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World-Wide

FORD'S VETO of an auto-research bill was upheld; he rejected an appropriation.

The Senate sustained the President's veto of a measure that would have authorized a

Secretary of State Kissinger met in New York with Sam Nujoma, leader of the black guerrillas seeking independence for the South African territory of South-West Af-rica, or Namibia. Nujoma asked Kissinger to try to arrange talks between his Angola-

Business and Finance

NEMPLOYMENT insurance taxes would be boosted \$2.5 billion a year under a bill passed by the Senate. It would raise to

Edward S. Reddig, retired chief executive of White Consolidated, launched a new business with the purchase of White Engines Inc. from White Motor Corp. for a reported \$7 million.

Carter holds leadover Ford

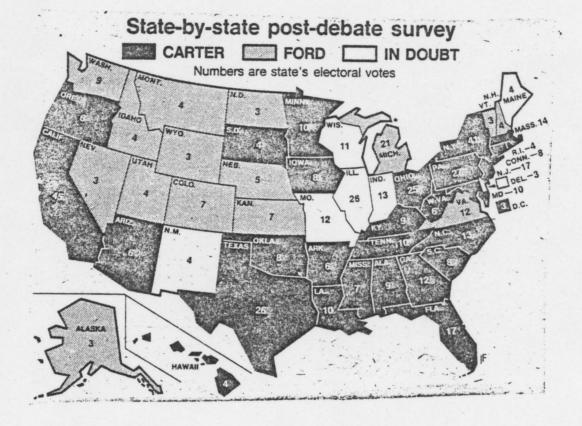
By Louis Harris

A 57 PER CENT majority of the voters nationwide feels that Jimmy Carter "made a bad mistake when he said he

But he will have to continue to appear articulate and knowledgeable in the foreign policy area in the second debate Oct. 6 to sustain this progress. And when Ford and Carter are compared It is fair to conclude that Carter comes out of the first debate with just about the same mix of assets and debits he started out with. He gained some points on the experience and integrity

Survey finds Ford gains, but still trails

Monitor check shows Carter has slipped in past 2 weeks



By Godfrey Sperling Jr.
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
Washington

A significant deterioration in voter support for Jimmy Carter is reflected in a new poll of all 50 states by the Monitor.

This decided erosion in Carter sentiment indicates a race that is becoming extremely tight.

But, at the same time, President Ford's upward momentum has not come far enough to prevent a decisive Carter victory—if the yote were held today.

As of now Mr. Carter leads in 28 states plus the District of Columbia with 373 electoral votes (270 electoral votes are needed to win).

And the President is ahead in only 15 states with 92 electoral

But the rise in Mr. Ford's political fortunes — shaped in part by his showing in the first debate last week and in part by reaction to Mr. Carter's Playboy magazine interview — is underscored by the leading political reporters who made these onthe-scene assessments in the 50 states and the District of Columbia:

• A shift toward Mr. Ford among the voters was reported in every geographical region and, in fact, in almost every state.

• All changes since the last Monitor poll (Sept. 16) - with one exception, Oregon - indicate a Carter slide downhill.

The Democratic nominee dropped from a solid lead to a narrow lead in eight states — California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Texas. These alone total 137 electoral votes.

Mr. Carter dropped from a lead into the "in-doubt" category in Indiana, Maine, and Wisconsin - 28 electoral votes.

And he has moved from a narrow lead in Virginia to a losing status while plummeting all the way from a solid lead in Washington State to what is now a narrow edge for Mr. Ford (with 21 electoral votes).

In Oregon, President Ford's narrow lead gave way (at least according to some new state polls) to a slight advantage for Mr. Carter.

Also, in Nevada, the Republicans solid lead over his challenger now is a thin one.

Farmers for Ford, interviews show

By Richard Orr Rural affairs editor Chicago Tribune Press Service

GREENFIELD, Ind.—"I'm going to vote for President Ford, and I think most farmers in my area will do the same," said the Peotone, Ill., farmer. "I've made more money in the last five

The Goshen, Ind., farmer was Dale Thwaite, who flew his brother Don and four other farmers to the show in his plane. Dale Thwaite has a 277-acre grain and livestock farm, and his brother farms 1,200 acres on which he produces grain, beef cattle, and hogs.

"CARTER IS DOWN to earth and I

Carter Lead in New Jersey Vulnerable

Jimmy Carter's lead over Gerald Ford in New Jersey is slight and vulnerable, and the President's strategists feel the Georgian loses Jersey votes every time he opens his mouth. (UPI)

"The key to the campaign will be registration," said Thomas Kean, Coordinator of Ford's campaign. "And I think there will be a surprise this time. People will vote Democratic down the line, but when they get to the President, vote for Ford. He is an incumbent and the people know what they're getting."

Dan Dolan, Carter's State Coordinator, is skeptical of Kean's logic.

"Looks pretty good for Carter to me," he said. "We'll be having Carter people in here at least once a week to talk about the issues. And the issues about unemployment and the economy will kill Ford at the polls." UPI (9/30/76)

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Patrick Buchanan

A message for the bishops

WASHINGTON — Telegraphed throughout the national press, a blunt message is being sent to the Catholic bishops: Get off the abortion issue, or



last decade they have been serving as poorly paid foot soliders to the white knights of American liberalism.

When national Democrats demanded

End the Silence

What may be the best development for Jimmy Carter's campaign since the Democratic convention has bubbled slowly to the surface over the last week. Two matters are at stake: first, Mr. Ford's apparent habit as House minor-

tor Leon Jaworski is quoted as saying he looked into the maritime union contributions and found no cause for action. Despite all this, a grand jury directed by Mr. Ruff has subpoenaed records of three Republican committees in Mr. Ford's

ald annual and distribution name was also nave by

Ford: answers needed

President Ford and Watergate special prosecutor Charles Ruff owe some answers to an American public rubbed raw by the Watergate record of governmental evasions

week that he had accepted golfing hospitality from various corporations many times over the years. Mr. Nessen said that Mr. Ford saw nothing wrong in it, but he had stopped doing it

C.S. Monitor, 9/30/76

Carter Comments on Golf Games Unjust, Griffin Says

Jimmy Carter should not criticize President Ford on his golfing games when Carter as a governor took vacations paid for by foreign governments and coporations, Senator Robert Griffin said Thursday.

Interviewed on CBS morning news Thursday, Griffin said, "It was ironic that Jimmy Carter brought up President Ford's golfing games because Carter as governor of Georgia took campaign trips, some paid for by foreign governments, Lockhead and Coca-Cola. For example, he went on a three-week trip to Latin America on a Lockhead jet.

"I don't want to suggest that Carter has been bought or that it indicates a conflict of interest but he or his people should not try to suggest that Jerry Ford could have been bought because he played golf with an old friend."

Griffin said he was puzzled by the investigation of President Ford's past Congressional campaigns because those records had been thoroughly examined.

Asked if the investigation was larger than Ford's campaigns, such as Griffin's past campaign, Griffin said not to his knowledge.

Asked what the President would do with the jobs bill, Griffin said the President will indicate something about it Thursday or Friday. Griffin said the President wants to make sure the revenue sharing bill passes and is holding up his decision to wait for that.

Griffin said he did support that public works jobs bill and added that while he supports the President a lot, he does not support him 100 percent of the time.

This Congress has not been a good Congress Griffin noted. The greatest accomplishment of the Congress is the complicated tax bill.

The Republicans should win about four or five more Senate seats, Griffin said which will make it easier to sustain vetoes. -- CBS Morning News (9/30/76)

Nessen calls charges 'political'

Ethics questions still pursue the President

By Lucia Mouat
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

Charges that campaign funds were mishandled and that corporate hospitality was indiscreetly accepted by President Ford during his congressional days continue to hang over

The more serious — and certainly at this point more mysterious — financial charge concerns the special Watergate prosecutor's investigation into campaign funds from two maritime unions to three Michigan Republican committees in Mr. Ford's old Fifth Congressional District.

- While no confirmation is available in Wash-

Dole Raps Labor on Grain Embargo

Sen. Robert Dole told farmers in Ohio Wednesday that organized labor was responsible for the grain export ban last year.

Dole said, "I'll be very frank to confess. If we listened to George Meany once on embargoes we learned our lesson. Where has George Meany been lately? We know who the candidate of organized labor is, it's Gov. Carter. Someone asked him why he (Meany) didn't run for President. Meany said, 'Why step down'. He's calling the shots. If Carter is elected President there's going to be two hotlines in the White House. One's going to go to Russia and one to AFL-CIO headquarters direct to Mr. Meany." (CBS)

Barry Serafin asked several farmers what they thought of Dole's speech. One man replied that Dole had put his mind to ease about the embargo. "I had reservations about the embargo until I heard him today but he has thoroughly convinced me."

Another man said he was also convinced. "Today you couldn't help but I think this man is a friend of the farmers and he's apt to be on our side."

"Dole told the farmers that as Vice President he wants to be their number one salesman to the world. Whether or not that happens, he appears to have sold the Administration's case successfully to this skeptical audience," Serafin said. (CBS)

Wednesday night, Dole spoke at a Republican dinner in Chicago. Dole said, "Governor Carter is becoming increasingly desperate in his attacks on the President. Mr. Carter now says the foreign policy under President Ford has not met the moral standards of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson policies. I think Mr. Carter would do well to limit his discussions of morality to magazine interviews and not try and inject them into the area of foreign policy, where he has no experience, no expertise, and apparently no historical perspective." (ABC, CBS) -- AP/UPI, Morning Shows (9/30/76)

Strategy

Vetoes May Help Ford

Vetoeing expensive bills such as the HEW measure may be a political plus for the President, according to a recent PFC poll, Phil Jones reported. (CBS)

Ford campaign pollster Robert Teeter said in a poll taken last week asking the question, "Do you favor the President vetoeing bills to hold down Federal spending." Two thirds of those asked said they favor such vetoes.

"Campaign aides say they have no evidence that the Democrats are having any luck in trying to say that all of the vetoes are evidence that President Ford can't get along with the Congress," Jones said. -- CBS Morning News (9/30/76)



Mondale Tells Miners Economy is Weakening

Walter Mondale says the U.S. economy under President Ford's stewardship is not getting better, "It's getting worse."

The Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, repeating a standard attack on the Ford economic policies, told a friendly and enthusiastic coal miners convention Wednesday night that Ford has turned the economy "straight down."

"All his rosy predictions have now been belied by the facts," Mondale told 2,000 United Mine Workers Union delegates Wednesday. Just yesterday ... (it was announced) that for the first time in 18 months, all of the leading economic indicators, everyone of them, is going downward.

Mondale also released a statement challenging Ford to defend his Administration's economic record.

"Which are we to believe -- Ford's rosy predictions (about the economy) or that latest statistics?" Mondale asked. "If he feels so good about his Administration's economic record, why doesn't he come out of the Rose Garden and attempt to defend it?" (UPI)

At a news conference here, Mondale complained that Ford and running mate, Bob Dole, don't understand the country's economic problems. "Inflation has so robbed Americans of Purchasing power that we now have the same purchasing power as we did in 1965," Mondale said. "We've lost 11 years of productivity. "Yet they don't have any plans except to issue rosy predictions." He said Ford wants the people to believe everything is fine, but his opponents "don't even realize" conditions are worsening. (UPI)

Mondale, wrapping up a day of campaigning on economic issues, received enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation from coal miners.

Mondale said, "I was reminded of what a person told me in New Haven the other day when I went into a labor hall. He said, you know, after watching that debate the other night, I get the opinion that for a working man or woman to vote Republican is the same as the chicken voting for Colonel Sanders.

"The miners of this country who for too long have had their lives taken for granted, their health destroyed, their welfare ignored, will no longer be ignored by the governoment of the United States under President Carter." (AMC)

UMW spokesman Arnold Miller said, "This country can't take another four years of drift and indecision, at the expense of the American worker. This country needs aggressive Presidential leadership. The Democratic team of Carter and Mondale will provide that leadership." (AMC) AP/UPI Morning Shows

Carter's Son Says Billy Graham Received Doctor of Religion Degree Through the Mail

Jimmy Carter's son Jeff, who said Billy Graham received a Doctor of Religion Degree through the mail, Wednesday said the evangelist was being unfair in warning voters to beware of politicians who flaunt their religion.

But Carter's criticism of the evangelist was not as sharp as his comment at a news conference in Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday. At that appearance, Carter said, "I think what people should watch out for is people like Billy Graham who go around telling people how to live their lives."

Graham had warned voters it was better to choose a non-Christian who is qualified to be President over a Christian who is not qualified.

Young Carter said Graham has a "Doctor of Religion" degree that anyone could purchase for \$2 through the mail.

"Billy Graham bought his for \$5," Carter said. He also noted Graham's close association with former President Richard M. Nixon.

On Wednesday, Carter said, "All I said was he had an honorary doctorate." UPI (9/30/76)



Carter: Ford Worse Than Nixon

Tonawanda, N.Y. (UPI) -- Jimmy Carter told four out-of-work New Yorkers in a diner today that President Ford has vetoed two million jobs and that Ford's economic record is worse than Richard Nixon's.

The Democratic Presidential nominee met the four residents of this Buffalo suburb at a tiny diner near the Western Electric Plant, which is being phased out at a cost of about 2,000 jobs.

"Ford has only been in the White House two years and we have 2.5 million more people unemployed than we did the day he went in office," said Carter. "Gerald Ford has vetoed two million jobs since he went in office.

"We've been sold a bill of goods. This time, we really got cheated -we got two (Republican Presidents) for the price of one. And the second
has been even worse than the first as far as people's lives are concerned."

Campaigning in Western New York en route to a swing through New England, Carter said in Tonawanda the nation was spending \$3 billion on unemployment compensation when President Richard Nixon took office in 1969. But jobless benefits now total \$20 million, he said.

About 100 Carter supporters turned out in chilly weather at the Buffalo Airport to welcome Carter, waving signs that included "Happy Birthday." Carter will be 52 on Friday.

Carter, rested from two days rest in his home of Plains, Ga., was to go from here to Boston, Portland, Maine, Hartford, Conn., Nashville, Tenn., Pittsburgh and Washington. UPI (9/30/76)

HAK TO SPEAK TO UN

Kenry Kissinger planned to speak on the Middle East and Africa at noon Thursday before the U.N. General Assembly.

U.N. delegates expected the speech to provide fuller details on Kissinger's efforts to bring black majority rule to Rhodesia.

Officials described Kissinger's U.N. speech as a major statement of U.S. foreign policy, with special emphasis on the Middle East and Africa.

Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had dinner together Wednesday night. Reportedly, the stalled SALT talks were the main topic of discussion during the three-and-a-half-hour meeting. (ABC) Afterwards, reporters asked if Africa came up in the discussion.

Gromyko (through interpreter): Did we discuss Africa or not? I think we agreed to continue ... to pick up that subject ...

Kissinger: I can travel no place where the Foreign Minister doesn't complain.

Gromyko: Right now, the Secretary of State did not hear what I said and I'm not going to hear what he says. Goodbye. (ABC)

Officials said Kissinger told Gromyko Soviet actions regarding the African negotiations were not helpful. (UPI)

AP, UPI, Morning Shows (9/30/76)

Ford to Visit Mid East

President Ford said in an interview published today he may make a trip to the Middle East this year "right after the elections."

In an interview with freelance writer Trudy Feldman, published in the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Ford defended his record on aid to Israel.

"I intend to visit a number of Middle East countries as quickly as possible," Ford said. "It could be right after the elections."

Ford said he believes "significant headway" toward a Middle East settlement has been made since he became President. Now, he want to bring the parties to the negotiating table "so that we achieve what everyone wants -- a permanent, equitable peace in that very complex area."

But the President added that the United States has "gone about as far as we can in the step-by-step process" that culminated in the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement in 1975.

Instead, he said, "we must do some serious talking about a broader s-ttlement -- and that means peace and recognition of Israel." Ford said his Administration has been "both generous and fair" to Israel.

"As President, I have been very firm in indicating my support for the survival and security of Israel," he said.

"I think the record will show that in terms of U.S. funding of economic and military support for Israel, the figures are very impressive." Ford said. UPI (9/30/76)

Anderson Reveals Secret Ford-Congress Meeting

Jack Anderson Thursday reported he had received the minutes from a confidential meeting between President Ford and Congressional leaders.

Anderson reported, "President Ford, as you know, has been feuding with the Democratic Congress. He's vetoed bills by the dozens, he accused Congress of overspending, and lately, he's been calling on voters to throw the Democrats out of Congress. But on Tuesday, the President called Congressional leaders to the White House. They met behind closed doors. The meeting was supposed to be secret. But I've just obtained the confidential minutes. Let me read what the President said to the Congressional leaders at the end of the meeting."

'We've had our differences for the past two years,' he said. 'I thank you for your help. Where we have not agreed it has been civil. I thank you very much. Have a good election. Hopefully, I'll see you back in January.' Well, the leaders of Congress gave him a standing ovation."

ABC's Good Morning America (9/30/76)

German Election Campaign Heats Up

Franz Josef Strauss, Head of the Bavarian branch of the Christian Democratic Party, has accused Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in an election speech of promising Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands \$40 million to support purchase of Northrop fighter aircraft.

A West German government spokesman, denying the charge, said Strauss is trying to divert attention from reports of his own possible involvement in the Lockheed bribery scandal.

The charges and counter-charges livened the closing days of the campaign for Sunday's national Parliamentary election. The Christian Democrats, running under the slogan, "Freedom Instead of Socialism," hope to oust Schmidt and elect Helmut Kohl.

Kohl has promised to make Strauss Vice Chancellor and Finance Minister if he wins.

Strauss told an election rally in Heilbronn Wednesday night that when Schmidt was Defense Miniter in 1970 he wrote a letter to Prince Bernhard offering the Dutch consort 100 million marks (\$40 million) to support the purchase of American Cobra fighters made by Northrop.

Prince Bernhard was criticized last month by a Dutch Commission of Inquiry that investigated allegations he took \$1.1 million in bribes from the Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

Klaus Boelling, the West German government spokesman, called Strauss' statement "a lie."

"This politician, who has been surrounded by scandal for more than a decade, is making a series of false claims so that he can hide his own affairs behind a smokescreen," Boelling said.

"Strauss is running amok," Lothar Schwarz, spokesman for the Social Democrats said.

Strauss in his speech denied he removed files on the West German purchase of Lockheed Starfighters from the Defense Ministry after he stepped down as Defense Minister in 1962.

"Schmidt lies and lies and lies," he said.

The West German government has said its attempt to investigate possible Lockheed payoffs in Germany have been made difficult by the disappearance of Defense Ministry files.

Strauss was Defense Minister when West Germany agreed to use the F104 Starfighter. UPI (9/30/76)

Nick Thimmesch

Rumsfeld: Informally defensive



WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld looks like the energetic youth who worked summers delivering groceries, was elected president of his class, and became an up-and-coming politician. He is a friendly sort, all-



\$7 billion. "He's one of those who contributes to where we are on defense, and we've got to correct that," Rumsfeld says.

On that ruckus over the billions in arms sales to Iran and other nouveau





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Carter Urges Ford to Discuss Golf Trips

Jimmy Carter said Wednesday President Ford should open up and "have a frank discussion with the American public" about his campaign financing and the golf trips he accepted from corporations when he was a congressman. (Networks)

Carter quickly corrected himself, saying he knew of no accusations on the record against the President, only allegations. He refused to say he believed Ford did anything improper, Judy Woodruff said.

"I think the revelations of it is the most important aspect. It might be that Mr. Ford paid half the golfing fees and his partner paid the other half of the golfing fees and they had some arrangement worked out. I think the thing that concerns the people in this country is a semblance of trying to conceal what actually did occur," he told a news conference in Plains. (Networks)

Carter added that Watergate Special Prosecutor Charles Ruff ought to make "a full report" as soon as possible on his investigation into possible laundering of contributions to Ford's congressional campaigns. (NBC)

Ron Nessen told reporters in Washington Wednesday Ford has ordered aides to search for his records of past golf dates accepted from corporate executive friends while he was a congreeeman. Nessen said the President feels that golf games are not a gift of substantial value, therefore, not a violation of the congressional code of ethics.

Asked if the President made it a practice to accept expense paid vacations, Nessen said, "Hell, no."

Carter realizes that the Ford probes could be a "political windfall," Ed Rabel remarked. But Carter also knows that cautious treatment of the developments could mean a political backfire. (CBS)

Consequently, Carter was careful to confirm that while Georgia Governor he had ridden a Coca-Cola plane on a domestic trip, had ridden a Lockheed plane to South America in 1971 or 1972, and took a trip to Europe in 1973 in which the local expenses were paid by the government of England and in part by the Israeli government. But he said those were strictly business trips, and that was different from Ford accepting favors from corporations.

Carter charged that while he has run an open campaign, Ford has been "conducting the private sort of campaign conducted by Nixon in 1968 and 1972."

He said, unlike Ford, he plans to continue to be available to the press. There are reports that, because of

mistakes made in recent weeks, his aides have advised him to be less accessible, Woodruff reported. (NBC)

In fact, Carter seemed to draw back on some recent criticism he and his aides have leveled against the media on the reporting of his campaign, ABC reported. "I think, in general, the quality of the reports has been caused more by my performance than it has by any misinterpretation of the press," Carter said. (ABC)

Sam Donaldson noted that although Carter may not have meant that, he realizes that fighting with the media does not help him in his battle with Ford. (ABC)

Carter also acknowledged that he has shifted the style of his campaign speech from a general criticism of the GOP to a "direct, aggressive denouncement" of President Ford, Ed Rabel said. Carter and his deferring the President in the debate cost him points, not only in the debate, but in his campaign as well. (CBS)

CBS' lead story, which ran 1:45, included film of Carter's remarks. Rabel did his conclusion in front of Carter headquarters in Plains.

ABC's #2 story, which ran 2:07, presented excerpts of Carter's remarks at his Plains headquarters. Donaldson did his wrapup in front of the headquarters.

NBC featured two separate stories, leading with a standup report at the White House by Berger about the President's golf trips. Woodruff followed, providing film clips of Carter talking to reporters in Plains. She voiced her conclusion over film of Carter driving away in the motorcade. The Ford spot ran 12th, 1:30 and Carter was given 2:00. AP,UPI,Networks — (9/29/76)

Carter Quotes Economic Figures, Blames Ford

Jimmy Carter said Wednesday the 1.5 percent drop in the nation's economic indicators for August shows the "insensitivity" of President Ford's economics.

"Mr. Ford's message to the 7.5 million persons out of work today is 'wait for awhile, maybe things will improve,'" Carter said in Plains. "I believe our waiting period must come to an end. The Republicans have had their chance and failed," he said.

Carter referred to figures released Tuesday which showed eight of the leading 11 economic indicators edging downward. AP, UPI -- (9/29/76)

Jimmy Carter and Taxes

A NYBODY who thinks that the "New Populism" is any different than the old-fashioned kind hasn't been listening much to candidate Jimmy Carter lately.

and middle income taxpayers."

When pressed by an Associated Press interviewer to define what he meant by "lower and middle income," Carter responded that he

Probe Carter Aide

By Edmund Newton

One of the leading tacticians on Jimmy Carter's national campaign staff is under investigation by the U. S. Attorney's office in Brooklyn for allegedly fraudulent dealings with the city, The Post has learned.

Thomas Puccio, assistcharge of criminal investigations in the Eastern District, confirmed that James Elsbery, deputy trics in the city. field coordinator for the tion with educational evaluation and consultant contracts he held with the mare" in District 23.-

ment further

But an investigation by that Elsbery, 42, holder led to a citywide teachers of a Ph.D. in sociology

from Columbia, billed the 'Elsbery became the deputy board for "questionable" to Carter field coordinator blackmail" to extract lucrative consultant conding for board contracts. 'Gross Incompetences'

Board of Education auditors, who have scru-Unized Elsbery's books and vouchers and determined that he owes the board more than \$65,000 in improper bills for services, are thus far of the opinion that Elsbery's the opinion that Elsbery's major culpability is "gross; fiscal incompetence."

Meanwhile The Post has

learned that the U.S. Attor -. ney's office has advised board officials to withhold funds owed to Elsbery for recent contracts until the federal investigation is completed. At least one claim for \$150,000 has- been withheld since June.

. The grand jury was empaneled more than two years ago to investigate charges of misuse of federal funds in: ant U. S. Attorney in Community School District 23, in the Ocean-Hill-Brownsville section of Brooklyn, one of the most academically troubled dis-

Elsbery has vehemently Carter campaign, is under denied all the allegations investigation in connec- against him, claiming he had unwittingly become em-broiled in "a political night-

Board of Education. The school district has become in recent years a bat-Puccio would not com- tleground between supporters and opponents of Councilman Samuel Wright, The Post has discovered, members of whose political that a federal grand jury Community School Board is looking into allegations . since events in the district strike in 1969.

expenses, used what has Tim Kraft, who supervises been called "evaluation the daily operations of 50 state organizations, shortly after the Democratic National Convention. He is one tracts from the board and of five or six blacks who hid his interests in vari- have been credited with ous firms which were bid- developing strong support for: Carter among black voters during the primaries.

> Before taking his present: job Elsbery was the deputy director of the New York-

State Carter campaign, led by William vanden Heuvel

A-quiet man who has attracted little notice from the press, Elsbery is the president of both Elsbery Systems Analysis, Ltd., an evaluation firm, and Web, Inc., an educational consultant company. He is also the majority stockholder in Ed-Tech, Inc., a "multi-media and educational" printing firm. All of the firms are located in Queens.

In the past four years Elsbery firms have done more than \$500,000-worth of business with the Board of Education.

The investigation of Elsbery comes at a time when high-ranking board officials are privately expressing frustration at the high. cost and shoddy quality of independent evaluations of special state and federallyfunded prtgrams.

Charges about evaluation contracts - which are mandated by state and federal: funding sources - range from allegations of phony bidding procedures and political influence peddling Lcontracts are often awarded on the basis of "who you know," one board official says) to complaints of "meaningless, pro forma" evaluations.

Elsbery Systems Analysis, for example, has produced dozens of tomes bound in powder blue covers, each ostensibly analyzing the merits and failures of special programs - most of them in District 12 in The Bronx and District 23 - and recommending continuation or termination of the programs.

A close examination of the evaluations reveals provocative similarities between them, said one prominent board figure who preferred to remain anonymous. The official produces three Elsbery-authtred volumes, turns to an identical page in each and points to identical language in each. "Is Elsbery merely rewriting the same evaluation over and over?" the board official wondered.

Elsbery denies any special political alliance-with Councilman Wright, one of only two Carter delegates elected from the city to the national convention. Ocean-Hill-Brownsville residents say, however, that Elsberysponsored contracts have lived "charmed lives" in the district and that, on at least one occasion, Wright appeared before the Board of Education in support of an Elsbery contract.

Wright's special effort on Elsbery's behalf, urging payment out of District 23 fundsof \$150,000 for a controversial Elsbery contract, came, Wright's opponents say, at a time when the district was suffering \$5 million in cutbacks and a loss of 49 teachers.

Wright denies he made any special efforts tn Elsbery's behalf. "There was no favortism in the district," he said. I never knew Elsbery before he bid for contracts here. He i was never a friend of mine. I got to know him prefessionally."

Carter field coordinator Kraft could not be reached for comment on the Elsbery inquiry.

The Post investigation hasshown that most of the allegations of wrongdoing are related to the period between - mid-1972 - and mid-1974, during which ESA handled 18 Board of Education contracts, totalling: \$335,459.18.

In August 1973, for example, ESA urged District 23 to end its contract with Camporific, an upstate educational summer camp. The camp wasn't educating kids, said the ESA evaluation. But by the following May, Elsbery had changed his mind about the camp. He wrote to the district that Camporific could be — in the jargon of professional evaluators - "recycled" if certain modifications were made in the program.

Carter And Sex

Democrats in Congress say they're lust, but who leaves his wife and shacks more than a little dismayed over their up with somebody out of wedlock." presidential candidate's pronouncement on sexual morality in Playboy magazine.

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By BOB TAYLOR, Times Herald Staff Cartoonist

Carter Falters in Texas
(By Bronson Havard, excerpted, Dallas Times Herald)

If Texas is typical of the nation, President Ford is outcampaigning, outmaneuvering Jimmy Carter, and Ford hasn't even left the White House or departed from a prepared speech.

With onemonth to go before the election, Carter had better shake up his campaign staff or a bloc of Southern Baptists votes cannot save him.

The trouble for Carter has come in trying to manage a national campaign with a small inner circle of Georgian staffers.

The inner circle extended its nationwide control of the campaign to Texas when a 29-year-Old Georgian "coordinator" was sent to Austin to set up a system to cover the state.

The extension of the small Georgian staff control has placed a superstructure upon the Texas campaign which has stifled initiative and enthusiasm among the Carter workers who gave him his primary victory and who have the expertise to deliver the Texas vote in November.

The superstructure has made the Carter Texas campaign dependent upon instructions from Atlanta and isolated Carter from good advice from Texas people. The only Texas politician reaching Carter may be Gov. Dolph Briscoe, whose only reported advice is to keep vice presidential running mate Walter Mondale out of Texas -- a very questionable move.

By contrast to the Carter campaign, the Ford campaign in Texas is showing initiative from state and local Republican organizations. Pro-Ford speakers have blanketed this state in recent local appearances.

The problem for Carter is not in the numbers. The pro-Democratic vote potential can swamp the Republicans. The problem for Carter comes in motivating voters. Carter and his Texas organization have done nothing to excite traditional Democratic Mexican-American voters, or even the black voters said to have certain empathy with Carter. The independent voters are hearing more from Ford people than the Carter people.

By keeping his campaign so tightly under his control -presumably to avoid mistakes -- Carter has inadvertently opened
himself to far more devastating blunders in his campaign. He can
reputiate the blunders of others, but not his own. -- (9/24/76)

Carter In Alabama

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Dole: "Impending Disaster" in Carter Camp

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Sen. Bob Dole said Wednesday Jimmy Carter is creating doubts in people's minds by proclaiming his honesty and integrity too much and declared there are signs of "impending disaster" in Carter's presidential campaign.

Speaking to a breakfast of civic leaders in Springfield, Ohio, Dole accused Carter of "a crisis of confidence which Mr. Carter now blames on the press but for which he has only himself to blame." (ABC, CBS)

Dole made the remarks as he began a motorcade by camper through rural Ohio. He is trying to build support for the GOP ticket in an area where his strategists feel backing may be shaky.

In the middle of the Kansas senator's speech, the huge cardboard "Ford-Dole" sign behind him tumbled down. "That isn't a sign that the campaign is falling apart," Dole quipped. "If that sign goes back up again by itself in the next few minutes it might show Mr. Carter's presence in the room." (ABC, CBS)

Eric Engberg noted that in "Dole's most caustic campaign speech so far," the personal attacks against Carter in it clearly reflect the GOP decision to make Carter's personality traits and voter concern about them the campaign issues. (CBS)

Dole was to dinw up his Midwestern trip in Chicago Wednesday night at a fund-raising dinner for GOP congressional candidate Sam Young. On Thursday he goes to rural Pennsylvania to continue his stumping in farm areas.

In its 1:45, #2 story, CBS viewed excerpts of Dole's speech. The 2:27 ABC report, which ran #3, showed excerpts of Dole's remarks. Kaplow did a standup in front of a Ford campaign van. AP, UPI, ABC, CBS -- (9/29/76)

Strategy

Ford's Not 'Hiding' in D.C. (Editorial, excerpted, Marietta [Ga.] Daily Journal)

Of course, it pays handsomely for Jimmy Carter to take issue with President Gerald Ford's stance on various matters small and large.

But now and then a non-issue rears its ugly and unwanted head, and when it does, the American people should duly note the fact and wait for the candidates to return to more substantive and important concerns.

Such a non-issue, it seems to us, is Carter's recent criticism of the President for supposedly "hiding" in the White House instead of mounting a more active campaign. From Carter's standpoint, it's one of those "heads I win, tails you lose" deals. If the President stays in Washington to take care of business, Carter hops on him for his failure to campaign. If, on the other hand, Ford chooses to campaign vigorously, Carter simply asks the American people, "Who's minding the store while your President is out in the boondocks trying to get himself elected?"

The real issue here isn't how much time Ford spends in the White House, it's how effectively he's been running the country as President. If he believes he must remain in Washington, as he says, "to make sure Congress doesn't go off the deep end" before its adjournment, we must accept the statement at face value. Gerald Ford has never been one to run away and hide from anyone.

Jimmy Carter has run a superb campaign; no one gets as far as he has without tackling genuinely tough issues head-on and making believers of the American people. But sometimes in the heat of battle the urge to take a cheap shot at one's opponent is irresistible.

Carter's insinuation that the President is "hiding" not only is inaccurate, it is unnecessary. There are more than enough bona fide issues around without having to employ the type of personal low blow that Jimmy Carter has assured us time and again he would never stoop to deliver. -- (9/17/76)

Attack on Ford Looks Suspicious (Editorial, excerpted, Boston Herald American)

This has been a relatively clean presidential campaign. Dirty tricks have been kept at a minimum. We hope nothing disturbs this record, but before we can be sure a few questions must be answered concerning allegations that the Watergate special prosecutor's office is investigating contributions made to Gerald Ford when he was a congressman.

It's a serious charge, and raises serious questions.
But why now? Why is it that events alleged to have occurred three to ten years ago are being examined at a time the person invovled is engaged in a battle for his political life? Why did those who made the charges wait until six weeks before the election?

Was not every conceivable question about the propriety of Mr. Ford's conduct raised when he was selected as vice president? Did not the FBI and the House Judiciary Committee examine Ford's financial records in detail prior to confirmation? Why does Charles Ruff, Watergate special prosecutor, refuse to tell the public whether there is such a probe, and the nature of it? Why, when asked does he say, "Absolutely no comment"? Must the public settle for rumors instead of facts?

These are disturbing questions, made the more so by failure of officials to come forth with answers. They cast more of a shadow over the office of the Watergate prosecutor, than they do President Ford.

If we learned anything from the Watergate mess, it is that secrecy is our worst enemy, and when invovled in covering up wrong-doing it lends to tragedy. The man who became President because of Watergate deserves a clarification, but more important, the American public has a right to know what's going on. -- (9/28/76)

PRESIDENCY

Ford Vetoes HEW, Labor Bill

Casting his 59th veto Wednesday, President Ford turned down the huge HEW, Labor Dept. bill saying it was \$4 billion over budget.

The bill prohibits fedreal funds for abortions. It funds programs to educate the handicapped and assist the aging. It also promotes job training and provides unemployment insurance.

Tom Jarriel stated that the veto will supply the Democrats with ammunition for their claim that Ford puts human need programs second to limiting spending. (ABC)

Earlier, the House voted to override the President's veto of the \$100 million measure for research to develop cars with better fuel efficiency. The veto was upheld, however, when the Senate failed to override it.

NBC anchored this report giving it :30, #12 in the show.

CBS covered the #3 story in a :35 anchor report.

The 1:50 lead story for ABC showed a clip of the

President in the Rose Garden. Jarriel did his commentary in

front of the White House. The story also included remarks about
the Ford golfing probe. AP, UPI, Networks -- (9/29/76)

Ford Okays Federal Pay Hikes

The President Wednesday, in a Rose Garden ceremony, ordered a pay raise of almost five percent for more than 2.5 million federal, civilian and military employees.

The raise, to become effective Oct. 1, will cost an estimated \$2.5 billion. Ford ignored appeals to increase the pay hike beyond the 4.83 percent average recommended by his government pay advisers.

Ford also signed into law legislation calling for payments of \$50,000 to the survivors of peace officers, firemen and prison guards killed in the line of duty.

All networks anchored this report. AP, UPI, Networks - (9/29/76)

Ford-Carter Race: Latins Looking, Not Yet Buying

BY FRANK del OLMO

Times Staff Writer

There are more than 1.7 million persons of Spanish surname who are eligible to register and vote in California this election year, a bloc which could be significant in a close presidential election.

But to date the campaigns of President Ford and former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter are not generating much enthusiasm among the state's Mexican-Americans.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties have natural constituencies among Mexican-Americans and other voters of Latin-American extraction. Last week they made their first major effort to excite those potential supporters with campaign appearances before Latin au-

diences here by Carter and the GOP vice presidential candidate, Sen. Robert J. Dole.

But the reaction among most of the Chicanos who attended those appearances remains wait-and-see.

The main task facing Carter campaigners if they hope to use the traditional pro-Democratic leanings of Chicanos is exciting Mexican-Americans enough to get them to register and vote in large numbers.

For, while the Census Bureau found in 1972 that 1.7 million Spanish-surnamed persons in California could vote, the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project estimated that less than half of them were registered to do so.

The SVREP is a nonprofit group which provides research and financial assistance to voter registration ef-

forts. It is based in San Antonio.

In California, according to SVREP estimates, only 785,-000 persons of Latin-American extraction were registered to vote in 1972. In the Southwest as a whole, only 1.7 million out of 3.8 million potential Latin voters were registered.

Chicano political activists believe that Mexican-Americans can be key voting blocs in two important states in the presidential election—California, with 45 electoral votes, and Texas, with 26.

As California's electoral votes loom large in what could be a close election between Carter and Ford, the potential significance of a large bloc of unregistered Mexican-Americans is magnified, especially to Carter.

Last week, Carter campaigners in California began a major effort to attract Mexican-American support, according to Gloria Molina, one of the five top campaign coordinators for the former Georgia governor in California.

Ms. Molina, a field deputy for state Assemblyman Art Torres (D-East Los Angeles), was hired at least partly in response to criticism by Chicanos that there were no Mexican-Americans in top positions with the Carter campaign, both nationally and on the state level.

She organized Saturday's rally for Carter in Belvedere Park, directly across from the predominantly Mexican-American Maravilla Housing Project.

She said the rally was supposed to start building momentum for Carter's campaign in the barries, and on the surface it was a major success.

More than 700 persons jammed into an old gymnasium to cheer Carter, who was introduced by farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, the closest thing to a national idol Chicanos have.

Carter responded to the enthusiastic reception by speaking in favor of bilingual education for Chicano youngsters, and pledging to appoint Mexican-Americans to top posts in his administration if he is elected.

He also won loud applause by forcefully endorsing Proposition 14 on the California ballot, the farm labor initiative favored by Chavez. Previously, Carter had been criticized for being vague in his support of the measure.

But when the rally was over, several leading Mexican-Americans who had attended said that while they were leaning toward supporting Carter for President, they were still not enthusiastic enough to campaign actively for him.

Manuel Lopez, the president of the statewide Mexican-American Political Assn., said he had "a positive reaction (to Carter), but I wish he had been more specific and answered some of our questions."

When the rally was being organized, according to many of the activists who attended, they had been told they might have an opportunity to question Carter about issues of concern to Mexican-Americans.

However, when the rally was over, Carter left immediately, without accepting questions which disappointed many supporters in the crowd as much as those activists not committed to support him.

Los Angeles Dep. Mayor Grace Davis criticized Carter campaign staffers for being overly protective of their candidate.

"This was not supposed to be a just a rally," she said. "If he had been given the opportunity to answer questions, I'm sure he could have handled it."

Irene Tovar of Pacoima, a member of the Democratic National Committee, also was disappointed at Carter's quick departure and said his campaign "still has a long way to go" in winning large-scale Chicano support.

Ms, Tovar was among a group of Chicanos who last week submitted a list of 12 questions touching on Chicano issues to Carter.

While some of the questions were answered "beautifully" in Carter's speech, she said, there were others which he did not touch on at all.

Among the "Chicano issues" which Carter did not mention were undocumented workers (the term Chicanos prefer to "illegal aliens"), health programs for Mexican-Americans, youth programs and economic development for barrio businesses.

(Carter has said in the past that he favors giving "legitimate status," but not necessarily citizenship, to illegal aliens who have lived in the country for a long time. He also has said there should be strict action to limit further

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Debate Reaction

Ford Wins Debate; Carter Still Strong (Excerpted, Boston Globe)

By a noticeable margin, reigstered voters in Massachusetts think Gerald Ford got the better of Jimmy Carter in their first debate Thursday night.

However, accordint to a Massachusetts Poll conducted for The Globe, that opinion does not appear to have cut into the Democratic nominee's big lead over the President in this strongly Democratic state. Overall, the poll found Carter leading Ford 50-35 percent, with 13 percent undecided and 2 percent for minor-party candidates.

Voters also were asked how they would have answered if questioned before Thursday. On this basis, it was 46-28 for Carter, with 25 percent undecided prior to the debate -- and indication of a possible slight shift toward the President, though the three-point movement is within the margin of statistical error for polls of this size.

Looking at voter preference on the basis of who watched or listened to the debate and who didn't, the President's advantage was a bit more apparent. Among those who did, Carter's lead was 49-37 percent, with 12 percent undecided; while, among those who didn't watch, his lead was 51-31 percent, with 15 percent undecided.

Among the debate audience, the verdict as to who won went to Ford, 36-22 percent, with 39 percent callint it a draw and 3 percent saying they didn't know.

Underlining the verdict were the results among Democrats, who not unexpectedly prefer Carter by a wide margin. Nonetheless, in judging a winner, they wouldn't give their man the edge. It broke down with 29 percent picking Carter and 28 Ford, 39 percent calling it a draw, and 4 percent saying they didn't know.

By contrast, among Republicans in the audience, the President was picked as the winner 55-10 percent, with 33 percent calling it a draw and 2 percent saying they didn't know.

Behind the verdict was a set of attitudes toward the two men's performance that was generally flattering to Ford and critical of Carter.

Asked which of several statements applied to which candidate, a plurality of voters interviewed pinned the positive labels on Ford: confident and forceful, handled the questions well, looked and acted like a President, and well informed. And they pinned all the negative ones on Carter -- not well informed, seemed nervous and unsure, and did not handle questions well.

Debate Reaction

For example, on the question of who looked and acted like a President, it was Ford 34-15 percent, with 17 percent applying the label to both men and 18 percent to neither. Or, on the question of who seemed nervous and unsure, it was Carter 30-8 percent, with 12 percent saying both men were nervous and unsure, and 34 percent saying neither was.

Especially significant is the fact that Carter's lead among independents, 14 points, is roughly the same as his overall margin over Ford in the poll. He also does not appear to have problems with the Catholics in Massachusetts, who preferred him 54-31 percent in the poll. The President, as expected, led among Protestants 54-37 percent.

The poll consisted of telephone interviews with 600 persons throughout the state who said they were registered to vote in the November election. It was taken for The Globe by Research Analysis Corp. of Brighton, which is, like The Globe, a subsidiary of Affiliated Publications. -- (9/26/76)



League Short on Debate Funds

Despite a \$14,000 newspaper advertising campaign, the League of Women Voters education fund has raised only about \$53,000 of the \$250,000 it will spend to sponsor the four presidential and vice presidential debates.

"We were a little surprised and disappointed the money is coming in so slowly," said Peggy Lampl, executive director of the fund. A direct mail solicitation is in the works, aiming at "people with an identified interest" in the political process, she said. AP -- (9/29/76)

McCarthy

McCarthy Placed on Pres. Ballots

Eugene McCarthy won court rulings, placing him on the ballot for president in Texas, Utah, Maryland and Massachusetts. He claims he will be on the ballot in at least 30 states.

It is possible that, in close states, McCarthy could take them away from Carter and give them to the President, NBC reported.

Asked how he would feel if he threw the election to Ford, McCarthy said, "I wouldn't lose one night's sleep over the difference between Carter and Ford." NBC -- (9/29/76)

ECONOMY

Britain Seeks Aid to Help Ailing Pound

The British government announced Wednesday it will seek \$3.9 billion in credit from the International Monetary Fund to help its plunging currency, the second such move in four months. The pound rallied by nearly three cents to \$1.6675 on the news, then dropped to \$1.6580.

Elsewhere in the world economy, emergency support measures decreed by the government brought the fall of the Italian lira to at least a temporary halt Wednesday, but economists predicted more belt-tightening for the Italian consumer. AP, UPI, Networks -- (9/29/76)

Concern Over Economy Pushes Stocks Down

Prices closed lower Wednesday in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange when a bargain-hunting rally ran out of steam because of investor concern over the economic and employment outlook.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, off more than three points at the outset and head three later, was off 3.66 to 991.27 shortly before the close. The Blue Chip average had the worst setback in four months.

Turnover amounted to abou 18,100,000 shares, down from the 20,440,000 traded Tuesday. Prices were lower in moderate trading on the American Stock Exchange. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/29/76)

CONGRESS

HHH to Undergo Surgery?

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey will enter a hospital this weekend for tests and possible surgery for a bladder condition, his office announced Wednesday.

The 65-year-old senator has suffered from bladder tumors doctors have described as a borderline form of cancer. The senator is scheduled to enter the Bethesda Naval Medical Center on Sunday. AP,UPI,Networks -- (9/29/76)

House Votes in Lobbyists Controls

The House voted Wednesday to make lobbyists publicly disclose who they work for and how much money they spend in their efforts to influence Congress and federal agencies. AP, UPI, NBC -- (9/29/76)

Boycott of Rights

The House and Senate have each passed bills suppliers from carrying on business with other companies that engage in commerce with Israel, and Arab economic boycott of Israel, and a joint conference committee has begun informal consider—they can require that there be no Jewish mem—

Soviet speech at UN stresses arms fears

Gromyko urges pacts to curb weaponry

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

There can be no doubt about the Soviet Union's main preoccupation at the start of this General Assembly: the arms race.

Some two-thirds of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko's basic policy speech here

Specifically he attacked "attempts to divert the national liberation movement away from genuine independence and freedom through political gimmickry and financial handouts."

The Soviet Union has invested much time.

Swine Flu Program to Start Friday

After a delay of more than two months, the national swine flu vaccination program will begin in three cities on Friday, the National Center for Disease Control said.

Shots will be administered to senior citizens in Pontiac, Mich., at a "health fair" in Indianapolis, and by the city health department in Philadelphia, the CDC said. Other cities will begin immunization programs Monday.

Shipment of the vaccine has begun after a delay in which the producers sought government protection from lawsuits resulting from possible side effects of the immunization. AP, UPI -- (9/29/76)

INTERNATIONAL

Egypt Calls for Arab Summit on Lebanon

Egypt called Wednesday for a restricted Arab summit conference within the next 48 hours to discuss the Lebanese civil war following Syria's major military offensive in the mountains of central Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi proposed a summit between Lebanon, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization -- the parties directly involved in the Lebanese civil war -- along with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt.

He said the call for the top-level parley was decided at a special meeting of the National Security Council held Wednesday under the chairmanship of President Anwar Sadat. AP, UPI, CBS -- (9/29/76)

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