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HAK Ends Africa Mission, Ford Makes Statement

Secretary Kissinger wound up his African peace shuttle Friday with a warning to the Soviet Union not to meddle in the racial turmoil of Southern Africa.

Concluding the 12-day mission, Kissinger said, before leaving for Washington, "We believe that it should be in the interests of all countries to promote peace in Southern Africa. And we would hope that the Soviet Union would not, for the sake of ideology or great-power rivalry, try to introduce an element of contention which must, above all, hurt the peoples of southern Africa and destroy any opportunity for peace." (AP)

Travelling back to Washington, Kissinger heard excerpts of Ian Smith's speech announcing the transition of power to the black majority in Rhodesia within two years.

Smith said the time for white majority rule has run out. He emphasized the transition is not what white Rhodesians would like but pressure from the United States and South Africa left them no choice.

Upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Kissinger told reporters. "We have made encouraging progress. We believe there is now a good opportunity for settling the issues of Rhodesia and making progress toward negotiations on Namibia." (NBC)

Barrie Dunsmore commented, "Kissinger is believed to feel it is important to move quickly now. He fears that if things drag on, the Soviets would be tempted to back one of the more radical groups. For its part, the US does not want to get involved with any of the factions. That's what happened in Angola and preventing a new Angola was one of the main objectives of his shuttle." (ABC)

President Ford met with Kissinger Friday afternoon and later told reporters, "The road is now open for an African solution to African problem, free of outside intervention, violence and bitterness. This has been the objective of the United States and the purpose of the skillful and energetic diplomacy we have pursued. We call on other nations to support, not impede the African search for a peaceful settlement." (CBS, NBC)

Richard Valeriani said Kissinger insists he did not threaten Smith or put any really heavy pressure on him.

President Ford thanked both British Prime Minister Callaghan and Prime Minister Vorster of South Africa for their roles, but he never mentioned Kissinger in his formal statement, Robert Pierpoint reporter. (CBS)

"The President did invite Kissinger to the Oval Office for a briefing, but Mr. Ford's use of the imperial "we" throughout his statement was a clear reminder that the next debate with Carter is on foreign policy and the first Ford moves have been made," Pierpoint said. -- AP WDT. 1977

Soviets widen 'disarm' proposals

By David K. Willis

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

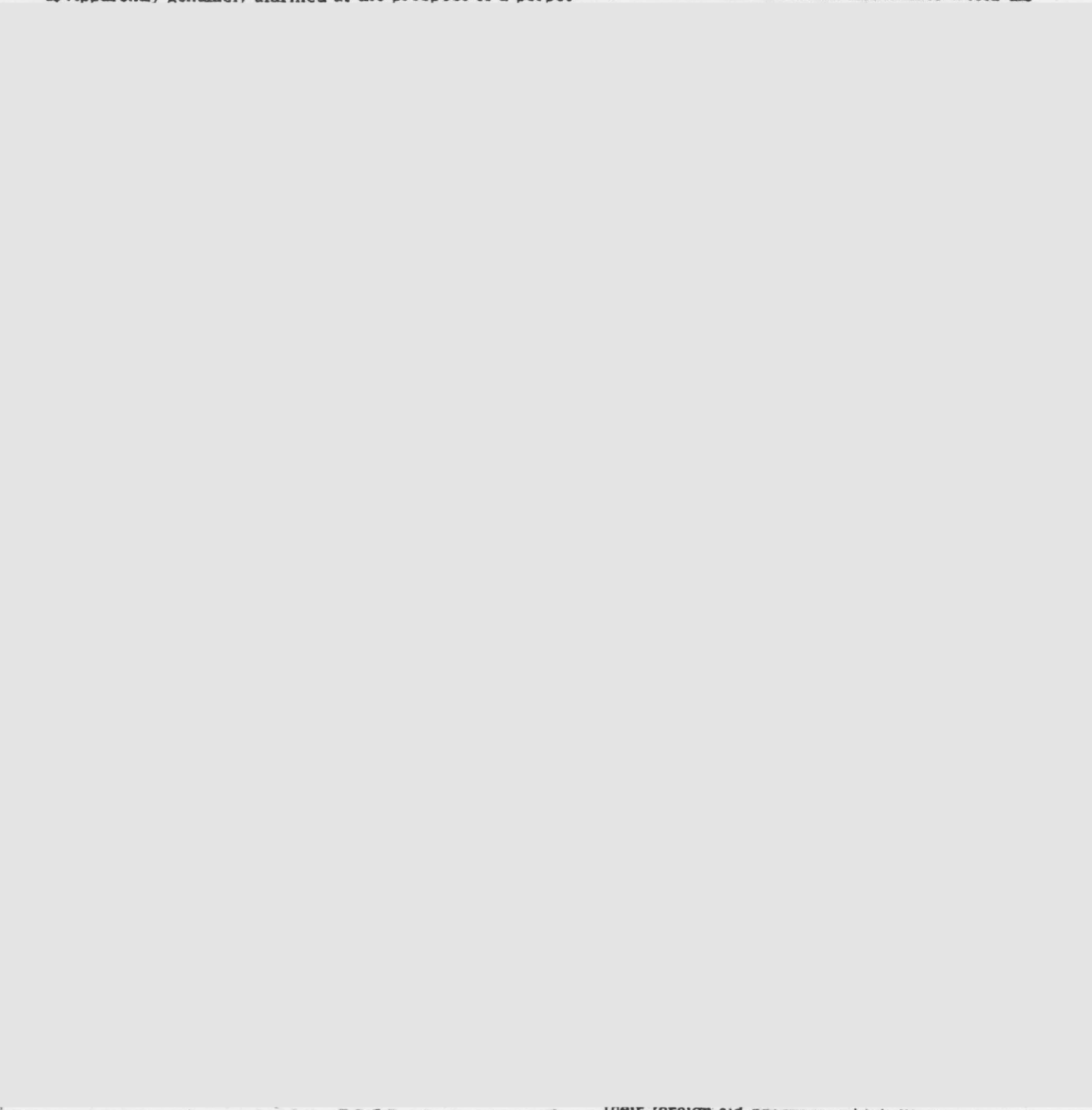
Moscow

The Soviet Union is following a careful, three-pronged strategy in the corridors of the United Nations as the current General Assembly session unfolds:

Apparently genuinely alarmed at the prospect of a perpet-

Washington thinks Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev himself is promoting the treaty on mass-destruction weapons, but the United States objects to generalities that might interfere with specific current negotiations on other issues.

Moscow also wants an immediate world dis-



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their foreign-aid program, which Western analysts see as limited, political in aim, and hard-nosed.

"The President did invite Kissinger to the Oval Office for a briefing, but Mr. ... Carter is on foreign policy and the first Ford moves have been made," Pierpoint said.

Changes Needed in Debate Format

Roger Mudd and Eric Sevareid agreed Friday the first Ford-Carter debate was dull, and changes must be made in the debate format to enliven the following confrontations.

Roger Mudd said both President Ford and Jimmy Carter were "over-trained, over-prepared, force-fed, and therefore, they were flat and dull.

"The rules and the arrangements left no room for spontaneity. The only non-scheduled occurrence came as Gov. Carter was talking about a breakdown in trust among our people. Thereupon there was a breakdown among the audio systems, and the sudden silence probably woke up a lot of voters."

To enliven the format in future debates, Mudd said both sides are considering eliminating the middle follow-up Q&A.

Eric Sevareid said that the length of the time segment for statements or rebuttal be increased, and that the number of reporters be reduced to two. In that way, he argued the quality of the debates would be improved.

Sevareid also said that the candidates should be permitted to set the tone of the debates by making opening statements instead of responding to reporters' questions. --CBS (9/24/76)

Major Newspapers Give Mixed Reactions

In an NBC special report, the views of the newspapers in Atlanta, Chicago and Washington were reported.

Mike Jackson, in Chicago, said one newspaper said Ford had done better than Carter in the debates but two other newspapers said neither candidate was really the winner. Polls of voters were equally ambiguous. One Chicago alderman polled the voters in his ward and found 70 per cent of them felt Ford had won. Another survey, done by a newspaper, said Carter had done well enough to win the support of a number of previously undecided voters concluding Carter and Ford were about equal.

In Atlanta, Fred Francis reported the Atlanta Constitution felt both candidates may have won the debates. The paper said Carter's problem was to show that he is not fuzzy on the issues and Ford's was to show that he is intelligent. The Constitution said both candidates made some headway toward those difficulties. Other Southern newspapers were not impressed. The Montgomery Advertiser said Ford didn't knock over the podium and Carter kept his teeth under control. The Columbia South Carolina Record called the debate a crashing bore.

John Cochran in Washington said it all depended on which newspaper was read to determine who was the winner. The Washington Post seemed to give the nod to President Ford on the basis of the Roper Poll. The Washington Star, however, in their poll, gave Carter a 3 point edge. The Star also reported Carter won because Ford was put on the defensive and that none of the panelists was mean enough to question Carter on his interview in Playboy.

-- NBC -- (9/24/76)

neither man a loser

It was close. Neither man emerged a clear winner. Neither committed a fatal blunder.

President Ford seemed to have the

fiscal records of the Ford and Nixon administration. Ford scored when his target was the Democratic congress.

By David Wilson

testants is the President. Carter scored with his attack on the economic and

David Wilson is a Globe columnist.

Great debate boring, but points were there

The great debate last night did not really get off the ground until it was

As Carter's confidence mounted it was visible in his style; he smiled occa-

Carole Surkin

Boston Globe, 9/24/76

but who was listening?

It might have been the first time in the history of American television that millions of viewers prayed for the chance to see a Charmin commercial. Al-

have saved us from an endless assault of statistics, percentages and the assurance that things would be terrific with either guy in the Oval Office come next. Janu-

Mike
Barnicle

Ho hum, it was dull, but Carter had an edge

I thought the long-awaited confrontation between President Gerald Ford and Democratic presidential

well for him just as did the President's tough assessment of the former Georgia governor's stewardship during his

by David
Farrell

Carter's strong attacks on the Ford Administration as a "travesty" scored

David Farrell is a Globe columnist.

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The First Debate: Not Exactly a Winner

Anyone who tuned in the first presidential debate expecting a flash of revelation on how to vote Nov. 2 must have been disappointed last night. The event was

ten. Second, give the interrogators from the media further opportunity to challenge the facts and figures recited so patly by the candidates.

Newsday, 9/24/76

tion he served as vice president.

By Thomas Oliphant
Globe Staff

The economy.

Except for the way each candidate looked and sounded, it was the issue that dominated last night's debate between Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, and the is-

economy for general tax reductions. People, he thinks, spend money more wisely than government.

Carter was the cautious liberal, lashing at Ford as another Republican insensitive to the unemployed, and insisting that government can act to reduce it by the

"evanescent as the morning clouds over San Clemente."

What's coming, the President warned explicitly last night, is a whopping increase in Federal spending that Carter, much less the Democratic-controlled Congress, will not be able to control. The end result, in

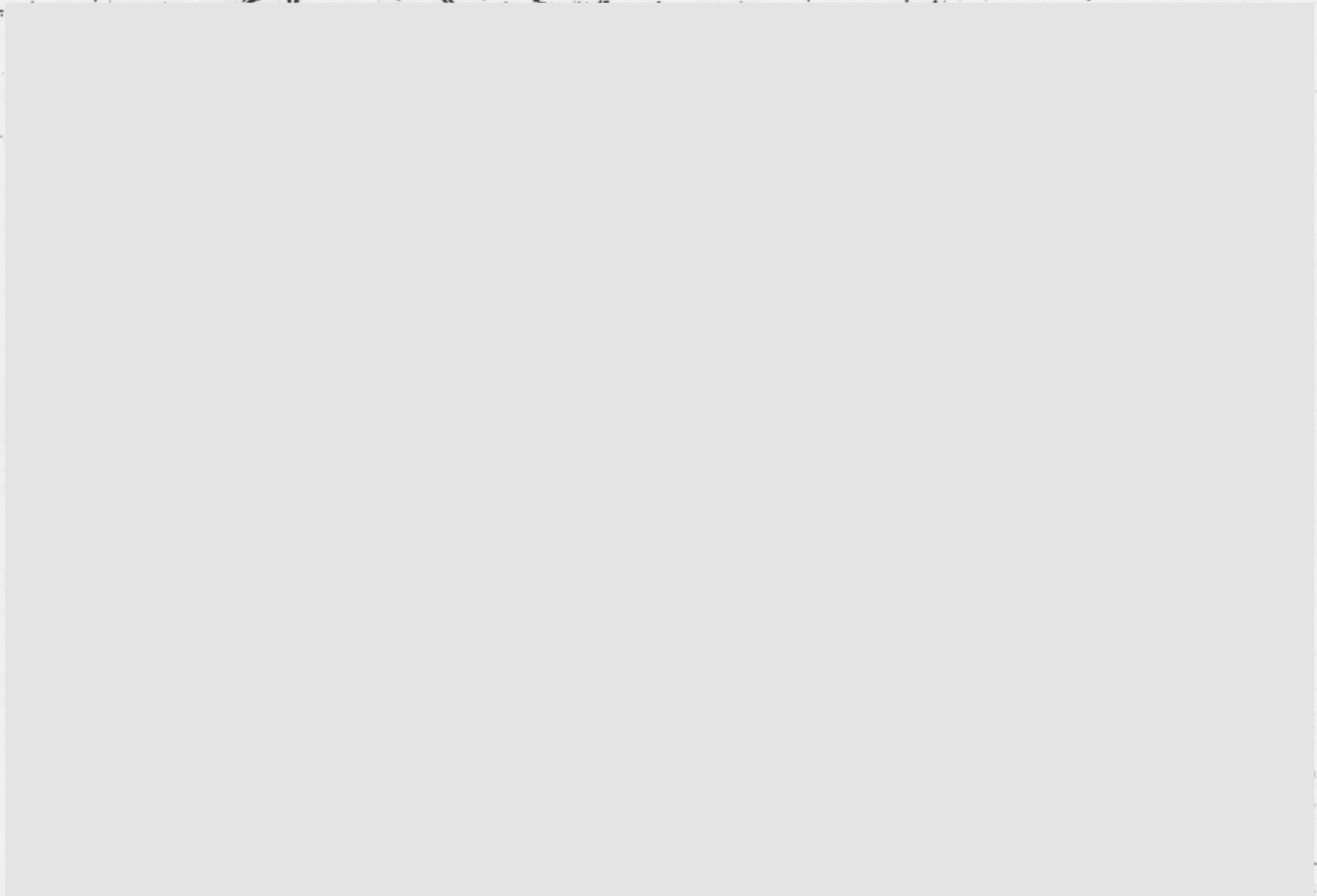
Philadelphia—Jimmy Carter started nervously and timidly and finished strong. Gerald Ford started fast and aggressive and tailed off slightly.

Last night's historic meeting of the presidential candidates of 1976 was a debate that had no de-

administrative assistant, Greg Schneiders, agreed that Carter had started out "nervously." But the Carter men went on to say that, as they saw it, Ford came off as "a wooden" and "ineffective."

And Carter himself said: "On the very first question I was sweating slightly but it was a tough

Homework



Ford plays a resilient, and wins Round One

By Robert Healy
Globe Staff

PHILADELPHIA — President Ford hoped to project an image of being presidential and in command. He did.

And in the bargain, he aggressively destroyed in debate some of Jimmy

id when Carter criticized Ford for cruelty to people use of the veto, Ford countered by saying that Franklin Roosevelt's average was 55 vetoes a year and Harry Truman's 38, and that Carter, as governor of Georgia, had an average of 35-40 a year. Carter appeared vague again on his tax program, specifically on how he would balance the budget, produce a tax cut and lower unemployment. The President, as the man in charge of government, rattled off facts and figures.

In the wrap up, Carter reverted to the speeches he has been making on the stump — that it was a time for unity, with a President and a Congress of the same party working together, that the nation had an inner strength and that he

Ford Courts Ethnic Vote

President Ford, described as "upbeat" after his first debate with Jimmy Carter, courted votes among Polish and Italian Americans Friday, promising to defend the concept of ethnic neighborhoods.

The President addressed the Polish American Congress, and shook hands with thousands as he walked through Philadelphia's Italian market.

The President received a standing ovation when he told the Polish-American Congress that he will continue to work for a sovereign and independent Poland.

Then defending ethnic neighborhoods, Ford said: "The family needs a neighborhood with local churches, local shops and local schools...Some of the healthiest neighborhoods in our cities are Polish-American neighborhoods." (CBS)

Phil Jones said the President was trying to look like the winner of the debates as he playfully inspected fruits and vegetables in Philadelphia's Italian marketplace.

Earlier in the day, the President told a crowd: "I feel great. How do you feel this morning?" (ABC/NBC)

Bob Jamieson reported that Ford Campaign Director James Baker thought the President summation could have been stronger, but believed that Ford accomplished his goal -- a show of leadership a command of facts and figures befitting the President, and a willingness to put Carter on the defensive. (NBC)

The ABC report, which led the news, included film of the President setting out on his day of campaigning, meeting with Polish-Americans, and inspecting fruit in the Italian market.

Herbert Kaplow did a special ABC wrapup of the debate which included film clip of Ford's attack on Carter's lack of specifics, and Carter's attack on Ford for linking him to a Democratic Congress of which he is not a member.

NBC's report, which ran fourth, showed film of the President leaving the Philadelphia home where he stayed last night, and addressing the Polish Congress. Film was also shown of the President walking through the Italian market, and Jamieson concluded the spot outside the White House.

The CBS story, which ran fourth, included film of the President leaving in the morning, speaking to the Polish-Americans, and walking through the Italian market. —AP,UPI, Networks (9/24/76)

Special Prosecutor, SEC Probe Ford 1972 Campaign Finances
(By Fred Graham, CBS)

Watergate Special Prosecutor Charles Ruff has subpoenaed the financial records of the largest known contributor to President Ford's 1972 campaign, and one of his long-time most consistent contributors--Marine Engineers Union.

The President of this union has been quoted as saying that the Special Prosecutor seems mainly interested in two Republican committees in Gerald Ford's home district. The Special Prosecutor has also subpoenaed these two committees' records.

The Chairman of one committee told CBS that the records included several contributions from the Marine Engineers Union in the \$2,000 range.

The Special Prosecutor normally only investigates only political big wigs, and Ruff refused to discuss why he was looking into two obscure Grand Rapids committees.

However, two former chairmen of Republican committees in Grand Rapids told Robert Schakne Friday that the Special Prosecutors Office is asking specifically about Gerald Ford.

Thomas Bloodgood, who was chairman of the Kent County finance committee in 1969 and 1970, said he was interviewed Friday afternoon by an FBI agent and another federal official. Bloodgood said the main thing they wanted to know was about contributions from the Maritime Union and whether any of the money went back to Ford--whether any cash was given and was it washed and sent back to Ford.

Eliot Seraphin, another former Kent County Finance Chairman, said the FBI asked him Friday if any money was forwarded to Ford from the finance committee. Both men said they told the FBI that no money was diverted to Ford.

The SEC's investigation of Ford involves a disclosure that Congressman Ford was the guest of U.S. Steel on at least five golfing weekends, spent with U.S. Steel's Washington lobbyist William Whyte.

Ron Nessen said Friday the campaign contribution matters were investigated thoroughly when Ford was nominated to be Vice President, and no wrong-doing was found. He said, "We haven't inquired about this investigation, and we don't intend to."

--CBS (9/24/76)

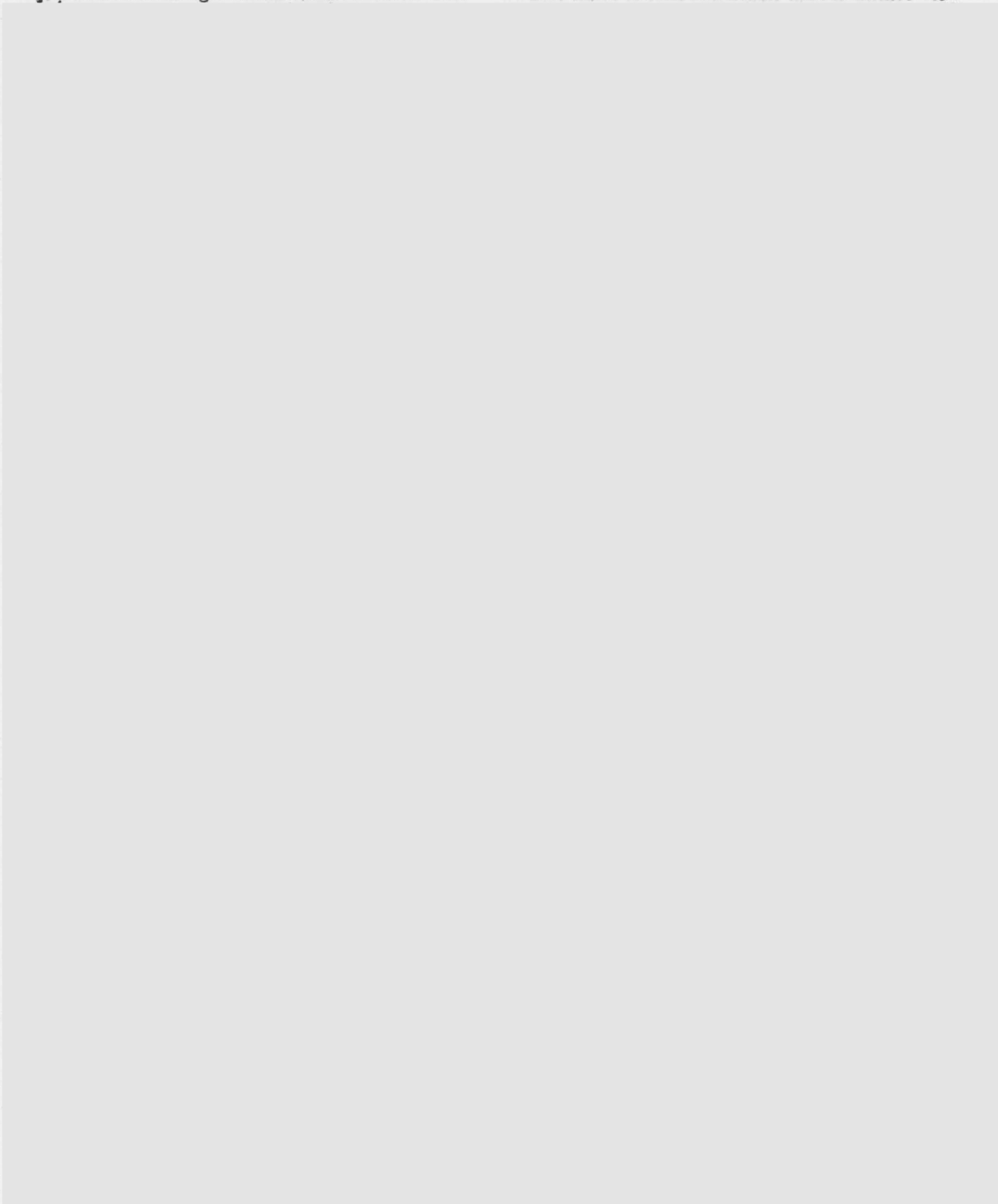
No Reason for Jumping To Conclusions on Ford...

THERE ARE A great many questions raised by the action of the Watergate Special Prosecutor in issuing subpoenas for the records of the Kent County Republican Party back to 1964.

Since that Grand Rapids organization was the funnel through which much of then-Con-

union that represents ships' officers working the Great Lakes, and which made a hefty \$7,500 contribution to Mr. Ford in his 1972 congressional race, would appear on the surface to add even more reason for such conclusion-jumping.

But there is still too much that is unknown



Carter Says Ford Distorted Tax Reform Position

Jimmy Carter Friday claimed that President Ford made a dozen inaccurate statements in their first debate, including a "deliberate distortion" of Carter's position on tax reform.

Carter rated his first debate with Ford a draw, although he conceded that the President showed that "his experience exceeds mine." (AP)

Carter also acknowledged an error of his own, saying he made a mistake for which he is "truly sorry" in linking former President Johnson with Richard Nixon as an example of a chief executive who lies, cheats and distorts the truth. "That was .. an unfortunate juxtaposition of two names," Carter said in reference to an interview in Playboy. "It was a mistake and I have apologized to Mrs. Johnson," Carter added, explaining that he had meant to criticize the late President for the fact that the public was not fully informed about the Vietnam war. (NBC, CBS)

Carter again defended his statements on sex and religion in the Playboy interview, saying he tried "to summarize in frank terms the fact I was a Christian, what the Christian faith meant to me, the fact that if I became President my strict religious beliefs would not cause to be condemn others that might be different from me.. in politics or among those who have committed sexual acts that I myself have not committed." (ABC)

At airport news conferences in Philadelphia and Houston, Carter analyzed the Thursday night debate, saying he was "a little too reticent in being aggressive against the President" at the beginning of their debate. "I didn't know exactly how to deal with the fact that Mr. Ford was President but after the first question I felt we were equal." (NETS)

Carter said the President may have the advantage in the next debate on defense and foreign policy but said he thought he would win the third and final debates. (NBC)

He said, "I think by the end of the three debates, I will win clearly. I think that will only be shown after the election on November 2. I believe that after the first Kennedy-Nixon debate there was only a one per centage point shift." (NBC)

Carter aides believe their candidate bested Ford when he pointed out what they termed administration failures to cut unemployment and inflation through a lack of leadership, but lost some when the President emphasized his governmental experience. They also said the President scored unfairly through what they called his deliberate distortion of Carter's remarks to AP. During his first campaign speech since the debate, Carter did not mention the encounter, but returned to his standard campaign theme of denouncing the President's leadership ability. (CBS)

In response to a question from Sam Donaldson, Carter said he

thought he had checked whatever drift or uncertainty may have existed in his campaign before the debates. "If Carter has still to win the election, there is a feeling in his camp that he is no longer losing it, " Donaldson reported. (ABC)

ABC's story, which ran #2, included film of Carter speaking to reporters in Houston.

NBC's #5 story, following the Ford story, ran :45. Two film segments were shown of Carter speaking. Most of the reports was reported by anchor John Chancellor.

CBS's story, running #6, included film of Carter speaking to reporters at the Houston Airport.

-- PA, UPI. NETS -- (9/24/76)

Jimmy Carter's Project Days

By NEIL MAXWELL

PLAINS, Ga. — The tour bus, Plains' latest attempt to cope with the tourist crush triggered by Jimmy Carter's candidacy, rumbles across the railroad tracks from the carnival that downtown has become,

tionally carried something of a stigma hereabouts.

Less than a year later, the Carters rented a spacious house nearby. Then they built a comfortable home of their own. In 1953, the young family conceivably could

Election Panel Crackdown

BY GRAYSON MITCHELL

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—The Federal Election Commission ordered a crack-down Thursday on the reporting of political campaign expenses and an inquiry into questionable fund-raising practices by the presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter.

To receive federal matching funds for the services, according to the Evening Tribune article, the Carter campaign suggested to the volunteer that he bill the campaign for his services. The campaign then sent the volunteer an unsigned check for \$500.

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THE ISSUE TO END ALL ISSUES

Lust, but Not Least

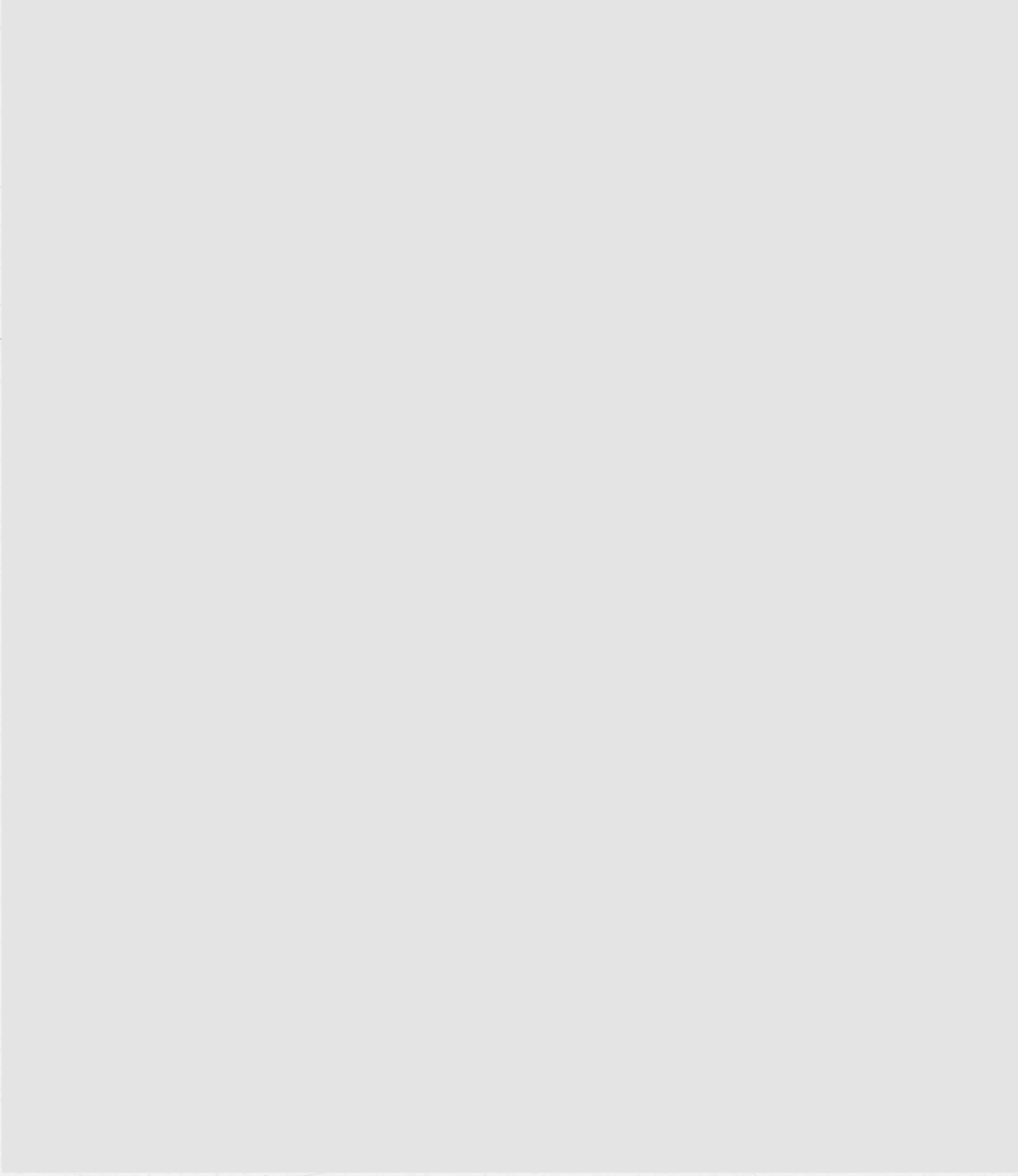
BY ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON—Stop the presses. Pull out the six-inch type: Jimmy Carter has lusted. And more than once.

Who would have thought it? He comes from such a nice family. He seems to have been such a good boy. Even his grade-school teachers would have never supposed that he

the mind of the beholder, rather than the arms of the holder.

I've never really understood sins of thought. They raise so many questions. Is it lust to look? Is it lust to find someone attractive? How attractive is okay? Is it possible to lust after one's own spouse, and is that a sin?



Race Is Close in States That Count

BY LOYE MILLER JR.
Free Press Washington Staff

WASHINGTON — Despite his substantial lead in national polls, Jimmy Carter's margin over President Ford is much narrower in the populous industrial-state belt which is the key battleground of the fall campaign.

Strategists for both Ford and Carter agree that the presidency will probably be won by the candi-

compensates by snaring other states which now seem within Ford's reach.

But for the president to upset Carter, he must virtually sweep the large states across the board.

AS UNLIKELY AS this might seem, it is still far more possible than many people realize simply because polls of both campaigns show the race in the big states to be surprisingly close.

In New York, for instance — a state which the

Tight California Race Could Help Ford

GOP Better Prepared Under New Rulings, Observers Say

BY KENNETH REICH
Times Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO—If the race between President Ford and Jimmy Carter in California is close—and political organization thereby has more of a chance to count decisively in the outcome—Ford may have an edge.

Interviews in recent days with

indications are that the 57% to 36% Democrat-over-Republican registration edge that prevailed earlier in the year will about hold.

A number of the political observers interviewed pointed to an Aug. 31 letter to party committees from the Federal Elections Commission as having perhaps a highly significant effect on the outcome of a close elec-

tion. They have done next to nothing to raise similar funds on the Democratic side.

Attempts over a two-day span to reach Manatt for comment were unavailing.

As it is, there continues to be concern on the Democratic side that the Ford campaign may be better organized than the Carter campaign in California. Adherents of the primary

... registration forms had sparked hopes among Democrats of massive Democratic gains in registration, but apparently these hopes are not being realized in full. Some preliminary in-

... the same time, a number of Democrats complained privately that state Democratic Chairman Charles Manatt and other ranking members of the party's California hierarchy

L.A. Times, 9/24/76

Tax Bill Full Of Weaknesses

Revision, not reform, is the word for the tax bill given final congressional approval by the House Thursday.

The measure does little to change the now standard concept of taxation as a device for reward, punishment and political popularity.

However, President Ford has little choice but to sign it. The government must meet

families get credits of up to 10% of their earnings even if they owe no taxes. This is supposed to encourage working families to stay off welfare but one can't help but observe that the basic concept of this credit is, in itself, a form of welfare, and worry about just how much it eventually will cost other taxpayers to keep people working.