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THE UPI DAYBOOK
TUESDAY, OCT. 12

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:00 A.M.--WASHINGTON PRO BASEBALL, 1120 19TH ST., NW.

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING BASEBALL IN WASHINGTON. CONTACT: MORT SCHWARTZ, 659-1867.

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:30 A.M.--U.S. LABOR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON LAROUCHE, 617 K ST., NW.

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. CONTACT: 347-5359.

NEWS CONFERENCE--NOON--D.C. CITY COUNCILMAN JERRY MOORE AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S REPUBLICAN SLATE, 2ND FLOOR, 509 14TH ST., NW.

SUBJECT: D.C. GOP CANDIDATES AND WHY THE CITY'S BLACKS ARE OPPOSED TO JIMMY CARTER. CONTACT: PETER KELL, 347-8647.

NEWS CONFERENCE--2:30 P.M.--URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR ROBERT PATRICELLI, 10234 DOT BLDG., 400 7TH ST., SW.

SUBJECT: NEW PROCEDURES FOR SPEEDING UP DELIVERY OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDS TO URBANIZED AREAS. CONTACT: LLOYD SCHWALB, 426-4043.

NEWS BRIEFING--3:45 P.M.--DAWSON AHALT, USDA STAFF ECONOMIST, 218A, AGRICULTURE DEPT.

SUBJECT: CROP PRODUCTION REPORT. CONTACT: JOE MCDAVID, 447-4026.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONTINUES SYMPOSIUM ON RESOURCES FOR MANKIND, 2100 C ST., NW, TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

9:00 THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

2:00 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF 1976.
CONTACT: HOWARD LEWIS, 389-6518.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH BEGINS FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON TREATMENT OF NONTUMORAL DISEASES OF THE BRAIN, SPINAL CORD AND EYE, NIH.
TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

9:00 MORNING SESSIONS ON EFFICIENCY, RELIABILITY AND MORPHOLOGY.

12:30 AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON MALFORMATION, TOMOCHEMISTRY, CALCIFICATION, VENTRICLES AND A PIONEER PANEL.
CONTACT: ANGELA MARTIN, 496-2535.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION CONTINUES WITH SESSION ON "IS YOUR NEW HOME REALLY FREE OF WOOD-DESTROYING INSECTS?", BALLROOM CENTER, WASHINGTON HILTON, 9:00 A.M.

CONTACT: CONNIE DRAPEAU, 938-7200, OR RICHARD ELDREDGE, IN THE HOTEL'S PRESIDENTIAL SUITE, 483-3000.

SYMPOSIUM OF "POLICY SCIENCES", SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR POLICY SCIENCES, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S MARVIN CENTER, 9:00 A.M.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE NORMAN BECKMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AND ROBERT LEVINE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE. CONTACT: ARMAND WEISS, 254-6868.

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS MEETS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED REPORT ON
"LAST HIRED, FIRST FIRED," VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AUDITORIUM, 810
VT. AVE., NW, BEGINNING AT 9:15 A.M.
CONTACT: BARBARA BROOKS, 254-6697.

SUPREME COURT MEETS, 10:00 A.M.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION MEETS ON MAINE POTATO CONTRACT,
LEVERAGE TRANSACTIONS AND INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION, ROOM 519, 2033 K
ST., NW, 10:00 A.M.
CONTACT: JAMES STINER, 254-8630.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATOR PETER BENSINGER SPEAKS AT FBI
NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CRIME LABORATORY DEVELOPMENT, FBI NATIONAL
ACADEMY, QUANTICO, 10:00 A.M.

HEARING ON PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST
RECENTLY-PASSED LEGISLATION BANNING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS,
COURTROOM 2, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, 10:15 A.M.
CONTACT: 546-7800.

PRESIDENT FORD DEPARTS FOR TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN TRIP TO NEW JERSEY AND
NEW YORK, 11:15 A.M.
RETURNS WEDNESDAY EVENING AT ABOUT 7 P.M.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN MARY LOUISE SMITH AND DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS DISCUSS THEIR PARTIES' ELECTION
PROSPECTS AT LUNCHEON OF SIGMA DELTA CHI, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, NOON.
CONTACT FOR RESERVATIONS IS ROBERT LEWIS, 737-7770.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BEGINS FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ON EXPERIMENTAL
SAFETY VEHICLES, SHERATON INTERNATIONAL, ARLINGTON, NOON.
DOT SECRETARY COLEMAN UNVEILS TWO EXPERIMENTAL CARS
THEN SPEAKS AT SESSION OF CONFERENCE AT STATE DEPARTMENT
AT 1 P.M. SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
BEGIN AT 9 A.M. CONTACT: BOB COOK, 426-9550.

AD HOC GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED ABOUT INDOCHINA DEMONSTRATE TO
PROTEST THE SITUATION IN THAILAND, 22ND AND C STS., NW, NEAR THE
STATE DEPARTMENT DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE, NOON.

CONTACT: GARETH PORTER AT THE INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER,
385-3111.

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SEN. PEARSON SPEAKS AT MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION CHEMICAL
FORUM LUNCHEON, PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM, STATLER HILTON, NOON.
CONTACT: 483-6126.

CARTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI ADDRESSES THE
WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB LUNCHEON, 12:15 P.M.
SUBJECT: AMERICA IN A HOSTILE WORLD.

REP. JOSEPH FISHER SPEAKS AT NATIONAL ECONOMISTS CLUB LUNCHEON,
ECONOMISTS ROOM, BLACK HORSE TAVERN, 1235 20TH ST., NW, 12:15 P.M.
SUBJECT: SOME THOUGHTS ON CONTROLLING INFLATION.

WOMEN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOLDS AWARDS LUNCHEON, 1730 RHODE ISLAND
AVE., NW, 12:30 P.M.

CONTACT: FLORENCE SELDEN, 293-1343.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WILLIAM BAGLEY SPEAKS
AT LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE COMMODITY CLUB OF WASHINGTON, MAYFLOWER,
12:30 P.M.

CONTACT: 254-8630.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ISSUES RETAIL SALES REPORT.

USDA ISSUES MONTHLY CROP PRODUCTION REPORT, 3:00 P.M.

FIRST IN SERIES OF THREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURES ON ORIENTAL ART HELD
AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S FREER GALLERY, 12TH AND JEFFERSON DR., SW, 8:30
P.M.

BERT SEIDMAN, DIRECTOR OF AFL-CIO'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY,
INTERVIEWED ON MUTUAL'S "LABOR NEWS CONFERENCE" BROADCAST, 9:05 P.M.
SUBJECT: MEETING SOCIAL NEEDS.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION HEARING, 10:00 A.M.:
KNITTING MACHINES FOR LADIES' SEAMLESS HOSIERY
FROM ITALY.

FTC HEARINGS, 10:00 A.M.:
KELLOGG CO., BATTLE CREEK, MICH.
BRUNSWICK CORP., SKOKIE, ILL.
FRUEHAUF CORP., DETROIT, MICH.
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CORRESPONDENTS:

REMINDING, THE NEWS CONFERENCE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR 10 A.M.
THIS MORNING BY DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THE PROJECTED
TWO-WEEK CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP IN BEHALF OF THE CARTER-MONDALE TICKET
HAS BEEN CANCELED. CONTACT: 857-1670.

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THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS:

8:00 STAFF MEETINGS.

9:45 ETHNIC LEADERS.

11:15 DEPARTS SOUTH GROUNDS BY HELICOPTER FOR
ANDREWS AFB AND NEW YORK CITY.

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BULLETIN

TOKYO (AP) -- A CHINESE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT

PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED THE LATE

MAO TSE-TUNG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY,

JAPAN'S KYODO NEWS SERVICE REPORTED TODAY FROM PEKING.

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BULLETIN

TOKYO AP - A Chinese government spokesman announced that Premier Hua Kuo-feng has been appointed to succeed the late Mao Tse-tung as chairman of the Chinese Communist party, Japan's Kyodo news service reported today from Peking.

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TOKYO: from Peking.

Wall posters appeared in Peking last week reporting the succession of the 57-year-old Hua, but there had been no official announcement. The spokesman explained that the announcement had been delayed to allow the entire Communist party organization to be informed in advance, Kyodo said.

The official Hsinhua news agency still had not reported the appointment. In a communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Papua New Guinea, Hua signed as premier, Hsinhua said.

However, in a story Saturday, Hsinhua referred to the party Central Committee "headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng."

There still was no confirmation of other unofficial reports from Peking that Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and three other high ranking officials, all associated with the party's radical wing, had been arrested, accused of plotting a coup.

These reports suggested that serious infighting was going on and that positions still might not have solidified since Mao died on Sept. 9.

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(PREVIOUS HONG KONG)

TOKYO (UPI) -- CHINA FORMALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THE APPOINTMENT OF PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, SUCCEEDING THE LATE MAO TSE-TUNG, JAPAN'S KYODO NEWS SERVICE REPORTED.

IN A DISPATCH FROM PEKING, KYODO SAID HUA'S APPOINTMENT TO CHINA'S TOP POST WAS ANNOUNCED BY A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

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HUA'S APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN HAD BEEN DISCLOSED BY WALL POSTERS IN PEKING IN RECENT DAYS BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE MOVE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AMID WESTERN AND EAST EUROPEAN REPORTS THAT MAO'S WIDOW AND THREE OTHER PARTY "RADICALS" HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING A COUP.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN PEKING AND HONG KONG SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE REPORTS OF THE ARREST OF CHIANG CHING, A FORMER ACTRESS AND MAO'S FOURTH WIFE, AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INFLUENTIAL PARTY POLITBURO.

THE REPORTS, CARRIED BY THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES, TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, AND THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG SAID MME. MAO AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "SHANGHAI MAFIA" WERE ARRESTED FOR PLANNING A COUP.

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BY CHARLES R. SMITH

UPI SENIOR EDITOR

HONG KONG (UPI) -- CHINA'S COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER TODAY URGED SUPPORT OF HUA KUO-FENG AS THE APPARENT SUCCESSOR TO CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AMID WESTERN REPORTS THAT MAO'S WIDOW AND THREE OTHER PARTY "RADICALS" HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING A COUP.

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THE OTHER THREE, CONSIDERED TOP RADICALS WITHIN THE PARTY HIERARCHY, WERE IDENTIFIED AS PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG HUANG-WEN, THE YOUNGEST POLITBURO MEMBER; CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, CHIEF POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SHANGHAI PARTY APPARATUS; AND YAO WEN-YUAN, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE SHANGHAI PARTY.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS IN PEKING HE HAD "NO COMMENT" ON THE REPORTED ARRESTS, ONE OF THE REPORTERS TOLD UPI BY TELEPHONE.

BUT FEW ANALYSTS COMPLETEDLY DISMISSED THE REPORTS, WHICH HAVE CIRCULATED AS RUMORS IN PEKING AND HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

"THERE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS BEEN OPPOSITION TO HUA'S APPOINTMENT AS MAO'S SUCCESSOR," ONE DIPLOMATIC ANALYST SAID.

"SINCE THE ARMED FORCES HAVE ENDORSED HIM AS 'HEAD' OF THE PARTY, IT IS NOT ILLOGICAL THAT THE MILITARY MIGHT TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO OPPOSE HUA'S APPOINTMENT TOO VIGOROUSLY, AS MADAME MAO AND THE OTHER RADICALS WELL MAY HAVE DONE."

THE THREE MOST AUTHORITATIVE PUBLICATIONS OF THE PARTY AND THE ARMED FORCES TWO DAYS AGO CONFIRMED THAT HUA, WHO IS CHINA'S PREMIER AND CONSIDERED A MODERATE, HAD BEEN NAMED "HEAD" OF THE PARTY.

BUT THEY STOPPED SHORT OF IDENTIFYING HIM AS THE NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN, ADDING TO THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING POLITICAL MANEUVERING IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL SINCE MAO'S DEATH SEPT. 9.

THE PARTY PAPER, PEOPLE'S DAILY, TODAY URGED SUPPORT FOR HUA. AN ARTICLE QUOTED BY PEKING RADIO SAID, "WE MUST RALLY MOST CLOSELY ROUND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY COMRADE HUA KUO-FENG."

PEKING RADIO QUOTED OTHER PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLES SUPPORTING HUA'S ELEVATION AND CALLING FOR "RESOLUTE STRUGGLES AGAINST ALL STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS" THAT THREATEN PARTY UNITY.

WORD OF HUA'S APPOINTMENT FIRST APPEARED IN PEKING WALL POSTERS LATE LAST WEEK.

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By ROBERT LIU

Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG AP - Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, and three other radical members of the Chinese Communist party Politburo have been arrested on charges of plotting a coup, according to unconfirmed reports circulating in Peking.

Residents in the Chinese capital, contacted by telephone from Hong Kong, said the report of the arrests began circulating in the city Monday evening. They said the report was the topic of open conversation Tuesday.

No official confirmation of the report was available in Hong Kong or Tokyo. Nor was there any indication whether it was being circulated by enemies of Chiang Ching and her supporters in the power struggle that has been under way in Peking since the death of Premier Chou En-lai last January.

The report said those arrested with Mao's 62-year-old widow were Wang Hung-wen, 38, the Shanghai "boy wonder," raised by Mao from a factory assembly line to a party vice-chairmanship for his services to the revolutionary cause in the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution; First Vice-Premier Chang Chun-chiao, 55, a member of the Politburo's standing committee; and Yao Wen-yuan, 51, a leading ideologue and polemicist whose attacks on moderate leaders touched off the purge 10 years ago.

Two London newspapers, the Daily Telegraph and the Financial Times, printed the report in their Tuesday morning editions.

The conservative Telegraph's Peking correspondent, Nigel Wade, said reliable sources reported that the arrests were announced to political organizers at special weekend briefings.

The Financial Times said that according to "unconfirmed reports from Peking . . . supported only by circumstantial evidence," Chiang Ching and her three associates were under house arrest.

It said the reports suggested "that the power struggle which surfaced within the leadership before Chairman Mao died has since intensified."

The Daily Telegraph report said the four radical leaders' last known public appearance was on Sept. 30, at a meeting on the eve of China's national day.

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By ROBERT LIU

Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG AP - Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, and three other radical members of the Chinese Communist party Politburo have been arrested on charges of plotting to seize control of the Chinese government, according to unconfirmed reports circulating today in Peking.

Residents in the Chinese capital, contacted by telephone from Hong Kong, said the reports were first heard in the city Monday evening and were the topic of open conversation today.

No official confirmation of the reports could be obtained. The Japan Broadcasting Corp. reported from Peking that all was "quiet and normal" there. But the open discussion of the reports emphasized that the power struggle between pragmatic moderates and revolutionary radicals which began with the death of Premier Chou En-lai last January is still raging.

Those reported arrested with Mao's 52-year-old widow were Wang Hung-wen, 38, the Shanghai "boy wonder," whom Mao elevated from a factory assembly line to a party vice-chairmanship for his services to the revolutionary cause in the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution; First Vice-Premier Chang Chun-chiao, 55, a member of the Politburo's standing committee; and Yao Wen-yuan, 51, a leading ideologist and polemicist since the Cultural Revolution purge 10 years ago.

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The London Financial Times said the four radicals were under house arrest, according to "unconfirmed reports from Peking." It said the reports suggested that "the power struggle which surfaced within the leadership before Chairman Mao died has since intensified."

Wade said few details of the alleged plot were known. He said the plotters apparently got little support from the army, and he speculated that they may be charged with such "treasonable" actions as forging statements and sayings attributed to Mao during the last months before he died on Sept. 9.

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Japanese correspondents in Peking reported that none of the four was at the airport Monday to welcome Prime Minister Thomas Somare of Papua New Guinea when he arrived for a visit to China. Official airport welcomes are important occasions in Peking, and political significance is deduced from the lineup of officials present.

Somare was greeted by Premier Hua Kuo-feng and Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien, 71, an expert in financial and economic affairs, according to the official Chinese news agency Hsinhua. There had been speculation that Chang would become premier if Hua succeeded Mao as Communist party chairman. But the London Financial Times reported that Li fulfilled the duties of premier at Somare's arrival.

Japanese reports from Peking reiterated that Hua had been chosen for the party chairmanship. This succession was announced in wall posters last weekend, but there has been no official announcement.

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HONG KONG: official announcement.

Chiang Ching, a onetime movie actress who became Mao's fourth wife, has wielded enormous influence both as the party chairman's wife and in her own right as a leader of the radical wing of the party.

She burst into prominence in the Cultural Revolution, and some observers credited her with much of the impetus for the purge of those who wanted to concentrate on industrial development and government efficiency rather than revolutionary eradication of the remnants of capitalism.

She was vice chairman of the purge group and dominated the Cultural Revolution, tongue-lashing Mao's opponents and urging the young Red Guards to violence. They assaulted foreigners, burned down the British Embassy, attacked the Soviet Embassy and destroyed many relics from China's past.

When the revolution ended in 1969, Chiang Ching was one of the leading figures in China. But her influence was curbed by Chou En-lai, the late moderate premier, who worked to restore stability. When Chou died, foreign observers believe Chiang Ching influenced Mao against Teng Hsiao-ping, Chou's choice for his successor.

Teng was stripped of his titles and thrown into disgrace last April. Hua, named Chou's successor, was considered a compromise between the moderates and the radicals. Many foreign observers believed he would eventually be replaced when one side or the other in the power struggle got the upper hand.

The London Daily Telegraph's report said Hua apparently was now aligned with the moderates. It said observers in Peking believed the formal announcement of Hua's promotion to the party chairmanship was being delayed while he purged radicals from the top power structure.

Yosuke Nakae, director of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asia Bureau, told a parliamentary committee today that the report of the arrests reached his office two days ago. He said there was no way the Japanese Embassy in Peking could substantiate the report.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said he first heard of the report from journalists and knew nothing about it beyond what the reporters told him.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S POLITICAL ADVISERS MAY BE GETTING A BIT MEAN AND NASTY ABOUT JIMMY CARTER'S "MEAN AND NASTY" CAMPAIGN.

AFTER A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT MONDAY AFTERNOON, THE ADVISORS SUMMONED REPORTERS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS:

GOV. DAN EVANS OF WASHINGTON: BECAUSE OF CARTER "THE CAMPAIGN HAS TURNED INTO A MEAN, NASTY LITTLE CAMPAIGN." WHAT WAS THE GOVERNOR CALLING CARTER'S CAMPAIGNING? ASKED A REPORTER. "MEAN AND NASTY," REPLIED EVANS.

HARRY DENT, FORD'S CAMPAIGN LIEUTENANT FOR THE SOUTH: CARTER SHOWED "A MEAN STREAK" AND "IMPERTINENCE" DURING AND AFTER THE DEBATE LAST WEEK.

SEN. JACOB K. JAVITS, R-N.Y.: "WE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT'S OPPONENT IN TRUE CHARACTER." HE SAID FORD "HAS THE DUTY AS PRESIDENT" OF POINTING OUT CARTER'S PERSONALITY FAULTS, AND ADDED: "FORD OUGHT TO CALL A SPADE A SPADE AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT THAT ADDS UP TO."

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BOB DOLE TOOK PART IN THE MEETING, AS DID SEVERAL REPUBLICAN MAYORS AND SPOKESMEN FOR THE 25 MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE.

EVANS ALSO SAID THE PRESIDENT'S "HONESTY AND INTEGRITY ARE BEYOND QUESTION; HIS OPPONENT'S ARE NOT."

AND JAVITS SAID CARTER WAS MAKING "RECKLESS CHARGES ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S HONESTY WITHOUT ANY TRUTH."

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BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, STUNG BY THE POLITICAL BACKLASH FROM HIS REMARK THAT EASTERN EUROPE WAS NOT UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION, SUMMONED ETHNIC LEADERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY TO TRY TO PATCH UP RELATIONS.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR A TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, FORD INVITED THE LEADERS OF POLISH AMERICAN AND BALTIC GROUPS TO THE WHITE HOUSE "TO MAKE CLEAR HIS LONG STANDING POSITION ON EASTERN EUROPE," WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING WERE ALOYSIOUS MAZEWSKI, PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS, AND LEADERS OF THE ARMENIAN, HUNGARIAN, LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN, ESTONIAN, CZECH, SLOVAK AND UKRANIAN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION.

THE PRESIDENT WAS TO LEAVE BEFORE NOON FOR BROOKLYN, N.Y., AND A MEETING WITH JEWISH LEADERS, BOLSTERED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW ARMS AID PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL.

ON MONDAY, FORD ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT FOR A NEW \$1 BILLION PACKAGE OF ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL WHICH HIS PRESS AIDE SAID HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER'S ATTACK ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO THE JEWISH STATE.

CONCEDING THAT THE DEBATE AND THE RACIAL SLUR THAT LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ HAD SLOWED THE MOMENTUM OF HIS CAMPAIGN, FORD'S CHIEF POLITICAL ADVISERS ARE STRONGLY URGING HIM TO FOCUS HIS ATTACKS ON CARTER'S CHARACTER.

AFTER A STRATEGY SESSION MONDAY AFTERNOON, GOV. DAN EVANS OF WASHINGTON TOLD REPORTERS CARTER HAS TURNED "MEAN AND NASTY" IN THE CAMPAIGN AND "HAS DISTORTED" THE FACTS.

HARRY DENT, THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, SAID "THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH REALLY CAN'T TRUST JIMMY CARTER ... (CARTER'S) EXCESSES AND DISTORTIONS ... HIS IMPERTINENCE IN THE DEBATE" HAVE TURNED SOUTHERNERS AWAY FROM THEIR NATIVE SON.

FORD WINDS UP TODAY WITH A MEETING WITH NEW YORK EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS AND A \$1,000-A-PLATE REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER.

AFTER CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY WEDNESDAY HE FLIES BACK TO WASHINGTON TO SPEND THURSDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND WILL LEAVE AGAIN FRIDAY ON A TWO-DAY TOUR WHICH INCLUDES STOPS IN IOWA, A NINE-HOUR "WHISTLE STOP" TRAIN TRIP IN ILLINOIS, FROM JOLIET TO ALTON, FOLLOWED BY A RALLY AT THE AIRPORT IN ST. LOUIS SATURDAY NIGHT.

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EDITORS: THE FORD MEETING WITH ETHNIC LEADERS IS AT 9:45 A.M. EDT
BY ELIZABETH WHARTON

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

AMERICA'S ETHNIC VOTERS ARE BEING PURSUED TODAY THE WAY
UNCOMMITTED REPUBLICAN DELEGATES WERE COURTED AND PRESSURED BEFORE
THE GOP CONVENTION.

JIMMY CARTER IS HOME IN PLAINS, GA., AFTER WHAT AIDES CONSIDER A
SUCCESSFUL MIDWEST CAMPAIGN TOUR IN WHICH HE TRIED HARD TO EXPLOIT
WHATEVER BACKLASH DEVELOPED FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S DEBATE BLOOPER THAT
EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

FORD SUMMONED LEADERS OF SOME DOZEN OF AMERICA'S ETHNIC
ORGANIZATIONS TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY BEFORE EMBARKING ON A SIMILAR
TREK -- THROUGH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND IN
THE MIDWEST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN SAID FORD INVITED THE LEADERS ON
HIS OWN INITIATIVE, AND WILL MAKE A STATEMENT AFTERWARD "TO MAKE
CLEAR HIS LONG STANDING POSITION ON EASTERN EUROPE."

BEFORE THE CONTROVERSIAL REMARK LAST WEDNESDAY, THE MAJORITY OF
ETHNIC VOTERS WAS BELIEVED TO FAVOR FORD, AND THE GOP STRATEGISTS
WERE COUNTING ON THOSE GROUPS TO PROVIDE A WINNING MARGIN IN SOME KEY
INDUSTRIAL STATES, PARTICULARLY OHIO AND ILLINOIS.

CARTER SAW THE REMARK AS HIS OPPORTUNITY TO CUT INTO THAT GOP
SUPPORT, AND HE HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING HARD ON THE ISSUE EVER SINCE --
PROMISING THAT IF HE IS ELECTED THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER CONSIDER
EASTERN EUROPE TO BE PERMANENTLY WITHIN THE RUSSIAN DOMAIN.

ON MONDAY FORD ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT FOR A \$1 BILLION PACKAGE SALE
OF SOPHISTICATED NEW WEAPONS TO ISRAEL.

LATER, NESSEN WAS ASKED IF THE ACTION WAS RELATED TO CARTER'S
SHARP CRITICISM OF THE U.S. LEVEL OF AID TO THE JEWISH STATE UNDER
THE FORD ADMINISTRATION. HE CALLED THE QUESTION "UNWORTHY OF AN
ANSWER."

THE WEAPONS CANNOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL NEXT YEAR BECAUSE SUCH A SALE
REQUIRES CONCURRENCE OF CONGRESS AND IT HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL
MID-JANUARY.

MEANWHILE, A MAN FROM MARS LANDING ON EARTH SUNDAY OR MONDAY MIGHT
WELL HAVE THOUGHT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WAS RUNNING FOR SOMETHING.

ALL FOUR CANDIDATES -- FORD, CARTER, ROBERT DOLE AND WALTER
MONDALE -- MADE SPEECHES AND ISSUED STATEMENTS OR MARCHED IN PARADES,
OR OTHERWISE MARKED THE DAY CELEBRATED ANNUALLY BY ITALIAN AMERICANS
AND OTHERS.

EXHAUSTED FROM LONG PARADE MARCHES BOTH SUNDAY AND MONDAY AND A
HEAVY SCHEDULE OF SPEECHES, BOTH VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
RETURNED TO WASHINGTON MONDAY.

DOLE HELD A STRATEGY SESSION WITH FORD AND MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND UNDERTOOK A ONE-DAY TRIP
TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., TODAY FOR A REPUBLICAN DINNER.

MONDALE DECLARED A MINI-VACATION -- FOUR DAYS, TO BE SPENT
RELAXING AND BEING BRIEFED ON ISSUES WHICH COULD ARISE DURING THE
VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE IN HOUSTON AT 9 P.M. EDT FRIDAY. DOLE
PLANNED SIMILAR STUDY SESSIONS AFTER RETURNING FROM TENNESSEE.

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Subs for Plains

WASHINGTON AP - The chief spokesman for the President Ford Committee says he will fire any staff member who tried to spread a false rumor that Democrat Jimmy Carter had an extramarital affair. But first, William Greener said, someone will have to name the person to be fired.

Existence of the Carter rumor and the allegation that it came from Ford's campaign staff surfaced Monday during columnist Jack Anderson's regular appearance on ABC television's "Good Morning America."

Anderson said Ford's campaign sources supplied him with the name of a woman they suggested had had an affair with Carter and that they later offered him the names of four other women.

He said he checked the rumors and found them groundless.

The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times also reported Monday that they had heard the rumors.

The New York Times said its reporters heard them from both Democratic and Republican sources. The paper published nothing about them because it could not find the source.

The Los Angeles Times said a Ford campaign aide passed the story to its Washington bureau, which checked and could not substantiate it.

No one named specific individuals in Ford's campaign. "If someone can step up and tell me who they are, I will fire them on the spot," Greener said.

Anderson, in a telephone interview, said three of his four sources worked directly for Greener. But Greener said he had talked with members of his staff who deal with the press, and all of them denied talking to Anderson.

Greener acknowledged that a Ford supporter from Georgia recently sent to Washington a memo containing rumors about Carter. He said it was thrown away. Greener said campaign manager James Baker issued an order that "I don't want him the memo-sender around any more."

Carter was asked about the rumors at Chicago's Midway Airport.

"I heard about them Saturday after it apparently had been cooking for two or three weeks," he said. He characterized the rumors as "just one of those kind of seamy things that is distasteful, but it hasn't hurt us because there is no truth to any of these allegations."

Carter said he thought the affair was "handled in a very good way by the news media."

His press secretary, Jody Powell, said "two or three reporters had mentioned the rumor to him and all told him it came from 'fairly highly placed Republican officials.'"

The rumors apparently were initiated in the aftermath of Carter's highly publicized interview with Playboy magazine. In the interview, Carter said, "I've looked on a lot of women with lust. I've committed adultery in my heart many times. This is something that God recognizes I will do - and I have done it - and God forgives me for it."

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By DAVE RILEY

Associated Press Writer

Estonians, Latvians, Poles and Ukrainians are among the American ethnic groups being represented at a White House meeting with President Ford, who is hoping he can "put the Eastern European matter behind him."

Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter, at home today in Plains, Ga., denied rumors about his love life amid charges that they were spread by the Ford campaign. And Ford campaign spokesmen denied spreading the rumors.

Ford scheduled meetings today with representatives of groups representing Americans of Polish, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Czech, Slovak, Serbian and Ukrainian descent.

Ford will attempt to make up for his remark during last week's debate with Carter when the President asserted, "There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

That remark brought immediate outcries from leaders of various groups representing Americans of Eastern European descent. The next day, Ford began backing off the comment and later said he did not concede Soviet domination of Eastern European countries.

At least one of the ethnic leaders meeting with Ford today, Aloysius Mazewski, head of the Polish American Congress, got a call last week from Ford, who reportedly apologized for the statement.

A White House aide said Ford called the meeting in hopes he can "put the Eastern European matter behind him," before he departs for a campaign trip into New York and New Jersey.

At a Columbus Day ceremony Monday in Washington, Ford again tried to smooth over the debate remark by saying: "People of the Old World still look to the New World as the champion of freedom, the champion of human rights. America has been their hope and their help and we will never let them down."

Ford held a strategy session at the White House on Monday, and one of those attending was Sen. Bob Dole, his running mate. Dole, addressing the Eastern Europe issue, said Ford's debate statement has had no adverse effect other than a "ferocious outpouring of bitter words by Mr. Carter."

Carter's running mate, Sen. Walter Mondale, campaigned Monday in New York.

Carter, in Eau Claire, Wis., Monday, said rumors allegedly being spread by Ford campaign workers about his having had an extramarital affair are "seamy" lies.

"It's just one of those kind of seamy things that is distasteful, but it hasn't hurt us because there is no truth to any of these allegations," Carter said.

A spokesman for Ford's campaign committee denied any role in spreading the rumors about Carter, but columnist Jack Anderson, who first reported the story, said the rumors were fed to him by four staff members of the President Ford Committee.

Anderson, who refused to name the four Ford sources, said he had found no truth to the rumors.

Anderson said on ABC's "Good Morning America," show that "Ford's campaign aides have been searching Jimmy Carter's past for a sex scandal." He said the Ford campaign sources supplied him with the name of a woman they suggested had once had an affair with Carter and that they later offered him the names of four other women.

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William Greener, a spokesman for the Ford committee, replied: "Speaking for the top people of the committee, I absolutely deny that they had anything to do with the story, nor would they. If anyone around here were found doing such a thing, he would be fired on the spot."

But Anderson said later that three of the sources in the Ford headquarters work for Greener. Informed of that, Greener said, "If someone can step up and tell me who they are, I will fire them on the spot." Anderson has declined to name his sources.

Greener said he checked with members of his staff who normally deal with the press "and they said they hadn't done it." He said a Ford volunteer in Georgia had sent the committee "a memo containing rumors" about Carter "and when it got here, it was thrown away."

Greener said he hadn't seen the memo but that campaign director James Baker had issued orders that "I don't want him the volunteer around any more."

Anderson said the rumor also was spread to other reporters and that some of them told him it had come from Republican sources. "The only people who knew I had the allegation about Carter's romances were the Ford aides who planted them with me," Anderson said.

Carter said he heard about the rumors Saturday and "it caused me and Rosalynn some concern at first."

Carter said he understood the Los Angeles Times, the New York TIMES, AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS WERE OFFERED THE STORY BY THE GOP sources.

The New York Times said its reporters heard the rumors from both Republicans and Democrats but that efforts to ascertain the original source were unsuccessful. The Los Angeles Times said a Ford campaign source passed the rumor to its reporters in Washington. The newspaper said it did not print the rumors because it found nothing to substantiate them.

Jody Powell, Carter's press secretary, said he received about 50 inquiries on the subject. He said reporters who called him indicated the rumor was from "highly placed Republican officials." Powell said he was not given any names.

Powell said there "appeared to be a very concerted effort to spread this sort of thing."

Carter walked at the head of the Columbus Day parade in Chicago, paid homage to Mayor Richard Daley and attended a Catholic Church with Italian-American political leaders.

He planned to spend the next two days relaxing at home with his family. Returning to Plains, Ga., on Monday night after an eight-day trip, he said he felt he had done well on the road.

Ford met on Monday with a group of prominent Republicans, who said they urged the GOP candidate get tough with Carter.

Ford strategists said their man plans to be more aggressive in the final three weeks of the campaign.

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AM-Rumsfeld 310

By FRED S. HOFFMAN

AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has canceled plans for trips to California and several other states to avoid the appearance of political activity, Pentagon officials said Monday. Rumsfeld had been scheduled to visit Seattle, Wash., the Los Angeles area of California, Ft. Hood and Ft. Bliss, Tex., and Colorado Springs, Colo., this week and next.

Officials said the trips were intended to familiarize Rumsfeld with research being done on the new MX intercontinental ballistic missile, Army tank developments, and activities at North American Air Defense Command headquarters and the Air Force Academy.

However, officials said, the trips were called off when Rumsfeld became aware of speculation linking them with President Ford's election campaign.

California and Texas in particular are pivotal states and some observers wondered whether Rumsfeld's trips might not be intended to underscore Ford's defense spending policies.

Rumsfeld formerly was Ford's top aide at the White House before moving to the Pentagon last November.

Traditionally, defense secretaries are supposed to stay out of presidential political campaigns.

Officials said Rumsfeld's trips had been scheduled during this time because it is a lull period between recently completed congressional action on this year's defense budget and intense administration discussions on the shape of the coming year's budget.

Rumsfeld probably will reschedule those trips later, officials said. Meanwhile, Rumsfeld intends to go ahead with a brief trip to Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 20 for the official ceremonial "rollout" of the new Air Force F16 air combat fighter at the General Dynamics plant.

He also will travel next weekend to the U.S. Naval Academy, about 35 miles from Washington, to meet with Annapolis officials and take part in the academy's homecoming celebration.

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PM-Senators-China, 180

HONG KONG AP - Sens. Mike Mansfield and John Glenn arrived in Hong Kong today after a three-week visit to China but refused to discuss their trip with reporters until after they report on it to President Ford and the U.S. Senate.

"Until that has been done, it would not be appropriate for me to comment about my observations and conclusions," said Mansfield in a statement.

The Montana Democrat said, however, that he and Glenn, a Democrat from Ohio, found their trip "an interesting and educational experience," and that they learned much from their tour of Peking, Shanghai, Wu-hsi, Nanching, Urumchi and other areas of Sinkiang province, where China's nuclear testing grounds are located.

It was Mansfield's third trip to China since President Nixon's visit in 1972.

He and Glenn met in Peking with Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien, a financial expert who is being mentioned as a likely successor to Premier Hua Kuo-feng if Hua succeeds Mao Tse-tung as chairman of the Chinese Communist party.

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PM-Butterfield, 260

WASHINGTON AP - The man who revealed the existence of the White House tapes says President Ford and his staff took office with a mandate to fire him.

Alexander Butterfield said Monday that the staffs of Ford and former President Richard Nixon agreed that he would have to be fired. He offered no hard evidence to back his statement.

Ford's news secretary, Ron Nessen, said the claim by Butterfield was "just ludicrous."

Butterfield, in 1973, told the Senate Watergate committee about the taping system he helped oversee in the White House. The tapes eventually forced Nixon to resign. Butterfield, meanwhile, had been appointed head of the Federal Aviation Administration, the job from which he was fired.

Butterfield said a friend in the White House told him that a decision had been made that "you've got to go."

"I don't think it was such a big deal that Nixon talked to Ford about me," he said. He thinks that the staffs of the two men worked out the agreement.

"I'd say you could call it a mandate," he said.

Butterfield was fired shortly after Ford took office. He has not found a permanent job since.

Nessen said Butterfield was fired to improve administration at the FAA. But, no new FAA head was named for several months after Butterfield was forced to leave.

Nessen said he had not checked into why there was a delay in naming Butterfield's successor.

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WASHINGTON (UP) -- THIS IS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK, AND SATURDAY IS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER CARRIER DAY.

IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE MONDAY, PRESIDENT FORD SAID: "IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR THE TRADITIONAL TRIBUTE TO OUR NATION'S NEWSPAPERS TAKES ON EVEN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. IT CALLS PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE CONTINUING VITALITY OF THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS THAT IS SUCH A CHERISHED PART OF THE LEGACY WE CELEBRATE."

"IT ALSO EVOKES THE SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICA'S NEWSPAPERS TO THE TRUST THEY HOLD, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THEIR EFFORTS TO PERPETUATE THE INTEGRITY AND HONOR OF OUR BIRTHRIGHT AS MEMBERS OF A FREE SOCIETY," HE SAID.

FORD ALSO SAID THE "FINE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DELIVER OUR NATION'S NEWSPAPERS TO MILLIONS OF READERS ARE MOST DESERVING OF A SPECIAL DAY OF TRIBUTE TO THEIR HARD WORK, DILIGENCE AND ENTERPRISE."

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BY STEVE GERSTEL

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER RETURNED HOME EARLY TODAY FOR A BRIEF REST FROM HIS MOST AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT FORD SINCE THE START OF THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

FROM STATE TO STATE -- ON A SWING FROM THE WEST COAST TO THE SOUTHWEST AND THEN TO THE MIDWEST -- CARTER CRITICIZED NOT ONLY FORD'S POLICIES BUT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINUALLY CRITICIZING FORD'S STATEMENT ON EASTERN EUROPE, CARTER FREQUENTLY CHARGED THE PRESIDENT HAS REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL FINANCES THAT EMERGED IN RECENT WEEKS.

THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT WHEN CARTER RESUMES CAMPAIGNING WITH A TRIP TO NEW YORK THURSDAY, HE PLANNED TO ENUNCIATE ISSUES HE CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE 1976 ELECTION -- UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION AND GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT.

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TODAY CARTER URGED FORD TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY TO GIVE WHEAT FARMERS HIGHER PRICES FOR THEIR CROPS.

IN THE STATEMENT, HE NOTED THE ADMINISTRATION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE PRICE SUPPORT LOAN LEVELS FOR WHEAT TO 100 PER CENT OF PARITY AND SAID FARMERS ARE NOW GETTING \$1.50 A BUSHEL IN CONTRAST TO AN AVERAGE OF \$4.11 PER BUSHEL IN SEPTEMBER OF 1975.

"THE CURRENT LOAN LEVEL OF \$1.50 A BUSHEL FOR WHEAT IS COMPLETELY INADEQUATE AND UNREALISTIC," CARTER SAID. THE PRESIDENT SHOULD USE THE AUTHORITY CONGRESS HAS GIVEN HIM TO ESTABLISH A REALISTIC LOAN LEVEL IMMEDIATELY."

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UNLIKE MUCH OF THE EIGHT-DAY SWING, CARTER'S ATTACKS ON FORD OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS WERE SOFTER -- APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO ADVISERS' WHO FELT CARTER'S OWN PROGRAMS AND POLICIES SHOULD BE STRESSED.

ABOARD HIS PLANE RIDE HOME, CARTER WAS ASKED IF THE MOVE WAS INTENTIONAL.

"ALMOST EVERYTHING I DO, I DO INTENTIONALLY," CARTER SAID.

"SOMETIMES YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT IT IS."

CARTER SAID THE THRUST OF HIS CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS "WAS NOT TO BE ANTAGONISTIC OR PERSONAL IN MY ATTACKS ON FORD, BUT TO POINT OUT TO THE NEWS MEDIA, WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE FACT, THAT FORD IS NOT MEETING THE PUBLIC, BEING CROSS-EXAMINED AND ANSWERING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HE HIMSELF HAS RAISED."

JOINED BY HIS WIFE, ROSALYNN, AND HIS 9-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, AMY, CARTER RETURNED TO PLAINS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT SAYING HE THOUGHT HE HAD JUST HAD "A GOOD WEEK."

ASKED IF HE FELT IT WAS FORD'S WORST WEEK OF THE CAMPAIGN -- MARKED BY THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT EASTERN EUROPE WAS NOT UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION -- CARTER SIMPLY REPLIED: "YEAH."

CARTER INDICATED HE WOULD SPEND MOST OF THE NEXT TWO DAYS RESTING, A HABIT HE HAS ADOPTED SINCE FIRST SEEKING THE PRESIDENCY.

ASKED IF HE WOULD SPEND HIS TIME TALKING STRATEGY FOR THE FINAL DRIVE BEFORE THE NOV. 2 ELECTION, CARTER SAID, "I'M NOT GOING TO TALK TO ANYBODY IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS EXCEPT MY WIFE AND MY DAUGHTER AND MY MOTHER AND BILLY CARTER (HIS BROTHER)."

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BY CLAY F. RICHARDS

MILWAUKEE, WIS. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID MONDAY NIGHT THAT WHEN RICHARD NIXON CAME TO THE WHITE HOUSE THE COUNTRY CHANGED AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOST FAITH IN GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING TO A STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY DINNER AND EARLIER AT A STATE AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS., CARTER SAID THAT TO RESTORE PEOPLE'S FAITH "WE HAVE TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT WITH COMPASSION AND OPENESS."

"WHEN LYNDON JOHNSON LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE AND RICHARD NIXON MOVED IN, THE COUNTRY CHANGED," CARTER SAID. "IT CHANGED PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE BLACK, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH, FOR THOSE WHO ARE POOR.

"THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO FELT THE DIFFERENCE WHEN THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON ERA WAS REPLACED WITH THE NIXON-FORD ERA," HE SAID.

"THE PEOPLE LOST FAITH IN GOVERNMENT AND THAT'S WHAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT."

CARTER SAID THAT IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN "GROSS MISCONDUCT IN OUR GOVERNMENT" AND THAT NIXON AND PRESIDENT FORD HAVE "BUILT A WALL AROUND WASHINGTON WITH TOO MUCH SECRECY IN GOVERNMENT AND TOO LITTLE PRIVACY IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES."

EARLIER, CARTER CAMPAIGNED IN ETHNIC NEIGHBORHOODS OF CHICAGO, ACCOMPANYIED BY MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY AND REP. PETER RODINO, D-N.J.,
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CARTER HIMSELF REFERRED TO "THE ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE REPUBLICANS" AT ONE POINT IN TALKING ABOUT THE MATTER, AND AT ANOTHER POINT SAID THAT THE ALLEGATIONS WERE LEAKED TO REPORTERS "BY THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR THE REPUBLICANS."

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BY CLAY F. RICHARDS

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER SAYS REPUBLICANS APPARENTLY TRIED TO PLANT "SEAMY" AND "DISTASTEFUL" FALSE REPORTS THAT HE WAS SEXUALLY INVOLVED WITH OTHER WOMEN.

CARTER TOLD REPORTERS MONDAY "THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE ALLEGATIONS AT ALL AS WE WELL KNOW."

COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON HAD REPORTED EARLIER THAT "FORD AIDES" TRIED TO GET HIM TO PRINT A STORY SUGGESTING CARTER ONCE HAD AN AFFAIR WITH A WOMAN WHOSE NAME THEY SUPPLIED.

ANDERSON SAID HE RECEIVED CALLS FROM A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WHO HAD BEEN TIPPED -- APPARENTLY BY THE SAME SOURCES -- THAT HE WAS GOING TO BREAK A STORY ABOUT A CARTER SEX SCANDAL.

"I HAVE FOUND NO TRUTH TO THE SEX CHARGES AGAINST CARTER," ANDERSON SAID.

CARTER SAID HE FIRST LEARNED OF THE STORY LAST SATURDAY AND THAT "IT CAUSED ME AND ROSALYNN SOME CONCERN AT FIRST.

"IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE KIND OF SEAMY THINGS THAT IS DISTASTEFUL, BUT IT HASN'T HURT US BECAUSE THERE IS NO TRUTH TO ANY OF THESE ALLEGATIONS," HE SAID. IN DISCUSSING THE REPORTS, CARTER SAID NEWSPAPERS WERE OFFERED THE STORY "BY THE REPUBLICANS" BUT HE WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC.

HIS PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL, WHEN ASKED WHO WAS SPREADING THE RUMORS SAID: "I THINK YOU OUGHT TO ASK YOUR COLLEAGUES." HE ADDED HE HAD HAD SOME 50 TELEPHONE CALLS FROM REPORTERS ON THE MATTER AND THAT SEVERAL HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT THE RUMORS "CAME FROM FAIRLY HIGH PLACED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS."

ANDERSON SAID FORD'S CAMPAIGN AIDES HAVE BEEN SEARCHING CARTER'S PAST FOR A SEX SCANDAL.

"THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW THAT I HAD ALLEGATIONS ABOUT CARTER'S ROMANCES WERE THE FORD AIDES WHO PLANTED THEM WITH ME," HE SAID. "SOME OF THE REPORTERS WHO CALLED ALSO CONFIDED THAT THEY HAD BEEN TIPPED OFF BY REPUBLICAN FORCES."

WILLIAM GREENER, FORD'S CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, DENIED THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE WAS SPREADING THE STORIES.

ANDERSON SAID HE BEGAN A "REVERSE INVESTIGATION" TRACING THE TIPS HE HAD RECEIVED BACK TO THEIR SOURCES AND FOUND THERE WAS NO TRUTH TO THEM.

HE SAID THE ROOT OF ONE SOURCE WAS A REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN WHO "ADMITTED TO US THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE BUT HAD MERELY PASSED ALONG SOME TOWN GOSSIP.

"WE CHECKED OUT OTHER STORIES WITH SIMILAR RESULTS. THE OTHERS WERE EQUALLY UNFOUNDED."

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For release at 6 a.m. EDT
By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

PLAINS, Ga. AP - Jimmy Carter urged swift, pre-election aid for American wheat farmers today after a campaign swing he called one of his best, and President Ford's worst.

The Democratic presidential nominee said he is intentionally tempering his campaign attacks on the Republican President, figuring he has made his point about what he calls discrepancies in Ford's account of U.S. foreign policy.

"I thought it was good to pursue those for a couple of days until somebody noticed it," Carter said Monday as he flew home from an eight-day campaign stint that included the San Francisco debate on foreign and defense policies.

"I think it was a good week," Carter said. He also said he considered it Ford's worst week of the White House campaign.

Carter said he plans to take two days off and devote his time to his family, not his campaign strategy.

"I'm not going to talk to anybody in the next two days except my wife and my daughter and my mother and Billy Carter," he said.

Carter has not backed off his hard-line criticism of Ford, grounded on the President's statement that there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe and that the administration pressed for laws to punish companies that cooperate with the Arab boycott against Israel.

The Democrat said Ford was wrong on both points and demanded explanations. But his strategists have expressed concern that too much of what they consider a successful thing might backfire. And Carter noted that he has not pushed such points as his charge that Ford was brainwashed about the Soviet bloc.

He told reporters that was not accidental. "Almost everything I do, I do intentionally," he said wryly.

Carter is due to take the road again Thursday for Rochester, Syracuse, and New York City; Detroit and Kansas City on Friday; Toledo, Youngstown and Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday.

He issued a statement today urging an immediate increase in the price support loan level available to wheat farmers, saying, "The evidence is that farmers are now lucky if they can get \$2.60 a bushel," for their wheat, compared with \$4.11 a year ago.

"Even more important, the prices now being offered farmers for their wheat are in many cases below the total cost of production." With a bumper crop this year, Carter said prices are likely to stay low and that "the government has a great responsibility to provide some relief to farmers."

Carter said Ford should direct acting Secretary of Agriculture John Knebel to set "a loan level for wheat that will give farmers price and income protection and yet allow wheat to continue to move freely in world markets."

Carter did not say what he thinks the loan level should be or what such a move would cost.

"The current loan level of \$1.50 per bushel is completely inadequate and unrealistic," he said. "The President should use the authority Congress has given him to establish a realistic loan level immediately."

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By WALTER R. MEARS

AP Special Correspondent

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. AP - Jimmy Carter said Monday that rumors allegedly spread by Republicans that he once had an affair with a woman other than his wife are "seamy . . . distasteful" and totally untrue.

President Ford's campaign committee denied it had any role in the rumors about the Democratic presidential candidate.

" . . . It's just one of those kind of seamy things that is distasteful, but it hasn't hurt us because there is no truth to any of these allegations," Carter said.

The rumors were reported by columnist Jack Andersen on the ABC-TV program "Good Morning America," and Andersen said he had found no truth to them.

Andersen said that "President Ford's campaign aides have been searching Jimmy Carter's past for a sex scandal." He said Republican sources supplied him with the name of a woman they suggested had once had an affair with Carter, and later added four other names.

In Washington, William Greener, spokesman for the President Ford Committee, said: "Speaking for the top people of the committee, I absolutely deny that they had anything to do with the story, nor would they. I

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By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE AP - Jimmy Carter marched at the side of Mayor Richard J. Daley in a Columbus Day parade in Chicago Monday, then told an audience in Milwaukee that the country changed "when Lyndon Johnson left the White House and Richard Nixon moved in."

Carter told a \$100-a-plate fundraising dinner: "It changed particularly for those who are black or who don't speak good English or may not be literate or may be unemployed, or may be sick or may be old," Carter said.

"Those are the people who felt the difference when the Kennedy-Johnson era was replaced by the Nixon-Ford era," he added. He pledged that: "If things go wrong, if someone in government violates the law or if the professional standards of the FBI are lowered or if there is a violation of law by a government agency, I want to be responsible."

He said he will return Harry Truman's famed "the buck stops here" sign to the Oval Office if he is elected.

Earlier, Carter paraded with Daley in Chicago and praised his political organization.

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LYNCHBURG Va. AP - Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter has been offered four minutes of time on a syndicated religious radio show for replying to criticism from the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

Betty Rainwater, a Carter press aide, said Monday that no decision had been made on whether Carter will accept the offer to appear on the "Old Time Gospel Hour," which is broadcast each week on more than 360 stations in 45 states.

The Rev. Mr. Falwell, pastor of Lynchburg's 15,000-member Thomas Road Baptist Church, is critical on the program of comments about sex and religion made by Carter in a Playboy magazine interview.

The program was taped here Sept. 26 for airing Oct. 24, but some stations will air it Oct. 17 or Oct. 31. The Rev. Mr. Falwell released tapes of the program prior to its broadcast.

A spokesman for the Rev. Mr. Falwell said Monday that Carter had been offered a place on the program to free individual stations of potential demands for equal air time.

Carter campaign headquarters in Atlanta had said last week that Democratic campaign coordinators in six states were being told how to go about seeking equal time from stations airing the program.

The Rev. Mr. Falwell, whose church is not affiliated with any national denomination despite its name, said Monday that the Carter campaign's effort to obtain equal air time was an attempt "to suppress the comments on a moral issue of a minister of the gospel."

In the Playboy interview, Carter said he had lusted after women and committed adultery in his heart many times but that he knew God forgave him.

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CAMPAIGN '76:

MISSISSIPPI -- BOTH SIDES SAY IT WILL BE CLOSE

BY ANDREW REESE

JACKSON, MISS. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER'S CHANCES OF BEING THE FIRST DEMOCRAT IN TWO DECADES TO CARRY THIS CONSERVATIVE DEEP SOUTH STATE MAY HINGE ON HIS ABILITY TO CONVINCE WHITE VOTERS HE ISN'T TOO LIBERAL.

STATE GOP LEADERS CONCEDE CARTER WAS RUNNING SLIGHTLY AHEAD LAST MONTH, BUT SAY PRESIDENT FORD HAS MADE STEADY GAINS -- ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS -- AND WILL CARRY MISSISSIPPI IN NOVEMBER.

"IT WILL BE RELATIVELY CLOSE -- BUT I FEEL CONFIDENT PRESIDENT FORD WILL CARRY THE STATE," SAID STATE GOP CHAIRMAN CHARLES PICKERING. "HE HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF CAMPAIGNING AND EMPHASIZING THE ISSUES.

"HE IS PERCEIVED AS A GOOD AND HONEST MAN. HE RESTORED CONFIDENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, IMPROVED THE ECONOMY, AND, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, HIS POSITIONS AND ABILITY ARE KNOWN."

DANNY CUPIT, A YOUNG JACKSON ATTORNEY WHO SERVES AS STATE CO-MANAGER OF THE CARTER EFFORT, SAID IT IS OBVIOUS THE GOP IS TRYING TO PIN A LIBERAL LABEL ON HIS MAN.

"BUT I DON'T THINK THAT DOG WILL HUNT ANY MORE," CUPIT SAID. "IT WILL BE RELATIVELY CLOSE, BUT I THINK WE'LL WIN BY A REASONABLE MARGIN."

MISSISSIPPI HAS NOT BACKED A DEMOCRAT FOR THE PRESIDENCY SINCE ADLAI STEVENSON IN 1956, GIVING ITS VOTES TO NIXON IN 1972, GEORGE WALLACE IN 1968, BARRY GOLDWATER IN 1964, AND A SLATE OF UNPLEDGED ELECTORS IN 1960.

THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, CARTER HAS WON THE PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF SEVERAL OF THE STATE'S TOP-RANKING DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS -- SOMETHING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED IN PAST YEARS. INCLUDED ARE GOV. CLIFF FINCH AND THE STATE'S TWO SENATORS, JAMES EASTLAND AND JOHN STENNIS.

ANOTHER BIG PLUS FOR CARTER WAS HIS ENDORSEMENT BY WALLACE, WHO ORIGINALLY THE CHOICE OF A MAJORITY OF MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATS FOLLOWING THE LOCAL, DISTRICT AND STATE CAUCUSES LAST SPRING.

BOTH FORD AND CARTER MADE RECENT CAMPAIGN VISITS TO THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST LAST MONTH. FORD DREW BIGGER CROWDS, BUT CARTER AIDES SAY THE PRESIDENT MADE MORE STOPS DURING HIS 150-MILE MOTORCADE FROM NEW ORLEANS TO MOBILE AND MANY TURNED OUT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF "CURIOSITY."

FINCH DENIED CARTER IS TOO LIBERAL, AND APPEALED TO REGIONAL PRIDE IN URGING THE ELECTION OF THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR.

CARTER'S PHILOSOPHY "IS AS MUCH CONSERVATIVE AND PROGRESSIVE AS THE AVERAGE MISSISSIPPIAN," FINCH SAID. "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST 150 YEARS THAT A FELLOW SOUTHERN GOVERNOR, OR ANY SOUTHERNER FOR THAT MATTER, HAS EVEN A CHANCE TO BE PRESIDENT. I THINK EVERY MISSISSIPPIAN SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER VOTING FOR A FELLOW SOUTHERNER."

ONE LONG-TIME DEMOCRAT NOT CONNECTED WITH EITHER CAMPAIGN SAID THE RACE IS AT OSS-UP. HE SAID CARTER PROBABLY WILL GET MOST OF THE BLACK VOTE, WHILE FORD WOULD CARRY A MAJORITY OF THE WHITE VOTE -- PERHAPS 65 PER CENT.

NO REGISTRATION FIGURES ARE KEPT AT THE STATE LEVEL BUT LATEST ESTIMATES INDICATE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE 1.2 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS ARE BLACK.

VOTER APATHY COULD BE A PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY SINCE NEITHER CARTER NOR FORD WAS THE FIRST PICK OF MANY MISSISSIPPIANS. RONALD REAGAN WAS PREFERRED BY A LARGE BLOC OF REPUBLICANS AS WELL AS NUMEROUS DEMOCRATS, ALTHOUGH HIS SUPPORT DROPPED SHARPLY AFTER NAMING PENNSYLVANIA SEN. RICHARD SCHWEIKER AS HIS POTENTIAL RUNNING MATE. AND MANY MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATS ORIGINALLY BACKED WALLACE.

THERE ARE FEW LOCAL CONTESTS AND NO STATEWIDE RACES TO LURE VOTERS TO THE POLLS. STENNIS, A DEMOCRAT, HAS NO OPPOSITION IN HIS BID FOR A FIFTH TERM, AND ONE OF THE STATE'S FIVE CONGRESSMEN -- DEMOCRAT JAMIE WHITTEN -- IS UNOPPOSED.

THE RACES IN THE OTHER FOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS HAVE GENERATED ONLY LIMITED INTEREST WITH THE INCUMBENTS, TWO DEMOCRATS AND TWO REPUBLICANS, GENERALLY FAVORED TO RETAIN THEIR SEATS.

THE MOST AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN WAGED BY DEMOCRATIC HOPEFUL GERALD BLESSEY OF BILOXI AGAINST REPUBLICAN REP. TRENT LOTT; AND GOP CHALLENGER ROLAND BYRD OF LOUISVILLE AGAINST DEMOCRAT REP. DAVID BOWEN.

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CAMPAIGN '76:

MINNESOTA -- CARTER-MONDALE A SHOO-IN

BY WILLIAM FOX

ST. PAUL, MINN. (UPI) -- BOTH SIDES ARE GOING THROUGH THE FORMALITIES, BUT IF ANYTHING IS SURE IN POLITICS, CARTER AND MONDALE HAVE MINNESOTA NAILED DOWN.

"THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN LOSE THE STATE," SAYS RICK SCOTT, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR PARTY.

HIS VIEWS ARE SHARED BY MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS. THE RESPECTED MINNESOTA POLL, CONDUCTED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE, SHOWS JIMMY CARTER AHEAD, 50 TO 33.

REPUBLICANS -- IN MINNESOTA THEY ACTUALLY ARE CALLED INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS -- ARE NOT GIVING UP. BUT MANY LEADERS CONCEDE PRIVATELY THIS IS LIKELY TO BE A BAD YEAR.

"WE THINK THERE IS A FAIR CHANCE THAT PRESIDENT FORD CAN CARRY THE STATE," SAYS CHUCK SLOCUM, STATE CHAIRMAN.

HE FEELS THE BIG QUESTION IN MINNESOTA IS HOW MANY VOTES WILL GO TO FORMER MINNESOTA SEN. EUGENE MCCARTHY.

"HE COULD WELL GET AROUND 9 PER CENT AND THIS COULD WELL THROW THE ELECTION TO PRESIDENT FORD AS MOST OF HIS VOTE WILL COME FROM DFLERS," SLOCUM SAID.

SCOTT SEES MCCARTHY GETTING LESS THAN 5 PER CENT AND HE INSISTS IT WILL HAVE NO AFFECT ON THE OUTCOME.

SCOTT AND OTHER DFL OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THE PARTY NEVER HAS HAD IT SO GOOD IN AN ELECTION YEAR: ITS TWO ALL-TIME TOP VOTEGETTERS, SENS. HUBERT HUMPHREY AND WALTER MONDALE, WILL BE ON THE TICKET AT THE SAME TIME.

"THIS IS A DREAM TICKET FOR US," SAID ONE PARTY WORKER. "THIS SHOULD HELP US RIGHT DOWN THE LINE."

DFL LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ARE MAKING THE MOST OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH MONDALE AND HUMPHREY, EVEN IN REPUBLICAN AREAS. AND SOME REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ARE SHYING AWAY FROM GERALD BREKKE, THEIR CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE.

BREKKE, A PROFESSOR AT GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE KNEW HE WOULD BE RUNNING AGAINST SOMEWHAT OF AN INSTITUTION WHEN HE AGREED TO OPPOSE HUMPHREY.

BUT HE'S FINDING THE ROAD CAN BE EVEN ROUGHER THAN HE EXPECTED.

"HE'S REGARDED AS SORT OF A PATRON SAINT," BREKKE SAYS OF HUMPHREY, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM CANCER SURGERY IN NEW YORK.

STARTING OUT AS AN UNKNOWN, RUNNING AN UNDERFINANCED CAMPAIGN, BREKKE NOW HAS TO CONTEND WITH WHAT HE SAYS MAY WELL BE A BIG SYMPATHY VOTE FOR HUMPHREY.

"YOU CAN'T KICK ANYONE WHEN HE'S DOWN," HE SAID. HIS CAMPAIGN OFFICE HAS WITHDRAWN SOME HARD-HITTING TELEVISION SPOTS, TYING HUMPHREY TO AIDES WHO WERE CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PAST.

THE MINNESOTA POLL SHOWS HUMPHREY LEADING BREKKE, 65-13.

AL HOFSTEDE, HUMPHREY'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, SAID THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SENATOR EXCEPT TO BOOST THE TELEVISION ADVERTISING BUDGET BY \$38,000, TO \$100,000.

IN ADDITION, VARIOUS DFL LUMINARIES, INCLUDING GOV. WENDELL ANDERSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN SPANNAUS, ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR HUMPHREY WHILE THE SENATOR RECUPERATES.

THE DFL HAS A 5-3 EDGE IN CONGRESSIONAL SEATS AND IT APPEARS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE, ALTHOUGH REPUBLICANS ARE WORKING HARD TO UNSEAT FRESHMAN REP. RICHARD NOLAN; AND GLORIA GRIFFIN, THE DFL CANDIDATE, IS TRYING TO UPSET REP. TOM HAGEDORN.

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BY DAVID SMOTHERS
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NATCHEZ, MISS. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER MAY WELL BE THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO CARRY MISSISSIPPI IN 32 YEARS. BUT NOT NECESSARILY BECAUSE HE IS A SOUTHERNER.

NOR BECAUSE HE IS A BORN AGAIN SOUTHERN BAPTIST.

NOR EVEN BECAUSE HE IS A DEMOCRAT. AFTER ALL, MISSISSIPPI, A QUINTESSENTIAL SOUTHERN STATE, HAS GONE REPUBLICAN OR DIXIECRAT IN EVERY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SINCE IT GAVE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT THE NOD IN 1944.

THIS IS THE CONSENSUS OF A GROUP OF PERSONS OF WIDELY DIVERGING VIEWS INTERVIEWED IN THIS OLD MISSISSIPPI RIVER TOWN (AND ONETIME HAVEN OF RIVER PIRATES) LAST WEEK.

THE FACT THAT HARDLY ONE AGREED WITH ANOTHER MAY BE INDICATION THAT THE OLD SOLID SOUTH IS NOT SOLID ANY MORE AND NEITHER CARTER NOR PRESIDENT FORD CAN COUNT ON IT.

ALMOST ALL THEY DID AGREE ON WAS THAT THE GUT ISSUES IN NATCHEZ THIS YEAR ARE THE SAME AS THOSE IN WILKES-BARRE, PA., MUNCIE, IND., PEORIA, ILL., OR BOISE, IDAHO -- JOBS, PRICES, TAXES, HOW TO PAY THE BILLS AND SEND THE KIDS TO SCHOOL.

THEY WERE QUESTIONED AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO GAUGE THE GUT FEELING OF MAIN STREET, U.S.A., ON THE MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION.

ON MAIN STREET, NATCHEZ, THE REV. ODEAN M. PUCKETT DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO TALK POLITICS. STILL, HE HAD SOME POSITIVE OPINIONS IN HIS PASTOR'S OFFICE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (WHICH HAPPENS TO BE REALLY ON MAIN STREET).

"I DON'T THINK JUST BECAUSE JIMMY CARTER IS FROM THE SOUTH IS GOING TO PUT HIM IN," HE SAID. "I DON'T THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT ANY MORE. I DO THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE NOT MADE UP THEIR MINDS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO VOTE AND I THINK THEY WON'T UNTIL THE VERY LAST."

THE REV. PUCKETT COULD GET AN ARGUMENT FROM THE REV. WILLIAM S. SCOTT OF THE THE KING SOLOMON BAPTIST CHURCH, PERCHED ON A HILL IN A BLACK SECTION OF TOWN.

ON WHETHER A SOUTHERNER WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO VOTE FOR A SOUTHERNER, HE SAID, "IT DOES HAVE AN EFFECT. IT'S LIKE THE CATHOLICS FELT ABOUT THE KENNEDYS WHEN THEY RAN."

SCOTT, WHO COMBINES HIS PASTORAL DUTIES WITH THOSE OF AN ATTORNEY AND A CO-JUDGE, IS A CARTER PARTISAN, ONE OF THE FIRST TO SIGN UP FOR HIS CAUSE IN NATCHEZ. ACROSS TOWN WARREN H. KOON, PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER OF THE NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT, THINKS FORD DESERVES A FULL TERM BUT DOUBTS MISSISSIPPI WILL GO FOR IT.

"I LIKE TO THINK WE'RE MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN THAT, TO VOTE FOR A MAN BECAUSE HE'S A SOUTHERNER," KOON SAID.

"I JUST HAVE A FEELING OF GENERAL FEELING OF TURN THE RASCALS OUT AND TRY SOMEBODY ELSE EVEN THOUGH THEY'LL BE NO BETTER -- THAT NEITHER OF THEM ARE ANY GOOD BUT WE KNOW THINGS ARE GOING SO DAMN' BAD SO LET'S GIVE THE OTHER GUY A TRY."

MAYOR TONY BYRNE THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY. A DEMOCRAT, AS ARE THE OVERWHELMING PREPONDERANCE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE HOLDERS, HE SAID: "TWO MONTHS AGO I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT CARTER WAS AHEAD IN MISSISSIPPI," HE SAID. "I'M NOT SO SURE RIGHT NOW. I WAS AT A MEETING LAST NIGHT AND WE HAD SOME BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN TOWN AND WE WENT AROUND THE TABLE. I'D SAY NINE OUT OF THE 10 WERE FOR FORD."

AS EVIDENCE OF THE SAME, ANDRE FARISH OF FROGMORE, LA., ACROSS THE RIVER, SLAMMED HIS PALM ON THE BAR OF HIS SALOON IN NATCHEZ UNDER THE HILL -- A STRING OF LARGELY DESERTED AND ANCIENT BUILDINGS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI BANK WHERE THE PIRATES OF THE INFAMOUS NATCHEZ TRACE ONCE CAROUSED AND THE LIKES OF DAVEY CROCKETT AND JIM BOWIE EMBARKED FOR THE ALAMO.

"I CAN'T SEE HOW ANYONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND COULD VOTE FOR THIS PEANUT FARMER," HE SAID. "HE'S A STARTER FOR SPENDING. THE SOUTH IS CONSERVATIVE AND I THINK THIS COUNTRY, THANK GOD, IS TURNING MORE CONSERVATIVE."

"THE FOOTBALL PLAYER HAS DONE SOME STUPID THINGS -- HE SAID SOME STUPID THINGS IN THE DEBATE LAST NIGHT. BUT HE'S ESTABLISHED A BALANCE WITH THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS WE HAVEN'T HAD. I THINK FORD WILL CARRY MISSISSIPPI AND I THINK HE'LL CARRY LOUISIANA. BEING A SOUTHERNER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT."

NATCHEZ IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY OF 25,000 WHICH HAS BEEN SITTING ON THE MISSISSIPPI EVER SINCE 1716 AND PROBABLY BEFORE -- LONGER, IT'S BOOSTERS BOAST, THAN HAS NEW ORLEANS DOWN RIVER.

OWNERS OF THE BIG PLANTATIONS IN LOUISIANA LIKED TO BUILD THEIR HOMES ON THE NATCHEZ BLUFFS. U.S. GRANT OCCUPIED THE TOWN WHILE HE FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF VICKSBURG UP RIVER AND GAVE ORDERS THAT NATCHEZ NOT BE HARMED. AS A RESULT, THE GRACIOUS, WHITE-COLUMNED MANSIONS STILL STAND.

THAT MAKES FOR TOURISM AND NATCHEZ HAS ITS SHARE OF TOURIST TRAPS. IT ALSO HAS FOUR MAJOR INDUSTRIES, WHICH HELP KEEP THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 7.5 PER CENT. THE TOWN'S RACIAL COMPLEXION, AND VOTING REGISTRATION, IS ALMOST EXACTLY 50-50.

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SOME CONCLUSIONS AFTER THE BETTER PART OF A WEEK IN NATCHEZ:

-- A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK CARTER HAS BEEN TALKING TOO MUCH LATELY.

BYRNE SAID, "CARTER SUFFERS FROM TOO MUCH TALKING. IF CARTER HAD STUCK TO THE FOLKSY WAY HE WAS TALKING IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. HE'S PUT HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH TOO OFTEN. WHAT HE SAID ABOUT TAXES HURT HIM."

PUCKETT WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET OVER WHAT CARTER SAID IN PLAYBOY MAGAZINE ABOUT LUST IN HIS HEART. HE APPEARED AS MUCH CONCERNED, OR MORE SO, OVER WHO HE SAID IT TO AS WHAT HE SAID.

"I THINK HIS INTERVIEW WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS," HE SAID. "I HAVEN'T READ IT. I WOULD NOT BUY THAT MAGAZINE. I FEEL IT HAS HELPED THEIR (PLAYBOY'S) CAUSE AND I DOUBT THAT THIS IS A MAGAZINE THAT WE CHRISTIANS WOULD WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY."

ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS FROM MARY PEARL BLACKMON, A GEORGE C. WALLACE DELEGATE TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION NOW HEART AND SOUL WITH CARTER:

"THAT'S A JOKE. IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MRS. FORD SAID ABOUT HER DAUGHTER. SOME PEOPLE SAID, WELL, SHE'S NOT RUNNING. WELL, SHE SLEEPS WITH THE MAN, DOESN'T SHE? SHE INFLUENCES HIM, DOESN'T SHE?

"I THINK WITH A HUSBAND, THERE'S SOMETHING BAD ABOUT HIM IF HE'S NEVER LOOKED AT ANOTHER WOMAN. AND I'M A WOMAN AND I'M MARRIED." (HER HUSBAND, SAM, SEATED NEXT TO HER, SMILED IN AGREEMENT.)

CARTER HAS GOING FOR HIM, AMONG THE BLACK PEOPLE OF NATCHEZ, THE SAME LOYALTY AND TRUST HE COMMANDED IN IN THE BLACK WARDS OF DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE DURING THE PRIMARIES.

GEORGE WEST SR., A BLACK ALDERMAN FROM NATCHEZ' 2ND WARD AND OWNER OF A PROSPEROUS UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT ON PINE STREET, PUT IT MOST SUCCINCTLY:

"TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE LIVED HERE ALL OUR LIVES, IT HAS BEEN THE FEELING OF BLACKS IN THE SOUTH THAT WHEN A WHITE SOUTHERNER DECIDES THAT HE WANTS TO CHANGE HIS WAY OF LIFE AND HIS APPROACH TO THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN RELATIONSHIP TO PEOPLE, THAT HE IS MORE HONEST ... THAN A NORTHERNER.

"SOMEWHERE HERE THERE'S A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES IN THE SOUTH -- A FEELING THAT WHEN A SOUTHERNER CHANGES HE'S REALLY CHANGED BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE TO CHANGE."

-- THE EARL BUTZ FLAP DID NOT FAZE TOO MANY PEOPLE BECAUSE FEW KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID. WHEN WEST WAS TOLD, HE SAID, "THAT'S THE LOWEST A PERSON CAN GO." FARISH, WHEN IT WAS SPELLED OUT FOR HIM, COULDN'T STOP LAUGHING FOR ALMOST A SOLID MINUTE.

-- AS A RIVER TOWN OF FRENCH AND SPANISH TRADITION, NATCHEZ HAS A LARGER ROMAN CATHOLIC POPULATION THAN MOST SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES OF ITS SIZE. YET THE ABORTION ISSUE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE RAISING MUCH DUST.

MRS. BLACKMON SNORTED, "IT'S LIKE THE MAN SAID ON TV THE OTHER DAY -- WHY ARE ALL THESE MEN SITTING UP THERE TRYING TO LEGISLATE WHAT A WOMAN DOES WITH HER BODY? IT'S HER BODY."

-- SO FAR, THE DEBATES HAVE FAILED TO GET MANY PEOPLE EXCITED, ALTHOUGH FOLKS IN NATCHEZ WERE AS QUICK AS WASHINGTON PUNDITS TO FIGURE FORD SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT TWICE BEFORE HE SAID, IN THE SECOND ENCOUNTER, THAT THERE IS NO SOVIET DOMINATION IN EASTERN EUROPE.

-- IF SOME PEOPLE ELSEWHERE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANS -- OR PLAIN DON'T LIKE IT -- WHEN CARTER SAYS HE IS A BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN, MOST IN NATCHEZ DO. "IT MEANS HE HAS COMMITTED HIS LIFE TO CHRIST," PUCKETT SAID, "AND HE REALLY DOES LOVE THE LORD AND IS IN PROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD. CHRISTIANS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS COULD BE PROUD OF IT."

IT WAS SCARCELY A DECADE AGO THAT MISSISSIPPI WAS REGARDED, WITH SOME REASON, AS PERHAPS THE MOST BIGOTED, RACIST STATE IN THE SOUTH. NOW, BOTH WHITE AND BLACK PERSONS IN NATCHEZ EXPRESS PRIDE AT HOW FAR THEY HAVE COME SINCE THOSE DAYS. THEY ARE ALMOST SMUG IN REGARDING THE RACIAL TROUBLES OF BOSTON AND OTHER NORTHERN CITIES.

THEY POINT TO THE RECENT END OF THE FEUD BETWEEN THE LOYALIST (RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY) AND THE REGULAR (RUNNING THINGS IN MISSISSIPPI) WINGS OF THE STATE DEMOCRATS AS EVIDENCE. "IT'S BLACK AND WHITES TOGETHER NOW," SAM BLACKMON, A WORKER AT THE ARMSTRONG RUBBER CO., SAID.

CURIOUSLY, HOWEVER, MOST OF THE WHITE PERSONS INTERVIEWED SWORE RACE WOULD HAVE LITTLE IF ANY EFFECT ON THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. BUT THE BLACK SUBJECTS WERE NOT SO SURE.

THEY EXPECTED A DIFFERENCE, WITH CARTER GETTING THE EDGE LARGELY BECAUSE HE IS A DEMOCRAT. "BLACKS HAVE JUST FARED BETTER UNDER THE DEMOCRATS," WEST SAID.

MURPHY GIVENS, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT, CAUTIONED ALSO THAT RACIAL AMITY IN MISSISSIPPI MAY BE MORE APPARENT THAN ACTUAL.

"RACIAL HATRED AND ANIMOSITY IS NOT OPEN LIKE IT WAS," HE SAID. "IT'S BEEN HIDDEN. WE'VE LEARNED FROM THE NORTH TO HIDE OUR FEELINGS."

(GIVENS WAS ALSO THE ONLY WHITE PERSON INTERVIEWED WHO SAW A SECTIONAL MISSISSIPPI VOTE IN CARTER'S FAVOR.)

HERE IN MISSISSIPPI, WHERE JEFFERSON DAVIS MARRIED HIS BRIDE IN NATCHEZ AND LEFT THE STATE TO LEAD THE CONFEDERACY IN ITS DESPERATE BATTLE, MOST WHITE PERSONS INTERVIEWED DOUBTED WHETHER THE OLDTIME DEFIANCE OF THE SOUTH AGAINST THE REST OF THE NATION SURVIVES TO MUCH EXTENT.

BUT WEST, A MAN OF STUBBORN, INDEPENDENT MIND, TOOK A DRAW ON HIS CIGAR AND DEMURRED.

"IN THE WHITES, THE OLD TIMERS, QUITE A BIT OF THE BITTERNESS REMAINS," HE SAID.

"BUT WITH THE BLACKS, ALL THEY WANT IS A BETTER WAY OF LIFE."

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CAMPAIGN '76: THE OUTLOOK IN THE HOUSE

BY GENE BERNHARDT

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- DEMOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT THEY WILL RETAIN CONTROL OF THE NEW 95TH CONGRESS AFTER THE NOV. 2 ELECTION, BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THEY ARE CERTAIN TO CUT INTO THE 286 TO 145 DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE.

THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO CERTAINTIES, HOWEVER, THAT PARTY STRATEGISTS WILL STAND FIRM ON IN THEIR PREDICTIONS OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS.

DEMOCRATS CLAIM THAT IF THE WORST HAPPENS THEY WILL LOSE 15 SEATS AND IF THE BEST HAPPENS THEY WILL WIN 15. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WILL GAIN AT LEAST 12 TO 15 SEATS AND AS MANY AS 35.

IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR SAME STRATEGISTS AGREED THE GOP WOULD GAIN 20 SEATS. NOW THEY WILL NOT GO BEYOND A "WORSE" AND "BEST" ESTIMATE.

STRATEGISTS IN BOTH PARTIES CLAIM PRIVATELY NOW THAT THEIR SOUNDINGS ARE "MUSHY," MAINLY BECAUSE THE SWAY OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JIMMY CARTER AND PRESIDENT FORD IS REFLECTED AT THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LEVEL.

HERE IS A STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN THE EXPERTS PREDICTED FOR UPI SHOWING FIRST THE CURRENT DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICAN MAKEUP:

ALABAMA (4-3) -- NO CHANGE.

ALASKA (0-1) -- NO CHANGE.

ARIZONA (1-3) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THEY WILL WIN THE SEAT VACATED BY REPUBLICAN JOHN CONLAN AND POSSIBLY REPUBLICAN SAM STEIGER'S. GOP CLAIMS AT WORSE THEY WILL LOSE CONLAN'S SEAT AND AT BEST NO CHANGE.

CALIFORNIA (28-15) -- DEMOCRATS CLAIM AT WORST THEY WILL LOSE ONE SEAT, JIM LLOYD'S, AND AT BEST GAIN TWO, BEATING BURT TALCOTT AND WINNING ALPHONZO BELL'S VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS SAY AT WORSE THEY WILL LOSE THREE, DON CLAUSEN, TALCOTT AND BELL'S SEAT AND AT BEST SHOW A NET GAIN OF SIX, BEATING ROBERT LEGGETT, GEORGE MILLER, LEO RYAN, MARK HANNAFORD, JERRY PATTERSON AND LLOYD.

COLORADO (3-2) -- DEMOCRATS SAY NO CHANGE, BUT REPUBLICANS CLAIM GAIN OF ONE, BEATING PATRICIA SCHROEDER; AND AT BEST A GAIN OF TWO, SCHROEDER AND TIM WIRTH.

CONNECTICUT (4-2) -- NO CHANGE.

DELAWARE (0-1) -- NO CHANGE.

FLORIDA (10-5) -- DEMOCRATS CLAIM A GAIN OF ONE, BEATING EITHER RICHARD KELLY OR J. HEBERT BURKE. REPUBLICANS SAY AT WORST THEY WILL LOSE BURKE BUT AT BEST COULD GAIN TWO, BEATING SAM GIBBONS AND TAKIN JAMES HALEY'S VACANT SEAT.

GEORGIA (10-0) -- DEMOCRATS FEAR A LOSS OF TWO, JOHN FLYNT AND W.S. STUCKEY'S VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS SEE A GAIN OF FOUR, BEATING ELLIOTT LEVITAS, FLYNT, LARRY MCDONALD AND TAKING STUCKEY'S SEAT.

HAWAII (2-0) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THEY MAY LOSE THE SEAT VACATED BY PATSY MINK. REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WILL WIN SPARK MATSUNAGA'S VACANT SEAT. THE TWO DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENTS RAN FOR THE SENATE, WITH MATSUNAGA BEATING MINK IN THE PRIMARY.

IDAHO (0-2) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO BEAT INCUMBENT GEORGE HANSEN FOR A GAIN OF ONE. REPUBLICANS SEE NO CHANGE.

ILLINOIS (13-11) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THE BEST THEY CAN HOPE FOR IS TO LOSE ONLY ONE SEAT, ABNER MIKVA, AND AT THE WORST LOSE TWO MORE, MARTIN RUSSO AND TIM HALL. REPUBLICANS SAY AT THE WORST THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE BUT AGREE WITH DEMOCRATS THEY WILL BEAT MIKVA, RUSSO AND HALL FOR A GAIN OF THREE.

INDIANA (9-2) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE BEST THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE AND AT THE WORSE A LOSS OF FOUR, LOSING FLOYD FITHIAN, DAVID EVANS, RICHARD CHASE AND RICHARD HAYES' VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS CLAIM THEY

WILL WIN THOSE FOUR DEMOCRATIC SEATS.

IOWA (5-1) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT BEST, NO CHANGE, BUT AT WORST WOULD LOSE ONE SEAT, EDWARD MEZVINSKY. REPUBLICANS CLAIM THEY WILL GAIN AT LEAST ONE, MEZVINSKY, AND AT BEST TWO MORE, MICHAEL BLOUIN AND TOM HARKIN.

KANSAS (1-4) -- DEMOCRATS CLAIM AT BEST, NO CHANGE, BUT AT WORST WOULD LOSE MARTHA KEYS. REPUBLICANS CLAIM AT BEST A GAIN OF ONE, BEATING KEYS, AND AT WORST, BREAK EVEN BY BEATING KEYS BUT LOSING GARNER SHRIVER.

KENTUCKY (5-2) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT BEST BREAK EVEN, LOSING ROMANO MAZZOLI BUT WINNING GENE SNYDER'S SEAT. REPUBLICANS CLAIM THE SAME.

LOUISIANA (6-2) -- NO CHANGE.

MAINE (0-2) -- DEMOCRATS SEE A CHANCE TO GAIN ONE, BEATING DAVID EMERY. REPUBLICANS SAY THAT WOULD BE THE WORST AND ARE PREDICTING NO CHANGE.

MARYLAND (5-3) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THE WORST WOULD BE A BREAK EVEN, LOSING GLADYS SPELLMAN AND WINNING GILBERT GUDE'S VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS PREDICT THE SAME.

MASSACHUSETTS (9-2, 1 VACANCY) -- DEMOCRATS CLAIM NO CHANGE, BUT REPUBLICANS PREDICT A GAIN OF TWO, BEATING ROBERT DRINAN AND PAUL TSONGAS.

MICHIGAN (12-7) -- DEMOCRATS, CLAIMING THIS IS THE LEAST PREDICTABLE STATE, SAY AT WORST THEY COULD LOSE THREE -- RICHARD VANDER VEEN, BOB CARR AND BOB TRAXLER -- OR GAIN THREE, BEATING GARRY BROWN, PHILIP RUPPE AND WINNING MARVIN ESCH'S VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WOULD LOSE THREE -- BROWN, RUPPE AND ELFORD CEDERBERG -- BUT AT BEST COULD GAIN FOUR, BEATING CARR, TRAXLER, WILLIAM BRODHEAD AND WINNING JAMES O'HARA'S VACANT SEAT.

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MINNESOTA (5-3) -- NO CHANGE.

MISSISSIPPI (3-2) -- NO CHANGE.

MISSOURI (8-1, 1 VACANCY) -- DEMOCRATS SEE A LOSS OF TWO SEATS, VACATED BY JAMES SYMINGTON AND WILLIAM RANDALL. REPUBLICANS PREDICT GAIN OF FIVE, WINNING SEATS VACATED BY SYMINGTON, RANDALL, LEONOR SULLIVAN, JERRY LITTON AND WILLIAM HUNGATE.

MONTANA (2-0) -- DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS AGREE JOHN MELCHER'S VACANT SEAT WILL GO TO THE GOP.

NEBRASKA (0-3) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE BEST THEY WILL WIN JOHN MCCOLLISTER'S VACANT SEAT, BUT REPUBLICANS SEE NO CHANGE.

NEVADA (1-0) -- NO CHANGE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (1-1) -- NO CHANGE.

NEW JERSEY (12-3) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THEY WILL LOSE ONE, HENRY HELSTOSKI, BUT REPUBLICANS CLAIM A GAIN OF AT LEAST THREE, BEATING WILLIAM HUGHES, HELSTOSKI AND HELEN MEYNER AND POSSIBLY TAKING TWO MORE, JAMES FLORIO AND ANDREW MAQUIRE.

NEW MEXICO (1-1) -- NO CHANGE.

NEW YORK (28-11) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WILL LOSE TWO THOMAS DOWNEY AND JEROME AMBRO, AND AT BEST HOLD THOSE AND GAIN ONE, TAKING PETER PEYSER'S VACANT SEAT. REPUBLICANS SAY AT BEST THEY WILL GAIN SIX, BEATING DOWNEY, AMBRO, LESTER WOLFF, MATTHEW MCHUGH, EDWARD PATTISON AND JOHN LAFALCE.

NORTH CAROLINA (9-2) -- DEMOCRATS SAY THEY WILL LOSE ONE SEAT HELD BY STEPHEN NEAL. REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WILL WIN THREE, NEAL AND TAKING THE SEATS VACATED BY DAVID HENDERSON AND ROY TAYLOR.

NORTH DAKOTA (0-1) -- NO CHANGE.

OHIO (5-17, 1 VACANCY) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WILL LOSE ONE, THOMAS ASHLEY, BUT AT BEST COULD PICK UP FOUR, BEATING DONALD CLANCY, SAMUEL DEVINE, JOHN ASHBROOK AND TAKE THE SEAT VACATED BY CHARLES MOSHER. REPUBLICANS SAY THE WORST WOULD BE TO BREAK EVEN AND THE BEST WOULD BE A GAIN OF TWO, BEATING ASHLEY AND CHARLES CARNEY.

OKLAHOMA (5-1) -- DEMOCRATS SEE NO CHANGE BUT REPUBLICANS PREDICT A GAIN OF TWO, BEATING JAMES JONES AND TED RISENHOOVER.

OREGON (4-0) -- DEMOCRATS SEE NO CHANGE BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THEY MAY BEAT JAMES WEAVER TO GAIN ONE.

PENNSYLVANIA (13-11, 1 VACANCY) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WILL LOSE ONE, ROBERT EDGAR, BUT STAND A GOOD CHANCE TO PICK UP FIVE, BEATING ALBERT JOHNSON AND GARY MYERS AND TAKING THE SEATS VACATED BY EDWARD BIESTER, HERMAN SCHNEEBELI AND H. JOHN HEINZ. REPUBLICANS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WOULD LOSE THE BIESTER, HEINZ AND SCHNEEBELI SEATS BUT AT BEST WOULD GAIN THREE, BEATING EDGAR AND JOSEPH VIGORITO AND TAKING THE SEAT VACATED BY THOMAS MORGAN.

RHODE ISLAND (2-0) -- NO CHANGE.

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-1) -- DEMOCRATS SEE A CHANCE OF LOSING ONE, JOHN JENRETTE. REPUBLICANS PREDICT A GAIN OF TWO, BEATING JENRETTE AND KENNETH HOLLAND.

SOUTH DAKOTA (0-2) -- NO CHANGE.

TENNESSEE (5-3) -- NO CHANGE.

TEXAS (20-4) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE WORST THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE AND AT THE BEST THEY WILL GAIN TWO, BEATING RON PAUL AND TAKING THE SEAT VACATED BY ALAN STEELMAN. REPUBLICANS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WILL LOSE STEELMAN'S SEAT AND AT THE BEST THEY WILL GAIN THREE, BEATING BOB ECKHARDT, JACK HIGHTOWER AND DALE MILFORD.

UTAH (2-0) -- DEMOCRATS AGREE WITH REPUBLICANS THEY WILL LOSE ALLAN HOWE'S SEAT IN THE WAKE OF HIS CONVICTION OF SOLICITING POLICEWOMEN DECEYED AS PROSTITUTES.

VERMONT (0-1) -- NO CHANGE.

VIRGINIA (5-5) -- DEMOCRATS SAY AT THE WORST THEY WILL LOSE EITHER HERBERT HARRIS OR JOSEPH FISHER AND AT BEST KEEP THOSE TWO AND BEAT REPUBLICAN ROBERT DANIEL. REPUBLICANS FIGURE THEY CAN GAIN ONE AT BEST, TAKING THE SEAT VACATED BY DEMOCRAT THOMAS DOWNING, AND AT WORST LOSE ONE, DANIEL.

WASHINGTON (6-1) -- NO CHANGE.

WEST VIRGINIA (4-0) -- DEMOCRATS ARE FEARFUL OF LOSING ONE, THE SEAT VACATED BY KEN HECHLER AND WHICH HE IS SEEKING TO KEEP AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE AFTER LOSING HIS PRIMARY CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR. REPUBLICANS SEE NO CHANGE.

WISCONSIN (7-2) -- DEMOCRATS SEE A CHANCE OF LOSING TWO SEATS, ALVIN BALDUS AND ROBERT CORNELL, THE SAME TWO REPUBLICANS PREDICT THEY WILL WIN FOR A GAIN OF TWO.

WYOMING (1-0) -- NO CHANGE.

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PM-DOLE 10-12

BY LAURENCE MCQUILLAN

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AMID GROWING INTERNAL PRESSURE TO STEP UP HIS ATTACKS ON THE DEMOCRATS, ROBERT DOLE WAS EMBARKING ON A ONE-DAY CAMPAIGN TRIP TO TENNESSEE FOR A GOP DINNER IN KNOXVILLE.

DOLE HELD A STRATEGY SESSION MONDAY WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND MEMBERS OF THE GOP CAMPAIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND HEARD CALLS FOR A TOUGHER ATTACK ON JIMMY CARTER.

THE SESSION WAS DOLE'S MAIN ACTIVITY OF A DAY SPENT MOSTLY RESTING. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID THE GOP VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAD DEVELOPED A COLD, AND FOR THAT REASON CANCELLED A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH REPORTERS IN LATE AFTERNOON.

DOLE FLIES TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., WITH HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, FOR A LOCAL REPUBLICAN DINNER BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO PREPARE FOR FRIDAY'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE WITH DEMOCRAT WALTER MONDALE.

BEFORE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SAID THE SESSION WAS INTENDED TO EVALUATE THE CAMPAIGN AND CONSIDER WHAT IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BE NEEDED.

SIGNS OF INTERNAL PRESSURES SURFACED MONDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH ABOUT 25 MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE. AIDES TO DOLE PRIVATELY HAVE SAID THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING PRESSURE TO TOUGHEN THE REPUBLICAN STRATEGY AGAINST THE DEMOCRATS.

SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING, NEW YORK SEN. JACOB JAVITS SAID, "FORD OUGHT TO CALL A SPADE A SPADE AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT THAT ADDS UP TO."

WASHINGTON GOV. DAN EVANS SAID "THE CAMPAIGN HAS TURNED INTO A MEAN, NASTY LITTLE CAMPAIGN" BECAUSE OF THE TACTICS USED BY THE DEMOCRATS.

EVANS SAID, "THE PRESIDENT'S HONESTY AND INTEGRITY ARE BEYOND QUESTION; HIS OPPONENT'S (HONESTY AND INTEGRITY) ARE NOT."

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PM-MCCARTHY 10-12

CHICAGO (UPI) -- INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE EUGENE MCCARTHY SAYS TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE AN ESTATE OF \$150,000 BEFORE GETTING HIT WITH STIFF GRADUATED INCOME TAXES.

HE ALSO SAID DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE MONDAY HE SUPPORTS DOING AWAY WITH STATE INCOME TAX AND WELFARE PROGRAMS IN FAVOR OF UNIFORM FEDERAL STANDARDS.

THE FORMER MINNESOTA SENATOR, WHO PREDICTS HE WILL GET NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ILLINOIS' VOTES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOV. 2, SAID HE IS GLAD MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY HAS NOT ENDORSED HIM.

"PRACTICALLY EVERYONE HE'S (DALEY) ENDORSED FOR PRESIDENT HAS LOST IN THE LAST 20 YEARS," MCCARTHY SAID. "I THINK THE ONLY WINNER HE PICKED WAS JACK KENNEDY IN 1960, AND THAT TOOK A LONG COUNT."

DALEY, A DEMOCRAT, WON WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES JOHN KENNEDY AND LYNDON JOHNSON BUT LOST WITH HUBERT HUMPHREY AND GEORGE MCGOVERN.

MCCARTHY SAID BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER ARE BEING ATTACKED FOR THE WRONG REASONS -- CARTER FOR HIS PLAYBOY INTERVIEW AND FORD FOR ASSERTING EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE NOT UNDER THE DOMINATION OF THE SOVIET UNION.

"FORD SAID IT, BUT DOES NOT ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT," MCCARTHY SAID. HOWEVER, "ONE HAS TO WORRY ABOUT A PRESIDENT WHO HAS TROUBLE SPEAKING ON ISSUES HE IS FAMILIAR WITH."

AS FOR CARTER, "HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A VERY CLEAR IDEA WHAT THE PRESIDENCY IS ALL ABOUT," MCCARTHY SAID.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT CRITICISM THAT HIS PRESENCE IN THE RACE WILL TAKE VOTES AWAY FROM CARTER AND MAY COST THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE THE ELECTION, MCCARTHY SAID, "AS FAR AS I KNOW, JIMMY CARTER HAS ONE VOTE -- HIS. THE REST OF THE VOTES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE WHO CAST THEM."

MCCARTHY, WHO ENDED A THREE DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH THE CHICAGO AREA MONDAY, RELEASED POSITION PAPERS ON TAX REFORM AND URBAN PROBLEMS.

AMONG HIS PROPOSALS:

-- ALLOW EVERY TAXPAYER TO PAY "AN AVERAGE OR MINIMAL INCOME TAX RATE -- ABOUT 20 PER CENT" UNTIL THE TAXPAYER ACCUMULATES AN ESTATE OF \$150,000. THEN A GRADUATED INCOME TAX SCALE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT.

-- GRANT HOME OWNERS WHO HAVE PAID OFF THEIR MORTGAGES TAX DEDUCTIONS EQUAL TO THE INTEREST THAT WOULD BE PAID IF THEIR HOMES STILL CARRIED A 50 PER CENT MORTGAGE.

-- RESTRICT THE IMPOSITION OF INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE INTERSTATE COMPETITION IN LURING INDUSTRY WITH LOWER TAX RATES.

-- SHIFT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING WELFARE PROGRAMS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SET A NATIONAL STANDARD OF WELFARE MAINTENANCE.

-- ALLOCATE MORE MONEY IN THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUND TO MAINTAIN CITY STREETS AND SUPPORT MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS.

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PM-Presidential Candidates, Bjt, 470
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WASHINGTON AP - Of the 174 people running for president, you probably hear the most about Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. But if you're looking for something different, check the platforms of Ernest Whitford, Paul Trent, Eddie Collins or Paul T. Lanyhow.

Or if you are attracted by persistence, you might like Lar Daly, who's making his seventh try for the White House, or Gus Hall, perennial Communist party presidential candidate.

The names of most candidates for president aren't likely to turn up on any ballots on Nov. 2. But they are on file at the Federal Election Commission, which dutifully records the minor along with the major candidates.

There are candidates, other than Carter and Ford, whose names will appear on many state ballots. They include former Sen. Eugene McCarthy, an independent; former Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, the American Independent party candidate; Tom Anderson, the American party candidate; and Roger MacBride, the Liberation party nominee.

The only tax reform that interests MacBride is abolition of the income tax, something he views as a long-range goal of a MacBride administration. More immediately he would abolish the CIA and FBI and the Federal Reserve System.

MacBride also advocates repeal of laws against what he calls victimless crimes such as gambling and smoking marijuana.

Daly supports legalizing gambling and prostitution. Another plank in the Daly platform would direct police to shoot on sight all dope peddlers.

Taxes also are a big part of Trent's campaign. He's for loopholes. "Rather than eliminate tax loopholes, we should all learn to use them," says Trent.

When he's not advocating use of tax loopholes, Trent often is boasting male chauvinism. "I like broads," says the candidate. "I want to turn women on to politics."

Eddie Collins' cause is nudity. His support of that cause landed him in the DeKalb, Ill., jail for streaking. Taken to court, he dropped his pants before the judge and got an additional 180 days for contempt.

"I believe that nudity will kill people's drive to love money and clothes," says Collins. "That will save our natural resources. I see nudity as an ecologically sound movement."

Election Commission records list Paul Lanyhow's address as "unknown" and his party affiliation as "unknown." That's the way the candidate wants it. His name is a pseudonym.

"Factors like personality and charisma should not divert attention from the issue of national unity," says the anonymous candidate.

Ernest Whitford says, "What this country needs is a little bran in its diet."

"For years, the world has been torn up by constipated rich people. I want to wipe out constipation in the U.S."

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PM-Russia Artillery, 440
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WASHINGTON AP - The Russian army is being equipped with new heavy caliber artillery that may be capable of firing nuclear shells, U.S. intelligence sources report.

The long-barreled 203mm guns, equivalent in caliber to the U.S. Army's eight-inch howitzer, was seen recently at Soviet army bases for the first time, sources said.

U.S. armed forces have had artillery capable of firing atomic weapons for years. Experts now are working on improved eight-inch nuclear ammunition expected to provide longer range and better accuracy.

In another phase of the U.S.-Soviet competition for more potent artillery, the U.S. Army is well advanced in developing a revolutionary shell that homes in with great precision on targets illuminated by laser beams.

The U.S. Army aims for greater effectiveness to compensate for a wide Soviet advantage in numbers of artillery pieces. According to U.S. intelligence estimates, the Russians have between 15,000 and 20,000 guns, compared with 6,000 in the U.S. ground forces.

The new Soviet 203mm gun is said to be self-propelled, in keeping with Russian efforts to achieve greater mobility in their armies.

Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress last winter that new Soviet self-propelled artillery now being fielded marked a change in the long-standing Soviet reliance on towed artillery, which is slower moving on the battlefield.

In event of an European war, the strategists believe the ability to bring armor and other striking power to bear in the early stages of fighting might well be decisive.

Over the last couple of years, U.S. intelligence has noted a number of new and advanced Russian weapons, featuring mobility, incorporated into Soviet field armies in Western Russia and in Eastern European Communist countries.

They include, among others:

- An advanced T72 main battle tank that can shoot on the move, uses a higher powered engine than older tanks, and is better protected against antitank weapons.

- New multiple rocket launchers mounted on trucks, some of which reportedly can concentrate as much fire as an artillery battalion.

- Increased numbers of armored troop-carrying fighting vehicles armed with antitank guided missiles.

- New river-crossing equipment mounted on trucks and believed able to bridge streams rapidly to permit unchecked movements of tanks across river barriers.

- A new minefield clearing vehicle on tracks, armed with rocket launchers.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SOPHISTICATED NEW WEAPONS SCHEDULED FOR ISRAEL MUST BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS AND THEREFORE PROBABLY WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO PENTAGON OFFICIALS.

PRESIDENT FORD SAID AT A MEETING WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON MONDAY HE APPROVED A \$1 BILLION ARMS SALE AGREEMENT TO FORESTALL "CIRCUMSTANCES WE WANT TO AVOID" IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

HIS PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN LATER TOLD REPORTERS THE PRESIDENT MADE THE DECISION LAST WEEK ON A LONG-STANDING ISRAELI REQUEST, AND THE WEAPONS ARE PART OF THE CREDIT SALES TO ISRAEL ALREADY AUTHORIZED IN THE BUDGET.

HE SAID THEY INCLUDED NEW WEAPONS NEVER BEFORE SUPPLIED THE JEWISH STATE, BUT NO PERSHING MISSILES THAT HAVE A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY.

PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID DELIVERIES WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE CONTRACTS ARE APPROVED BY CONGRESS, WHICH HAS 20 WORKING DAYS TO VETO ANY WEAPONS SALE COSTING ABOVE \$25 MILLION. THEY SAID CONGRESS WOULD HAVE TO BE IN SESSION FOR A CONTRACT TO BE SUBMITTED.

CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED FOR THE YEAR, AND BARRING EMERGENCIES WILL NOT RECONVENE UNTIL MID-JANUARY. SO IT LIKELY WOULD BE FEBRUARY AT THE EARLIEST BEFORE THE DELIVERIES COULD BEGIN.

IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY LAST WEEK, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER CRITICIZED THE LEVEL OF AID TO ISRAEL. BUT WHEN ASKED IF FORD'S MOVE MONDAY WERE TIED TO HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, NESSEN SAID THE QUESTION WAS "NOT WORTHY OF AN ANSWER."

"THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M GOING TO DENY," HE SAID.

ALLON, AFTER SEEING FORD, MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER FOR TWO HOURS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND BOTH REFUSED, AS DID NESSEN, TO SAY SPECIFICALLY WHAT ARMS ARE INVOLVED IN THE DEAL.

"I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU VERY FRANKLY THAT WE NEVER DISCUSS IN PUBLIC ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WE MAKE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD," ALLON TOLD REPORTERS AS HE LEFT THE MEETING WITH KISSINGER.

ALLON ALSO DENIED TO REPORTERS THAT THE STEP-UP IN ARMS TO ISRAEL HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. ELECTIONS.

POSING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE START OF THEIR OVAL OFFICE MEETING, ALLON TOLD FORD, "I'M GLAD YOU HAVE AGREED TO THE NEW ITEMS" IN THE SALE.

FORD REPLIED, "IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO SO THERE WOULD BE NO QUESTION ABOUT THE SUPPORT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE WANT TO AVOID."

A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AFTER THE FORD-ALLON SESSION SAID THE PRESIDENT "REAFFIRMED HIS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY AND SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL, NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS GENEROUS POLICY OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL."

THE STATEMENT ALSO SAID FORD AND ALLON AGREED THE STRONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES "FORMS A SOLID BASIS FOR ADDRESSING ... QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

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WASHINGTON AP - Some key allied envoys are saying both President Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter have jolted the already-weakened North Atlantic Treaty Organization with controversial statements that have left Europeans unsure of their future.

Allied officials offering such opinions insist on anonymity, saying they do not want to intrude in American electoral arguments.

In their initial assessments, these European diplomats are calling attention to two central developments they claim already have spread unease, even unhappiness, about the American role in Europe and about the future of the 15-nation NATO alliance.

The first development is Ford's statement that "there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe." To this, envoys of European members of NATO offer the reminder that up to 33 Soviet divisions in the region provides proof that the President is wrong.

The second development relates to Carter's expressed disbelief in the possibility of a limited nuclear war. He has said he thinks that once nuclear weapons are used, it would result in an all-out war.

Later, he added a pledge to aim for an understanding with the Soviets to settle any dispute without resorting to nuclear weapons.

Allied diplomats say Carter's rejection of the idea of a limited use of tactical nuclear weapons strikes at the heart of existing NATO strategy. As for reaching a deal with Russia to bar the use of nuclear weapons, they say this is a fine ideal and a long-term one, but ask what he would do in the meantime.

About Ford's claim that "there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe," senior allied sources outlined this picture, citing what they said was NATO's intelligence data:

- In East Germany there are at least 20 crack Soviet divisions, most armored.

- In Poland, the headquarters-state of the Warsaw Pact alliance, up to four Soviet divisions are based.

- In Hungary, where Soviet tanks crushed a 1956 uprising, four Soviet divisions remain for the purpose, among other things, of keeping open Soviet lines of communications from westernmost Russia to the central and northern salients of non-Communist Europe.

- In Czechoslovakia, invaded by a Warsaw Pact force under Soviet leadership in 1968, five Soviet divisions still stand guard.

- In other East European communist countries like Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, which is Peking-oriented, and middle-road Yugoslavia, no Soviet troops are known to be deployed.

But few NATO authorities doubt pro-Soviet elements function in those countries in a variety of ways.

Yugoslavia last November publicly accused the Soviets of supporting "neo-Stalinist elements" in its territory, presumably looking to the day when President Tito's disappearance might open the way for Belgrade's return into Moscow's orbit. A few months earlier, Ford had visited the 84-year-old Tito and promised to consider resuming U.S. military aid to the Yugoslavs.

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About Carter, European diplomats note that any U.S.-Soviet understanding not to use nuclear arms for the settlement of disputes would demand a tremendous degree of trust between the superpowers.

"At this time that measure of trust simply does not exist," one veteran European ambassador remarked. "The two sides have, for instance, been maneuvering and negotiating for years to achieve a far less ambitious arrangement for the limitation of strategic arms and have yet to agree on ceilings and categories of weapons to form part of the accord."

A deal barring the use of nuclear weapons would have to lead to something even more far-reaching - no less than the dismantlement of nuclear arsenals, the ambassador said. This would take years, and in the meantime NATO would need to carry on.

Skeptical Europeans argue further that even if the superpowers could reach ironclad arrangements never to resort to nuclear weapons in a dispute, European security would be at risk, because they say Warsaw Pact countries are far superior in terms of combat-ready troops and in the armor at their disposal from the arctic to the Aegean.

And, they sadly add, NATO nations are in a state of disarray in southern Europe where Greeks and Turks are feuding, where radical parties are making common cause with national Communist parties in Portugal and Spain and marginally in Italy and France.

Carter has his own formula for enhancing NATO's security. In an Associated Press interview Sept. 17, he said the imbalance could be remedied by better deployment of allied manpower in West Europe and better use of advanced technology in antitank and other weapons.

Then he added: "I would intend to maintain our present level of troop deployment in Europe for the foreseeable future now 300,000 U.S. troops. But I think when we can move with the Soviet Union to reduce atomic weapons, I would even be willing to increase ground forces, or conventional forces, if necessary, if that was what it took to give us equivalent strength."

The relative strength of NATO and Warsaw Pact forces in Europe, as seen by the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, which has contact with most allied defense establishments, shows:

NATO in early 1976 had a combat manpower total of 675,000, a main battle tank total of 7,300 and 2,000 tactical aircraft.

The general picture that emerges in the view of allied authorities is that the Soviet grip on East Europe remains strong enough to give Moscow real dominance in the area. It's a dominance NATO considers to be augmented by economic and political factors.

In the economic sector, all Warsaw Pact countries are bound closely together in industrial, military and other production to central Soviet needs and plans. Politically, too, Communist regimes of the region do not need Moscow's daily directives to remind them what to do or say about the management of their affairs because they are well aware of the limits of their freedom of action.

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BY MICHAEL ROSS

BEIRUT, LEBANON (UPI) -- REPRESENTATIVES OF RIVAL FACTIONS IN LEBANON'S BLOODY 18-MONTH CIVIL WAR HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A TENTATIVE CEASE-FIRE AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SYRIAN, LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS FOR APPROVAL, AN ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATOR ANNOUNCED.

LEAGUE ENVOY HASSAN SABRY EL KHOLY EMERGED TIRED BUT SMILING FROM EIGHT HOURS OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THE SYRIAN-HELD TOWN CHTAURA AND SAID, "WE'VE DONE IT. IT'S SUCCESSFUL. THERE'S AN AGREEMENT REACHED."

HE SAID THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, LEBANESE PRESIDENT ELIAS SARKIS AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASSER ARAFAT TUESDAY FOR APPROVAL.

LEBANESE RIGHTISTS AND LEFTISTS AND THE PALESTINIANS HAD PREDICTED EARLIER THAT THE TALKS WOULD FAIL.

KHOLY SAID THE AGREEMENT WAS A "DRAFT PACKAGE DEAL" WHICH, IF APPROVED BY ALL PARTIES, WOULD PROVIDE FOR AN "IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES THROUGHOUT LEBANON."

IF THE LEADERS APPROVE, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING WEDNESDAY TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT, HE SAID.

KHOLY DID NOT DIVULGE DETAILS OF THE PACKAGE BUT IT PRESUMABLY INCLUDED A TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS FROM THEIR MILITARY POSITIONS, THE STATIONING OF AN OBSERVER FORCE, WHOSE MAKEUP WAS NOT DEFINED, AND A TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF PREVIOUS ACCORDS GOVERNING THE ARMED PRESENCE OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN LEBANON.

SPOKESMEN FOR LEBANESE RIGHTISTS INCLUDING INTERIOR MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN AND PHALANGIST PARTY LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL SAID THERE WERE "ONE OR TWO POINTS" THAT STILL HAD TO BE CLARIFIED BUT, IN PRINCIPLE, THEY ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM LEBANESE LEFTISTS WHO, AT SYRIAN INSISTENCE, HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE TALKS. THEY SAID EARLIER THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT THEM.

THE NEW AGREEMENT REPRESENTED SOMETHING OF A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR KHOLY AFTER NEARLY FOUR MONTHS OF NONSTOP NEGOTIATING EFFORTS MARKED BY THREE PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL CEASE-FIRES.

THE CHIEF PALESTINIAN DELEGATE TO THE TALKS, HANI EL HASSAN, TOLD REPORTERS THE DISCUSSIONS WERE "VERY DIFFICULT AND VERY LONG BUT THE RESULTS WERE VERY GOOD. "THEY WILL WORK AS LONG AS THE RADICAL GROUPS ON THE OTHER (CHRISTIAN) SIDE DO NOT SABOTAGE THEM."

AS THE TALKS PROGRESSED, FIGHTING INTENSIFIED ON BEIRUT'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM FRONTS. THE TOLL IN THE PAST 24 HOURS OF MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN EXCHANGES IN SUBURBAN AND DOWNTOWN BEIRUT ROSE TO 90 KNOWN DEAD.

WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ALSO SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD FROM INDEPENDENT CHANNELS THAT RECENT VARIOUS REPORTS OF MORE IRAQI TROOPS INFILTRATING INTO THE SOUTH BY BOAT VIA EGYPT WERE ACCURATE.

THEY SAID THEY HAD NO ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE OF RECENT ARRIVALS, BUT BY NOW THERE PROBABLY ARE UP TO 3,000 IRAQIS FIGHTING ALONGSIDE THE PALESTINIANS AND LEFTISTS IN SOUTH LEBANON.

THE SLOW BUT STEADY IRAQI INFLUX OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS HAS NOT APPRECIABLY ALTERED THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE CIVIL WAR, WHICH TIPPED IN THE CHRISTIANS' FAVOR WHEN SYRIA SENT AN ESTIMATED 20,000 TROOPS AND 500 TANKS INTO LEBANON LAST JUNE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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PM-TASS 10-12

MOSCOW (UPI) -- THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY ACCUSED AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES TODAY OF BUILDING UP "MILITARISTIC HYSTERIA" IN THE FAR EAST.

A DISPATCH FROM SINGAPORE COMMENTED ON THE START OF A 17-DAY NAVAL EXERCISE BY THE THREE NATIONS OF THE ANZUS PACT, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE LARGEST COMBINATION OF FORCES IN THE AREA SINCE WORLD WAR II.

"THIS DEMONSTRATION OF MILITARY FORCE IS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE POLICY OF THE PENTAGON AND THE PRESENT CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (TO) INVIGORATE THE ANZUS MILITARY PACT," TASS SAID.

"HAVING LOST A NUMBER OF STRONGHOLDS WITH THE DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA, PENTAGON STRATEGISTS ARE TRYING TO CREATE NEW SPRINGBOARDS IN THE INDIAN AND PACIFIC BASINS.

"UNDER THE PRETEXT OF COUNTERING THE MYTHICAL SOVIET MENACE INVENTED BY THEM, ANZUS BLOC MEMBERS ARE BUILDING UP A MILITARISTIC HYSTERIA TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PENTAGON'S PLANS."

"THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, TOGETHER WITH THE PENTAGON, IS BUILDING UP TENSION" IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, THE NEWS AGENCY SAID.

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BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY MET WITH A GROUP OF ETHNIC LEADERS TO CLARIFY HIS POLITICALLY DAMAGING REMARK THAT EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

WEARING A BUTTON ON HIS LAPEL WHICH SPELLED "FORD" IN UKRANIAN, THE PRESIDENT WENT AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE CABINET ROOM AND SHOOK HANDS WITH A PREDOMINANTLY PRO-FORD GROUP OF LEADERS OF EAST EUROPEAN ANCESTRY.

IN A FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE WITH JIMMY CARTER LAST WEDNESDAY, FORD SAID POLAND AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS WERE NOT SOVIET DOMINATED. SINCE THEN, HE HAS SAID HE COULD HAVE BEEN "MORE PRECISE" -- THAT IT WAS ALL A "MISUNDERSTANDING."

TODAY'S MEETING WAS INITIATED BY FORD AND TOOK PLACE AN HOUR BEFORE HE WAS TO DEPART ON A CAMPAIGN SWING IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

ONE OF THE LEADERS TOLD FORD "WE'RE 252 PER CENT BEHIND FORD." MANY OF THE LEADERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN THE FORD CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION.

"THREE MORE WEEKS TO GO AND WE'RE READY," FORD SAID DURING A PICTURE-TAKING SESSION.

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PM-PASTORS 10-12

DALLAS (UPI) -- THE PRESIDENT AND THREE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE DALLAS PASTORS ASSOCIATION HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT CRITICIZING W.A. CRISWELL FOR "BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" FOR THE BAPTIST MINISTER'S ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD.

FORD ATTENDED SUNDAY SERVICES AT CRISWELL'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LARGEST PROTESTANT CONGREGATION IN THE NATION. CRISWELL ENDORSED FORD ON THE CHURCH STEPS BEFORE A CROWD OF THOUSANDS, SAYING, "I'M FOR HIM."

"WE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE DPA VIEW WITH AMAZEMENT AND INCREDULITY THE ACTION LAST SUNDAY OF THE PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN THROWING THE WEIGHT OF HIS PERSON AND PULPIT BEHIND ONE OF OUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES," THE PASTORS SAID.

THE STATEMENT WAS SIGNED BY PASTORS OF METHODIST, CHRISTIAN AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES AND BY A JEWISH RABBI.

DR. JAMES LANDES, TOP EXECUTIVE OF THE 2.3 MILLION-MEMBER BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS, SAID, "BAPTISTS ARE COMPLETELY AND FIERCELY INDEPENDENT IN THEIR THINKING. ANY BAPTIST MINISTER CAN TAKE, UNDER GOD, ANY POSITION HE FEELS LIKE TAKING SO LONG AS HE IS SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF. ONCE HE STEPS OUTSIDE THE PULPIT, HE CAN ENDORSE ANYONE OF HIS CHOICE."

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PM-ECONOMY 10-12

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM E. SIMON SAID TODAY THE NATION'S ECONOMY IS IN A "PAUSE" WHICH SHOULD NOT CAUSE CONCERN BECAUSE THE OVERALL ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS STILL ON TRACK.

HOWEVER, CHARLES SCHULTZE, AN ECONOMIST FROM THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE AND AN ADVISER TO JIMMY CARTER, SAID A REDUCTION IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING THIS YEAR HAS HURT THE RECOVERY.

"IT IS TIME TO BEGIN TO WORRY ABOUT IT (THE RECOVERY)," SCHULTZE SAID. "I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO RUSH IN WITH AN IMMEDIATE DOSE OF STIMULUS BUT WE ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE POINT WHERE THAT MAY BE NECESSARY."

SIMON AND SCHULTZE DISCUSSED THE ECONOMY IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE NBC TODAY PROGRAM.

IN RECENT WEEKS, THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS HAVE SLUMPED, WHOLESALE PRICES HAVE CLIMBED, UNEMPLOYMENT HAS HOVERED AT JUST BELOW 8 PER CENT AND THE STOCK MARKET HAS DECLINED SHARPLY.

"CERTAINLY," SIMON SAID, "WE CAN STILL CALL IT A PAUSE AND MORE THAN GET AWAY WITH IT."

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "IT IS TREMENDOUSLY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE PAY SO MUCH ATTENTION TO ONE OR TWO MONTHS OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS AND TOTALLY IGNORE THE UNLYING TRENDS IN OUR ECONOMY."

"THE UNDERLYING TREND IN THE ECONOMY IS THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A HEALTHY AND BALANCED EXPANSION THAT COMPARES VERY FAVORABLY WITH THE FOUR EXPANSIONS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. IN FACT, IN TWO AREAS, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, WE'RE ACTUALLY AHEAD OF THE LAST FOUR EXPANSIONS. THIS PAUSE IS A NATURAL PHENOMENA THAT OCCURS IN EVERY RECOVERY."

IN AN APPARENT DIG AT CRITICS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLCIES, SIMON SAID IT IS "UNREASONABLE" TO EXPECT GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS EACH MONTH. "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DISAPPOINTMENTS FROM TIME TO TIME."

"WE ARE STILL HUNG ON THE TWIN PROBLEM OF FIGHTING INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T FIGHT ONE AT THE EXPENSE OF EXACERBATING THE OTHER AND THIS IS A PROCESS THAT GOING TO TAKE TIME," HE SAID.

SCHULTZE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT BETWEEN \$20 AND \$25 BILLION LESS THAN CALLED FOR IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR AND THAT HAS BEEN THE MAIN PROBLEM. HE SAID THE SPENDING REDUCTION HAS OFFSET THE EFFECTS OF INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS.

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By JOHN CUNNIFF

AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK AP - The National Association of Business Economists seems to think the current economic weakness is merely a pause in the recovery, but that a more pronounced slowing of growth might occur a year from now.

The 1977 consensus forecast is for continued expansion at a fairly even rate "at least through the second or third quarter," but accompanied by a sharp, 10 per cent rise in the Consumer Price Index. "Curiously," they announced, "the consensus forecasts a continuous decline in the unemployment rate throughout the year 1977."

Meeting in San Francisco, the economists announced that an analysis of their forecasts showed them to be expecting a 1977 final-quarter decline in the rate of increase in real Gross National Product, profits, housing starts and spending for personal big ticket items.

The economists, whose forecasts were made more than a month ago, have had an uneven record. While they credit themselves with a fairly good forecast for 1976, the one for the preceding year, in their words, "is better forgotten."

Here's the breakdown:

-Gross National Product in current dollars will rise from \$1,697,000,000 in 1976 to \$1,855,600,000 in 1977. Those figures, however, included inflation.

Using 1972 dollars so as to measure both years by the same standard, the economists expect growth to be from \$1,268,000,000 in 1976 to \$1,332,700,000 in 1977.

-Consumer Price Index. "Our forecast of the Consumer Price Index provides an insight to how our respondents have built inflation into their forecasts." The peak inflation is forecast for the second and third quarters.

-Profits. Corporate profits before taxes are forecast to rise to \$166.9 billion from \$148 billion in 1976. That would be a 12.8 per cent increase.

The economists expect that profits will strengthen during the second and third quarters of 1977, followed by a marked decline in growth during the final three months.

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-Industrial production. The rate of growth will tend to rise through the second quarter of 1977. "A marked decline in the rate of increase is forecast thereafter."

-Private housing starts are expected to grow only slightly in the first quarter, more strongly in the second quarter, rather weakly in the third quarter, and to decline, in absolute terms, in the final quarter of 1977.

The Economists expect the number of starts for the year to total 1,656,000, compared with an estimated 1,480,000 for 1976.

-Unemployment. The forecast is for a 6.8 per cent rate in 1977, compared with an estimated 7.5 per cent in 1976.

The consensus of the economists is that the rate will decline in the fourth quarter of this year and that the decline will continue through each quarter of 1977.

-Interest rates. Higher. The median forecast is for a steady rise in the return on new issues of three-month Treasury bills. The rate is forecast to be 5.76 per cent in the first quarter, rising to 6.68 per cent by the fourth.

Summarizing, the consensus of forecasts is that there is less to be concerned with during the present pause than with the anticipated weakening of the economy during the latter part of 1977.

Rising prices and interest rates are expected to accompany slowdown in production increases, side by side with what would appear to be a contradictory improvement in the employment situation.

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SELF-CORRECTING DEBATES

BY DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AS PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER PREPARE FOR THEIR THIRD AND FINAL DEBATE, THERE IS TALK ONCE AGAIN OF CHANGING THE FORMAT.

IN THE FIRST TWO DEBATES, EACH CANDIDATE IN TURN ANSWERED A QUESTION AND A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, TO WHICH HIS OPPONENT THEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND.

THE NEW FORMAT BEING CONSIDERED WOULD CHANGE THAT SEQUENCE AS FOLLOWS:

EACH CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER A QUESTION. THE OTHER CANDIDATE THEN WOULD BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES FOR REBUTTAL. THEN THE FIRST CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE FIVE ADDITIONAL MINUTES TO CLARIFY AND APOLOGIZE FOR HIS ORIGINAL ANSWER.

THE NEED FOR THE CHANGE AROSE IN PART FROM THE FACT THAT IN THE NEXT DEBATE THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS WILL BE DEALING WITH BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES.

IN EFFECT, THAT DOUBLES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SAYING THINGS THEY WOULD LATER REGRET. THEREFORE, THE CLARIFICATION-APOLOGY PERIOD SHOULD BE EXTREMELY BUSY.

TO SEE HOW IT MIGHT WORK, LET'S FOLLOW A COUPLE OF HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS THROUGH THE NEW FORMAT:

IN THE DOMESTIC FIELD, ONE CANDIDATE IS ASKED ABOUT THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT, SPECIFICALLY HOW HE STANDS ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT NOW AWAITING RATIFICATION.

HE REPLIES THAT THERE REALLY IS NO NEED FOR SUCH AN AMENDMENT BECAUSE THERE IS NO MALE DOMINATION OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

HIS OPPONENT, IN REBUTTAL, DISPUTES THAT STATEMENT. HE POINTS TO INSTANCES IN WHICH MEN HAVE USED TANKS AND HEAVY WEAPONS TO KEEP WOMEN SUPPRESSED.

THE FIRST CANDIDATE NOW COMES BACK AND CLARIFIES HIS ANSWER. HE EXPLAINS THAT WHAT HE MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF MALE DOMINATION OF WOMEN.

HE APOLOGIZES FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

VERY WELL. THIS BRINGS US TO THE FOREIGN POLICY SEGMENT DURING WHICH ONE CANDIDATE IS ASKED ABOUT ATTEMPTS BY THE SOVIET UNION TO SUBVERT AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE CANDIDATE REPLIES THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE LOOKED COVETOUSLY AT A LOT OF ARAB COUNTRIES AND HAVE COMMITTED SUBVERSION IN THEIR HEARTS MANY TIMES.

BUT HE SAYS HE FORGIVES THEM FOR IT AND DOES NOT PASS JUDGMENT ON NATIONS THAT MEDDLE IN OTHER NATIONS' AFFAIRS.

THE SECOND CANDIDATE, IN REBUTTAL, SAYS HE COULD NEVER CONDONE THE SOVIETS' CASTING COVETOUS GLANCES AT THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE FIRST CANDIDATE, CLARIFYING HIS REMARKS, EXPLAINS THAT BY FORGIVENESS HE DOES NOT MEAN HE APPROVES OF OCULAR COVETING. HE SAYS THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORGIVING AND PARDONING.

IF THIS FORMAT IS FOLLOWED, IT WILL REDUCE THE NEED FOR POST-DEBATE CLARIFICATION AND APOLOGY, AND GIVE THE CANDIDATES TIME TO MOVE ON TO FRESH MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

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TOKYO AP - A Chinese government spokesman announced that Premier Hua Kuo-feng has been appointed to succeed the late Mao Tse-tung as chairman of the Chinese Communist party, Japan's Kyodo news service reported today from Peking. The announcement followed reports that Mao's widow and three other Politburo officials were under arrest.

Wall posters appeared in Peking last week reporting the succession of the 57-year-old Hua, but there had been no official announcement. The spokesman said it had been delayed to allow the entire Communist party organization to be informed in advance, Kyodo said.

There still was no confirmation of unofficial reports from Peking that Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and three other high ranking officials associated with the party's radical wing had been arrested, accused of plotting a coup. These reports suggested that serious infighting was going on and that positions still might not have solidified since Mao died on Sept. 9.

The official Hsinhua news agency had not reported Hua's appointment. In a communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Papua New Guinea, Hua signed as premier, Hsinhua said.

However, in a story Saturday, Hsinhua referred to the party Central Committee "headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng."

Hua, a big, friendly man relatively unknown to the outside world, first made his name in party circles as an agricultural specialist and local administrator during the 1950s. At some point, he came under the wing of Mao, who named his public security minister in 1971.

Last April he was named premier and first party vice chairman, second only to Mao, after Teng Hsiao-ping was fired as vice premier and party vice chairman. Teng, who had been expected to succeed his mentor, Chou En-lai, as premier, instead became the target of a massive campaign of criticism, accused of trying to restore capitalism in China.

Chou's death Jan. 8 touched off a power struggle between the moderates led by Teng and party radicals led by Chiang Ching.

Foreign analysts saw Hua as a compromise candidate, and it seems unlikely that his elevation will settle the intraparty differences. Chinese broadcasts continue to insist on deepening the criticism campaign against Teng.

A Nationalist Chinese specialist on mainland affairs said today that the arrest of Mao's widow, if the reports are true, could be the result of an alliance between Hua and military leaders.

Tsai Wei-ping, director of the Institute of International Relations in Taipei, said the arrest of Chiang Ching and the three others would protect both Hua and the military from radical pressures and attacks. Tsai's institute is a private political research organization.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Peking that life continued normally there, except for the larger than usual number of soldiers patrolling central Tien An Men Square and in front of the most important offices.

Residents in the Chinese capital, contacted by telephone from Hong Kong, said the reports of the arrests were first heard in the city Monday evening and were the topic of open conversation today.

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The Kyodo story today gave no details of where the announcement of Hua's appointment was made and did not identify the government spokesman.

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BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY ADMITTED HE MADE A MISTAKE IN SAYING EASTERN EUROPE WAS FREE OF SOVIET DOMINATION AND DELIVERED A SCATHING ATTACK ON JIMMY CARTER'S LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

"I DID NOT EXPRESS MYSELF CLEARLY; I ADMIT IT," FORD TOLD A GROUP OF ETHNIC LEADERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

IN A FORMAL STATEMENT HE READ TO THE GATHERING, FORD SAID, "THE ORIGINAL MISTAKE WAS MINE." HE WAS REFERRING TO HIS STATEMENT LAST WEDNESDAY DURING HIS SAN FRANCISCO DEBATE WITH CARTER WHEN HE SAID POLAND AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS WERE NOT SOVIET DOMINATED. SINCE THEN, HE HAS SAID HE COULD HAVE BEEN "MORE PRECISE" -- THAT IT WAS ALL A "MISUNDERSTANDING."

"THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT WHERE I STAND," FORD SAID. "ANY MAN WHO SEEKS TO PERSUADE YOU THAT I THINK OTHERWISE IS ENGAGING IN DECEIT AND DISTORTION."

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FORD SAID HE WANTED TO SPELL OUT "PRECISELY WHAT I BELIEVE:

"-- FIRST, THE COUNTRIES OF EAST EUROPE ARE, OF COURSE, DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION. WERE IT NOT FOR THE PRESENCE OF MORE THAN 30 RUSSIAN DIVISIONS THERE NOW, THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE WOULD LONG HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR FREEDOM.

"-- SECOND, THE UNITED STATES NEVER HAS, DOES NOT NOW AND NEVER WILL RECOGNIZE, ACCEPT OR ACQUIESCE IN THE SOVIET DOMINATION OF EASTERN EUROPE.

"-- THIRD, THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE YEARN FOR FREEDOM; WHILE THEIR COUNTRIES MAY BE PHYSICALLY DOMINATED THEIR SPIRIT IS NOT. THEIR SPIRIT HAS NEVER BEEN BROKEN AND NEVER WILL BE. AND SOMEDAY THEY WILL BE FREE."

FORD'S CAMPAIGN SUFFERED A SETBACK AS A RESULT OF HIS REMARKS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HIS AIDES CONCEDED HE HAD LOST MOMENTUM. IN RECASTING BEFORE AN ASSEMBLY OF MOSTLY PRO-FORD ETHNIC LEADERS, FORD TRIED TO MAKE AMENDS.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN INDICATED MONDAY THAT FORD WOULD DELIVER THE STATEMENT PERSONALLY TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE LEADERS. BUT TODAY NESSEN SAID HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE AND A PRINTED STATEMENT WAS HANDED OUT AFTER THE LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH FORD'S REMARKS.

HALF OF THE STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS CARTER'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

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FORD SAID THE ETHNIC LEADERS AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE SHOULD "CONSIDER WHETHER A MAN WHO SHOWS SO LITTLE APPRECIATION OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH, AMERICA'S RESPECT, AND AMERICA'S NEEDS -- AS MY OPPONENT HAS DONE IN THIS CAMPAIGN -- SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GUIDE THE FORTUNES OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH."

FORD SAID HE WELCOMED THE STATE OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AS AN ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN AND THAT HE STANDS ON HIS RECORD OF HIS PAST 30 YEARS IN THE HOUSE, AS VICE PRESIDENT AND AS PRESIDENT.

HE SAID THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK "WHETHER A POLITICAL CANDIDATE WHO HAS VARIOUSLY CALLED FOR A \$15 BILLION CUT OR A \$7 (BILLION) OR \$8 BILLION CUT, OR A \$5-\$7 BILLION CUT IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET, AND WHO THEN COMPLAINS THAT WE ARE 'NOT STRONG ANY MORE,' AS GOVERNOR CARTER HAS DONE, IS TRULY THE MAN TO GOVERN THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THAT CAN ASSURE THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND GIVE HOPE TO THE MILLIONS OF OPPOSED IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

"LET ME ADDRESS THE CRITICAL QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP, WHICH GOVERNOR CARTER HAS RIGHTLY RAISED," FORD SAID. "DO WE WANT TO ENTRUST THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS GREAT NATION TO A MAN WHO SEEKS TO LIFT HIMSELF UP TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY RUNNING DOWN THE REPUTATION OF THE UNITED STATES?"

"IS THE LEADERSHIP WE WANT THAT WHICH CLAIMS THAT AMERICA 'IS NOT RESPECTED ANY MORE' WHEN IT IS THE UNITED STATES -- AND THE UNITED STATES ALONE -- THAT IS TRUSTED BY ALL SIDES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BY BOTH BLACK AND WHITE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?"

HE CHARGED THAT CARTER, BY USING SUCH PHRASES AS "A DISGRACE TO OUR COUNTRY," IN CRITICIZING FORD'S REMARKS HAD DEMONSTRATED A "MORAL CONCEIT" RATHER THAN "COMPASSION OR COMMON SENSE."

"I WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US IN AREAS OF POLICY AS WELL AS PHILOSOPHY," FORD SAID. "THEREFORE I INTEND TO FIGHT MR. CARTER ON THE ISSUES WITH ALL THE ABILITY I CAN COMMAND."

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ONE BY ONE, THE ETHNIC LEADERS STEPPED UP THE MICROPHONE IN THE BRIEFING ROOM AND ASSURED REPORTERS THAT FORD HAD ACKNOWLEDGED HE MADE A MISTAKE AND CLARIFIED HIS POSITION.

ALOYSIUS A. MAZEWSKI, PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THE U.S.A., SAID, "I'M VERY SATISFIED WITH THE STATEMENT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE MADE A MISTAKE. IT WAS AN ERROR."

LASZLO PASZTOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION, SAID THAT FORD'S ADMISSION THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE SHOWS "WHAT A GREAT PRESIDENT AND HUMAN BEING HE IS."

"IN MY OPINION IT WAS A SLIP OF THE TONGUE. HE WILL NEVER CONCEDE THE SOVIET DOMINATION OF EASTERN EUROPE."

ILMAR PLEER, PRESIDENT OF THE ESTONIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, SAID HE BELIEVES FORD HAD "RECTIFIED" THE MISSTATEMENT AND ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD TOLD THE LEADERS THAT "HE WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE THE OVERTHROW OF THE BALTIC STATES."

ADOLS LEJINS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN-LATVIAN ASSOCIATION, SAID, "AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED THE CASE IS CLOSED."

STANLEY A. GECYS, PRESIDENT OF THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, SAID THAT FORD'S REMARKS SHOULD BE TAKEN "IN THE SAME LIGHT AS CARTER'S STATEMENT ON ETHNIC PURITY." HE THOUGHT BOTH SHOULD BE FORGIVEN.

GEORGE MEYER, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CONGRESS OF RUSSIAN AMERICANS, TOLD REPORTERS, "WE'RE VERY MUCH AFRAID OF GOVERNOR CARTER AS WE WERE OF SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN."

HE QUESTIONED WHETHER CARTER WAS A LIBERAL OR A CONSERVATIVE AND SAID CARTER WOULD BE THE "INCARNATION" OF MCGOVERN.

DR. UROS SEFFER, PRESIDENT OF THE SERBIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, SAID, "WE KNOW PRESIDENT FORD'S RECORD SINCE HE CAME TO CONGRESS. WE TRUST HIM AND WE BELIEVE IN HIM."

JOSEPH SABEN, PRESIDENT OF THE COALITION CATHOLIC UNION, SAID, "I FEEL WHAT THE PRESIDENT DID TODAY WAS TO CLARIFY THE RECORD. HE WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT."

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By FRANCES LEWINE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - President Ford told 16 leaders of American ethnic groups today he had made a mistake in saying Eastern Europe is not under Soviet domination and added that the United States "never will recognize, accept or acquiesce in this Soviet domination."

The ethnic leaders told reporters afterward they were satisfied with Ford's position and his clarification.

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WASHN: his clarification.

The group met with Ford in the Cabinet room after the President donned a campaign button that spelled "Ford," in Cyrillic, an old Slavic alphabet used in some East European nations and in the Soviet Union. The ethnic leaders wore the buttons, too. As they sat around the Cabinet table, Ford read his statement to them, declaring: "I want to set the record straight on an issue that has received prominent attention in the past week - the question of Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

"Let me be blunt: I did not express myself clearly when this question came up in the debate last Wednesday night. So that there can be no doubt about where I stand, let me spell out precisely what I believe."

Ford said the countries of Eastern Europe "are, of course, dominated by the Soviet Union." If it were not for the presence of more than 30 Soviet military divisions in Eastern Europe, the President said, these nations "would have long since achieved their freedom."

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WASHN: their freedom.

"The original mistake was mine," Ford said.

He said that while the countries of Eastern Europe are physically dominated, "their spirit is not," and "someday they will be free."

After issuing the statement, Ford departed on a two-day campaign trip to New York and New Jersey, where his remarks about the Soviets and Eastern Europe could be a big issue.

Setting forth what he called "the essence of my position," the President declared:

- "First, the countries of Eastern Europe are, of course, dominated by the Soviet Union. Were it not for the presence of more than 30 Russian divisions there now, the countries of Eastern Europe would long since have achieved their freedom."

- "Second, the United States never has, does not now and never will recognize, accept or acquiesce in this Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

- "Third, the peoples of Eastern Europe yearn for freedom; while their countries may be physically dominated, their spirit is not; their spirit has never been broken and never will be. And someday they will be free."

Ford said he intends to fight Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter on ethnic issues "with all the ability I can command."

"Do we want to entrust the leadership of this great nation to a man who seeks to lift himself up to the White House by running down the reputation of the United States? Is the leadership we want that which claim that America 'is not respected anymore'?" Ford asked.

The reference was to a Carter statement during the debate.

"It is the United States - and the United States alone - that is trusted by all sides in the Middle East and by both black and white in southern Africa," Ford declared.

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BC-Dole-Cold, 140

WASHINGTON AP - Republican vice-presidential candidate Bob Dole is suffering from a cold and hoarseness as a result of strenuous campaigning, aides say.

Back in Washington briefly, he came to a White House campaign strategy session with President Ford Monday. But he didn't come out to talk to reporters as had been scheduled.

Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen explained that Dole had a cold and "going home and nurse his cold."

This morning, Dole's press secretary Larry Speakes who was at the White House, said that his boss was fighting a cold and hoarse voice. But, Speakes said Dole was planning to be back on the campaign trail shortly.

Dole debates Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sen. Walter F. Mondale in Houston, Tex., Friday night.

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PM-Ford-Union, 300

WASHINGTON AP - The Watergate special prosecutor has questioned a maritime union official at length before a federal grand jury about contributions to President Ford's congressional campaigns, The Washington Post reported today.

Jesse N. Calhoon, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, testified under a grant of immunity about \$19,000 in previously reported contributions that MEBA made or earmarked for Ford's campaigns, the paper said.

The Post, citing informed sources, said it based its report on a briefing Calhoon gave associates after his two hours of testimony last Friday.

Calhoon told his associates that his testimony did not support any allegation that Ford diverted maritime union funds to personal or improper use, the paper said.

The special prosecutor's office reportedly began investigating Ford's congressional campaign finances in July.

Calhoon reportedly testified that his union made no payments to Ford other than political contributions that were fully reported, the paper said.

The union head told his associates that special prosecutor Charles Ruff and his staff questioned Calhoon about any possible means of payment to Ford, including speaking fees, cash, checks, and joint contributions that might have been made with other unions.

The contributions were made to Ford re-election committees and the Kent County Republican Finance Committee in Ford's home town of Grand Rapids, Mich., according to the paper.

Ruff has declined comment on the investigation. The Post said legal experts noted that Calhoon may have been questioned under oath in order to show allegations about Ford's campaign finances are without foundation, or to build a case around the allegations.

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PM-TOXIC 10-12

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED TODAY LEGISLATION SETTING STRICT, NEW GOVERNMENT STANDARDS FOR CHEMICALS AND OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES THAT COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH.

"I BELIEVE THIS LEGISLATION MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECES OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS," HE SAID IN A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING HIS ACTION.

THE "TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT" ESTABLISHES FOR THE FIRST TIME COMPREHENSIVE RULES AND TEST REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET FOR CHEMICALS BEFORE THEY ARE INTRODUCED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.

ONE OF THE KEY PROVISIONS IS A STRONG SECTION ON PRE-MARKETING REVIEW. IT REQUIRES MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WITH DATA IN ADVANCE OF MARKETING AND GIVES THE EPA POWER TO PREVENT OR LIMIT USE AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

INCLUDED IN THE MEASURE IS A TWO-YEAR BAN ON MANUFACTURING OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, A HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL KNOWN AS PCBS. TRACES OF IT HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MOTHER'S MILK IN SOME STATES.

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BY JAMES A. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS TODAY UPHELD THE WATERGATE COVER-UP CONVICTIONS OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN MITCHELL AND FORMER TOP NIXON AIDES JOHN EHRLICHMAN AND H.R. HALDEMAN.

IN A 201-PAGE OPINION, SIX OF THE SEVEN APPEALS JUDGES SAID "THERE WAS NO REVERSIBLE ERROR" BY JUDGE JOHN J. SIRICA, WHO SENTENCED HALDEMAN, EHRLICHMAN AND MITCHELL EACH TO TWO AND ONE-HALF TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND RELATED COUNTS.

BUT IN A SEPARATE, 19-PAGE RULING, THE APPEALS COURT REVERSED THE CONSPIRACY CONVICTION OF FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MARDIAN ON GROUNDS HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRIED SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER DEFENDANTS.

THE FOUR MEN WERE CONVICTED JAN. 1, 1975, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE COVER-UP OF THE 1972 BREAK-IN AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT THE WATERGATE BUILDING HERE.

THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN LED TO THE POLITICAL DOWNFALL AND RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE BY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IN 1974.
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BY JAMES A. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT HAS AFFIRMED THE CONVICTIONS OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN N. MITCHELL AND FORMER TOP NIXON AIDES JOHN EHRLICHMAN AND H.R. HALDEMAN ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO COVER UP THE 1972 BREAK-IN AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HERE ALSO REVERSED AND SENT BACK FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS THE CONSPIRACY CONVICTION OF FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MARDIAN, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN THE SAME CASE, THE SOURCES SAID.

CLERKS AT THE COURTHOUSE REFUSED TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE REPORT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT A DECISION IN THE APPEALS WOULD BE RELEASED LATER IN THE DAY.

HALDEMAN, EHRLICHMAN AND MITCHELL WERE CONVICTED JAN. 1, 1975, AND EACH SENTENCED TO TWO AND A-HALF TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON BY U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN J. SIRICA ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE AND LYING TO A GRAND JURY TO TRY TO COVER UP WHITE HOUSE INVOLVEMENT IN THE BREAK-IN.

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MARDIAN, THE ONLY DEFENDANT TO BE CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY ALONE, WAS SENTENCED TO 10 TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON.

ALL FOUR HAVE REMAINED FREE PENDING APPEAL.

THE WATERGATE CASE CAUSED THE POLITICAL DOWNFALL AND RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON IN 1974. HE WAS LATER PARDONED OF ANY WRONGDOING IN THE CASE BY PRESIDENT FORD.

THE APPEAL OF THE FOUR DEFENDANTS WAS ARGUED LAST JAN. 6. DEFENSE LAWYERS PROTESTED THAT THEIR CLIENTS HAD BEEN FORCED TO COME TO TRIAL UNDER THE "WHITE HEAT" OF INFLAMMATORY PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE BREAK-IN AND NIXON'S SUBSEQUENT RESIGNATION.

THE LAWYERS ALSO CONTENDED THAT SIRICA'S PRIVATE QUESTIONING OF POTENTIAL JURORS WAS "TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO ASCERTAIN THE PREJUDICE THAT EXISTED" AGAINST THE COVER-UP TRIAL DEFENDANTS.

EHRLICHMAN ALREADY FACES A 20-MONTH TO FIVE-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR APPROVING THE BREAK-IN BY WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" AT THE OFFICE OF DR. DANIEL ELLSBERG'S PSYCHIATRIST. THAT CONVICTION WAS UPHELD BY THE COURT OF APPEALS EARLIER THIS YEAR BUT EHRLICHMAN REMAINS FREE PENDING A SUPREME COURT APPEAL.

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PM-THAILAND-AMBUSH 10-12

BANGKOK, THAILAND (UPI) -- COMMUNIST INSURGENTS TODAY STAGED THEIR FIRST ATTACK ON THAI GOVERNMENT FORCES SINCE THE MILITARY COUP IN BANGKOK LAST WEDNESDAY, POLICE SOURCES REPORTED.

THE SOURCES SAID THREE POLICEMEN WERE KILLED AND ONE WAS WOUNDED IN AN AMBUSH IN TRANG PROVINCE, 65 MILES SOUTH OF BANGKOK NEAR THE MALAYSIAN BORDER.

THE AMBUSH OCCURRED SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN ON A HILLTOP PASS IN THE PADPA MOUNTAIN RANGE.

THE ESTIMATED FORCE OF 50 COMMUNISTS RIDDLED THE POLICE PATROL CAR WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE, GRABBED TWO HK33 GERMAN-DESIGNED RIFLES AND TWO REVOLVERS FROM THE DEAD AND WOUNDED POLICEMEN, THEN HURLED A HAND GRENADE INTO THE CAR BEFORE STEALING BACK INTO THE JUNGLE, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY IN TRANG PROVINCE WHERE THE AMBUSH TOOK PLACE HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF COMMUNIST TERRORIST ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST YEAR.

TODAY'S ATTACK WAS THE FIRST COMMUNIST INSURGENCY ACTION REPORTED SINCE MILITARY AUTHORITIES SEIZED POWER IN THAILAND LAST WEDNESDAY.

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PM-BILD 10-12

BONN, WEST GERMANY (UPI) -- THE SOVIET UNION IS BUILDING NAVAL AND AIR BASES ON TWO SMALL ISLANDS IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL TO GAIN CONTROL OF SHIPPING ROUTES TO EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER BILD AM SONNTAG.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID IN A DISPATCH FROM JOHANNESBURG THAT SOVIET MILITARY EXPERTS BEGAN CONSTRUCTION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO OF RUNWAYS FOR HEAVY JET AIRCRAFT ON THE ISLANDS OF BAZARUTO AND BENGUERUA, BOTH ABOUT SIX MILES OFF THE COAST OF MOZAMBIQUE IN SOUTHEAST AFRICA AND 130 MILES SOUTH OF BEIRA.

MOSCOW WANTS TO CONTROL OIL SHIPMENTS THROUGH THE CHANNEL AND AROUND THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DESTINED FOR EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

"MOSCOW APPARENTLY IS ALSO STRIVING FOR COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE MARXIST STATE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES," BILD AM SONNTAG SAID.

ALTHOUGH AGRICULTURE DOMINATES THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, MOZAMBIQUE ALSO HAS SUPPLIES OF COAL, BAUXITE, COPPER AND IRON.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID RECONNAISSANCE PLANES HAD SPOTTED NUMEROUS SOVIET WARSHIPS IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL LYING BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND MADAGASCAR.

RECENTLY, MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MOISES MACHEL EXTENDED THE COUNTRY'S TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES.

"INSIDE THE COUNTRY, EAST BERLIN'S PEOPLES ARMY IS BUILDING RADAR AND RADIO FACILITIES," THE NEWSPAPER SAID. "ONE OF THEM IS LOCATED ONLY 17.5 MILES FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER."

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DESPITE THE REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUA'S APPOINTMENT, A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH TODAY STILL REFERRED TO HUA AS CHINA'S PREMIER. THE DISPATCH SAID "HUA KUO-FENG, PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL," MET WITH VISITING PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

A PEKING DISPATCH BY THE WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA SAID UNITS OF THE PEKING GUARD REGIMENT HELD A DRILL OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL'S "GRAND HALL OF THE PEOPLE" TODAY. IT SAID ONE PLATOON OF THE REGIMENT, WHICH IS NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE REGULAR ARMY COMMAND, SIMULATED TARGET SHOOTING WITH LIGHT MACHINE GUNS WHILE ANOTHER PLATOON STACKED THEIR RIFLES, BAYONETS FIXED.

SUCH MILITARY EXERCISES ARE NOT UNUSUAL IN PEKING, THE DISPATCH SAID, BUT IN THE FACE OF THE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY NUMEROUS RUMORS ABOUT AN ALLEGED PLOT, OBSERVERS THOUGHT THE DRILL COULD BE A DEMONSTRATIVE ACT.

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PM-Flu Clinic, 3rd Ld, a202, 350
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By JOHN BRONSON

Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH AP - Allegheny County shut down all 13 of its swine flu inoculation clinics today after the deaths of three elderly persons just hours after they received swine flu shots at a Pittsburgh clinic.

No links directly relating the deaths to the flu shots were established, health officials said, and the closing of the clinics was described as a precautionary measure.

"At the same time, we are talking about three deaths involving the same facility within hours after inoculation, and the odds of that happening are formidable," said County Coroner Cyril Wecht.

All three of the people who died had chronic heart conditions, Wecht said, and the stress of getting the shots may have contributed to their deaths.

A spokesman for the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta said there were no plans to curtail the nationwide program aimed at immunizing up to 200 million Americans against swine flu. The center is administering the program.

A spot check with state health departments across the country indicated no immediate plans to discontinue or cut back local programs.

Two doctors from the Disease Control Center were dispatched to Pittsburgh to investigate the deaths. Wecht said the federal doctors and local health investigators would look into the possibility of a bad batch of vaccine as well as the procedures used to inoculate.

In Washington, the national director of the swine flu program, Dr. W. Delano Meriwether, said, "We have absolutely no reason to believe there is a specific problem with the vaccine."

And in Michigan, state health officials said some swine flu vaccine distributed there came from the same lot as the vaccine given to three persons who died in Pittsburgh. They said there have been no reports of ill effects among some 6,000 Michigan residents who already have been inoculated.

Dr. Frank Clack, director of the Allegheny County Health Department, said the inoculation program there would resume once it gets the go-ahead from Wecht and the federal authorities.

The CDC spokesman, 5th graf
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PM-FLU 1STLD-WRITETHRU A088 10-12

BY SCOTT MACLEOD

PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- MEDICAL DETECTIVES FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES TODAY INVESTIGATED THE DEATHS OF THREE ELDERLY RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED SWINE FLU INOCULATIONS WITHIN ONE HOUR OF EACH OTHER MONDAY AND DIED LATER IN THE DAY.

OFFICIALS SAID THE VICTIMS DIED OF HEART ATTACKS.

DR. CYRIL WECHT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY CORONER, SAID STRESS AND BAD VACCINE WERE "AMONG OTHER MAJOR POSSIBILITIES" BEING EXAMINED.

WECHT SAID HE DID "NOT WANT TO ALARM ANYBODY," BUT WAS "NOT IGNORING THE OBVIOUS SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES."

DON BARRETH, A CDC SPOKESMAN IN ATLANTA, SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE STRESS OF TAKING THE FLU SHOTS MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATHS. BUT HE SAID FOR PEOPLE IN THAT AGE FACTOR "THERE ARE DEATHS THAT OCCUR EVERYDAY WHETHER A FLU SHOT IS INVOLVED OR NOT."

HE SAID FOR PERSONS IN THE 65 TO 75 AGE BRACKET, "YOU CAN EXPECT 11.6 DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION EVERY 24 HOURS."

ALLEGHNEY COUNTY HAS SUSPENDED THE VACCINATION PROGRAM UNTIL FINDINGS ARE MADE. WECHT SAID THAT IT MAY BE A COUPLE WEEKS IF THE PROBLEM IS BAD VACCINES. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE MANUFACTURER OF THE VACCINE.

THE VICTIMS WERE IDENTIFIED AS JULIA BUCCI, 75, CHARLES GABIG, 71, AND ELLA MICHAEL, 74, ALL OF PITTSBURGH. THEY WERE INNOCULATED AT A SOUTH SIDE CLINIC MONDAY BETWEEN 10:30 AND 11:30 A.M.

ALL THREE, WHO DIED WITHIN HOURS OF THE SHOTS, HAD HISTORIES OF HEART CONDITIONS, AND MRS. BUCCI ADDITIONALLY HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND MRS. MICHAEL EMPHYSEMA.

"WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME IS WHETHER THERE IS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INOCULATION AND THE COLLAPSE AND SUBSEQUENT DEATHS OF THESE PEOPLE," WECHT SAID.

TWO OTHERS WHO RECEIVED IMMUNIZATION AT THE SOUTH SIDE CENTER EXPERIENCED NEGATIVE REACTIONS, BUT HAVE "CHECKED OUT OKAY," ACCORDING TO WECHT.

COUNTY OFFICIALS SAID MORE 11,000 WERE INOCULATED HERE MONDAY.

THE SWINE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM IS PART OF A \$135 MILLION, FEDERALLY SPONSORED EFFORT TO PROTECT MORE THAN 200 MILLION AMERICANS AGAINST A POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF SWINE FLU THIS FALL AND WINTER.

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IN WISCONSIN, DR. EDWARD LARKIN, ACTING STATE HEALTH OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE HEALTH DIVISION, ORDERED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THAT STATE'S SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE PITTSBURGH DEATHS.

"AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THESE PERSONS HAVE SUCCUMBED AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING THE SWINE FLU VACCINE," LARKIN SAID. "HOWEVER, UNTIL THE U.S. CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA IS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS AND CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT IS PRUDENT TO SUSPEND THE WISCONSIN PROGRAM AT THIS TIME."

IN ALBANY, N.Y., THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ASKED LOCAL OFFICIALS TO TEMPORARILY REFRAIN FROM USING THE BATCH OF SWINE FLU VACCINE WITH WHICH THREE ELDERLY PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS WHO LATER DIED WERE INNOCULATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR NEW YORK STATE'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT "AS A PRECAUTION, THROUGH OUR REGIONAL OFFICES WHICH DISTRIBUTED THE VACCINE, WE ARE NOTIFYING COUNTIES TO WITHHOLD THIS PARTICULAR LOT UNTIL WE GET SOME ANSWERS."

IN WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN WHICH COUNTIES RECEIVED PORTIONS OF THE VACCINE IN QUESTION.

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BC-Toxic, 110

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WASHINGTON AP - President Ford signed a law Tuesday requiring the testing of chemical products for public safety before they are offered for sale.

The Toxic Substances Control Act, long sought by environmentalists, authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to block or limit the marketing of new chemical products judged to be harmful and to ban or limit the continued marketing of such substances.

The new law specifically bans "PCB", polychlorinated biphenyls, a class of industrial chemicals linked with serious ailments in laboratory animals and recently detected by the EPA in human mothers' milk.

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EDITORS: FOLLOWING WRAPS UP SUPREME COURT ACTION TODAY

BY JAMES A. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE SUPREME COURT TODAY REJECTED CHALLENGES TO NEW BROADCASTING RULES WHICH FREED THE DEBATES BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND JIMMY CARTER FROM EQUAL TIME REQUIREMENTS.

THE COURT ACTED IN A BRIEF ORDER, WITHOUT COMMENT, ON APPEALS BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND OTHERS. JUSTICE BYRON WHITE VOTED TO HEAR TWO OF THE APPEALS, BUT REVIEW IS GRANTED ONLY IF FOUR JUSTICES VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT.

THE COURT ALSO REJECTED AN APPEAL BY THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, WHICH SOUGHT TO HAVE ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, PETER CAMEJO, INCLUDED IN THE DEBATES.

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CHANGED ITS RULES TO ALLOW NEWS CONFERENCES BY POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO BE BROADCAST IN THEIR ENTIRETY WITHOUT ALLOWING EQUAL TIME TO OPPONENTS. THE RULING ALSO OPENED THE WAY FOR THE FORD-CARTER DEBATES.

THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HERE, IN A RULING LAST APRIL, UPHELD THE FCC RULES CHANGE ON A 2-1 VOTE, AND THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT, AS DID THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND REP. SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, D-N.Y.

IN ANOTHER ACTION TODAY, THE COURT AGREED TO DECIDE WHETHER CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO AN AUTOMATIC HEARING BEFORE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES CAN TAKE THEM AWAY FROM FOSTER PARENTS.

THE APPEAL FROM NEW YORK WAS ON A THREE-JUDGE FEDERAL COURT'S DECISION THAT A HEARING AND REPRESENTATION BY AN ADULT ARE REQUIRED BEFORE CHILDREN CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE HOME OF FOSTER PARENTS WITH WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING FOR A YEAR OR MORE.

IN OTHER ACTIONS TODAY, THE COURT:

-- REFUSED TO RECONSIDER ITS RULING LAST JULY STRIKING DOWN LOUISIANA'S DEATH PENALTY LAW.

-- REJECTED AN APPEAL BY A WHITE MALE EMPLOYEE OF THE SEATTLE, WASH., CITY GOVERNMENT CLAIMING HIS CIVIL RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED BY A REGULATION FAVORING PROMOTION OF MINORITIES.

-- TURNED DOWN THE CLAIM OF A CHICAGO MAN THAT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXCUSED FROM PAYING ALIMONY AFTER HIS FORMER WIFE ENTERED A CATHOLIC CONVENT.

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PM-Ford, 2nd Ld - 4th Add, a098 et seq, 360
WASHINGTON: in Eastern Europe.

George Meyer, member of the executive board of the Congress of Russian Americans, said his group is "very much afraid" of Carter. Meyer said the group represents 400,000 Americans of Russian descent.

Still wearing his "Ford" button printed in Cyrillic, Meyer said the group fears Carter "just as we were afraid of Sen. George McGovern." The South Dakota senator was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for president in 1972.

Meyer said he was not clear about Carter's conservative or liberal leanings, but said the Senate record of his running mate, Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota, shows him to the left of McGovern.

Daniel Kij of the Polish Union of America said: "I think the President's original statement on Eastern Europe may have caused a temporary slowdown in the inroads he was making into gaining support from the ethnic communities."

But Kij said he thinks Ford will recover and that his remarks today will "put him back on the track."

As the ethnic leaders left, White House aides handed out a 16-page mimeographed "compilation of presidential statements on Eastern Europe" going back through 1975.

In addition to Bobelis, Gecys, Kij and Meyer, these are the ethnic leaders who met with Ford:

Dr. Hratch Abahamian, president of the Armenian National Committee; Dr. Zoltan Beky, president of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America; Mrs. Anna Faltus, liaison officer of the Czechoslovak National Council of America; Dr. Vitaut Kipel of the Byelorussian American Association; Adolfs Lajins, president of the American Latvian Association; Aloysius A. Mazewski, president of the Polish National Alliance of the U.S.; Nick Medwed, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee; Gunars Meierovcs, chairman of the Joint Baltic American Committee; Col. Jay Niemczyk of the National Republican Heritage Groups; Joseph L. Osajda, president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union.

Also Laszlo Pasztor, chairman of the American Hungarian Federation; Ilmar Ploor, president of the Estonian National Council; Joseph Saban, president of the Croatian Catholic Union of the U.S.A., and Dr. Uros Seffer, president of the Serbian National Committee.

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PM-Ford, 2nd Ld - 3rd Add, a098-101-103, 270
WASHINGTON: Ford declared:

He said ethnic groups should consider "whether a man who shows so little appreciation of America's strength, America's respect and America's needs - as my opponent has done in this campaign - should be allowed to guide the fortunes of the most powerful nation on earth."

Ford said they also should ask "whether a political candidate who has variously called for a \$15 billion cut, for a \$7 or \$8 billion cut or a \$5 to 7 billion cut in the defense budget, and who then complains that we are 'not strong anymore,' as Gov. Carter has done, is truly the man to govern the only country in the world that can assure the defense of freedom and give hope to the millions of oppressed in eastern Europe and throughout the world."

Newspapers in Los Angeles and Savannah, Ga., have quoted Carter as using the \$15 billion figure early in his campaign. Carter's spokesman has said the candidate does not remember using the \$15 billion figure and that, if he did use it, it was a mistake.

The spokesman said Carter has consistently used \$5 billion to \$7 billion.

The ethnic leaders spoke to reporters, one after the other, all accepting Ford's clarification. Stanley A. Gecys, president of the Lithuanian-American Community of the U.S.A., declared: "The President did admit his mistake, and the case is closed."

Dr. C.K. Bobelis, president of the Lithuanian-American Council, took the occasion to express "some reservations about our foreign policy as conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger." He said Kissinger has raised issues of human-rights violations in Africa and Latin America but has made no statement about human rights in eastern Europe.

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Eds: This corrects the number of ethnic leaders meeting with the President from 16 to 18.

By FRANCES LEWINE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - President Ford told 18 leaders of American ethnic groups today he had made a mistake in saying Eastern Europe is not under Soviet domination and added that the United States "never will recognize, accept or acquiesce in this Soviet domination.":

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WASHINGTON: Robert C. Mardian.

Mardian, a former Nixon campaign official and an assistant attorney general before that, was convicted on New Year's Day of 1975 along with former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and the two men who once were Nixon's closest advisers, John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman. A fifth defendant, Kenneth W. Parkinson, was acquitted in the cover-up trial, which lasted four months.

All were accused of attempting to thwart investigations into the original Watergate break-in on June 17, 1972. Dist. Judge John J. Sirica presided over the trial.

Nixon himself was named as an unindicted co-conspirator by the same grand jury which indicted the others.

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By The Associated Press

State health officials in Wisconsin, Louisiana, Vermont and New Mexico today ordered temporary suspension of the swine flu inoculation program after the deaths of three elderly persons hours after they got swine flu shots in Pennsylvania's Allegheny County.

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By The Associated Press

State health officials in Wisconsin, Louisiana and Vermont today ordered temporary suspension of the swine flu inoculation program after the deaths of three elderly persons just hours after they got swine flu shots in Pennsylvania's Allegheny County.

Both Pennsylvania and federal health officials said there was no link directly relating the Pennsylvania deaths to the inoculations, but all 13 inoculation sites in Allegheny County were also shut down as a precaution. Officials said the three who died had chronic heart conditions.

State health officials in Michigan said vaccine from the same lot used in Allegheny County was distributed in Michigan and ordered that no more vaccine from that lot be administered.

They added there have been no reports of ill effects among some 6,000 Michigan residents who already have been inoculated.

A spokesman for the Michigan Health Department said the vaccine in question was manufactured by Parke Davis & Co. of Detroit.

At Parke Davis, a spokesman said he did not know if the persons who died in Pennsylvania were inoculated with Parke Davis vaccine.

"Of the more than eight million doses of influenza vaccine distributed by Parke Davis, records indicate some has been shipped to Allegheny County, but according to health officials on the scene, the incident does not appear to be related to the immunization program," the spokesman said.

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UNDATED, spokesman said.

New York State's Health Department issued a directive that county medical facilities not dispense vaccine from a particular batch for 24 hours.

The directive went to six regional centers, but did not apply to New York City, whose health department is independent of the state. The city went ahead with the start of its immunization program today.

The batch of vaccine involved in the state directive was lot No. 913339A from Parke Davis, said Dr. Pascal Imperato, first deputy health commissioner in New York City.

Imperato said the batch was reportedly the lot used in Allegheny county.

Meanwhile, a spokesman at the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta said there were no plans to curtail the nationwide program aimed at immunizing up to 200 million Americans against swine flu. The center is administering the program.

No direct connection was established between the flu shots administered Monday in Pittsburgh and the three deaths, but Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht said:

"At the same time, we are talking about three deaths involving the same facility within hours after inoculation, and the odds of that happening are formidable."

All three of the people who died had chronic heart conditions, Wecht said, and the stress of getting the shots may have contributed to their deaths.

Two doctors from the Disease Control Center were dispatched to Pittsburgh to investigate the deaths. Wecht said the federal doctors and local health investigators would look into the possibility of a bad batch of vaccine as well as the procedures used to inoculate.

In Washington, the national director of the swine flu program, Dr. W. Delano Meriwether, said, "We have absolutely no reason to believe there is a specific problem with the vaccine."

Wisconsin's acting state health officer, Dr. Edwin Larkin, said swine flu shots at 110 local clinics would be suspended for 72 hours while the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta investigated the deaths in Pennsylvania.

In Louisiana, the head of the state's health services department said, "It was the same lot of vaccine and that raises suspicions of the vaccine itself."

"Therefore, I have decided we will stop giving vaccine for a short period of time," Dr. William Stewart said in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Frank Clack, 14th graf

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FOLLOWING SUBS FOR PITTSBURGH DATELINE ON SKED
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BY SCOTT MACLEOD

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

HEALTH OFFICIALS IN AT LEAST THREE STATES HALTED SWINE FLU INOCULATION PROGRAMS TUESDAY BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS OF THREE ELDERLY PERSONS IN PITTSBURGH WHO WERE IMMUNIZED AS PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S \$135 MILLION PROGRAM TO PROTECT AMERICANS FROM A POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF THE ILLNESS THIS FALL AND WINTER.

PROGRAMS TO FIGHT SWINE FLU WERE SUSPENDED IN LOUISIANA, WISCONSIN AND IN PENNSYLVANIA'S ALLEGHENY COUNTY. MEDICAL DETECTIVES FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA WERE SENT TO PITTSBURGH TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CORONER CYRIL H. WECHT, WHO CONDUCTED AUTOPSIES ON TWO OF THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS, SAID THERE WAS NO KNOWN "DIRECT OR INDIRECT CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INOCULATION AND THE COLLAPSE AND SUBSEQUENT DEATHS OF THESE PEOPLE."

WECHT SAID THE VICTIMS, WHO DIED MONDAY, HAD HISTORIES OF HEART DISEASE. BUT ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM BEING CONDUCTED AT 13 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS.

"I WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAFE FROM DANGER BEFORE THE CENTERS ARE REOPENED," SAID DR. FRANK CLACK, COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR.

DR. WILLIAM STEWART, HEAD OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, HALTED HIS STATE'S SWINE FLU PROGRAM TO AWAIT REPORTS FROM THE PITTSBURGH DEATHS.

"WE STILL HAVE FAITH IN THE VACCINE BUT UNTIL IT'S PROVEN THAT THE VACCINE WAS NOT IMPLICATED, DR. STEWART THINKS IT'S A PRUDENT THING TO SUSPEND THE PROGRAM," SAID A SPOKESMAN.

DR. EDWARD LARKIN, WISCONSIN HEALTH DIRECTOR, ALSO ORDERED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF HIS STATE'S IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. AND NEW YORK OFFICIALS ASKED LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO REFRAIN FROM ADMINISTERING THE THE SAME BATCH OF VACCINE USED IN PITTSBURGH.

OFFICIALS IN MARYLAND, NORTH CAROLINA, MONTANA AND SOUTH CAROLINA SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE THEIR PROGRAMS.

KENTUCKY GOV. JULIAN CARROLL DISCOUNTED A CONNECTION "UNTIL THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TO SHOW A RELATIONSHIP. I KNOW OUR STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WILL BE WATCHING THE PITTSBURGH SITUATION VERY CLOSELY."

WECHT SAID STRESS AND "BAD BATCHES OF VACCINE" WERE "AMONG OTHER MAJOR POSSIBILITIES" BEING EXAMINED IN THE THREE DEATHS. HE SAID HE DID "NOT WANT TO ALARM ANYBODY," BUT WAS "NOT IGNORING THE OBVIOUS SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES."

THE VICTIMS WERE JULIA BUCCI, 75, CHARLES GABIG, 71, AND ELLA MICHAEL, 74, ALL OF PITTSBURGH. THEY WERE INOCULATED AT A CLINIC MONDAY MORNING AND DIED WITHIN HOURS. BESIDES HAVING HEART CONDITIONS, MRS. BUCCI HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND MRS. MICHAEL SUFFERED FROM EMPHYSEMA.

DON BARRETH, A CDC SPOKESMAN IN ATLANTA, SAID THERE WAS A "POSSIBILITY" THE STRESS OF TAKING THE FLU SHOTS MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATHS. BUT HE SAID FOR PEOPLE IN THAT AGE FACTOR "THERE ARE DEATHS THAT OCCUR EVERYDAY WHETHER A FLU SHOT IS INVOLVED OR NOT."

HE SAID FOR PERSONS IN THE 65 TO 75 AGE BRACKET, "YOU CAN EXPECT 11.6 DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION EVERY 24 HOURS."

CLACK SAID THE CDC EPIDEMIOLOGISTS, OR MEDICAL DETECTIVES -- DR. ROBERT CRAVEN AND DR. PHIL GRAITCER -- FLEW TO PITTSBURGH AND SPENT THE DAY INTERVIEWING NURSES WHO ADMINISTERED THE SHOTS, FAMILIES AND PHYSICIANS OF THE THREE VICTIMS AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE COUNTY'S INOCULATION PROGRAM.

A KEY CLUE WHETHER VACCINE WAS THE CAUSE WOULD BE FOUND IN 20 VILES WITH WHICH THE VICTIMS WERE INOCULATED. THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE CDC AND TESTS WERE EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON THEM SOON.

"DOES IT INVOLVE A SINGLE BOTTLE OF VACCINE?" CLACK ASKED. "THAT'S WHAT HAS TO BE CHECKED OUT NOW."

THE VACCINE WAS PURCHASED FROM THE PARKE DAVIS LABORATORIES.

TWO OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE INOCULATED AT THE SAME PITTSBURGH CENTER EXPERIENCED NEGATIVE REACTIONS, BUT HAVE "CHECKED OUT OKAY," WECHT SAID.

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TOKYO AP - The arrest of more than 30 Chinese leaders, including Mao Tse-tung's widow, was reported from Peking today by Japanese correspondents. The reports also said a Chinese government spokesman had announced the appointment of Premier Hua Kuo-feng to succeed Mao as China's top leader.

Wall posters appeared in Peking last week reporting the succession of the 57-year-old Hua as chairman of the Chinese Communist party, the post held by Mao until his death Sept. 9, but there had been no official announcement.

The newspaper Asahi said those arrested were charged with plotting to elect Mao's 62-year-old widow, Chiang Ching, as chairman of the party by forging Mao's will and directives during the last six months of his life.

Among others arrested were party Vice Chairman Wang Hung-wen; Vice Premier Chang Chun-chiao; Politburo member Yao Wen-yuan; Cultural Minister Yu Hui-yung; Mao Yuan-hsin, a nephew of Mao and political commissar of the Shengyang units; and executives of the People's Daily and Radio Peking, it said. Yao has exerted considerable control over the official press in recent years.

Japan's Kyodo news service said a government spokesman announced Hua's elevation to reporters just before a reception for the visiting prime minister of Papua New Guinea, Michael Thomas Somare. He said the announcement had been delayed to allow the entire Communist party organization to be informed in advance, Kyodo said.

Asahi quoted a reliable source in Peking as saying Chiang Ching and the three top radicals - Wang, Chang and Yao - were arrested when they attended a meeting of the party Central Committee last Thursday. The others were arrested at their homes or detained there by armed men, it added.

Asahi quoted its source as saying Chiang Ching and the other radicals were able to issue directives in Mao's name during his last months because other leaders were not allowed to approach the chairman.

With the forged will and directives, they tried to elevate Chiang Ching to the post of chairman after his death, the newspaper said.

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THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM PEKING THAT ABOUT 40 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN ADDITION TO MADAME MAO, INCLUDING CULTURE MINISTER YU HUI-YUNG. THE DISPATCH QUOTED "SOURCES THAT ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE."

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ARTICLE 12
BY LAURENCE MCQUILLAN
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PRESIDENT FORD, UNDER A BARAGE OF ATTACKS FROM JIMMY CARTER, LASHED BACK AT HIS DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER TUESDAY BY QUESTIONING HIS LEADERSHIP AND ABILITY TO "GUIDE THE FORTUNES OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH."

CARTER ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING HE WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE MEDICAID SYSTEM AND ACCUSED THE FORD ADMINISTRATION OF FAILING TO COMBAT FRAUD IN THE PROGRAM, WHILE TRYING TO SHIFT A LARGER SHARE OF THE HOSPITAL BILL TO THE PATIENT.

FORD, SHORTLY BEFORE STARTING HIS CAMPAIGN SWING TO NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, QUESTIONED WHETHER A CANDIDATE WHO CALLS FOR A "CUT IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET, AND WHO THEN COMPLAINS THAT WE ARE 'NOT STRONG ANY MORE,' AS GOV. CARTER HAS DONE, IS TRULY THE MAN TO GOVERN THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THAT CAN ASSURE THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM."

THE COMMENTS FOLLOWED A WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH A GROUP OF ETHNIC LEADERS IN WHICH FORD ADMITTED HE MADE A "MISTAKE" LAST WEEK IN SAYING THE RUSSIANS DO NOT DOMINATE EASTERN EUROPE.

"I DID NOT EXPRESS MYSELF CLEARLY; I ADMIT IT," FORD SAID OF THE REMARK WHICH CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR HIS CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY AMONG AMERICANS WITH TIES TO EASTERN EUROPE.

BUT THEN GOING ON THE ATTACK, FORD CHALLENGED WHETHER "A MAN WHO SHOWS SO LITTLE APPRECIATION OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH, AMERICA'S RESPECT, AND AMERICA'S NEEDS -- AS MY OPPONENT HAS DONE IN THIS CAMPAIGN -- SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GUIDE THE FORTUNES OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH."

LATER, FORD SPOKE AT A JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN AND TOLD A CHEERING CROWD OF ABOUT 5,000 THAT HE WILL ACT "AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN" TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF JEWS WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO VOWED TO GO TO ISRAEL IF ELECTED AND IF SUCH A TRIP WOULD AID PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

CARTER, BEGINNING A TWO-DAY REST STOP AT HIS HOME IN PLAINS, GA., COMPLAINED THAT IT HAS BEEN A MONTH SINCE CONGRESSIONAL PROBES REVEALED THAT BETWEEN \$3 BILLION AND \$5 BILLION IN MEDICAID MONEY IS BEING WASTED IN FRAUD AND "STILL THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE NO RESPONSE AT ALL."

"IT HAS OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS, NOT EVEN A SUGGESTION AS TO HOW IT INTENDS TO RECLAIM THESE VAST SUMS FOR THE VICTIMS OF POVERTY AND ILLNESS WHO SO DESPERATELY NEED HELP," HE SAID.

HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS "WOULD IMPOSE ON MEDICARE PATIENTS THE STAGGERING BURDEN OF \$1 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES."

CARTER SAID HE WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE FRAUD AND WASTE AS PART OF A GRADUAL PHASING-IN OF A NATIONAL, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. HE ALSO PROPOSED REIMBURSING HOSPITALS UNDER A BONUS SYSTEM IF THEY ARE ABLE TO CUT COSTS AND DELIVER SERVICES AT RATES LOWER THAN LEVELS SET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

BOTH VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TURNED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION TO THEIR DEBATE FRIDAY IN HOUSTON. DEMOCRAT WALTER MONDALE REMAINED IN WASHINGTON, WHILE GOP CONTENDER ROBERT DOLE HAD ONLY A BRIEF DINNER APPEARANCE IN KNOXVILLE, TENN. ON HIS AGENDA.

DURING THE PAST WEEK, THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING FORD MORE AGGRESSIVELY. A GROUP OF CAMPAIGN ADVISERS HUDDLED WITH FORD MONDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND URGED THAT GOP STRATEGY TAKE ON A TOUGHER TONE IN THE FINAL THREE WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

WHILE RETURNING TO GEORGIA MONDAY NIGHT, CARTER TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE "THRUST OF THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS WAS NOT TO BE ANTAGONISTIC OR PERSONAL IN MY ATTACKS ON FORD BUT TO POINT OUT THAT FORD IS NOT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC, BEING CROSS-EXAMINED AND ANSWERING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HE HIMSELF HAS RAISED."

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By FRANCES LEWINE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - President Ford told 18 leaders of American ethnic groups today he had made a mistake in saying Eastern Europe is not under Soviet domination and added that the United States "never will recognize, accept or acquiesce in this Soviet domination."

The ethnic leaders told reporters afterward they were satisfied with Ford's position and his clarification. But some, such as Aloysius Mazewski, spokesman for a Polish group, stopped short of declaring they support him.

After the meeting, Ford flew to New York City where he told a largely Jewish crowd outside Yeshivah of Flatbush High School that if elected: "I intend to visit Israel and other Middle East countries when such a trip will contribute to a permanent Middle East peace."

A small but vocal group of demonstrators tried to disrupt Ford's speech by chanting, "Save Soviet Jewry." After one chant, Ford said, "I am pressing for a new movement" to help what he called the "plight of Soviet Jewry." He did not elaborate.

At the White House, the ethnic leaders met with Ford in the Cabinet room after the President pinned on a campaign button spelling "Ford" in Cyrillic, a old Slavic alphabet used in some East European nations and in the Soviet Union. Many of the ethnic leaders wore the buttons, too.

But some removed them as they left the Cabinet room. One of them, Laszlo Pasztor, spokesman for a group of Hungarian Americans, said he wasn't wearing the button because "it says Ford in Ukrainian, and I'm Hungarian." He said he knew Ford as a congressman and admired him.

Many said they would leave any decision on supporting Ford up to the groups they represent. There was no immediate indication from the White House how many of the ethnic leaders were Ford supporters before they met with the President.

Ford's special assistant for ethnic affairs, Myron Kuropas, said the meeting was held because so many of the major ethnic leaders had requested a personal clarification from Ford of views on Soviet domination in Eastern Europe. Kuropas said all 18 paid their own way to the meeting.

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BY CLAY F. RICHARDS

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID TUESDAY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE NOTHING TO COMBAT FRAUD IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IT IS PROPOSING THAT MORE PATIENTS PAY A BIGGER SHARE OF THEIR HOSPITAL BILL.

CARTER ISSUED A STATEMENT ON MEDICARE COST INCREASES AND MEDICAID FRAUD FROM HIS PLAINS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS DURING A TWO-DAY REST STOP FOLLOWING AN EIGHT-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH THE MIDWEST AND WEST.

CARTER TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS AIRPLANE RETURNING TO GEORGIA MONDAY NIGHT THAT HE THOUGHT "IT WAS A GOOD WEEK," AND HE AGREED WITH THE ASSESSMENT THAT IT WAS PRESIDENT FORD'S WORST WEEK.

"MY THRUST OF THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS WAS NOT TO BE ANTAGONISTIC OR PERSONAL IN MY ATTACKS ON FORD BUT TO POINT OUT THAT FORD IS NOT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC, BEING CROSS-EXAMINED AND ANSWERING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HE HIMSELF HAS RAISED," CARTER SAID.

IN THE MEDICAID STATEMENT, CARTER NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT PATIENTS IN THE PROGRAM WILL NOW HAVE TO PAY THE FIRST \$124 OF HOSPITALIZATION COSTS -- A 19 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS \$104.

HE ALSO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION'S MOST RECENT PROPOSAL "RELATING TO MEDICARE COST WOULD IMPOSE ON ... PATIENTS THE STAGGERING BURDEN OF \$1 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES."

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE PLAN, "MEDICARE PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO PAY 10 PER CENT OF THE COST OF THE SECOND THROUGH 59TH DAY OF HOSPITALIZATION." PRESENTLY THEY PAY NONE OF THE COST DURING THIS PERIOD.

CARTER NOTED IT HAS BEEN A MONTH SINCE A SENATE COMMITTEE REVEALED THAT BETWEEN \$3 BILLION AND \$5 BILLION IN MEDICAID FUNDS IS BEING LOST EACH YEAR THROUGH FRAUD AND "STILL THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE NO RESPONSE AT ALL."

"IT HAS OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS, NOT EVEN A SUGGESTION AS TO HOW IT INTENDS TO RECLAIM THESE VAST SUMS FOR THE VICTIMS OF POVERTY AND ILLNESS WHO SO DESPERATELY NEED HELP," HE SAID.

CARTER PROPOSED A FOUR-POINT PROGRAM TO DEAL WITH MEDICARE AND MEDICAID.

HE SAID HE WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE FRAUD AND WASTE AS PART OF A GRADUAL PHASING-IN OF A NATIONAL, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

CARTER SAID HE WOULD CHANGE THE WAY MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS PAY HOSPITALS, AND PROPOSED REIMBURSING HOSPITALS UNDER A BONUS SYSTEM IF THEY CUT COSTS AND DELIVER SERVICES AT A RATE LOWER THAN THE LEVELS SET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE ALSO CALLED FOR A CENTRAL FRAUD AND ABUSE UNIT TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS, AND SAID HE WOULD PLACE MEDICAID AND MEDICARE AND THE REVIEW OF BOTH PROGRAMS UNDER A SINGLE GOVERNMENT AGENCY AS PART OF HIS OVERALL PROGRAM TO REORGANIZE THE GOVERNMENT.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TUESDAY SIGNED A BILL THAT PROMOTES GEORGE WASHINGTON TO THE RANK OF SIX-STAR GENERAL OF THE ARMIES SO THAT THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY WOULD STAND ABOVE "ALL OTHER GRADES OF THE ARMY, PAST AND PRESENT."

FORD ACTED WITHOUT COMMENT. WHEN THE BILL CLEARED CONGRESS LAST MONTH, THERE WAS OPPOSITION TO IT AS SUPERFLUOUS, WITH ONE CRITIC COMPARING IT TO "THE POPE OFFERING TO MAKE CHRIST A CARDINAL."

ANOTHER SAID IF AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO THE BILL, HE WOULD HAVE OFFERED ONE GIVING NATHAN HALE A POSTHUMOUS PURPLE HEART.

THE BILL WAS GIVEN FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IN THE RUSH TO ADJOURN. IT INCLUDED WORDING WHICH STATED THAT CONGRESS INTENDED TO PLACE WASHINGTON ABOVE ALL OTHER MILITARY FIGURES IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.

THE MOVE HAS CREATED SOMETHING OF A DISPUTE AMONG MILITARY HISTORIANS, WHO NOTED THAT IN 1919 CONGRESS ALSO PROMOTED GEN. JOHN J. "BLACK JACK" PERSHING TO SIX-STAR GENERAL OF THE ARMIES RANK WITH SIMILAR STATEMENTS IT WANTED HIM TO OUTRANK ALL OTHER MILITARY HEROES.

A NUMBER OF GENERALS OF THE ARMIES AND FLEET ADMIRALS WERE CREATED IN WORLD WAR II, BUT THEY ONLY HAD FIVE-STAR RANK. THEY INCLUDED DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AND DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.

PERSHING NEVER WORE HIS SIX-STAR RANK. HE PREFERRED TO CONTINUE TO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF A FOUR-STAR GENERAL ALTHOUGH CONGRESS GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO DESIGN HIS OWN UNIFORM WITH ALL THE BRASS AND STARS HE WANTED.

WASHINGTON NEVER ROSE HIGHER THAN THE THREE-STAR RANK OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL, THE LEVEL HE REACHED WHEN HE LED THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

HE DID DESIGN HIS OWN GOLD ENCRUSTED UNIFORM WHEN REAPPOINTED THE TOP MILITARY COMMANDER FOLLOWING HIS TWO TERMS AS PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF FEARS OF WAR WITH FRANCE, BUT HE DIED BEFORE THE GARMENT WAS FINISHED.

CONGRESS ORIGINALLY ALLOWED GENERAL OF THE ARMIES FOR WASHINGTON IN A BILL PASSED MARCH 3, 1799. BUT PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS, WHO DID NOT SEE EYE TO EYE POLITICALLY WITH WASHINGTON, NEVER SUBMITTED WASHINGTON'S NAME TO THE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION.

REP. MARIO BIAGGI, D-N.Y., WHO INTRODUCED THE NEW BILL LAST SUMMER, SAID HE ACTED AT THE REQUEST OF A VETERANS GROUP IN HIS DISTRICT AND THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE DURING THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

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Ford Tells Ethnic He Erred In Eastern Europe Remark

WHITE HOUSE MEETING

From News Services

President Ford today admitted he made a mistake in saying Eastern Europe was free of Soviet domination and delivered a scathing attack on Jimmy Carter's leadership qualities.

"I did not express myself clearly; I admit it," Ford told a group of ethnic leaders at the White House.

In a formal statement he read to the gathering, Ford said, "The original mistake was mine." He was referring to his statement last Wednesday during his San Francisco debate with Carter when he said Poland and other East European nations were not Soviet-dominated. Since then, he has said he could have been "more precise" — that it was all a "misunderstanding."

"There can be no doubt where I stand," Ford said. "Any man who seeks to persuade you that I think

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otherwise is engaging in deceit and

wanted to "put the Eastern European matter behind him" before the visits to New York and New Jersey, where he expects to encounter many voters of Eastern European descent.

Mayor Ralph Perk of Cleveland,

PRESIDENT ADMITS DEBATE MISTAKE

President Ford, attempting to atone for the gaffe he committed during his second debate with Jimmy Carter concerning Soviet influence in Eastern Europe, was host here today to leaders of several U.S. ethnic groups. From left:

—Associated Press.
Daniel Kij, Polish Union of America; Stanley A. Gecys, Lithuanian American Community of the USA; Ford; Aloysius A. Mazewski, Polish National Alliance of the USA and Adolfs Lejins, American Latvian Association.