EMPLOY YOUNG PEOPLE.

CARTER SAID HIS JOBS GOAL COULD BE REACHED WHILE STILL CONTROLLING INFLATION.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD FAVOR AN "INCOMES POLICY" -- WHICH MEANS ANY OF A NUMBER OF FORMS OF RESTRAINING ON WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES -- TO CONTROL INFLATION, CARTER DID NOT RESPOND YES OR NO. HE SAID THE COUNTRY HAS ENOUGH UNUSED PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND ENOUGH IDLE WORKERS SO THAT REDUCING JOBLESSNESS WOULD NOT CAUSE UNDUE INFLATION.

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XXX INFLATION.

CARTER SAID THAT UNDER THE CURRENT TAX STRUCTURE, 25 PER CENT OF THE TAX DEDUCTIONS GO TO THE RICHEST 1 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

"WHEN MR. FORD FIRST BECAME PRESIDENT IN AUGUST OF 1974, THE FIRST THING HE DID IN OCTOBER WAS TO ASK FOR A \$4.7 BILLION INCREASE IN TAXES ON OUR PEOPLE IN THE MIDST OF THE HEAVIEST RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF 1940," CARTER SAID.

FORD TOLD QUESTIONERS HE WOULD NOT RECONSIDER AND ADOPT A PLAN OF TOTAL AMNESTY FOR THE ESTIMATED 90,000 YOUNG AMERICANS WHO EITHER FLED THE COUNTRY OR DESERTED THE ARMED FORCES RATHER THAN FIGHT IN VIETNAM.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE SAID HIS PARDON OF RICHARD NIXON WAS "FULLY JUSTIFIED" IN LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE COUNTRY WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AUG. 9, 1974 UPON NIXON S RESIGNATION.

"WHEN I TOOK OFFICE, THIS COUNTRY WAS IN A VERY, VERY DIVIDED CONDITION," FORD SAID, ADDING THERE WAS "HATRED" AND PEOPLE "HAD LOST FAITH IN THEIR GOVERNMENT."

FORD SAID IF HE WAS TO ADEQUATELY HANDLE THE HIGH INFLATION, GROWING RECESSION AND THE REMNANTS OF VIETNAM, "I HAD TO GIVE 100 PER CENT OF MY TIME TO THOSE MAJOR PROBLEMS."

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED. THAT IS A DISGRACE," HE SAID NOTING NIXON WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT EVER TO RESIGN.

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FORD SAID "WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PENALTY HE (NIXON) PAID" AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A NEW PRESIDENT HAD TO SPEND ALL HIS TIME ON THE KEY ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY, "IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH BY HIS RESIGNATION AND DISGRACE."

THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, FORD SAID, "FULLY JUSTIFIED THE ACTIONS THAT I TOOK."

ASKED BY A QUESTIONER HOW HE COULD JUSTIFY THE PARDON OF NIXON YET DENY A PARDON OR AMNESTY TO MANY YOUNG VIETNAM WAR RESISTERS WHO ALSO HAVE "SUFFERED ENOUGH," FORD REPLIED THAT HIS AMNESTY PLAN PROPOSED IN SEPTEMBER, 1974, GAVE THE DESERTERS OR DRAFT EVADERS AN OPPORTUNITY "TO CLEAR THEIR RECORDS" AND "RESTORE THEIR GOOD CITIZENSHIP."

"MR. CARTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE A BLANKET PARDON TO ALL DRAFT EVADERS," FORD SAID. "I DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW."

FORD SAID THE AMNESTY PROGRAM HE PROPOSED, WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT 15,000 AMERICANS BACK TO THE UNITED STATES BUT LEFT 90,000 STILL ABROAD, HAD GONE "FAR ENOUGH."

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CARTER SAID IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS FAILURE TO PARDON DRAFT RESISTERS.

"I DON'T ADVOCATE AMNESTY, I ADVOCATE PARDON," CARTER SAID, REPEATING HIS EARLIER STAND. "AMNESTY MEANS WHAT YOU DID WAS RIGHT. PARDON MEANS WHAT YOU DID -- RIGHT OR WRONG -- WAS FORGIVEN."

THE GEORGIAN SAID THREE TIMES AS MANY DESERTERS AS EVADERS WERE EXCUSED UNDER THE FORD AMNESTY PLAN.

"NOW IT'S THE TIME TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR," HE SAID.

HE SAID PEOPLE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM RESISTERS OR DESERTERS, BUT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A JUSTICE SYSTEM FILLED WITH INEQUITIES.

"THE BIG SHOTS WHO ARE RICH, INFLUENTIAL, ARE RARELY SENT TO JAIL," CARTER SAID, ADDING THAT "THOSE POOR WITH NO INFLUENCE" ARE.

"THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF CRIME CONCERNS PEOPLE VERY MUCH," HE SAID.

"IT HASN'T BEEN ADMINISTERED ADEQUATELY BY THIS ADMINISTRATION. I HOPE TO BRING ABOUT A FAIRER, FULLER JUSTICE SYSTEM AND AN END TO THE DIVISIVENESS OF THE VIETNAM WAR."

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CARTER TOOK NOTES AS FORD SPOKE. ASKED HOW HE COULD PROMISE INCREASED PROGRAMS IN NUMEROUS AREAS PLUS A BALANCED BUDGET BY 1981, CARTER SAID HE WAS BASING HIS EXPECTATIONS ON A GROWTH RATE OF 5 TO 5-1/2 PER CENT IN THE ECONOMY, AND AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 4 TO 4-1/2 PER CENT WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A \$60 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS BY 1981.

BUT HE SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THESE GOALS COULD NOT BE REACHED BECAUSE OF A SLOW DOWN IN THE ECONOMY, HE WOULD TAILOR HIS PROGRAMS ACCORDINGLY.

"I WOULD PHASE IN THESE PROGRAMS I ADVOCATE MORE SLOWLY," CARTER SAID.

CARTER ALSO REITERATED HIS PLEDGE TO "COMPLETELY REORGANIZE THE STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT," AND PHASE OUT PROGRAMS "THAT ARE OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY."

FORD, HOWEVER, SAID THAT IF A \$60 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS WERE ACHIEVED BY 1981, "I THINK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER OUGHT TO BE A TAX BREAK OF THAT MAGNITUDE. I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT SPENDING AS GOVERNOR CARTER SUGGESTS."

LATER, HE SAID, FORD ASKED FOR A \$5.6 BILLION TAX INCREASE ON INDIVIDUALS AND A CUT OF \$6.5 "FOR THE CORPORATIONS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT EVEN FORD'S LATER REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10 BILLION TAX CUT WOULD BE OFFSET BY A \$6 BILLION INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAXES NEXT YEAR.

"THE WHOLE PHILOSOPHY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, INCLUDING MY OPPONENT, HAS BEEN TO COMPILE OLD TAXES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE AND TO TAKE THEM OFF THE CORPORATIONS," HE SAID.

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XXX SAID.

FORD SAID THE NATION STILL CAN HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET ON TOP OF A "SMALL NECESSARY COST" INCREASE FOR "QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS" IN SUCH AREAS AS JOBS, HOUSING, AND CRIME REDUCTION.

WITH AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT AND A "MODEST" INCREASE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE, HE ADDED, "WE CAN STILL HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET. WE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT ONE OR TWO YEARS ... AS GOVERNOR CARTER INDICATES."

WITH THE KIND OF PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM, HE SAID, THERE WOULD BE 15 MORE SOCIAL PROGRAMS WITH A MINIMUM COST OF \$100 BILLION AND A PROBABLE COST OF \$200 BILLION AND "WE CAN'T AFFORD THOSE."

CARTER, CITING HERBERT HOOVER AND RICHARD NIXON, SAID FORD "TAKES THE SAME ATTITUDE REPUBLICANS ALWAYS TAKE" IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"THE BEST THING IS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECORD," CARTER SAID, DECLARING THAT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT SINCE FORD HAS BEEN IN OFFICE AND HIS DEFICIT IS FOUR TIMES THE SIZE RUN UP BY NIXON.

THE RESULT OF THE JOB SITUATION, HE SAID, IS THAT WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO STEP INTO THE LABOR MARKET.

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FORD SAID HE VETOED A \$6 BILLION PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION JOBS BILL IN FEBRUARY BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE PRODUCED FEWER THAN HALF THE 400,000 JOBS CLAIMED, WOULD HAVE DONE SO AT A COST OF \$25,000 PER JOB, AND THAT THE JOBS WOULD HAVE MATERIALIZED TOO LATE.

HE SAID A SCALED-DOWN \$3.7 BILLION APPROPRIATIONS BILL VERSION OF THAT BILL WHICH CONGRESS PASSED THIS WEEK HAD NOT YET REACHED HIS DESK -- SO HE WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER HE WILL SIGN IT.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS BILL WOULD ADD TO THE DEFICIT AND ADD TO INFLATION.

"THESE MAKE-WORK TEMPORARY JOBS, DEAD AS THEY ARE, ARE NOT THE KIND OF JOBS WE WANT FOR OUR PEOPLE," FORD SAID.

HE SAID WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO "STIMULATE THE ECONOMY NOW," HOLD THE LID ON SPENDING AND THEREBY REDUCE THE RATE OF INFLATION.

"INFLATION IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO DESTROY JOBS," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PRIVATE SECTOR, "WHERE FIVE OUT OF SIX JOBS ARE," IS THE PLACE TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

FORD CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN GOING UP, SO HAS EMPLOYMENT. HE SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT 4 MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK.

CARTER REPLIED THAT THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD ON UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN "A TRAVESTY," SHOWING "LACK OF LEADERSHIP."

HE SAID 2.5 MILLION MORE AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK THAN WHEN FORD TOOK OFFICE. HE SAID INFLATION IS THE HIGHEST IN 25 YEARS AND UNEMPLOYMENT THE HIGHEST SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

"THIS AFFECTS HUMAN BEINGS," CARTER SAID. "AND HIS INSENSITIVITY TO PROVIDING A WAY FOR THESE PEOPLE TO WORK HAS MADE THIS A WELFARE ADMINISTRATION, NOT A WORK ADMINISTRATION."

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"MR. FORD, SO FAR AS I KNOW, EXCEPT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER WATERGATE, HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE, SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY," CARTER SAID, IN HIS SHARPEST WORDS OF THE DEBATE.

MIDWAY THROUGH THE DEBATE, REYNOLDS ASKED CARTER ABOUT HIS ENERGY PROPOSALS AND WHETHER HE FEELS NUCLEAR POWER IS UNSAFE.

CARTER, NOTING HE IS A FORMER NUCLEAR ENGINEER, REPLIED THAT HE RANKS THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER LAST IN DESIRABILITY AFTER GREATER USE OF COAL, MANDATORY CONSERVATION AND THE EXPANDED USE OF SOLAR ENERGY.

SOME NUCLEAR SAFETY MEASURES "HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN" IN PRESENT NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR DESIGN, CARTER SAID. HE SPECIFICALLY LISTED PLACING ATOMIC REACTOR CORES BELOW GROUND LEVEL, TIGHTLY VACUUM-SEALING EACH ENTIRE POWER PLANT AND PLACING INDEPENDENT EXPERTS IN EACH POWER PLANT 24 HOURS A DAY.

"SHIFT FROM OIL TO COAL, EMPHASIZE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON COAL USE AND ALSO ON SOLAR POWER, STRICT CONSERVATION MEASURES -- NOT YIELDING EVERY TIME TO SPECIAL INTEREST THAT PUT PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT, LIKE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE -- AND THEN ATOMIC ENERGY ONLY AS A LAST RESORT, WITH THE STRICTEST POSSIBLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, THAT S THE BEST OVERALL ENERGY POLICY IN THE BRIEF TIME WE HAVE TO DISCUSS IT," CARTER SAID.

CARTER SAID THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE ANY ENERGY POLICY DESPITE THE OIL EMBARGO CRISIS OF 1973, ADDING: "I THINK EVERY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS AN ENERGY POLICY EXCEPT US."

OIL IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED 10 PER CENT SINCE THE EMBARGO, CARTER SAID, AND IN 30 YEARS "WE RE GOING TO RUN OUT OF OIL." HE SAID THE NATION MUST SWITCH PROMPTLY TO COAL.

IN HIS REPLY, FORD SAID HE SENT TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY OF 1975 THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM EVER PROPOSED BY A U.S. PRESIDENT, CALLING FOR GREATER CONSERVATION AND MORE DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION INCLUDING A DOUBLING OF COAL PRODUCTION FROM 600 MILLION TO 1.2 BILLION TONS A YEAR BY 1985.

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID THURSDAY THAT IF ELECTED PRESIDENT HE WOULD GIVE "TOP PRIORITY" TO REDUCING THE NATION'S OVERALL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO 4 OR 4-1/2 PER CENT BY THE END OF 1980.

PRESIDENT FORD SAID CARTER WASN'T SPECIFIC ENOUGH.

THE EXCHANGE OVER WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S RECENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 7.9 PER CENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE OPENING QUESTION IN THE FORD-CARTER DEBATE.

CARTER SAID HIS "TARGET" WOULD BE TO REDUCE ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT TO 3 PER CENT DURING HIS FIRST TERM, WHICH HE SAID WOULD WORK OUT TO AN OVERALL RATE OF 4 TO 4-1/2 PERCENT. THE OVERALL RATE COUNTS EVERYONE 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER.

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IN HIS RESPONSE, FORD SAID CARTER HADN T BEEN "ANY MORE SPECIFIC" THAN IN THE PAST.

HE CHIDED CARTER FOR NOT MENTIONING THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS "FULL EMPLOYMENT" BILL, WHICH IS PENDING IN CONGRESS BUT HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF PASSING THIS YEAR. IT WOULD SET THE SAME GOAL OF 3 PER CENT ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT, DEFINED AS EVERYONE AGED 20 AND OVER. FORD SAID IT WOULD COST UP TO \$30 BILLION A YEAR.

"THE BEST WAY TO GET JOBS IS TO EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR," FORD SAID.

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER, IN THEIR FIRST DEBATE, SPARRED, SOMETIMES SHARPLY, ON TAXES, JOBS, THE BUDGET, AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM DRAFT EVADERS AND THE PARDON OF RICHARD NIXON.

FORD, IN HIS FIRST RESPONSE, SAID CARTER, THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS NOT SPECIFIC IN HIS PLANS TO PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK.

CARTER SAID FORD WAS BACKTRACKING ON HIS PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE TAX CUTS.

A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE, EXPECTED TO REACH POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 100 MILLION VIEWERS, WATCHED THE FIRST OF THREE TELEVISED DEBATES BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

THEY MET, FACE-TO-FACE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AN OLD PHILADELPHIA THEATER, SPECIALLY DECORATED FOR THE DEBATE SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOIERS. IT WAS THE FIRST DEBATE BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SINCE JOHN F. KENNEDY AND RICHARD NIXON MATCHED WORDS IN 1960.

CARTER, SPEAKING SLOWLY, PROMISED THAT AT THE END OF HIS FIRST ADMINISTRATION HE WOULD CUT ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT TO "ABOUT 3 PER CENT" WITH CONTROLLED INFLATION AND A GROWTH RATE 5 TO 5.5 PER CENT.

ALTHOUGH CARTER, WHO TOOK THE FIRST QUESTION ON THE FLIP-OF-A-COIN, SPELLED OUT SEVERAL WAYS HE PLANNED TO CUT UNEMPLOYMENT, FORD, IN RESPONDING SAID, "I DON T THINK THAT MR. CARTER HAS BEEN MORE SPECIFIC THAN HE HAS BEEN ON OTHER INSTANCES."

FORD, NOW TRAILING CARTER IN MOST POLLS ALTHOUGH STRUGGLING CLOSER, POINTED OUT THAT CARTER HAD FAILED TO ENDORSE -- AS HE HAS BEFORE -- THE SO-CALLED "FULL EMPLOYMENT" HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL.

FORD SAID THE BEST WAY TO PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK IS TO CUT TAXES AND EXPAND THE PRIVATE ECONOMY.

"IF WE KEEP THE LID ON SPENDING, WE CAN JUSTIFY FULLY A A \$28 BILLION TAX CUT," FORD SAID. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD APPROVE THE TAX REFORM BILL JUST PASSED BY CONGRESS ALTHOUGH IT FALLS SHORT OF HIS GOALS IN TAX CUTS.

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FORD SAID, "I WOULD PREFER AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT AND A FURTHER REDUCTION IN SPENDING."

CARTER SHOT BACK THAT FORD WAS CHANGING HIS POLICY ON TAXES AND CHARGED THAT THE PRESENT TAX STRUCTURE IS A "DISGRACE" WHICH FAVORS THE RICH. HE ADDED "THAT S WHY TAX REFORM IS SO IMPORTANT."

ASKED HOW HE COULD IMPLEMENT THE DOMESTIC PROGRAMS HE HAS PROPOSED AND STILL BALANCE THE BUDGET IN FISCAL 1981, CARTER SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS HE IS MAKING WOULD PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL \$60 BILLION TO USE.

BUT HE CONCEDED THAT "IF THE GOALS CANNOT BE REACHED" HE WOULD IMPLEMENT SOME OF HIS PROGRAMS MORE SLOWLY.

FORD QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A \$60 BILLION SURPLUS IN 1981 BUT SAID THAT IF IT DID EXIST "I THINK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER SHOULD GET A TAX BREAK OF THAT MAGNITUDE."

"THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY \$60 BILLION DIVIDEND," FORD SAID. "IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN."

CARTER AND FORD, STANDING BEHIND TWIN PODIUMS ON A BARE STAGE IN THE OLD THEATER, ALSO CLASHED OVER THE ISSUE OF AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM DRAFT EVADERS AND MILITARY DESERTERS.

FORD SAID "I AM AGAINST AN ACCROSS-THE-BOARD PARDON." CARTER SAID "I ADVOCATE A PARDON FOR DRAFT EVADERS."

FORD ALSO DEFENDED HIS PARDON OF NIXON, WHOSE RESIGNATION IN 1974 ELEVATED HIM TO THE PRESIDENCY.

FORD SAID THAT ON ASSUMING OFFICE HE HAD TO COPE WITH THE NATION S PROBLEMS AND ADDED "I HAD TO GIVE 100 PER CENT OF MY TIME" TO THEM.

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED. THAT IS DISGRACE," FORD SAID. "IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH."

CARTER SAID IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS NOT PARDONING DRAFT RESISTERS.

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AM-DEBATE-AUDIO 9-23''''

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- THE FIRST DEBATE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER WAS INTERRUPTED ABOUT NINE MINUTES BEFORE ITS SCHEDULED END THURSDAY WHEN THE AUDIO FEED BROKE DOWN.

AS TECHNICANS FRANTICALLY ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE THE TROUBLE, THE TWO CANDIDATES REMAINED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE PODIUMS.

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AM-DEBATE-PARDONS 9-23''''

BY WILLIAM COTTERELL

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID IN HIS DEBATE WITH JIMMY CARTER THURSDAY NIGHT THAT HE WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN PARDONING PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT WOULD NOT CONSIDER TOTAL AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM WAR RESISTERS.

CARTER RESPONDED THAT IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS FAILURE TO AFFORD DRAFT RESISTERS THE SAME TREATMENT.

"I DON'T ADVOCATE AMNESTY, I ADVOCATE PARDON," CARTER SAID, REPEATING HIS EARLIER STAND. "AMNESTY MEANS WHAT YOU DID WAS RIGHT. PARDON MEANS WHAT YOU DID, RIGHT OR WRONG, WAS FORGIVEN."

FORD, ASKED ABOUT HIS DECISION TO PARDON NIXON SHORTLY AFTER HE TOOK OVER THE WHITE HOUSE FROM HIM, FORD SAID IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME HE WAS "FULLY JUSTIFIED" IN TAKING THE ACTION.

BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT RECONSIDER HIS JUDGMENT REGARDING THE ESTIMATED 90,000 YOUNG AMERICANS WHO EITHER FLED THE COUNTRY OR DESERTED THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

ON THE NIXON PARDON, FORD SAID "WHEN I TOOK OFFICE, THIS COUNTRY WAS IN A VERY, VERY DIVIDED CONDITION," THERE WAS "HATRED" AND PEOPLE "HAD LOST FAITH IN THEIR GOVERNMENT."

THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, FORD SAID, "FULLY JUSTIFIED THE ACTIONS THAT I TOOK."

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED," HE SAID. "THAT IS A DISGRACE ... "IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH BY HIS RESIGNATION AND DISGRACE."

ASKED HOW HE COULD JUSTIFY THE PARDON OF NIXON WHILE DENYING PARDONS OR AMNESTY TO WAR PROTESTORS WHO HAVE "SUFFERED ENOUGH," FORD REPLIED THAT HIS AMNESTY PLAN LAID DOWN IN 1974 GAVE THE DESERTERS OR DRAFT EVADERS AN OPPORTUNITY "TO CLEAR THEIR RECORDS" AND "RESTORE THEIR GOOD CITIZENSHIP."

"MR. CARTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE A BLANKET PARDON TO ALL DRAFT EVADERS," FORD SAID. "I DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW."

CARTER SAID THREE TIMES AS MANY DESERTERS AS EVADERS WERE EXCUSED UNDER THE FORD AMNESTY PLAN, AND "NOW IT'S THE TIME TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR."

CARTER SAID PEOPLE ARE NOT CONCERNED SIMPLY ABOUT AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM RESISTERS OR DESERTERS, BUT ABOUT A JUSTICE SYSTEM FILLED WITH INEQUITIES.

"THE BIG SHOTS WHO ARE RICH, INFLUENTIAL, ARE RARELY SENT TO JAIL," CARTER SAID, WHILE "THOSE POOR WITH NO INFLUENCE" ARE.

"THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF CRIME CONCERNS PEOPLE VERY MUCH," HE SAID. "IT HASN'T BEEN ADMINISTERED ADEQUATELY BY THIS ADMINISTRATION. I HOPE TO BRING ABOUT A FAIRER, FULLER JUSTICE SYSTEM AND AN END TO THE DIVISIVENESS OF THE VIETNAM WAR."

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AM-DEBATE-FEDERAL 9-23

BY CRAIG A. PALMER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PROCLAIMING THE FEDERAL BUREACRACY "IS A MESS," JIMMY CARTER PROMISED THURSDAY THAT IF ELECTED HE WILL CONSOLIDATE SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY ENERGY, HEALTH, DRUG TREATMENT AND OTHER SOCIAL PROGRAMS.

CARTER, HOWEVER, DID NOT GUARANTEE ANY REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL EMPLOYES.

"I CAN T SAY FOR SURE WE WOULD HAVE FEWER FEDERAL EMPLOYES WHEN I GO OUT OF OFFICE THAN WHEN I CAME IN," HE SAID DURING HIS FIRST DEBATE IN PHILADELPHIA WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

IN RESPONSE, FORD SAID THE CENSUS BUREAU HAD CHECKED CARTER S ADMINISTRATION WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA AND FOUND THAT IN FOUR YEARS STATE SPENDING HAD INCREASED MORE THAN 50 PER CENT, THE NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYES HAD JUMPED MORE THAN 25 PER CENT, AND GOVERNMENT BONDED INDEBTEDNESS INCREASED OVER 20 PER CENT.

CARTER LEFT THE GEORGIA MEDICAID PROGRAM "IN A SHAMBLES," FORD SAID.

FORD SAID THAT DURING HIS TERM IN OFFICE HE HAS REDUCED TOTAL FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT BY 11,000 AND THE SIZE OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF FROM 540 TO 485.

CARTER SAID SCATTERED FEDERAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITES IN SUCH AREAS AS HEALTH "IS A GROSS WASTE OF MONEY." HE CITED SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAID FOR THE NEEDY AND MEDICARE FOR THE AGED.

"NOBODY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE ITSELF," HE ADDED.

A CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID, WOULD PROVIDE "SIMPLE, EFFICIENT, PURPOSEFUL AND MANAGEABLE GOVERNMENT."

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AM-DEBATE-ENERGY 9-23''''

BY EDWARD K. DELONG

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID THURSDAY NIGHT HE WOULD USE NUCLEAR POWER AS A LAST RESORT IN SOLVING THE NATION'S ENERGY CRISIS. PRESIDENT FORD SAID HE FAVORED A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONSERVATION.

DURING THE DEBATE BETWEEN THE TWO, CARTER WAS ASKED IF HE CONSIDERED NUCLEAR POWER UNSAFE.

CARTER, NOTING HE IS A FORMER NUCLEAR ENGINEER, REPLIED THAT SOME NUCLEAR SAFETY MEASURES "HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN," AND HE RANKS THAT SOURCE BELOW GREATER USE OF COAL, MANDATORY CONSERVATION AND EXPANDED USE OF SOLAR ENERGY.

HE SPECIFICALLY LISTED SUCH SAFETY PROCEDURES AS PLACING ATOMIC REACTOR CORES BELOW GROUND LEVEL, TIGHTLY VACUUM-SEALING EACH ENTIRE POWER PLANT AND PLACING INDEPENDENT EXPERTS IN EACH POWER PLANT 24 HOURS A DAY.

"SHIFT FROM OIL TO COAL, EMPHASIZE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON COAL USE AND ALSO ON SOLAR POWER, STRICT CONSERVATION MEASURES -- NOT YIELDING EVERY TIME TO SPECIAL INTERESTS THAT PUT PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT, LIKE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE -- AND THEN ATOMIC ENERGY ONLY AS A LAST RESORT, WITH THE STRICTEST POSSIBLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, THAT'S THE BEST OVERALL ENERGY POLICY IN THE BRIEF TIME WE HAVE TO DISCUSS IT," CARTER SAID.

FORD DEFENDED HIS POLICY IN THIS REGARD, SAYING HE SENT CONGRESS IN 1975 THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM EVER SET FORTH BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT, TAKING IN A FULL RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES.

CARTER ARGUED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED ENERGY PROGRAM, DESPITE THE 1973 CRISIS STEMMING FROM THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO, AND "I THINK EVERY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS AN ENERGY POLICY EXCEPT US."

OIL IMPORTS HAVE INCREASED 10 PER CENT SINCE THE EMBARGO, CARTER SAID, AND IN 30 YEARS "WE'RE GOING TO RUN OUT OF OIL." HE SAID THE NATION MUST SWITCH PROMPTLY TO COAL.

FORD SAID HE HAD INSTITUTED A PROGRAM CALLING FOR BETTER ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DOUBLING OF COAL PRODUCTION FROM 600 MILLION TO 1.2 BILLION TONS A YEAR BY 1985.

SOLAR SPENDING HAS INCREASED THIS YEAR TO AN ANNUAL LEVEL OF \$120 MILLION, FORD SAID, AND "WE'RE GOING AS FAST AS THE EXPERTS SAY WE SHOULD."

HE ALSO SAID NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH HAS BEEN EXPANDED "VERY SUBSTANTIALLY" AND THAT OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS MUST BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR HOLDINGS AND PRODUCE MORE ENERGY.

"I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE GREATER OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION, MORE COAL PRODUCTION, MORE NUCLEAR PRODUCTION, AND IN ADDITION YOU HAVE TO HAVE ENERGY CONSERVATION," FORD SAID.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - STILL NO NATIONWIDE AUDIO FROM THE PHILADELPHIA WALNUT STREET THEATRE . THE TECHNICAL TROUBLE DEVELOPED WITH ABOUT TEN-MINUTES LEFT TO GO IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. IT WAS A FEW MINUTES BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER REALIZED THAT THEIR VOICES WERE NOT GETTING OUT TO THE NATION. THE T-V PICTURE WAS FINE ... BUT THERE WAS NO SOUND. WHEN THE CANDIDATES REALIZED THERE WAS AUDIO TROUBLE, THE DEBATE CAME TO A HALT. CLOSE TO A HALF-HOUR LATER, FORD AND CARTER WERE STILL STANDING BEHIND THEIR PODIUMS ON THE STAGE - BUT THE DEBATE HAD NOT YET RESUMED.

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-SPOT SUMMARY-

HERE IS THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

(PHILADELPHIA) -- WITH ABOUT TEN MINUTES REMAINING IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, THE AUDIO FAILED FROM THE PHILADELPHIA WALNUT STREET THEATER.

(PHILADELPHIA) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER JIMMY CARTER ACCUSED EACH OTHER TONIGHT OF FAILING TO COME UP WITH

SATISFACTORY

(PHILADELPHIA) -- IN THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, JIMMY CARTER SAID PRESIDENT FORD

WAS INCORRECT WHEN HE SAID CARTER HAS INDICATED HE WANTED TO RAISE THE TAXES OF MIDDLE-INCOME WORKERS.

(DES MOINES) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED THE DES MOINES SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT A PLAN WITHIN 30 DAYS TO ELIMINATE RACIAL SEGREGATION IN CLASSROOMS.

(LONDON) -- SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS AGAIN TOMORROW AS HE AWAITS A STATEMENT FROM RHODESIA THAT IT HAS ACCEPTED HIS PLAN TO

TRANSFER POWER TO THE BLACK MAJORITY.

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-ADVISORY-

DEBATE AUDIO RESTORED

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - PRESIDENT FORD DECLARED TO FIGHT THAT MAKE-WORK JOBS ARE DEAD-END JOBS. AND HE SAID THESE ARE NOT THE KIND OF JOBS WE WANT FOR OUR PEOPLE. HE SAID THE PRIVATE ECONOMY SHOULD BE STIMULATED, RATHER THAN HAVING THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE MASSIVE JOB-PRODUCING PROGRAMS.

JIMMY CARTER SAID UNEMPLOYMENT IS A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN THIS COUNTRY. AND HE SAID -THIS AFFECTS HUMAN BEINGS, AND HE SAID FORD IS INSENSITIVE TO HUMAN BEINGS. HE CALLED THIS A TYPICAL ATTITUDE THAT CAUSES HAVOC IN PEOPLES LIVES, AND SHOWS A LACK OF LEADERSHIP. HE NOTED THE NUMEROUS VEToes FORD HAS CAST.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - JIMMY CARTER SAID WHEN RICH CORPORATIONS DONT PAY THEIR TAXES, THE AVERAGE AMERICAN PAYS THEM FOR THEM. HE SAID UNDER THE PRESENT TAX SYSTEM, THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER HAS BEEN ROBBED, AND THE CORPORATIONS HAVE BENEFITTED. HE SAID THE PRESENT TAX BENEFITS - WHICH DATE BACK OVER THE YEARS - BENEFIT THE VERY RICH. HE SAID EVERYONE SHOULD PAY TAXES ON THE INCOME THEY EARN.

PRESIDENT FORD SAID CARTER - IN A RECENT INTERVIEW - INDICATED HE WOULD RAISE THE TAXES OF ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. FORD SAID TAX RELIEF IS WHATS NEEDED FOR MIDDLE-INCOME WORKERS.

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-19TH FIVE-MINUTE SUMMARY-

HERE IS THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

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(PHILADELPHIA) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER JIMMY

CARTER ACCUSED EACH OTHER TONIGHT OF FAILING TO DEAL WELL WITH

UNEMPLOYMENT AND TAXES. IN THEIR FIRST FACE-TO-FACE DEBATE, BOTH MEN CHARGED THE OTHER WITH CHANGING POSITIONS ON TAX CUTS. CARTER CALLED THE CURRENT TAX SYSTEM, A WELFARE SYSTEM FOR THE RICH. BUT FORD COUNTERED LATER, CITING CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WHICH CARTER SAID HE WOULD RAISE TAXES FOR PERSONS EARNING MORE THAN THE MEAN, OR AVERAGE, INCOME.

FORD SAID HE WANTS A 28 (B) BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT AND HAD RECOMMENDED IT WOULD GO ALONG WITH A LID ON FEDERAL SPENDING.

AND FORD INDICATED HE PROBABLY WOULD SIGN THE TAX BILL NOW ON HIS DESK TO CONTINUE TAX REDUCTIONS ALREADY IN EFFECT.

CARTER OPENED THE DEBATE BY OUTLINING HIS PROPOSALS FOR ACTION TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD GET TOP P

RIORITY IF HE IS ELECTED. FORD COUNTERED BY SAYING HE DOESNT THINK CARTER HAS BEEN - IN HIS WORDS - ANY MORE SPECIFIC IN THIS CASE THAN HE HAS BEEN IN MANY OTHER INSTANCES.

WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - JIMMY CARTER SAID PRESIDENT FORD WAS INCORRECT WHEN HE SAID CARTER HAS INDICATED HE WANTED TO RAISE THE TAXES OF MIDDLE-INCOME WORKERS. CARTER SAID JUST THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE, THAT HE WOULD LOWER THOSE TAXES. AND HE SAID THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF CARTER'S POSITION.

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U R G E N T

WITH DEBATE

7PHILADELPHIA) - WHEN THE AUDIO WENT OUT DURING THE DEBATE,
PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER DIDNT IMMEDIATELY KNOW IT. BUT THEN -
BY LOOKING AT THE MONITOR T-V SCREENS - THEY REALIZED THAT TECHNICAL
TROUBLE HAD DEVELOPED. AND THE DEBATE CAME TO A HALT.

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U R G E N T

WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - TIME PASSED - AND WHEN THE DEBATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OVER - AT 11 P.M. E-D-T - PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER WERE STILL STANDING BEHIND THEIR PODIUMS ON THE STAGE AT THE WALNUT STREET THEATER - WAITING FOR THE AUDIO TROUBLE TO BE CORRECTED.

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AP RADIO ADVISORY:

IF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH INTERRUPTED THE FORD-CARTER DEBATE ARE SOLVED, AP RADIO WILL RESUME LIVE COVERAGE. THERE WILL BE A TEN-SECOND ALERT TONE SENT AT 20 SECONDS BEFORE THE NEAREST MINUTE AFTER LINES ARE RESTORED, A ONE-SECOND START TONE ON THE MINUTE, AND NORMAN BEEBE WILL OPEN COVERAGE AT THREE SECONDS PAST THE MINUTE. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR AP RADIO LINE.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - PRESIDENT FORD WAS ASKED ABOUT HIS PROPOSALS TO CUT TAXES. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF A LID IS KEPT ON FEDERAL SPENDING. HE SAID THERE ARE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO THE TAX BILL RECENTLY PASSED BY CONGRESS - BUT, HE SAID, HE FEELS THE LEGISLATION DOES JUSTIFY HIS SIGNATURE.

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GENERAL PROCEDURES (TAXES TWO)

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - THE FIRST QUESTION IN TONIGHT'S DEBATE INVOLVED UNEMPLOYMENT - AND IT WAS DIRECTED TO JIMMY CARTER. CARTER SAID IF HE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT HE WOULD - AMONG THINGS - DEAL WITH THE NEEDS OF THE CENT

AL CITIES. HE SAID A C-C-C TYPE PROGRAM WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE SAID SUCH PROGRAMS COULD HELP TO EMPLOY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW OUT OF WORK. HE SAID TAX BURDENS SHOULD BE SHIFTED ONTO THOSE WHO HAVE AVOIDED PAYING TAXES IN THE PAST.

CARTER ALSO SAID WELFARE SHOULD NOT BE MADE MORE PROFITABLE THAN WORK.

IN RESPONSE, PRESIDENT FORD SAID CARTER WAS NOT BEING SPECIFIC. HE SAID THE BEST WAY TO GET JOBS IS TO EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE SAID THIS CAN BE DONE BY REDUCING FEDERAL TAXES. FORD SAID JOBS CAN BE INCREASED IN THE INNER-CITIES BY ENCOURAGING INDUSTRIES TO EXPAND. HE SAID YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND LEARN AT THE SAME TIME.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) -- JUST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE TIME ALLOTMENTS GRANTED PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER IN TONIGHT'S DEBATE ARE ADHERED TO, A PROFESSIONAL TIMER WILL BE SITTING AT AN ELECTRONIC CONSOLE. HE'LL BE FLASHING-ON ONE OF THREE SIGNS MOUNTED ON CAMERAS FACING THE DEBATERS. A GREEN BUTTON SIGNALS ONE MINUTE ... ORANGE INDICATES 30-SECONDS ... AND, RED MEANS - CUT.

INCIDENTALLY, THE LAST MAJOR DRAMATIC PRODUCTION AT PHILADELPHIA'S WALNUT STREET THEATER STARRED ACTOR HUGH OBRIAN. AND IT WAS TITLED: THE DECISION.

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-18TH FIVE-MINUTE SUMMARY-

HERE IS THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

(PHILADELPHIA) -- THE FIRST OF THREE SCHEDULED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES OPENED AT 9:30 P.M. (EDT) IN PHILADELPHIA. PRESIDENT FORD PROMPTLY ACCUSED HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT, JIMMY CARTER OF FAILING TO PRODUCE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT. DRAWING THE FIRST QUESTION, CARTER PLEDGED A TOP-PRIORITY EFFORT TO CURB JOBLESSNESS. HE DECLARED WE'LL NEVER HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET UNTIL WE GET OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. HE PROPOSED SPENDING MORE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR JOBS-SEEKING PROGRAMS. HE ALSO URGED A REVITALIZATION OF THE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY -- AND A RE-INSTITUTION OF PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE ROOSEVELT-ERA CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP FOR DEPRESSED URBAN AREAS.

IN RESPONSE, FORD SAID: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT MR. CARTER HAS BEEN ANY MORE SPECIFIC IN THIS CASE THAN HE HAS BEEN IN MANY OTHER INSTANCES. FORD THEN UNDERLINED HIS OWN PROPOSALS TO REDUCE FEDERAL TAXES, GIVING THREE-FOURTHS OF THE RETURNS TO INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS AND ONE-QUARTER TO BUSINESS. HE ALSO PROPOSED TAX INCENTIVES TO BRING BUSINESS TO THE INNER CITY. AND HE URGED THE CREATION OF SO-CALLED WORK-AND-LEARN PROGRAMS FOR THE NATION'S YOUTH.

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18TH SUMMARY-TAKE 2

(PHILADELPHIA) - ABOUT 800 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED TONIGHT ACROSS FROM THE WALNUT STREET THEATER WHERE PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER DEBATED DOMESTIC ISSUES AND THE ECONOMY. POLICE KEPT THE SIGN-CARRYING DEMONSTRATORS PEACEFULLY BEHIND WOODEN BARRICADES. AMONG THE ISSUES PRESSED BY THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE JOBS, ABORTION, WOMEN-S RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

REPUBLICAN VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ROBERT DOLE HAS RELEASED A MEDICAL REPORT FROM HIS PHYSICIAN. THE REPORT DECLARES HIM TO BE IN EXCELLENT-HEALTH ... WITH ONLY THE RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF HIS WORLD WAR TWO INJURIES STILL EVIDENT. DOLES WAR INJURIES LEFT HIS RIGHT ARM PARALYZED, HIS LEFT ARM PARTIALLY IMMOBILIZED -- AND CAUSED THE REMOVAL OF A KIDNEY.

(LONDON) -- SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET IN LONDON FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR TONIGHT WITH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN, BRIEFING HIM ON KISSINGERS TALKS WITH RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, CALLAGHAN SAID IF RHODESIAS PROPOSALS FOR A POWER-TRANSFER TO THE BLACK-MAJORITY ARE SATISFACTORY, BOTH THE U-S AND BRITAIN WILL WANT TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. RHODESIA IS TO ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION ON THE POWER-SHIFT TOMORROW NIGHT.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - PRESIDENT FORD SAID HE CANNOT AND WOULD NOT ENDORSE THE KIND OF PROGRAMS JIMMY CARTER IS PROPOSING. HE SAID THE PROGRAMS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM CANNOT BE AFFORDED, IF THERE IS TO BE TAX RELIEF.

CARTER SAID FORD IS TAUNING THE SAME ATTITUDES REPUBLICANS ALWAYS TAKE. HE SAID THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THE FORD AND NIXON ADMINISTRATIONS. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN A 50 PER CENT INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE FORD TOOK OFFICE.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - JIMMY CARTER - ON THE SUBJECT OF ENERGY - SAID AN ENERGY POLICY FOR THE NATION HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE SAID THERE SHOULD BE A SHIFT FROM OIL TO COAL - COAL WHICH IS CLEAN-BURNING - AND, AS POSSIBLE, SOLAR ENERGY. HE SAZS ATOMIC POWER SHOULD BE USED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT. AS PRESIDENT, CARTER SAID IF ATOMIC POWER IS USED, HE WOULD SEE TO IT TTAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARD PROCEDURES ARE PUT INTO EFFECT.

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WITH DEBATE

(PHILADELPHIA) - THE AUDIO AT THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE HAS BEEN RESTORED. JIMMY CARTER CONCLUDED THE REMARKS HE WAS MAKING WHEN THE AUDIO FAILED. AND THEN CLOSING STATEMENTS BEGAN.

CARTER WAS THE FIRST TO SPEAK. HE SAID IT IS TIME FOR GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, LABOR, MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES TO COOPERATE - AND TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE PEOPLE. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE PEOPLES NEEDS. HE SAID OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS STILL THE BEST SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON EARTH AND THE BEST RESOURCE OF ALL IS THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION.

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136-A-38-PHILADELPHIA-(GOV JIMMY CARTER, IN DEBATE)-OUTLINES WAYS TO SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT. INDUSTRY* (PREFED 11:08 PED)

UNEMPLOYMENT. BILLION DOLLARS* (PREFED 11:09 PED)

137-A-21-PHILADELPHIA

(PREFED 11:10 PED)

138-A-29-(FORD)-WILL

139-A-41-PHILADELPHIA-(CARTER)-CHARGES THE PRES WITH CHANGING HIS POSITION O TAX REFORM. 19405* (PREFED 11:11 PED)

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FAM-CARTER; 490

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PLAINS, Ga. (AP) - JIMMY CARTER, IN THE FIRST DETAILED DISCLOSURE OF HOW HE WOULD REORGANIZE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PROPOSED MONDAY A TOTAL OVERHAUL OF THE ENERGY BUREAUCRACY. IT WOULD REPLACE FOUR EXISTING AGENCIES WITH A CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT.

"I INTEND TO ABOLISH THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION; THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION; THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE ENERGY RESOURCES COUNCIL . . . ELIMINATING IN THE PROCESS THE OVERLAP; DUPLICATION AND INCONSISTENCY OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE," CARTER SAID.

STREAMLINING OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN BY CARTER, WHO CARRIED OUT A SIMILAR EFFORT WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

REPUBLICANS HAVE CRITICIZED HIM FOR BEING FUZZY AND EVASIVE ON HIS PLANS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; AND THE ISSUE MAY ARISE IN THURSDAY NIGHT'S TELEVISED DEBATE WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN PHILADELPHIA. BUT CARTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, JODY POWELL, SAID TUESDAY THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT AND THE TIMING OF THE ENERGY POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT.

CARTER IS PREPARING FOR THE DEBATE BY RESTING; ATTENDING TO DETAILS OF HIS PEANUT BUSINESS AND IMMERSING HIMSELF IN STAFF-PREPARED "BLACK BOOKS" COVERING PROBABLE DEBATE SUBJECT MATTER.

POWELL SAYS CARTER WILL NOT PRACTICE ANY SET SPEECH AND PROBABLY WILL NOT TAKE PART IN ANY "DUMMY" QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD BEFORE THE DEBATE; AS PRESIDENT FORD WAS TO DO.

HE DOES PLAN TO VISIT THE SITE OF THE DEBATE TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE SETTING SOMETIME BEFORE HE AND FORD SQUARE OFF AT 9:30 P.M. EDT; POWELL SAID.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, POWELL SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE CARTER'S BID FOR THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN HURT BY THE CONTROVERSIAL PLAYBOY MAGAZINE INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE USED EARTHY LANGUAGE AND SAID THAT SINCE BEING MARRIED, HE HAS SOMETIMES LOOKED AT OTHER WOMEN WITH "LUST IN MY HEART."

POWELL SAID THAT HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON CARTER'S USE OF LANGUAGE; BUT ADDED THAT THE INTERVIEW SHOULD BE READ ENTIRELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD. ITS MAIN POINT, HE SAID, WAS THAT "ONE OUGHT TO SET ONE'S OWN STANDARDS VERY HIGH WHILE REALIZING THAT THEY CAN'T ALWAYS BE LIVED UP TO" AND THAT ONE SHOULD FOLLOW THE BIBLICAL ADMONITION: "JUDGE NOT LEST YE BE JUDGED."

IN HIS STATEMENT ON ENERGY, CARTER SAID THERE NOW ARE 20 AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ONE ASPECT OR ANOTHER OF POLICY BUT WITHOUT ANY CENTRAL PLAN. TO DEAL WITH THIS "JUMBLE," HE SAID: "I WILL GIVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COHERENT ENERGY POLICY . . . THE HIGHEST PRIORITY."

HE SAID THE SECRETARY OF HIS PROPOSED NEW CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT HAVE UNLIMITED OR SOLE POWER TO DEVELOP ENERGY POLICY AND THAT SOME OTHER AGENCIES WOULD RETAIN CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN THE CARRYING OUT OF ENERGY POLICY EVEN THOUGH THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS WERE BROADER IN SCOPE.

"THERE IS NO REASON WHY A BALANCE BETWEEN ENERGY; ON THE ONE HAND; AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT; THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS AND THE MULTIPLE USE OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS; ON THE OTHER; CANNOT BE ACHIEVED," HE SAID.

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PHILADELPHIA; THROWAWAY DEBATE. 7

MONDALE CAMPAIGNED THURSDAY IN FORD'S HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN AND THEN FLEW TO NEW HAVEN, CONN., WHERE HE WOULD WATCH THE DEBATE ON TELEVISION.

MEANWHILE; IN WASHINGTON A U.S. STEEL CORP. LOBBYIST CONFIRMED THAT WHILE FORD WAS REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE HOUSE HE TWICE STAYED AT A HOUSE OWNED BY U.S. STEEL NEAR DISNEY WORLD IN FLORIDA.

LOBBYIST WILLIAM WHYTE SAID HE AND FORD HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS; AND THAT THEY HAD ALSO VACATIONED TOGETHER IN THE CARIBBEAN ON FOUR OCCASIONS; EITHER AS GUESTS OF OTHER PEOPLE OR SHARING PERSONAL EXPENSES.

THE OVERNIGHT STAYS NEAR DISNEY WORLD IN 1972 AND 1973 WERE IN ADDITION TO THREE GOLFING WEEKENDS THEN-CONGRESSMAN FORD SPENT AT U.S. STEEL EXPENSE AT A COMPANY LODGE IN NEW JERSEY.

A COMPANY SPOKESMAN ISSUED A STATEMENT ON WHYTE'S BEHALF WHICH SAID; "TO MY DIRECT KNOWLEDGE; CONGRESSMAN FORD SHARED THE USE OF U.S. STEEL OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS; AS MY PERSONAL GUEST; ON FIVE OCCASIONS OVER THE LAST DOZEN OR SO YEARS."

THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NO COMMENT ON THE DISCLOSURE OF FORD'S STAYS AT THE FLORIDA HOUSE. EARLIER; A FORD SPOKESMAN HAD SAID THERE WAS "NO EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING" IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOLFING WEEKENDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER ACKNOWLEDGED; MEANWHILE; THAT WHYTE'S 24-YEAR-OLD SON; ROGER; HAS BEEN WORKING FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AS AN ADVANCE MAN ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHYTE EARNS BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$16,000 A YEAR AND GOT THE JOB "STRICTLY ON HIS OWN MERITS."

THE CARTER CAMP; MEANWHILE; WAS EXPLAINING THAT THEIR CANDIDATE HAD APOLOGIZED TO MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON FOR REMARKS HE MADE ABOUT HER HUSBAND IN AN INTERVIEW IN PLAYBOY MAGAZINE; REMARKS THAT SHE SAID "DISTRESSED; HURT AND PERPLEXED" HER.

CARTER; IN THE INTERVIEW; REFERRED TO PRESIDENTS JOHNSON AND NIXON AS HAVING ENGAGED IN "LYING; CHEATING AND DISTORTION OF THE TRUTH."

THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR LATER CALLED MRS. JOHNSON TO APOLOGIZE AND SHE SAID SHE FELT IT WAS "VERY NICE OF HIM" TO DO SO. "HE TOLD ME HE HAD SAID A GREAT DEAL OF NICE THINGS ABOUT MY HUSBAND ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS;" SAID MRS. JOHNSON; WHO JOINED CARTER'S WIFE; ROSALYNN; IN A CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE AT THE LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON LIBRARY IN AUSTIN, TEX.

CARTER AIDES SAID HE HAD TELEPHONED MRS. JOHNSON ON WEDNESDAY TO "EXPRESS HIS REGRETS ABOUT THE STORY AND IN PARTICULAR THAT IMPLICATION THAT HE CONSIDERED NIXON AND JOHNSON IN THE SAME CATEGORY."

THE AIDES SAID MRS. JOHNSON HAD BEEN "RECEPTIVE" AND TOLD HIM SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO CAMPAIGNING WITH MRS. CARTER AND WITH CARTER HIMSELF ON FRIDAY.

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PHILADELPHIA; ON FRIDAY.

DURING THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEBATE; BOTH FORD AND CARTER WATCHED FILMS OF THE 1960 DEBATES BETWEEN JOHN F. KENNEDY AND NIXON. POLITICAL SCIENTISTS STILL ARGUE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THOSE DEBATES ON THE 1960 ELECTION WHICH KENNEDY WON BY A NARROW MARGIN.

BUT THERE IS WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT THAT THE LOOKS; MANNER AND STYLE OF THE TWO MEN HAD GREATER EFFECT THAN THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES. THAT APPEARED TO BE IN THE MINDS OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS PRECEDING THE FORD-CARTER DEBATE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO CAMPS MET WITH AIDES FROM THE SPONSORING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO NEGOTIATE EVERYTHING FROM THE SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH DEBATE TO WHETHER FORD'S LECTERN WOULD HAVE THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL ON IT.

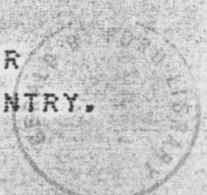
FORD WANTED THE FIRST DEBATE TO COVER FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY; SUBJECTS ON WHICH; AS PRESIDENT; HE MIGHT HAVE AN EDGE. HE LOST THAT FIGHT. THE DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY IS SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 6. THE THIRD DEBATE; OCT. 22; WILL NOT BE LIMITED IN SUBJECT MATTER.

NEITHER WILL THE PRESIDENT'S LECTERN HAVE A PRESIDENTIAL SEAL ON IT. HOWEVER; THE CARTER REPRESENTATIVES LOST OUT ON THEIR BID TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEBATERS BE ADDRESSED BY THE PANEL AS MR. CARTER AND MR. FORD; TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY FORD WOULD BE CALLED MR. PRESIDENT.

THE TELEVISION NETWORKS LOST THEIR BID FOR PERMISSION TO TURN THEIR CAMERAS TO FOCUS ON AUDIENCE REACTION.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SET ASIDE 250 SEATS IN THE THEATER FOR INVITED GUESTS; MOST OF THEM LEAGUE OFFICIALS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE OTHER 250 SEATS WERE RESERVED FOR REPORTERS.

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BY HELEN THOMAS

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER, TUNED UP LIKE BOXERS AWAITING THE BELL, CHECKED OUT VITAL LITTLE DETAILS OF IMAGE AND PREPARATION THURSDAY IN EDGY READINESS FOR THEIR FIRST 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE.

CARTER FLEW INTO PHILADELPHIA NEARLY THREE HOURS AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE 9:30 P.M. EDT DEBATE ON DOMESTIC AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, A SPECTACLE THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE ELECTION AS MUCH AS ANY SINGLE CAMPAIGN EVENT.

A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 100 MILLION -- MANY OF THEM UNCOMMITTED VOTERS -- WAS EXPECTED TO BE WATCHING THE 90-MINUTE SHOWDOWN AND LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER TO ONE SIMPLE QUESTION:

WHICH OF THESE MEN IS BETTER QUALIFIED, IN COMPETENCE AND CHARACTER AND GRACE UNDER PRESSURE, TO BE PRESIDENT?. WHO, IF EITHER, IS THE "WINNER?"

BEYOND THAT WERE THE BASIC QUESTIONS EACH MAN KNEW HE MUST ANSWER BY STYLE AND MANNER: IS CARTER REALLY "FUZZY" ON THE ISSUES; IS HE A HIP-SHOOTER WHO SPEAKS TOO FRANKLY ON TOUCHY TOPICS LIKE SEX? IS FORD A BOLD, DECISIVE MAN OF TRUE PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER; A REAL LEADER OR AN ACCIDENTAL ONE?

ON THE EVE OF ROUND ONE -- TWO MORE PRESIDENTIAL AND ONE VICE PRESIDENTIAL FOLLOW IN OCTOBER -- FORD'S AIDES DESCRIBED HIM AS "EAGER AND ANXIOUS" TO HAVE AT CARTER, WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES SPOKESMEN SAID HE WOULD TAKE A "LOW KEY" APPROACH IN ATTACKING FORD ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.

BEFORE THEY MET UNDER GLARING TELEVISION LIGHTS ON THE NEARLY BARE STAGE OF THE OLD WALNUT THEATER, EACH MAN GRABBED SOME REST, DID SOME LAST-MINUTE STUDYING AND CAREFULLY CHECKED OUT THE STAGE SETTING TO MAKE SURE EVERY COSMETIC ADVANTAGE HE SOUGHT WAS PROVIDED FOR.

BOTH SET ASIDE SMALL SLICES OF AFTERNOON TIME TO VISIT THE THEATER AND CHECK OUT THE MICROPHONES, LIGHTING AND PODIUMS -- EACH ONE REPORTEDLY SET AT THE BODY HEIGHT CONSIDERED MOST FLATTERING BY EACH CANDIDATE.

AIDES TO BOTH KNEW WELL THAT RICHARD NIXON MADE NO SUCH CHECK BEFORE HIS FIRST 1960 DEBATE WITH JOHN KENNEDY, AND, FAIRLY OR UNFAIRLY, PAID DEARLY IN A CONTEST WHERE SUCH THINGS AS THE WRONG KIND OF PANCAKE MAKEUP COUNTED HEAVILY. KENNEDY WAS JUDGED THE "WINNER" IN TWO MAJOR MORNING AFTER TV AUDIENCE SURVEY AND PASSED NIXON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NEXT GALLUP POLL.

FORD SPENT MUCH OF THE DAY RELAXING AND REHEARSING HIS ANSWERS TO ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS IN BARCLAY HOUSE, AN 18TH CENTURY PRIVATE HOME. CARTER HOLED UP MUCH OF THE DAY IN HIS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL LODGINGS. BOTH MEN PLANNED TO ATTEND PARTY RALLIES IN TOWN AFTER THE DEBATE.

ALTHOUGH THIS CLASH WAS TECHNICALLY AN ARGUMENT OVER DOMESTIC POLICY ISSUES, IMPRESSIONS OF POISE AND CHARACTER ON THE KENNEDY-NIXON PRECEDENT SEEMED AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT, AND SO, PERHAPS, DID THE PERSONAL BOMBSHELL QUESTIONS EACH MAN MIGHT FACE.

CARTER RODE TWO EMBARRASSING CONTROVERSIES INTO THE DEBATE: HIS SUGGESTION HE MIGHT RAISE INCOME TAXES FOR EVERYONE ABOVE THE MEDIAN LEVEL AND THE PLAYBOY INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD COMMITTED "ADULTERY IN MY HEART" MANY TIMES.

FORD FACED THE POSSIBILITY OF TOUCHY QUESTIONS, TOO. MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS SAY THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR HAS

REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS SAY THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR HAS SUBPOENAED GOP CAMPAIGN SPENDING RECORDS FROM HIS OLD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE OBJECTIVE OF THAT INVESTIGATION WAS UNKNOWN.

AS IN THE NIXON-KENNEDY DEBATES, THE CANDIDATES WERE FIELDING QUESTIONS FROM A PANEL OF REPORTERS ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS.

THE THREE JOURNALISTS THIS TIME WERE FRANK REYNOLDS OF ABC NEWS, ELIZABETH DREW OF NEW YORKER MAGAZINE AND JAMES GANNON OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, DIRECTED BY MODERATOR EDWIN NEWMAN OF NBC.

A COIN TOSS WEDNESDAY DECIDED CARTER WOULD GET THE FIRST QUESTION. HE AND FORD HAD THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER EACH ORIGINAL QUERY AND TWO FOR THE FOLLOWUP QUESTION ALLOWED EACH REPORTER. THE OTHER CANDIDATE THEN HAD TWO MINUTES TO COMMENT.

AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 500 PERSONS, DIVIDED ROUGHLY BETWEEN REPORTERS AND GUESTS OF THE SPONSORING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, WAS ALLOWED TO OCCUPY THE DISTANT BALCONY AND MEZZANINE SEATS.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS SAID SECURITY MEN WOULD SEARCH EVERY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE AND CONFISCATE CAMERAS. THE GUESTS WERE ADVISED "TO SIT AS ORDERLY AS POSSIBLE" AND KEEP THEIR REACTIONS TO THEMSELVES.

POLICE CORDONED OFF THE THEATER FOR ONE BLOCK ON THREE SIDES BUT ALLOWED DEMONSTRATORS ACCESS TO THE FOURTH SIDE. AT LEAST 16 GROUPS PROTESTING ONE ISSUE OR ANOTHER PLANNED TO PICKET.

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7PHILADELPHIA; TO UPDATE WITH CANDIDATES' MOVEMENTS AND MORE FULLY IDENTIFY HAAS; SUB 11TH GRAF; FORD WAS . . . HIM THINK.''

BOTH CANDIDATES LATER MADE BRIEF VISITS TO THE THEATER TO LOOK OVER THE PHYSICAL SETUP.

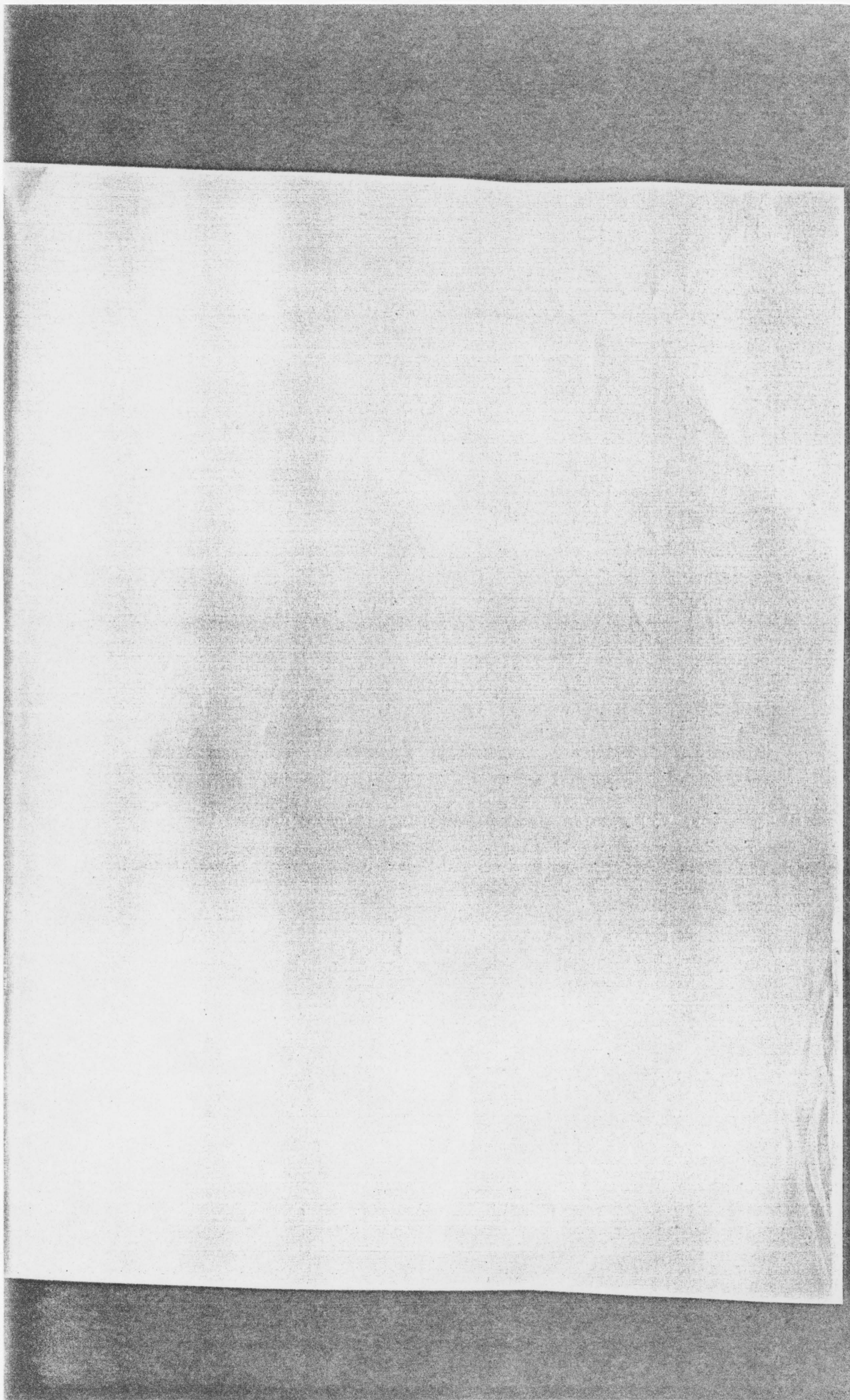
CARTER HELD A LOW-KEY PRACTICE SESSION THERE WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF; FROM WHICH REPORTERS WERE BARRED. BUT CARTER QUIPPED AS HE ENTERED THAT A BAG HE CARRIED CONTAINED "MY SUPERMAN CAPE AND OVERALLS."

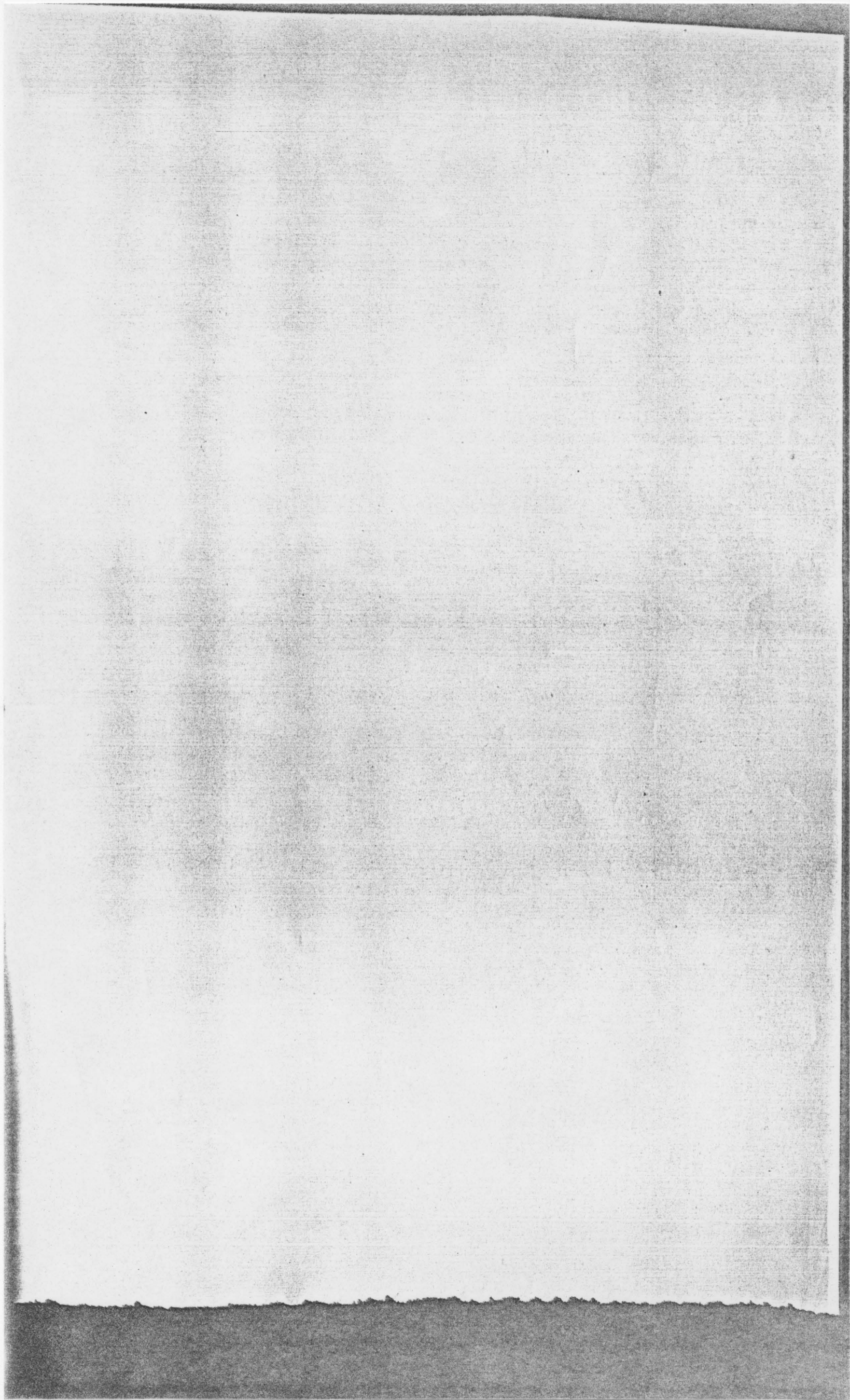
FORD OFFERED NO COMMENT ON LEAVING THE THEATER BUT ON HIS RETURN TO THE PRIVATE HOME WHERE HE WOULD SPEND THE NIGHT; FORD TOLD REPORTERS HE FELT "GREAT."

THE HOME IN THE SOCIETY HILL SECTION IS OWNED BY OTTO HAAS; RETIRED BOARD CHAIRMAN OF A CHEMICAL COMPANY AND THE PHILANTHROPIST WHO GAVE MONEY TO RESTORE THE OLD THEATER. HAAS SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO GREET THE PRESIDENT; THEN "GET OUT OF THE WAY TO LET HIM THINK."

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THE GEORGIAN SAID THREE TIMES AS MANY DESERTERS AS EVADERS WERE EXCUSED UNDER THE FORD AMNESTY PLAN.

"NOW IT'S THE TIME TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR," HE SAID.

HE SAID PEOPLE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM RESISTERS OR DESERTERS, BUT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A JUSTICE SYSTEM FILLED WITH INEQUITIES.

"THE BIG SHOTS WHO ARE RICH, INFLUENTIAL, ARE RARELY SENT TO JAIL," CARTER SAID, ADDING THAT "THOSE POOR WITH NO INFLUENCE" ARE.

"THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF CRIME CONCERNS PEOPLE VERY MUCH," HE SAID. "IT HASN'T BEEN ADMINISTERED ADEQUATELY BY THIS ADMINISTRATION. I HOPE TO BRING ABOUT A FAIRER, FULLER JUSTICE SYSTEM AND AN END TO THE DIVISIVENESS OF THE VIETNAM WAR."

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FORD SAID, "I WOULD PREFER AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT AND A FURTHER REDUCTION IN SPENDING."

CARTER SHOT BACK THAT FORD WAS CHANGING HIS POLICY ON TAXES AND CHARGED THAT THE PRESENT TAX STRUCTURE IS A "DISGRACE" WHICH FAVORS THE RICH. HE ADDED "THAT'S WHY TAX REFORM IS SO IMPORTANT."

ASKED HOW HE COULD IMPLEMENT THE DOMESTIC PROGRAMS HE HAS PROPOSED AND STILL BALANCE THE BUDGET IN FISCAL 1981, CARTER SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS HE IS MAKING WOULD PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL \$60 BILLION TO USE.

BUT HE CONCEDED THAT "IF THE GOALS CANNOT BE REACHED" HE WOULD IMPLEMENT SOME OF HIS PROGRAMS MORE SLOWLY.

FORD QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A \$60 BILLION SURPLUS IN 1981 BUT SAID THAT IF IT DID EXIST "I THINK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER SHOULD GET A TAX BREAK OF THAT MAGNITUDE."

"THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY \$60 BILLION DIVIDEND," FORD SAID. "IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN."

CARTER AND FORD, STANDING BEHIND TWIN PODIUMS ON A BARE STAGE IN THE OLD THEATER, ALSO CLASHED OVER THE ISSUE OF AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM DRAFT EVADERS AND MILITARY DESERTERS.

FORD SAID "I AM AGAINST AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD PARDON." CARTER SAID "I ADVOCATE A PARDON FOR DRAFT EVADERS."

FORD ALSO DEFENDED HIS PARDON OF NIXON, WHOSE RESIGNATION IN 1974 ELEVATED HIM TO THE PRESIDENCY.

FORD SAID THAT ON ASSUMING OFFICE HE HAD TO COPE WITH THE NATION'S PROBLEMS AND ADDED "I HAD TO GIVE 100 PER CENT OF MY TIME" TO THEM.

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED. THAT IS DISGRACE," FORD SAID. "IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH."

CARTER SAID IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS NOT PARDONING DRAFT RESISTERS.

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CARTER TOOK NOTES AS FORD SPOKE. ASKED HOW HE COULD PROMISE INCREASED PROGRAMS IN NUMEROUS AREAS PLUS A BALANCED BUDGET BY 1981. CARTER SAID HE WAS BASING HIS EXPECTATIONS ON A GROWTH RATE OF 5 TO 5-1/2 PER CENT IN THE ECONOMY, AND AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 4 TO 4-1/2 PER CENT WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A \$60 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS BY 1981.

BUT HE SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THESE GOALS COULD NOT BE REACHED BECAUSE OF A SLOW DOWN IN THE ECONOMY, HE WOULD TAILOR HIS PROGRAMS ACCORDINGLY.

"I WOULD PHASE IN THESE PROGRAMS I ADVOCATE MORE SLOWLY," CARTER SAID.

CARTER ALSO REITERATED HIS PLEDGE TO "COMPLETELY REORGANIZE THE STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT," AND PHASE OUT PROGRAMS "THAT ARE OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY."

FORD, HOWEVER, SAID THAT IF A \$60 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS WERE ACHIEVED BY 1981, "I THINK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER OUGHT TO BE A TAX BREAK OF THAT MAGNITUDE. I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT SPENDING AS GOVERNOR CARTER SUGGESTS."

LATER, HE SAID, FORD ASKED FOR A \$5.6 BILLION TAX INCREASE ON INDIVIDUALS AND A CUT OF \$6.5 FOR THE CORPORATIONS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT EVEN FORD'S LATER REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10 BILLION TAX CUT WOULD BE OFFSET BY A \$6 BILLION INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAXES NEXT YEAR.

"THE WHOLE PHILOSOPHY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, INCLUDING MY OPPOSITION, HAS BEEN TO COMPILE OLD TAXES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE AND TO TAKE THEM OFF THE CORPORATIONS," HE SAID.

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FORD SAID THE NATION STILL CAN HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET ON TOP OF A "SMALL NECESSARY COST" INCREASE FOR "EQUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS" IN SUCH AREAS AS JOBS, HOUSING, AND CRIME REDUCTION.

WITH AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT AND A "MODEST" INCREASE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE, HE ADDED, "WE CAN STILL HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET. WE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT ONE OR TWO YEARS ... AS GOVERNOR CARTER INDICATES."

WITH THE KIND OF PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM, HE SAID, THERE WOULD BE 15 MORE SOCIAL PROGRAMS WITH A MINIMUM COST OF \$100 BILLION AND A PROBABLE COST OF \$200 BILLION AND "WE CAN'T AFFORD THOSE."

CARTER, CITING HERBERT HOOVER AND RICHARD NIXON, SAID FORD "TAKES THE SAME ATTITUDE REPUBLICANS ALWAYS TAKE" IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"THE BEST THING IS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECORD," CARTER SAID, DECLARING THAT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT SINCE FORD HAS BEEN IN OFFICE AND HIS DEFICIT IS FOUR TIMES THE SIZE RUN UP BY NIXON.

THE RESULT OF THE JOB SITUATION, HE SAID, IS THAT WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO STEP INTO THE LABOR MARKET.

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FORD SAID, "I WOULD PREFER AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT AND A FURTHER
REDUCTION IN SPENDING."

CARTER SHOT BACK THAT FORD WAS CHANGING HIS POLICY ON TAXES AND
CHARGED THAT THE PRESENT TAX STRUCTURE IS A "DISGRACE" WHICH FAVORS
THE RICH. HE ADDED "THAT'S WHY TAX REFORM IS SO IMPORTANT."

ASKED HOW HE COULD IMPLEMENT THE DOMESTIC PROGRAMS HE HAS PROPOSED
AND STILL BALANCE THE BUDGET IN FISCAL 1981, CARTER SAID THAT THE
ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS HE IS MAKING WOULD PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL \$60
BILLION TO USE.

BUT HE CONCEDED THAT "IF THE GOALS CANNOT BE REACHED" HE WOULD
IMPLEMENT SOME OF HIS PROGRAMS MORE SLOWLY.

FORD QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A \$60 BILLION SURPLUS IN 1981
BUT SAID THAT IF IT DID EXIST "I THINK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER SHOULD
GET A TAX BREAK OF THAT MAGNITUDE."

"THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY \$60 BILLION DIVIDEND," FORD SAID. "IT
ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN."

CARTER AND FORD, STANDING BEHIND THIN PODIUMS ON A BARE STAGE IN
THE OLD THEATER, ALSO CLASHED OVER THE ISSUE OF AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM
DRAFT EVADERS AND MILITARY DESERTERS.

FORD SAID "I AM AGAINST AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD PARDON." CARTER SAID
"I ADVOCATE A PARDON FOR DRAFT EVADERS."

FORD ALSO DEFENDED HIS PARDON OF NIXON, WHOSE RESIGNATION IN 1974
ELEVATED HIM TO THE PRESIDENCY.

FORD SAID THAT ON ASSASSINATING OFFICE HE HAD TO COPE WITH THE NATION'S
PROBLEMS AND ADDED "I HAD TO GIVE 100 PER CENT OF MY TIME" TO THEM.

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED. THAT IS DISGRACE," FORD SAID. "IT SEEMED TO
ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH."

CARTER SAID IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN
THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS NOT PARDONING
DRAFT RESISTERS.

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CARTER SAID AMERICA WILL NEVER END ITS "INFLATIONARY SPIRAL" AND BALANCE ITS BUDGET "UNTIL WE GET OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK."

HE PROPOSED CHANNELING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTO AREAS THAT WOULD CREATE JOBS; ENLISTING COOPERATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AREAS SUCH AS INCREASING HOUSING CONSTRUCTION; PROGRAMS TO EMPLOY YOUTH IN URBAN AREAS AND TAX INCENTIVES TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

IN HIS RESPONSE, FORD SAID CARTER HADN'T BEEN "ANY MORE SPECIFIC" THAN IN THE PAST.

HE CHIDED CARTER FOR NOT MENTIONING THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS "FULL EMPLOYMENT" BILL, WHICH IS PENDING IN CONGRESS BUT HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF PASSING THIS YEAR. IT WOULD SET THE SAME GOAL OF 3 PER CENT ADULT UNEMPLOYMENT, DEFINED AS EVERYONE AGED 20 AND OVER. FORD SAID IT WOULD COST UP TO \$39 BILLION A YEAR.

"THE BEST WAY TO GET JOBS IS TO EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR," FORD SAID.

HE SAID THAT COULD BE DONE BY REDUCING FEDERAL TAXES, TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS TO EMPLOY PEOPLE IN INNER CITIES, AND PROGRAMS TO EMPLOY YOUNG PEOPLE.

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FORD SAID HE VETOED A \$6 BILLION PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION JOBS BILL IN FEBRUARY BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE PRODUCED FEWER THAN HALF THE 400,000 JOBS CLAIMED; WOULD HAVE DONE SO AT A COST OF \$25,000 PER JOB; AND THAT THE JOBS WOULD HAVE MATERIALIZED TOO LATE.

HE SAID A SCALED-DOWN \$3.7 BILLION APPROPRIATIONS BILL VERSION OF THAT BILL WHICH CONGRESS PASSED THIS WEEK HAD NOT YET REACHED HIS DESK -- SO HE WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER HE WILL SIGN IT.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS BILL WOULD ADD TO THE DEFICIT AND ADD TO INFLATION.

"THESE MAKE-WORK TEMPORARY JOBS, DEAD AS THEY ARE, ARE NOT THE KIND OF JOBS WE WANT FOR OUR PEOPLE," FORD SAID.

HE SAID WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO "STIMULATE THE ECONOMY NOW;" HOLD THE LID ON SPENDING AND THEREBY REDUCE THE RATE OF INFLATION.

"INFLATION IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO DESTROY JOBS," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PRIVATE SECTOR, "WHERE FIVE OUT OF SIX JOBS ARE," IS THE PLACE TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

FORD CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN GOING UP, SO HAS EMPLOYMENT. HE SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT 4 MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK.

CARTER REPLIED THAT THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD ON UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN "A TRAVESTY," SHOWING "LACK OF LEADERSHIP."

HE SAID 2.5 MILLION MORE AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK THAN WHEN FORD TOOK OFFICE. HE SAID INFLATION IS THE HIGHEST IN 25 YEARS AND UNEMPLOYMENT THE HIGHEST SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

"THIS AFFECTS HUMAN BEINGS," CARTER SAID. "AND HIS INSENSITIVITY TO PROVIDING A WAY FOR THESE PEOPLE TO WORK HAS MADE THIS A WELFARE ADMINISTRATION, NOT A WORK ADMINISTRATION."

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PH-DEBATE-PARDONS 9-23

BY WILLIAM COTTERELL

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID IN HIS DEBATE WITH JIMMY CARTER THURSDAY NIGHT THAT HE WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN PARDONING PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT WOULD NOT CONSIDER TOTAL AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM WAR RESISTERS.

CARTER RESPONDED THAT IT IS "VERY DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE PARDON OF NIXON AND HIS FAILURE TO AFFORD DRAFT RESISTERS THE SAME TREATMENT.

"I DON'T ADVOCATE AMNESTY; I ADVOCATE PARDON," CARTER SAID, REPEATING HIS EARLIER STAND. "AMNESTY MEANS WHAT YOU DID WAS RIGHT. PARDON MEANS WHAT YOU DID, RIGHT OR WRONG, WAS FORGIVEN."

FORD, ASKED ABOUT HIS DECISION TO PARDON NIXON SHORTLY AFTER HE TOOK OVER THE WHITE HOUSE FROM HIM, FORD SAID IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME HE WAS "FULLY JUSTIFIED" IN TAKING THE ACTION.

BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT RECONSIDER HIS JUDGMENT REGARDING THE ESTIMATED 90,000 YOUNG AMERICANS WHO EITHER FLED THE COUNTRY OR DESERTED THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

ON THE NIXON PARDON, FORD SAID "WHEN I TOOK OFFICE, THIS COUNTRY WAS IN A VERY, VERY DIVIDED CONDITION," THERE WAS "HATRED" AND PEOPLE "HAD LOST FAITH IN THEIR GOVERNMENT."

THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, FORD SAID, "FULLY JUSTIFIED THE ACTIONS THAT I TOOK."

"MR. NIXON RESIGNED," HE SAID. "THAT IS A DISGRACE ... "IT SEEMED TO ME THAT MR. NIXON HAD BEEN PENALIZED ENOUGH BY HIS RESIGNATION AND DISGRACE."

ASKED HOW HE COULD JUSTIFY THE PARDON OF NIXON WHILE DENYING PARDONS OR AMNESTY TO WAR PROTESTORS WHO HAVE "SUFFERED ENOUGH," FORD REPLIED THAT HIS AMNESTY PLAN LAID DOWN IN 1974 GAVE THE DESERTERS OR DRAFT EVADERS AN OPPORTUNITY "TO CLEAR THEIR RECORDS" AND "RESTORE THEIR GOOD CITIZENSHIP."

"MR. CARTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE A BLANKET PARDON TO ALL DRAFT EVADERS," FORD SAID. "I DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW."

CARTER SAID THREE TIMES AS MANY DESERTERS AS EVADERS WERE EXCUSED UNDER THE FORD AMNESTY PLAN, AND "NOW IT'S THE TIME TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR."

CARTER SAID PEOPLE ARE NOT CONCERNED SIMPLY ABOUT AMNESTY FOR VIETNAM RESISTERS OR DESERTERS, BUT ABOUT A JUSTICE SYSTEM FILLED WITH INEQUITIES.

"THE BIG SHOTS WHO ARE RICH, INFLUENTIAL, ARE RARELY SENT TO JAIL," CARTER SAID, WHILE "THOSE POOR WITH NO INFLUENCE" ARE.

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PHILADELPHIA: CARTER SAID,

HE SAID 500,000 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS "AND THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS." GOVERNMENT UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR AUGUST SHOWED 7.9 PER CENT OF THE WORK FORCE WAS UNEMPLOYED; OR NEARLY EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE.

FORD SAID THE WAY TO SPUR THE ECONOMY AND CREATE NEW JOBS IS TO KEEP THE LID ON FEDERAL SPENDING AND LET THE TAXPAYERS HAVE THE MONEY TO SPEND THEMSELVES. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE FAVORS AN ADDITIONAL \$10 BILLION TAX CUT.

HE SAID THAT WOULD PERMIT HIM TO RECOMMEND MODERATE SPENDING INCREASES "IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE AREA;" AND STILL SUBMIT A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY, 1978.

"I CANNOT AND WOULD NOT ENDORSE THE KIND OF PROGRAMS THAT GOV. CARTER RECOMMENDS;" FORD SAID. HE SAID CARTER HAS ENDORSED A DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM THAT ENVISIONS ABOUT 60 ADDITIONAL SPENDING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD ADD \$100 BILLION AND PERHAPS AS MUCH AS \$200 BILLION TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

CARTER HAS SAID IN THE PAST THAT HE HAS NO FIRM FIGURE FOR THE COST OF THE PROGRAMS HE ADVOCATES; BUT THAT HE WOULD DEFER THE PROGRAMS UNTIL FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES.

AT HIS LECTURE, CARTER SMILED AS IF TO SCOFF AT WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID. "MR. FORD TAKES THE SAME ATTITUDE THAT THE REPUBLICANS ALWAYS TAKE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE AN ELECTION;" HE SAID. "THEY ALWAYS FIGHT FOR THE PROGRAMS THEY'RE AGAINST THE OTHER 3 1-2 YEARS. . ."

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BY WALTER R. MEARS

AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER DEBATED TAXES, UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE MEASURES OF LEADERSHIP THURSDAY NIGHT. THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF INSENSITIVITY TOWARD THE JOBLESS; AND FORD ASSERTED THAT HIS CHALLENGER IS SHORT ON SPECIFICS BUT LONG ON FEDERAL SPENDING PROPOSALS.

FOR 32 MINUTES; THEY ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND TRADED BARBS. THEN THE SOUND BROKE DOWN. AND ON THE STAGE OF THE ANTIQUE WALNUT STREET THEATER; THE TWO CANDIDATES STOOD WAITING TO SPEAK THEIR FINAL WORDS IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED CONFRONTATION THAT COULD SHAPE THE CAMPAIGN AHEAD.

TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES PASSED BEFORE THE SOUND WAS RESTORED AND THEY WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CLOSING STATEMENTS.

PREDICTABLY; FORD'S SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD WON THE FIRST OF THE THREE DEBATES; WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN CALLED CARTER THE VICTOR.

"SCORE ONE FOR GOV. CARTER;" SAID ROBERT STRAUSS. "WE THINK WE WON;" SAID RON NESSEN; THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY.

IN LARGE MEASURE; THE 12-QUESTION SEQUENCE OF RESPONSES; FOLLOWUPS AND REBUTTALS PRODUCED A RECITATION OF POSITIONS AND POINTS THE TWO CANDIDATES HAD MADE BEFORE. THERE WERE NO DRAMATIC NEW PROPOSALS.

CARTER TOLD FORD TO HIS FACE WHAT HE HAS BEEN TELLING DEMOCRATS AROUND THE COUNTRY; THAT HE DOESN'T THINK THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE ANYTHING TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP. HE SAID A REPUBLICAN LIKE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WAS CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS; BUT FORD IS NOT.

FORD SAID CARTER HADN'T BEEN MORE SPECIFIC AS DEBATER THAN AS CAMPAIGN ORATOR. HE SAID DEMOCRATS ARE WHAT IS WRONG WITH WASHINGTON AND WITH CONGRESS.

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PHILADELPHIA; WITH CONGRESS.

DESCRIBING THE PRESIDENT'S APPROACH TO JOBLESSNESS; CARTER SAID FORD DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT; "A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN THIS COUNTRY."

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE CARTER CLASHED OVER UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE MEASURES OF LEADERSHIP THURSDAY NIGHT; THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE DEMANDING AN END TO "GOVERNMENT BY STALEMATE;" THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT SAYING HE OFFERS PERFORMANCE; NOT JUST PROMISES.

FOR 82 MINUTES; THEY ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND TRADED BARBS. THEN THE SOUND SYSTEM BROKE DOWN. AND ON THE STAGE OF THE ANTIQUE WALNUT STREET THEATER; THE WHITE HOUSE RIVALS WERE SUDDENLY SILENCED; CUT OFF FROM THE VAST; NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE THEY SOUGHT TO PERSUADE.

IN BLUE SUITS; ON A BLUE SET; THEY STOOD AND WAITED. IT TOOK 27 MINUTES TO GET THEM BACK ON THE AIR.

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THAT'S WHERE XXX HE SAID.

FORD SAID HIS EXECUTIVE ORDERS HAVE "STRAIGHTENED OUT" EXCESSES IN THE FBI AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND THAT NO LEGISLATION IS NEEDED FROM CONGRESS. HE SAID INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES "ARE NOW DOING A GOOD JOB UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION."

CARTER SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS NO NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND TOUTED HIS PLAN TO REORGANIZE AND COMBINE FEDERAL ENERGY AGENCIES WOULD BE A FIRST STEP TOWARD ENERGY INDEPENDENCE. CARTER SAID THE NATION SHOULD SHIFT TO COAL; SOLAR ENERGY AND STRICT CONSERVATION "AND AS A LAST RESORT ONLY CONTINUE TO USE ATOMIC POWER."

AND THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT MANDATORY CONSERVATION MEASURES IF NECESSARY.

FORD SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF ANY PRESIDENT THAT INCLUDED CONSERVATION AND COAL DEVELOPMENT. BUT HE ALSO CALLED FOR INCENTIVE FOR OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION AND FOR IMPROVED METHODS OF XTRACTING AND USING COAL.

CARTER HAD CALLED FOR THE COMBINING OF ENERGY AGENCIES AS PART OF WHAT HE SAYS WOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ASKED IF HIS PLANNED REORGANIZATION WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES; CARTER SAID HE COULDN'T SAY "FOR SURE." BUT HE SAID THAT AS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA HE AIMED FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

AFTER CARTER; 26TH GRAF; WHICH 2ND GRAF A300
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AM-DEBATES-ROPER 9-23

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AMONG PERSONS UNDECIDED BEFORE THE DEBATE, 35 PER CENT THOUGHT FORD WON, 25 PER CENT THOUGHT CARTER WON, 40 PER CENT THOUGHT IT EVEN.

THE ROPER ORGANIZATION SAID IT POLLED THE 600 PEOPLE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY BEFORE THE DEBATE TO DETERMINE THEIR LEANINGS AT THAT TIME, AND THEN POLLED THEM AGAIN AFTER THE DEBATE.

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BY HELEN THORPE
PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER TRADED BARBS AND ACCUSATIONS OF INSENSITIVITY, DOUBLE-TALK AND INCOMPETENT LEADERSHIP THURSDAY NIGHT IN THEIR FIRST, SURPRISINGLY HARD-HITTING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE.

BREAKING NO NEW GROUND IN THEIR REPUBLICAN VS. DEMOCRAT STAND ON THE ISSUES, FORD AND CARTER STOOD AT PODIUMS SEVEN FEET APART ON THE OLD WALNUT STREET THEATER STAGE AND CAME ON STRONG OVER SUCH ISSUES AS CARTER'S TAX PROPOSALS, FORD'S VETOS, THE NIXON PARDON, UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY.

AS THE DEBATE MOVED ON -- PAST THE SCHEDULED 90 MINUTE POINT BECAUSE OF A BREAKDOWN IN TELEVISION SOUND -- THE TWO MEN CLEARLY BEGAN SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO EACH OTHER IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS OF A PANEL OF JOURNALISTS. THE CLASH TOOK ON NATURE OF A REAL, OLD-FASHIONED, ACRIDIOUS DEBATE.

AN ESTIMATED 100 MILLION AMERICANS, WATCHING FOR THE SIGNS OF SURE-FOOTED PERFORMANCE UNDER PRESSURE THAT MIGHT INDICATE THE BETTER POTENTIAL PRESIDENT, VIEWED THE FIRST SUCH TELEVISED PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE SINCE THE NIXON-KENNEDY CLASHES OF 1960.

FORD GRABBED THE INITIATIVE WITH HIS VERY FIRST CHANCE TO SPEAK, ACCUSING CARTER OF SHIFTING POSITIONS IN HIS OPENING COMMENT ON SOLVING UNEMPLOYMENT.

THEREAFTER THE TWO MEN LOST NO CHANCE TO TRADE PERSONAL SHOTS, FORD ACCUSING CARTER OF INCONSISTENT POSITIONS, INEXPERIENCED VIEWS AND "PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE FACTS," WHILE CARTER ACCUSED HIM OF "INSENSITIVITY" TO THE PLIGHT OF THE UNEMPLOYED, SHIFTING POSITIONS HIMSELF AND EXCEPT FOR PREVENTING ANOTHER WATERGATE, ACCOMPLISHING NOT "ONE SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY."

THEIR SUMMATIONS, DELIVERED ONLY AFTER THE MYSTERIOUS SOUND INTERRUPTION DELAYED PROCEEDINGS, CONTINUED THAT FLAVOR.

CARTER, SPEAKING FIRST, SAID: "WE HAVEN'T HAD LEADERSHIP IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. WE HAVE A STALEMATE ... A LOSS OF VISION."

FORD STATED: "ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IS TRUST. THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR HIS PROMISES OR MY PERFORMANCE IN TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES CLAIMED "VICTORY" IMMEDIATELY.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID, "I THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT CAME ACROSS AS BEING IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION."

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS SAID, "I THOUGHT GOV. CARTER CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED JUST WHAT HE WANTED TO -- THAT HE IS DEFINITELY IN COMMAND OF THE ISSUES."

THE VOTERS WOULD DECIDE WHO WAS RIGHT AND SUCH POLLSTERS AS THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION PLANNED TO SURVEY QUICKLY FOR THEIR VERDICT. SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, JOHN KENNEDY EASILY DEFEATED RICHARD NIXON IN SIMILAR SURVEYS AFTER THEIR FIRST DEBATE AND GRABBED THE LEAD IN PRESIDENTIAL POLLS SOON AFTER.

IN THE FIRST SUCH SURVEY, RELEASED ONLY MINUTES AFTER THE DEBATES ENDED, THE ROPER ORGANIZATION POLLED 600 PERSONS NATIONWIDE AND FOUND 39 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT FORD DID BETTER, 31 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT CARTER DID BETTER, AND 30 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A DRAW.

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"THIS ISN'T THE AMERICA OF THE PAST; IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE AMERICA OF THE FUTURE."

CARTER, SPEAKING IN HIS SOFT, SOUTHERN DRAWL, DECLARED THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD "ONCE AGAIN HAVE A GOVERNMENT AS GOOD AS OUR PEOPLE."

"IT'S A TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND AND TO COOPERATE WITH OUR PEOPLE," HE SAID. "SO MANY TIMES OUR AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED, SOMETIMES MISLED, SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN LIED TO. THIS IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSE OF OUR NATION."

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FORD RETORTED BY SAYING "ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IS TRUST."

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"THIS IS GOVERNMENT BY STALEMATE, AND WE HAVE SEEN A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT WHO REPRESENTS THIS COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS WHO COLLECTIVELY ALSO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY," SAID CARTER.

"WE'VE HAD REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE TRIED TO RUN AGAINST THE CONGRESS. I DON'T THINK IT'S THE CONGRESS THAT'S MR. FORD'S OPPONENT. BUT IF HE INSISTS I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, OF WHICH I WAS NOT A PART, THEN I THINK HE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, OF WHICH HE WAS A PART, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

"THAT, I THINK, IS A GOOD BALANCE.

"BUT THE POINT IS THAT A PRESIDENT OUGHT TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY. MR. FORD, SO FAR AS I KNOW, EXCEPT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER WATERGATE, HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE, SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY, AND THERE'S BEEN A CONSTANT SQUABBLING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS, AND THAT'S NOT THE WAY THIS COUNTRY OUGHT TO BE RUN."

CARTER SAID "WE HAVE NEVER HAD A PRESIDENT SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES WHO HAS VETOED SO MANY BILLS AS FORD."

FORD RESPONDED THAT "THE GOVERNOR HAS ... PLAYED A LITTLE FAST AND LOOSEY WITH THAT REMARK. HE SAID PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VETOED AN AVERAGE 55 BILLS A YEAR, AND HARRY TRUMAN AN AVERAGE 38, AND CARTER WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA VETOED 35 TO 40 BILLS A YEAR. MY AVERAGE IN TWO YEARS IS 26."

FORD SAID CONGRESS HAS SUSTAINED 42 OF HIS VETOES -- WHICH AT ANOTHER POINT HE SAID HAD TOTALED 56 DURING HIS TWO YEARS IN OFFICE -- AND THIS SAVED \$9 BILLION FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

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"I OWE THE SPECIAL INTERESTS NOTHING," HE SAID. "I OWE EVERYTHING TO YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY."

FORD RETORTED BY SAYING "ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IS TRUST."

"THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR HIS PROMISES OR MY PERFORMANCE IN TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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"THIS IS GOVERNMENT BY STALEMATE, AND WE HAVE SEEN A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT WHO REPRESENTS THIS COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS WHO COLLECTIVELY ALSO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY," SAID CARTER.

"WE'VE HAD REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE TRIED TO RUN AGAINST THE CONGRESS. I DON'T THINK IT'S THE CONGRESS THAT'S MR. FORD'S OPPONENT. BUT IF HE INSISTS I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, OF WHICH I WAS NOT A PART, THEN I THINK HE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, OF WHICH HE WAS A PART, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

"THAT, I THINK, IS A GOOD BALANCE.

"BUT THE POINT IS THAT A PRESIDENT OUGHT TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY. MR. FORD, SO FAR AS I KNOW, EXCEPT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER WATERGATE, HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE, SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY, AND THERE'S BEEN A CONSTANT SQUABBLING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS, AND THAT'S NOT THE WAY THIS COUNTRY OUGHT TO BE RUN."

CARTER SAID "WE HAVE NEVER HAD A PRESIDENT SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES WHO HAS VETOED SO MANY BILLS AS FORD."

FORD RESPONDED THAT "THE GOVERNOR HAS ... PLAYED A LITTLE FAST AND LOOSE" WITH THAT REMARK. HE SAID PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VETOED AN AVERAGE 55 BILLS A YEAR, AND HARRY TRUMAN AN AVERAGE 38, AND "ADDED WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA VETOED 25 TO 40 BILLS A YEAR. BY AVERAGE IN TWO YEARS IS 26."

FORD SAID CONGRESS HAS SUSTAINED 42 OF HIS VETOES -- WHICH AT ANOTHER POINT HE SAID HAD TOTALED 55 DURING HIS TWO YEARS IN OFFICE -- AND THIS SAVED \$9 BILLION FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

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FORD REPLIED TO CARTER'S CHARGE THAT "WE HAVE NEVER HAD A PRESIDENT SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES WHO VETOED SO MANY BILLS AS FORD."

"THE GOVERNOR HAS ... PLAYED A LITTLE FAST AND LOOSE" WITH HIS REMARK ABOUT THE VETOES, FORD SAID.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VETOED AN AVERAGE 65 BILLS A YEAR AND HARRY TRUMAN AN AVERAGE 38, AND "CARTER WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA VETOED 25 TO 40 BILLS A YEAR. MY AVERAGE IN TWO YEARS IS 26," FORD SAID.

JUST BEFORE THE AUDIO FEED FAILED ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE DEBATES WERE SUPPOSED TO END, FORD WAS ASKED WHETHER HE THINKS THERE IS ANY NEED FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO KEEP U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN LINE.

"I AM THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN 30 YEARS WHO HAS REORGANIZED THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES," FORD REPLIED, NOTING THAT HIS REFORMS ALL HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY EXECUTIVE ORDER RATHER THAN LEGISLATION.

"I THINK WE TIGHTENED THEM (THE AGENCIES) UP, STRAIGHTENED OUT THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD DEVELOPED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS."

FORD SAID HE SUCH INTELLIGENCE BODIES AS THE CIA, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE FBI AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY NOW ARE DOING A GOOD JOB UNDER GOOD LEADERS AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE SINGLE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION HE HAS MADE -- AUTHORITY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ORDER WIRETAPS -- HAS NOT BEEN ACTED ON BY CONGRESS. THUS, HE SAID, CONGRESS IMPOSED THE REQUIREMENT FOR EXECUTIVE RATHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN EVEN THAT AREA.

CARTER HAD JUST STARTED HIS REPLY, SAYING "ONE OF THE SERIOUS THINGS" OF THE PAST FEW YEARS WAS THE PUBLIC "BREAKDOWN IN TRUST" IN GOVERNMENT, WHEN THE AUDIO FEED FAILED.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TELEPHONE COMPANY SAID THE AUDIO SIGNAL WAS LOST IN A POOL CONTROL TRUCK PARKED OUTSIDE THE WALNUT STREET THEATER.

WHEN THE SIGNAL WAS RESTORED, MODERATOR EDWIN KEENE SAID THE DEBATE WAS STOPPED FOR 27 MINUTES BUT THE "FAULT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH" AND THE SPONSORS DECIDED TO LET CARTER CONCLUDE HIS RESPONSE TO "WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST QUESTION ... ONE DEALING WITH CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES."

HE THANKED CARTER AND FORD "FOR BEING SO PATIENT" BUT HIS EXPLANATION OF WHAT CAUSED THE LOSS OF SOUND COULD NOT BE HEARD.

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EDITORS: WE WILL BEGIN MOVING THE WRITETHRU LD IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES. THERE ALSO WILL BE AN ANALYSIS OF THE DEBATE, COLOR FROM THE SCENE



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AM-MONETARY 9-23

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER SAID THURSDAY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT TO GUARANTEE THE INTEGRITY OF NATIONAL MONETARY POLICY.

BUT CARTER SAID THE CENTRAL BANK CHAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE A TERM THAT RUNS CONCURRENT WITH THAT OF THE PRESIDENT. FORD SAID HE FAVORED THE PRESENT 14-YEAR TERM THAT FREES THE CHAIRMAN FROM DEPENDENCE ON ANY PARTICULAR ADMINISTRATION.

FORD SAID THE ECONOMY IS RECOVERING BECAUSE FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN ARTHUR BURNS HAS SET A 7 TO 7.5 PER CENT GROWTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY, AND MAINTAINED IT WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION.

FORMER WHITE HOUSE CONTROL MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCED THAT GROWTH RATE, FORD SAID.

CARTER SAID A FOUR-YEAR TERM WOULD NOT AFFECT MONETARY POLICY.

NEITHER CANDIDATE OFFERED ANY REASONS FOR HIS BELIEFS, DURING THEIR INITIAL DEBATE, BUT THEY AGREED THE FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF POLITICAL PRESSURES FROM EITHER THE WHITE HOUSE OR CONGRESS.

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AM-DEBATE-LEADERSHIP 2TAKES 5-23

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER CLASHED THURSDAY NIGHT OVER GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP -- FORD BLAMING CONGRESS FOR ANTI-WASHINGTON FEELING IN THE NATION, AND CARTER SAYING THE PRESIDENT'S ONLY ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS PREVENTING ANOTHER WATERGATE.

FORD WAS ASKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT CBS NEWSMAN DANIEL SCHORR NEARLY GOT CITED FOR CONTEMPT FOR NOT COOPERATING WITH THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, WHILE THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE FAILED TO MOVE AGAINST A U.S. SENATOR (APPARENTLY HUGH SCOTT, R-PA.) ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ILLEGAL CORPORATE FUNDS FOR YEARS.

FORD SAID THERE IS AN "ANTI-WASHINGTON FEELING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY," BUT "THE FOCUS SHOULD BE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE (DEMOCRATIC) MAJORITY WITHIN THE CONGRESS."

HE SAID CONGRESS IS SPENDING MORE AND MORE ON ITSELF AND THE NEXT CONGRESS WILL BE "THE FIRST BILLION-DOLLAR CONGRESS." HE SAID REPUBLICANS COULD TAKE OVER THE HOUSE AFTER NOVEMBER, BUT BECAUSE OF "OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES," THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO VOTE REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT.

"FORTUNATELY," THE PRESIDENT SAID, "WE HAVE HAD A REPUBLICAN TO CHECK THEIR EXCESSES WITH MY VETOES."

WHEN HIS TURN CAME, CARTER SAID: "IT'S NOT A MATTER OF DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN -- IT'S A MATTER OF LEADERSHIP."

HE SAID PRESIDENTS NIXON AND EISENHOWER GOT ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THEIR LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESSES DOMINATED BY DEMOCRATS, WHILE FORD'S FIGURE IS 26 PER CENT "OF ALL THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS HE PUTS FORTH."

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ABC-DEBATE-REACTION; 480

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VOTERS ACROSS THE NATION WATCHED THE TWO MEN, ONE OF WHOM WOULD BE THEIR NEXT PRESIDENT, IN THE FIRST OF THEIR NATIONALLY TELEVISED DEBATES THURSDAY NIGHT.

IN CHICAGO, AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORT, PASSENGERS WAITING FOR PLANES PAUSED TO WATCH THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER, JIMMY CARTER.

"I WAS FOR CARTER BEFORE THE DEBATE AND I'M STILL FOR HIM," SAID MEL LEVINE, 33, A DEMOCRAT AND A LAWYER FROM LOS ANGELES. "BUT I THINK FORD DID A BETTER JOB. HE WAS MORE AGGRESSIVE WITH CARTER THAN I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE. HE MANAGED TO PIN CARTER DOWN ON A FEW INCONSISTENCIES."

WILLIAM E. WILSON, A REPUBLICAN FROM CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO, SAID: "CARTER ASSUMES THAT EVERYBODY IS A NINCOMPOOP. HE ASSUMES EVERYBODY KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT TAXES AND CORPORATIONS. HE'S PUTTING HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH - BOTH SIDES OF IT.

"IF NIXON WERE RUNNING TODAY I'D VOTE FOR HIM," ADDED THE 59-YEAR-OLD WILSON, ONE OF 170 INSURANCE AGENTS LEAVING A CHICAGO CONVENTION FOR ZURICH.

TWA RAMP ATTENDANT JAMES F. TOFANELLI: "CARTER IS JUST CUTTING THE HELL OUT OF HIM. FORD IS ON THE DEFENSE ALL THE TIME - HE'S SO ARISTOCRATIC." TOFANELLI, 28, OF DUNDEE, ILL., SAID HE WAS A DEMOCRAT.

ETHEL MCGOVERN, 44, OF BENSENVILLE, ILL., A POST OFFICE CLERK: "IT HASN'T CHANGED MY MIND. BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN WIDELY EXPOSED BEFORE THIS. FORD WAS THE BETTER MAN. CARTER SQUIRMED ON THE ISSUES - HE DOUBLETALKED."

DICK WERNER, 45, OF SHARON, PENN., BUSINESSMAN, REPUBLICAN: "I DON'T KNOW WHAT CARTER STANDS FOR. HE TURNS FACTS AROUND FOR HIS OWN PURPOSE."

BRIAN KOZLOWSKI, 37, OF WAUSAU, WIS., ENGINEER, REPUBLICAN: "I'M LEANING TOWARD FORD AS THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS."

RAY MARLEY, 44, OF ATTLEBORO, MASS., SALES MANAGER, DEMOCRAT: "I THINK CARTER CAN EXCITE THE COUNTRY. THE GUY LOOKS STRAIGHT. I'M NOT KNOCKING MR. FORD, BUT I JUST THINK CARTER IS MORE HONEST. HE'S SINCERE."

AT A BAR IN THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS OF NEW YORK STATE, THE PEOPLE SAID THEY'D RATHER BE WATCHING ONE OF THE BASEBALL GAMES TELEVISED LOCALLY ON NON-NETWORK STATIONS - ESPECIALLY AFTER THE SOUND BROKE DOWN TOWARD THE END OF THE DEBATE.

"I'M GONNA LEAVE THIS CIRCUS," SAID NICK LIMENDOWSKI, 43, A NAVY VETERAN OF KOREA WHO WAS A FLIER IN VIETNAM UNTIL HIS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN, LEAVING HIM WITH A PERMANENT LIMF IN HIS LEFT LEG.

"IT'S NOT GOOD," SAID PAT MURPHY, THE BARTENDER AT THE WOODSTOCK BARBER WOODSTOCK, N.Y. "IT TORE THE EFFORT OUT

"I'D RATHER WATCH 'MARY HARTMAN' ANYWAY," SAID MRS. C.H. HOFFMANN, AN INNKEEPER IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS IN NEW YORK STATE.

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7PHILADELPHIA TO INCLUDE FORD COMMENT SUB FOR 13TH GRAF; WHICH IS
INSERT A324: CARTER SAID ... VERY ADEQUATELY."

BOTH CARTER AND FORD SAID LATER THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE
SATISFIED WITH THEIR DEBATE SHOWINGS.

"I THOUGHT I DID WELL;" CARTER SAID. HE SAID HE HAD WANTED TO
STRESS WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE FORD'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP "AND I THINK
I DID THAT VERY ADEQUATELY."

AT THE BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL; FORD SAID; "I HAVEN'T SEEN ALL OF
THE POLLS BUT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD WE DID ALL RIGHT IN THE DEBATE.
AND WHEN WE GET TO THE NEXT ONE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN
POLICY; WE WILL DO EVEN BETTER.

"WE HAVE A TURNING POINT IN THIS CAMPAIGN;" HE SAID. "... THE
MOMENTUM IS ON OUR SIDE."

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7AM-DEBATES; 5TH LD - INSERT; A314; 70

7PHILADELPHIA TO INCLUDE PAST PROGRAM COST FIGURE OFFERED BY CARTER;
INSERT AFTER 29TH GRAF; CARTER HAS ... INCREASING TAXES.

CARTER HAS SAID HE RECEIVED ESTIMATES ON HIS PLANNED PROGRAMS
RANGING UP TO \$15 BILLION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE \$60 BILLION A YEAR IN NEW REVENUES
IF UNEMPLOYMENT IS REDUCED TO 4 PER CENT AND IF THE NATION ASSUMES A
GROWTH RATE OF ABOUT 5 1/2 PER CENT. THE GROWTH RATE; AS MEASURED BY THE
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT; WAS AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 4.3 PER CENT IN THE
SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

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7PM-LATE NEWS ADVISORY

7DEBATE REACTION POLL

LATER IN THE MORNING; THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WILL REPORT THE RESULTS
OF AN EXCLUSIVE NATIONWIDE SCIENTIFIC POLL BEING TAKEN RIGHT NOW BY
TELEPHONE TO DETERMINE PUBLIC REACTION TO THE FORD-CARTER DEBATE.

OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT COPY WILL MOVE BY 5 A.M. NEW YORK TIME.
THE TIMING DEPENDS ON HOW QUICKLY THE 1,500-VIEWER SAMPLE CAN BE
POLLED. POLLING BEGAN ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS SOON AS THE DEBATE ENDED.

OUR NEXT ADVISORY WILL MOVE AS SOON AS WE CAN BE MORE PRECISE ABOUT
WHEN THE COPY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

7THE AP

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(PHILADELPHIA) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER TRADED BARBS AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON TAXES, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE NATURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR 82 MINUTES OF THEIR FIRST CAMPAIGN DEBATE THURSDAY NIGHT. BEFORE THE SOUND SYSTEM BROKE DOWN, THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE ACCUSED FORD OF INSENSITIVITY TOWARD THE JOBLESS. FORD CAME BACK AT CARTER, SAYING HE HAS PROPOSED A LOT OF FEDERAL SPENDING WHILE OFFERING FEW SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. IN ANOTHER EXCHANGE, CARTER CALLED FOR AN END TO WHAT HE TERMED GOVERNMENT BY STALEMATE. THE PRESIDENT COUNTERED BY SAYING HE OFFERS PERFORMANCE RATHER THAN PROMISES.

MUCH OF THE DEBATE FOCUSED ON THE AMERICAN TAX SYSTEM IN RELATION TO EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS. CARTER INSISTED THAT MANY OF FORD'S 56 VETOS HAVE RETARDED THE ECONOMY, WHILE THE PRESIDENT SAID THEY HAVE SAVED THE TAXPAYERS NINE (B) BILLION DOLLARS IN THE LAST TWO

YEARS.

IN THEIR FINAL SUMMATIONS - WHICH CAME AFTER 27 MINUTES OF TECHNICAL TROUBLE - CARTER SAID THE NATION HAS SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF LEADERSHIP WHILE FORD SAID HE THINKS THE MAJOR ISSUE IN THIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS TRUST.

WHILE PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER DEBATED INSIDE THE WALNUT STREET THEATER IN PHILADELPHIA, ABOUT 800 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED ACROSS THE STREET. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE PROTESTING -- AMONG OTHER THINGS -- UNEMPLOYMENT, THE RIGID STRUCTURE OF THE DEBATES, AND ABORTION RIGHTS. POLICE, ALMOST EQUAL IN NUMBER TO THE PROTESTORS

S KEPT THE CHANTING CROWD BEHIND WOODEN BARRIERS. AND THE GROUP, REPRESENTING SEVERAL DIFFERENT INTEREST GROUPS, DID NOT SUPPORT EITHER CANDIDATE INSIDE.

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FORD-DEAN PLAINS, GA. (AP) -- FORMER NIXON AIDE JOHN W. DEAN III SAYS HE WAS TOLD IN 1972 THAT THEN-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER GERALD R. FORD MIGHT HAVE SOME PROBLEMS INVOLVING UNREPORTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A LOBBYIST.

THE REMARK ABOUT FORD IS CONTAINED IN DEANS BOOK ABOUT WATERGATE TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH UNDER THE TITLE BLIND AMBITION. DEAN WAS THE YOUNG WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL WHOSE TESTIMONY AGAINST PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON IN THE WATERGATE COVERUP CASE EVENTUALLY LED TO NIXONS RESIGNATION.

A BRIEF EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK WAS LEAKED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SEVERAL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS.

THE AP WAS TOLD TODAY THAT WILLIAM E. TIMMONS, THE SUPPOSED SOURCE OF THE FORD STORY, WAS UNAVAILABLE, BUT HE WAS QUOTED BY THREE NEWSPAPERS AS DENYING DEANS ACCOUNT. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID FORD WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT.

IN THE EXCERPT, DEAN RECOUNTS EFFORTS BY THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE TO BLOCK A WATERGATE INVESTIGATION BY THE LATE REP. WRIGHT PATMANS HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1972 -- WHILE THE NIXON RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WAS UNDER WAY -- PATMAN WAS SEEKING SUBPOENA POWER TO ENABLE HIS COMMITTEE TO CALL WHITE HOUSE AND NIXON CAMPAIGN AIDES IN AN EFFORT TO LOOK INTO THE WATERGATE CASE.

DEAN SAYS HE ASKED WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF H. R. HALDEMAN HOW TO TURN PATMAN OFF AND HALDEMAN TOLD HIM:

CALL (TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN) CONNALLY. HE MAY KNOW SOME WAY TO STOP PATMAN. AND TELL TIMMONS TO KEEP ON JERRY FORDS ASS. HE KNOWS HES GOT TO PRODUCE ON THIS ONE. CONNALLY AND PATMAN WERE BOTH TEXANS. TIMMONS WAS CHIEF LOBBYIST FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

DEAN SAID HE CALLED CONNALLY AND WAS TOLD: I UNDERSTAND FROM THE GRAPEVINE DOWN IN TEXAS THAT PATMAN MIGHT HAVE A COUPLE OF WEAK SPOTS, AND ONE OF THEM IS HE MIGHT HAVE SOME CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HE WOULD NOT WANT EXPOSED. NOW, I BELIEVE I HEARD THE CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED SOME CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AN OLD LOBBYIST UP HERE. I DONT BELIEVE MR. PATMAN HAS REPORTED THEM EITHER.

TIMMONS, WHO MET REGULARLY WITH JERRY FORD, DEAN WROTE, HAD EXPLORED WITH HIM CONNALLYS SUGGESTION ABOUT PATMAN. WHAT DO YOU THINK? I ASKED TIMMONS. DO YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO DIG INTO THIS STUFF?

WELL, JOHN, YOU KNOW THIS IS KIND OF SENSITIVE, SAID TIMMONS, AND I TALKED TO JERRY ABOUT IT. JERRY DOESNT THINK IT WOULD BE SUCH A GOOD IDEA. AND, FRANKLY, ILL TELL YOU THE PROBLEM IS THAT, UH, JERRY HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE SOME PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA, AND SO MIGHT SOME OF OUR GUYS ON THE COMMITTEE. I DONT THINK WE OUGHT TO OPEN THIS UP.

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WASHN-ADD FORD-DEAN

I SEE. I GUESS THAT SCRAPS THAT.

YEH, I GUESS IT DOES.

THE EXCERPT DOES NOT SAY WHEN THE PROBLEM CONTRIBUTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE OR WHETHER THEY WERE ILLEGAL.

BEFORE APRIL 7, 1972, WHEN A MAJOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LAW TOOK EFFECT, IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR CANDIDATES TO SKIRT THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. ONE WIDELY USED LOOPHOLE WAS THE SO-CALLED D.C. COMMITTEE, AN INACTIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SET UP IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TO REPORT INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

CANDIDATES COULD THUS ACCEPT FUNDS FROM SOURCES THAT MIGHT PROVE EMBARRASSING IN THEIR HOME DISTRICTS -- SUCH AS LOBBYISTS FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS OR LABOR UNIONS -- AND DEPOSIT THE FUNDS IN THEIR D.C. COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS. THEIR REGULAR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES AT HOME COULD THEN ACCEPT A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE D.C. COMMITTEE, AND THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE MONEY WOULD NOT SHOW UP IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS.

AT HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CONFIRMATION HEARINGS IN NOVEMBER 1973, FORD WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS ROLE IN BLOCKING THE PATMAN PROBE.

HE TOLD THE SENATE RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, I NEVER TALKED WITH THE PRESIDENT ABOUT IT, OR WITH MR. HALDEMAN, MR. (JOHN D.) EHRLICHMAN AND MR. DEAN. I KNOW EMPHATICALLY I HAD NO CONVERSATION WITH THEM NOW.

ALMOST DAILY, DURING MY PERIOD AS REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE HOUSE, I TALKED WITH MR. TIMMONS OR SOMEONE IN THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT EVEN IN THIS CASE I DO NOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER.

FORD SAID HIS MAIN REASON FOR TRYING TO BLOCK THE PATMAN HEARINGS WAS THAT HE AND HIS GOP COLLEAGUES BELIEVED THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WAS ON A FISHING EXPEDITION AND THE REPUBLICANS DIDNT WANT SUCH A PROCEDURE TO BECOME A PRECEDENT. THE COMMITTEES 15 REPUBLICANS, JOINING WITH FIVE DEMOCRATS, VOTED 20-15 TO DENY PATMAN SUBPOENA POWER, WHICH EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED THE PROBE.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTED THAT TIMMONS, REACHED FOR COMMENT, BRANDED DEANS ACCOUNT OF TIMMONS ALLEGED TALKS WITH FORD AN ABSOLUTE FABRICATION.

TIMMONS ADDED HE WAS DISTRESSED THAT EXCERPTS FROM THE DEAN BOOK WERE BEING LEAKED ON THE EVE OF THE DEBATE BETWEEN FORD AND DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER.

CARTERS PRESS SECRETARY, JODY POWELL, SAID THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WAS UNAWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE DEAN EXCERPT PRIOR TO THE VARIOUS NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

THE WASHINGTON POST QUOTED TIMMONS AS CONFIRMING HAVING HAD A CONVERSATION WITH DEAN ABOUT USING THE CAMPAIGN INFORMATION AGAINST PATMAN, A PLAN TIMMONS SAID HE REJECTED. AND, THE POST SAID, TIMMONS DENIED DISCUSSING THE PATMAN PROBE WITH FORD.

THE NEW YORK TIMES QUOTED TIMMONS AS CALLING DEANS ACCOUNT AN ABSOLUTE LIE, A BOLD-FACED LIE.

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AM-DEBATES-ROPER 9-23''''

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROPER POLL SAID THURSDAY NIGHT A SURVEY OF 600 PERSONS NATIONWIDE FOUND 39 PER CENT THOUGHT PRESIDENT FORD DID BETTER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE, 31 PER CENT THOUGHT CARTER DID, AND 30 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A DRAW.

AMONG PERSONS WHO FAVORED FORD BEFORE THE DEBATE, THE POLL SAID 70 PER CENT THOUGHT HE "WON" THE DEBATE, 8 PER CENT THOUGHT CARTER WON, AND 22 PER CENT CALLED IT A DRAW.

AMONG PERSONS WHO FAVORED CARTER, 55 PER CENT THOUGHT HE WON, 13 PER CENT THOUGHT FORD WON, 32 PER CENT THOUGHT IT EVEN.

AMONG PERSONS UNDECIDED BEFORE THE DEBATE, 3 PER CENT THOUGHT FORD WON, 25 PER CENT THOUGHT CARTER WON, 40 PER CENT THOUGHT IT EVEN.

THE ROPER ORGANIZATION SAID IT POLLED THE 600 PEOPLE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY BEFORE THE DEBATE TO DETERMINE THEIR LEANINGS AT THAT TIME, AND THEN POLLED THEM AGAIN AFTER THE DEBATE.

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AM-DEBATE-REACT 9-23***

BY JAMES M. HILDRETH

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

AS EXPECTED, DEMOCRATS THOUGHT JIMMY CARTER WON THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. REPUBLICANS CALLED IT A VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT FORD.

LEAVING THE DEBATE, FORD WAS ASKED WHO WAS THE WINNER.

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WON," HE REPLIED AND SAID IT WAS "GREAT. I REALLY ENJOYED IT VERY, VERY MUCH."

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SHOUTED "WE WON IT " AND WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS ALL GAVE THUMBS UP IN JUBILATION.

NESSEN, CALLING IT "A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY FOR THE PRESIDENT," SAID FORD "CAME ACROSS AS BEING IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION AND IN CONTROL."

BUT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS SAID THE DEBATE "WAS A GOOD NIGHT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND A GREAT NIGHT FOR JIMMY CARTER."

STRAUSS SAID HE BELIEVED EACH CANDIDATE "DID WELL" BUT THAT HE WOULD "SCORE ONE CLEARLY FOR GOVERNOR CARTER" ON THE BASIS OF CARTER'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES.

THE CAMPAIGN TEAMS OF EACH CANDIDATE WERE EQUALLY EXUBERANT, EVEN GOING SO FAR AS TO USE ALMOST THE SAME LANGUAGE IN THEIR PRAISE.

FORD'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, JAMES BAKER, SAID HE THOUGHT FORD "DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. HE WAS IN COMMAND OF THE FACTS, DECISIVE. HE WAS SPECIFIC."

CARTER PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL SAID CARTER WAS "VERY IMPRESSIVE AND CLEARLY IN COMMAND OF THE FACTS.

"HE HAD A CLEAR ADVANTAGE," POWELL SAID, "IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUES. HE SHOWED A TREMENDOUS COMMAND OF THE SPECIFICS, THE DETAILS ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

HAMILTON JORDAN, CARTER'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, SAID HE THOUGHT CARTER OVERCAME SOME EARLY JITTERS.

"I THOUGHT JIMMY WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS AT FIRST, STARTED A LITTLE SLOW, BUT 10 OR 15 MINUTES INTO THE DEBATE I FELT HE TOOK A COMMAND OF THE DEBATE AND HAD COMMAND WHEN THE POWER FAILURE OCCURED," SAID JORDAN.

EACH MAN ALSO GARNERED SOME EXPECTED PRAISE FROM SENATORS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

SEN. HOWARD BAKER, R-TENN., SAID "PRESIDENT FORD APPEARED CALM AND CONFIDENT. HE DEMONSTRATED GREAT DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND WAS PRECISE IN HIS ANSWERS. I THINK HE EASILY DOMINATED THE DEBATE."

SEN. HARRISON WILLIAMS, D-N.J., SAID HE "FELT MOST STRONGLY THAT GOVERNOR CARTER CAME ON WITH THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP THAT THIS NATION HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. HE WAS KNOWLEDGABLE, PRECISE, AND CONFIDENT IN HIS WHOLE RESPONSE TO THE BASIC ISSUE OF A STAGNANT ECONOMY WITH TRAGIC UNEMPLOYMENT."

THE ONLY STRONG CRITICISM CAME FROM SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER, R-ARIZ., WHO ATTACKED CARTER, SAYING THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S STATEMENTS "SHOWED SUCH A FRIGHTENING IGNORANCE OF GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY. HE WOULD MAKE A DANGEROUS PRESIDENT."

BUT CARTER'S WIFE ROSALYNN WAS JUBILANT.

"I JUST THOUGHT HE WAS SO GREAT I KNEW HE WOULD BE."

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AM-DEBATE-LEADERSHIP 2TAKES 9-23''

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER CLASHED THURSDAY NIGHT OVER GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP -- FORD BLAMING CONGRESS FOR ANTI-WASHINGTON FEELING IN THE NATION, AND CARTER SAYING THE PRESIDENT'S ONLY ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS PREVENTING ANOTHER WATERGATE.

FORD WAS ASKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT CBS NEWSMAN DANIEL SCHORR NEARLY GOT CITED FOR CONTEMPT FOR NOT COOPERATING WITH THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, WHILE THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE FAILED TO MOVE AGAINST A U.S. SENATOR (APPARENTLY HUGH SCOTT, R-PA.) ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ILLEGAL CORPORATE FUNDS FOR YEARS.

FORD SAID THERE IS AN "ANTI-WASHINGTON FEELING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY," BUT "THE FOCUS SHOULD BE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE (DEMOCRATIC) MAJORITY WITHIN THE CONGRESS."

HE SAID CONGRESS IS SPENDING MORE AND MORE ON ITSELF AND THE NEXT CONGRESS WILL BE "THE FIRST BILLION-DOLLAR CONGRESS." HE SAID REPUBLICANS COULD TAKE OVER THE HOUSE AFTER NOVEMBER, BUT BECAUSE OF "OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES," THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO VOTE REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT.

"FORTUNATELY," THE PRESIDENT SAID, "WE HAVE HAD A REPUBLICAN TO CHECK THEIR EXCESSES WITH MY VETOES."

WHEN HIS TURN CAME, CARTER SAID: "IT'S NOT A MATTER OF DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN -- IT'S A MATTER OF LEADERSHIP."

HE SAID PRESIDENTS NIXON AND EISENHOWER GOT ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THEIR LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESSES DOMINATED BY DEMOCRATS, WHILE FORD'S FIGURE IS 26 PER CENT "OF ALL THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS HE PUTS FORTH."

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AM-DEBATE 2NDLD-12THADD (RUNNING) XXX A287 9-23''
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AFTER THE 27-MINUTE DELAY, CARTER IN HIS SUMMATION SOUNDED HIS CAMPAIGN THEME OF REUNITING THE COUNTRY -- NEVER MENTIONING FORD.

"WE HAVEN'T HAD LEADERSHIP IN THIS ADMINISTRATION," CARTER SAID. "WE HAVE A STALEMATE ... A LOSS OF VISION.

"THIS ISN'T THE AMERICA OF THE PAST, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE AMERICA OF THE FUTURE."

CARTER, SPEAKING IN HIS SOFT, SOUTHERN DRAWL, DECLARED THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD "ONCE AGAIN HAVE A GOVERNMENT AS GOOD AS OUR PEOPLE."

"IT'S A TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND AND TO COOPERATE WITH OUR PEOPLE," HE SAID. "SO MANY TIMES OUR AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED, SOMETIMES MISLED, SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN LIED TO. THIS IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSE OF OUR NATION."

"I OWE THE SPECIAL INTERESTS NOTHING," HE SAID. "I OWE EVERYTHING TO YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY."

FORD RETORTED BY SAYING "ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IS TRUST."

"THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR HIS PROMISES OR MY PERFORMANCE IN TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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AM-DEBATE-LEADERSHIP 1STADD A313 9-23''''

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"THIS IS GOVERNMENT BY STALEMATE, AND WE HAVE SEEN A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT WHO REPRESENTS THIS COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS WHO COLLECTIVELY ALSO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY," SAID CARTER.

"WE VE HAD REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE TRIED TO RUN AGAINST THE CONGRESS. I DON T THINK IT S THE CONGRESS THAT S MR. FORD S OPPONENT. BUT IF HE INSISTS I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, OF WHICH I WAS NOT A PART, THEN I THINK HE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, OF WHICH HE WAS A PART, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

"THAT, I THINK, IS A GOOD BALANCE.

"BUT THE POINT IS THAT A PRESIDENT OUGHT TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY. MR. FORD, SO FAR AS I KNOW, EXCEPT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER WATERGATE, HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE, SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY, AND THERE S BEEN A CONSTANT SQUABBLING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS, AND THAT S NOT THE WAY THIS COUNTRY OUGHT TO BE RUN."

CARTER SAID "WE HAVE NEVER HAD A PRESIDENT SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES WHO HAS VETOED SO MANY BILLS AS FORD."

FORD RESPONDED THAT "THE GOVERNOR HAS ... PLAYED A LITTLE FAST AND LOOSE" WITH THAT REMARK. HE SAID PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VETOED AN AVERAGE 55 BILLS A YEAR, AND HARRY TRUMAN AN AVERAGE 38, AND "CARTER WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA VETOED 35 TO 40 BILLS A YEAR. MY AVERAGE IN TWO YEARS IS 26."

FORD SAID CONGRESS HAS SUSTAINED 42 OF HIS VETOES -- WHICH AT ANOTHER POINT HE SAID HAD TOTALED 56 DURING HIS TWO YEARS IN OFFICE -- AND THIS SAVED \$9 BILLION FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

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AM-DEBATE 2NDLD-11THADD (RUNNING) A287 9-23''''

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FORD REPLIED TO CARTER S CHARGE THAT "WE HAVE NEVER HAD A PRESIDENT SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES WHO VETOED SO MANY BILLS AS FORD."

"THE GOVERNOR HAS ... PLAYED A LITTLE FAST AND LOOSE" WITH HIS REMARK ABOUT THE VETOES, FORD SAID.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VETOED AN AVERAGE 55 BILLS A YEAR AND HARRY TRUMAN AN AVERAGE 38, AND "CARTER WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA VETOED 35 TO 40 BILLS A YEAR. MY AVERAGE IN TWO YEARS IS 26," FORD SAID.

JUST BEFORE THE AUDIO FEED FAILED ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE DEBATES WERE SUPPOSED TO END, FORD WAS ASKED WHETHER HE THINKS THERE IS ANY NEED FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO KEEP U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN LINE.

"I AM THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN 30 YEARS WHO HAS REORGANIZED THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES," FORD REPLIED, NOTING THAT HIS REFORMS ALL HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY EXECUTIVE ORDER RATHER THAN LEGISLATION.

"I THINK WE TIGHTENED THEM (THE AGENCIES) UP, STRAIGHTENED OUT THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD DEVELOPED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS."

FORD SAID HE SUCH INTELLIGENCE BODIES AS THE CIA, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE FBI AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY NOW ARE DOING A GOOD JOB UNDER GOOD LEADERS AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE SINGLE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION HE HAS MADE -- AUTHORITY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ORDER WIRETAPS -- HAS NOT BEEN ACTED ON BY CONGRESS. THUS, HE SAID, CONGRESS IMPOSED THE REQUIREMENT FOR EXECUTIVE RATHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN EVEN THAT AREA.

CARTER HAD JUST STARTED HIS REPLY, SAYING "ONE OF THE SERIOUS THINGS" OF THE PAST FEW YEARS WAS THE PUBLIC "BREAKDOWN IN TRUST" IN GOVERNMENT, WHEN THE AUDIO FEED FAILED.

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AM-DEBATE-AUDIO 1STADD A307 9-23''''

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TELEPHONE COMPANY SAID THE AUDIO SIGNAL WAS LOST IN A POOL CONTROL TRUCK PARKED OUTSIDE THE WALNUT STREET THEATER.

WHEN THE SIGNAL WAS RESTORED, MODERATOR EDWIN NEWMAN SAID THE DEBATE WAS STOPPED FOR 27 MINUTES BUT THE "FAULT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH" AND THE SPONSORS DECIDED TO LET CARTER CONCLUDE HIS RESPONSE TO "WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST QUESTION ... ONE DEALING WITH CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES."

HE THANKED CARTER AND FORD "FOR BEING SO PATIENT" BUT HIS EXPLANATION OF WHAT CAUSED THE LOSS OF SOUND COULD NOT BE HEARD.

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BY HELEN THOMAS

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER TRADED BARBS AND ACCUSATIONS OF INSENSITIVITY, DOUBLE-TALK AND INCOMPETENT LEADERSHIP THURSDAY NIGHT IN THEIR FIRST, SURPRISINGLY HARD-HITTING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE.

BREAKING NO NEW GROUND IN THEIR REPUBLICAN VS. DEMOCRAT STAND ON THE ISSUES, FORD AND CARTER STOOD AT PODIUMS SEVEN FEET APART ON THE OLD WALNUT STREET THEATER STAGE AND CAME ON STRONG OVER SUCH ISSUES AS CARTER'S TAX PROPOSALS, FORD'S VETOES, THE NIXON PARDON, UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY.

AS THE DEBATE MOVED ON -- PAST THE SCHEDULED 90 MINUTE POINT BECAUSE OF A BREAKDOWN IN TELEVISION SOUND -- THE TWO MEN CLEARLY BEGAN SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO EACH OTHER IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS OF A PANEL OF JOURNALISTS. THE CLASH TOOK ON NATURE OF A REAL, OLD-FASHIONED, ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE.

AN ESTIMATED 100 MILLION AMERICANS, WATCHING FOR THE SIGNS OF SURE-FOOTED PERFORMANCE UNDER PRESSURE THAT MIGHT INDICATE THE BETTER POTENTIAL PRESIDENT, VIEWED THE FIRST SUCH TELEVISED PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE SINCE THE NIXON-KENNEDY CLASHES OF 1960.

FORD GRABBED THE INITIATIVE WITH HIS VERY FIRST CHANCE TO SPEAK, ACCUSING CARTER OF SHIFTING POSITIONS IN HIS OPENING COMMENT ON SOLVING UNEMPLOYMENT.

THEREAFTER THE TWO MEN LOST NO CHANCE TO TRADE PERSONAL SHOTS, FORD ACCUSING CARTER OF INCONSISTENT POSITIONS, INEXPERIENCED VIEWS AND "PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE FACTS," WHILE CARTER ACCUSED HIM OF "INSENSITIVITY" TO THE PLIGHT OF THE UNEMPLOYED, SHIFTING POSITIONS HIMSELF AND EXCEPT FOR PREVENTING ANOTHER WATERGATE, ACCOMPLISHING NOT "ONE SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM FOR THIS COUNTRY."

THEIR SUMMATIONS, DELIVERED ONLY AFTER THE MYSTERIOUS SOUND INTERRUPTION DELAYED PROCEEDINGS, CONTINUED THAT FLAVOR.

CARTER, SPEAKING FIRST, SAID: "WE HAVEN'T HAD LEADERSHIP IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. WE HAVE A STALEMATE ... A LOSS OF VISION."

FORD STATED: "ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IS TRUST. THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR HIS PROMISES OR MY PERFORMANCE IN TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES CLAIMED "VICTORY" IMMEDIATELY.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID, "I THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT CAME ACROSS AS BEING IN COMMAND OF THE SITUATION."

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS SAID, "I THOUGHT GOV. CARTER CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED JUST WHAT HE WANTED TO -- THAT HE IS DEFINITELY IN COMMAND OF THE ISSUES."

THE VOTERS WOULD DECIDE WHO WAS RIGHT AND SUCH POLLSTERS AS THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION PLANNED TO SURVEY QUICKLY FOR THEIR VERDICT. SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, JOHN KENNEDY EASILY DEFEATED RICHARD NIXON IN SIMILAR SURVEYS AFTER THEIR FIRST DEBATE AND GRABBED THE LEAD IN PRESIDENTIAL POLLS SOON AFTER.

IN THE FIRST SUCH SURVEY, RELEASED ONLY MINUTES AFTER THE DEBATES ENDED, THE ROPER ORGANIZATION POLLED 600 PERSONS NATIONWIDE AND FOUND 39 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT FORD DID BETTER, 31 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT CARTER DID BETTER, AND 30 PER CENT WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A DRAW.

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AM-MONETARY 9-23''''

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER SAID THURSDAY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT TO GUARANTEE THE INTEGRITY OF NATIONAL MONETARY POLICY.

BUT CARTER SAID THE CENTRAL BANK CHAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE A TERM THAT RUNS CONCURRENT WITH THAT OF THE PRESIDENT. FORD SAID HE FAVORED THE PRESENT 14-YEAR TERM THAT FREES THE CHAIRMAN FROM DEPENDENCE ON ANY PARTICULAR ADMINISTRATION.

FORD SAID THE ECONOMY IS RECOVERING BECAUSE FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN ARTHUR BURNS HAS SET A 7 TO 7.5 PER CENT GROWTH IN THE MONEY SUPPLY, AND MAINTAINED IT WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION.

FIRMER WHITE HOUSE CONTROL MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCED THAT GROWTH RATE, FORD SAID.

CARTER SAID A FOUR-YEAR TERM WOULD NOT AFFECT MONETARY POLICY.

NEITHER CANDIDATE OFFERED ANY REASONS FOR HIS BELIEFS, DURING THEIR INITIAL DEBATE, BUT THEY AGREED THE FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF POLITICAL PRESSURES FROM EITHER THE WHITE HOUSE OR CONGRESS.

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FORD-LOBBYIST

A SPOKESMAN FOR U-S STEEL CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING THE FIRMS ENTERTAINMENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD, AT COMPANY-OWNED FACILITIES. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DECLINED COMMENT ON REPORTS OF THEN-CONGRESSMAN FORDS TRIPS WITH U-S STEEL LOBBYIST WILLIAM WHYTE.

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WHYTE SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT HE AND FORD HAVE BEEN CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. WHYTE SAID FORD WAS HIS PERSONAL GUEST AT U-S STEEL ACCOMMODATIONS ON FIVE OCCASIONS OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS, OR SO.

A U-S STEEL SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FIRM PAID ANY TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FORD. BUT HE SAID THE FIRM PAID FOR FORDS LODGING IN ALL FIVE INSTANCES.

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(FORD-CARTER DEBATES)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER, TUNED UP LIKE BOXERS AWAITING THE BELL, CHECKED OUT VITAL LITTLE DETAILS OF IMAGE AND PREPARATION TODAY IN EDGY READINESS FOR THEIR FIRST 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DEBATE.

CARTER FLEW INTO PHILADELPHIA NEARLY THREE HOURS AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE 9:30 P.M. EDT DEBATE ON DOMESTIC AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, A SPECTACLE THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE ELECTION AS MUCH AS ANY SINGLE CAMPAIGN EVENT.

A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 100 MILLION -- MANY OF THEM UNCOMMITTED VOTERS -- WAS EXPECTED TO BE WATCHING THE 90-MINUTE SHOWDOWN AND LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER TO ONE SIMPLE QUESTION: WHICH OF THESE MEN IS BETTER QUALIFIED, IN COMPETENCE AND CHARACTER AND GRACE UNDER PRESSURE, TO BE PRESIDENT?. WHO, IF EITHER, IS THE WINNER?

BEYOND THAT WERE THE BASIC QUESTIONS EACH MAN KNEW HE MUST ANSWER BY STYLE AND MANNER: IS CARTER REALLY "FUZZY" ON THE ISSUES; IS HE A HIP-SHOOTER WHO SPEAKS TOO FRANKLY ON TOUCHY TOPICS LIKE SEX? IS FORD A BOLD, DECISIVE MAN OF TRUE PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER; A REAL LEADER OR AN ACCIDENTAL ONE?

ON THE EVE OF ROUND ONE -- TWO MORE PRESIDENTIAL AND ONE VICE PRESIDENTIAL FOLLOW IN OCTOBER -- FORDS AIDES DESCRIBED HIM AS "EAGER AND ANXIOUS" TO HAVE AT CARTER, WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES SPOKESMEN SAID HE WOULD TAKE A "LOW KEY" APPROACH IN ATTACKING FORD ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.

BEFORE THEY MET UNDER GLARING TELEVISION LIGHTS ON THE NEARLY BARE STAGE OF THE OLD WALNUT THEATER, EACH MAN GRABBED SOME REST, DID SOME LAST-MINUTE STUDYING AND CAREFULLY CHECKED OUT THE STAGE SETTING TO MAKE SURE EVERY COSMETIC ADVANTAGE HE SOUGHT WAS PROVIDED FOR.

BOTH SET ASIDE SMALL SLICES OF AFTERNOON TIME TO VISIT THE THEATER AND CHECK OUT THE MICROPHONES, LIGHTING AND PODIUMS -- EACH ONE REPORTEDLY SET AT THE BODY HEIGHT CONSIDERED MOST FLATTERING BY EACH CANDIDATE.

AIDES TO BOTH KNEW WELL THAT RICHARD NIXON MADE NO SUCH CHECK BEFORE HIS FIRST 1960 DEBATE WITH JOHN KENNEDY, AND, FAIRLY OR UNFAIRLY, PAID DEARLY IN A CONTEST WHERE SUCH THINGS AS THE WRONG KIND OF PANCAKE MAKEUP COUNTED HEAVILY. KENNEDY WAS JUDGED THE WINNER IN TWO MAJOR MORNING AFTER TV AUDIENCE SURVEY AND PASSED NIXON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NEXT GALLUP POLL.

FORD SPENT MUCH OF THE DAY RELAXING AND REHEARSING HIS ANSWERS TO ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS IN BARCLAY HOUSE, AN 18TH CENTURY PRIVATE HOME. CARTER HOLED UP MUCH OF THE DAY IN HIS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL LODGINGS. BOTH MEN PLANNED TO ATTEND PARTY RALLIES IN TOWN AFTER THE DEBATE.

ALTHOUGH THIS CLASH WAS TECHNICALLY AN ARGUMENT OVER DOMESTIC POLICY ISSUES, IMPRESSIONS OF POISE AND CHARACTER ON THE KENNEDY-NIXON PRECEDENT SEEMED AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT, AND SO, PERHAPS, DID THE PERSONAL BOMBSHELL QUESTIONS EACH MAN MIGHT FACE.

CARTER RODE TWO EMBARRASSING CONTROVERSIES INTO THE DEBATE: HIS SUGGESTION HE MIGHT RAISE INCOME TAXES FOR EVERYONE ABOVE THE MEDIAN LEVEL AND THE PLAYBOY INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD COMMITTED "ADULTERY IN MY HEART" MANY TIMES.

FORD FACED THE POSSIBILITY OF TOUCHY QUESTIONS, TOO. MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS SAY THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR HAS SUBPOENAED GOP CAMPAIGN SPENDING RECORDS FROM HIS OLD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE OBJECTIVE OF THAT INVESTIGATION WAS UNKNOWN.

AS IN THE NIXON-KENNEDY DEBATES, THE CANDIDATES WERE FIELDING QUESTIONS FROM A PANEL OF REPORTERS ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS.

THE THREE JOURNALISTS THIS TIME WERE FRANK REYNOLDS OF ABC NEWS, ELIZABETH DREW OF NEW YORKER MAGAZINE AND JAMES GANNON OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, DIRECTED BY MODERATOR EDWIN NEWMAN OF NBC.

A COIN TOSS WEDNESDAY DECIDED CARTER WOULD GET THE FIRST QUESTION. HE AND FORD HAD THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER EACH ORIGINAL QUERY AND TWO FOR THE FOLLOWUP QUESTION ALLOWED EACH REPORTER. THE OTHER CANDIDATE THEN HAD TWO MINUTES TO COMMENT.

AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 500 PERSONS, DIVIDED ROUGHLY BETWEEN REPORTERS AND GUESTS OF THE SPONSORING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, WAS ALLOWED TO OCCUPY THE DISTANT BALCONY AND MEZZANINE SEATS.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS SAID SECURITY MEN WOULD SEARCH EVERY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE AND CONFISCATE CAMERAS. THE GUESTS WERE ADVISED "TO SIT AS ORDERLY AS POSSIBLE" AND KEEP THEIR REACTIONS TO THEMSELVES.

POLICE CORDONED OFF THE THEATER FOR ONE BLOCK ON THREE SIDES BUT ALLOWED DEMONSTRATORS ACCESS TO THE FOURTH SIDE. AT LEAST 16 GROUPS PROTESTING ONE ISSUE OR ANOTHER PLANNED TO PICKET.

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(WHYTES SON)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ROGER WHYTE, SON OF THE U.S. STEEL LOBBYIST CONNECTED WITH THE EXPENSE-PAID OUTINGS PRESIDENT FORD TOOK AS A CONGRESSMAN, HAS WORKED SINCE LAST YEAR AS A POLITICAL ADVANCE MAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER.

A ROCKEFELLER SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY WHYTE, 24, GOT THE JOB AFTER DOING THE SAME KIND OF WORK FOR THE WHITE HOUSE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT HIRED HIM IN FEBRUARY, 1975, AT A SALARY OF BETWEEN \$16,000 AND \$20,000 A YEAR.

WILLIAM WHYTE, ROGERS FATHER, SAID EARLIER TODAY THAT U.S. STEEL PAID FOR FIVE BRIEF VACATIONS FORD TOOK BETWEEN 1964 AND 1973, INCLUDING THREE TRIPS THAT THE LOBBYIST AND FORD TOOK TOGETHER TO PLAY GOLF IN NEW JERSEY.

ROCKEFELLERS SPOKESMAN, JOHN MULLIKEN, SAID THE VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED HELP IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS POLITICAL APPEARANCES AND WHYTE WAS HIRED TO DO THAT.

"THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS LOOKING FOR ADVANCE MEN WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AND HERE WAS A GUY WHO HAD THE BACKGROUND AND WANTED TO DO IT FOR PAY INSTEAD OF AS A VOLUNTEER," MULLIKEN SAID.

HE SAID WHYTE HAS DONE HIS JOB "VERY WELL" AND "WORKS LIKE A SLAVE".

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