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News & Comment

The President's Daily News Summary



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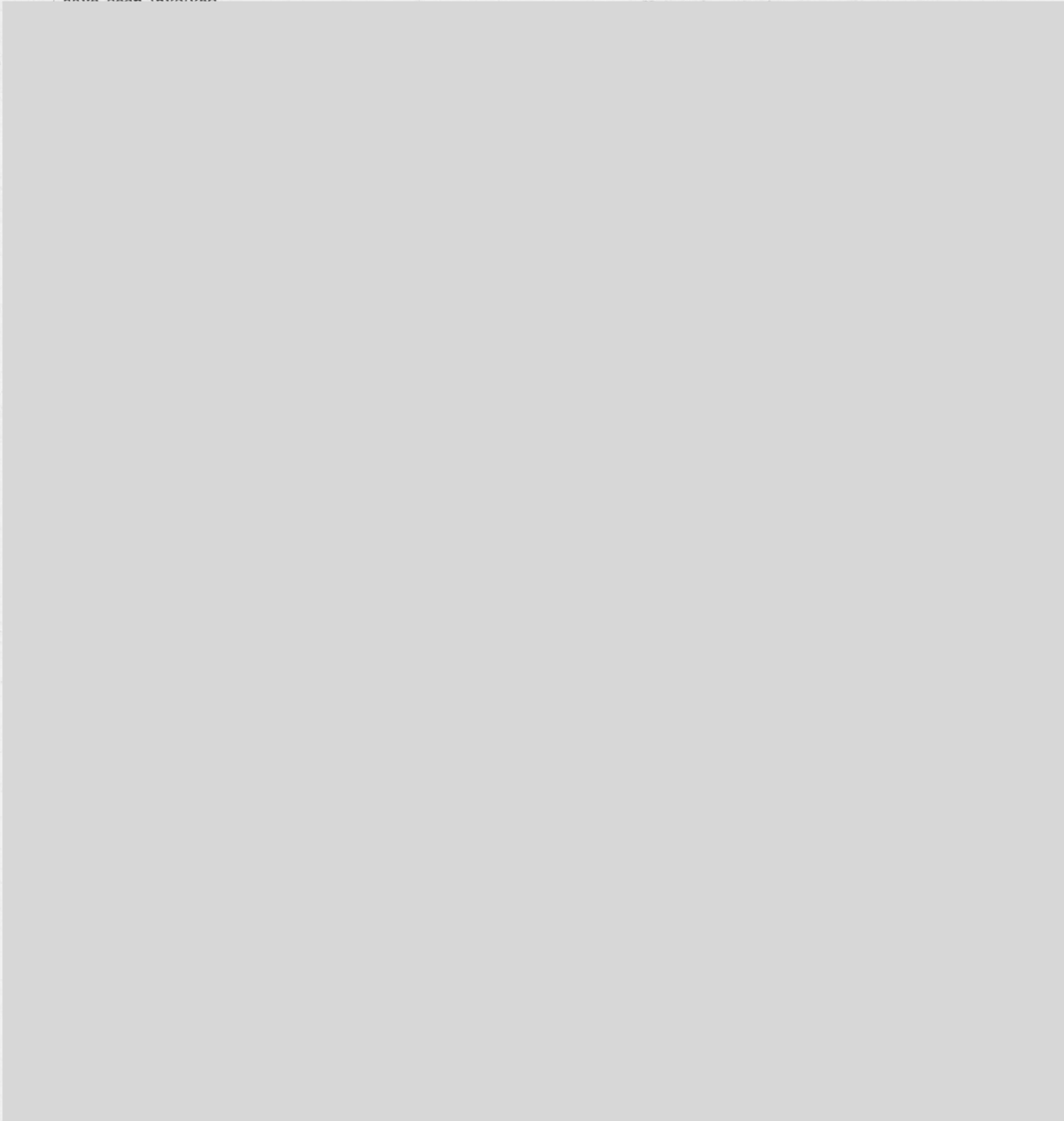
SWINE FLU INOCULATION was suspended in some states after three deaths.

Three elderly persons in Pittsburgh died of heart attacks within hours of receiving swine flu injections, and the vaccination program was quickly suspended in at least eight states. All three of the victims had histories of heart or lung problems, and both federal and local officials said there wasn't any evidence that the injections triggered their heart attacks. But the county coroner said the stress of getting the inoculation might have been involved.

Former Sen. Edward Gurney of Florida went on trial for a second time on charges of lying to a grand jury about when he learned of an alleged scheme by aides to extort campaign contributions from Florida builders. A judge in Orlando, Fla., refused to dismiss the perjury charge, which was left undecided when a jury acquitted the former Republican Senator of related charges last year.

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Ford said he made a mistake in stating during last week's debate that the Soviet



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yer was hospitalized during the trial.

The ruling comes at an unfortunate time for President Ford, reminding voters that he spared the defendants' boss the possibility of criminal charges.

Business and Finance

RETAIL SALES rose only 0.1% last month to a seasonally adjusted \$54.59 billion, and August's gain was revised down to 1.4% from the 2.2% reported earlier. Further upsetting government analysts, July's decline was wid-

An auto recall ordered by the government of about 500,000 of Ford Motor's 1968 and 1969 Mustangs and Cougars with allegedly unsafe seat backs was upheld by a federal judge.

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Volkswagen's U.S. unit is raising 1977-model car prices an average \$112, or 2.5%, mostly to eliminate dumping margins.

(Story on Page 5)



Bonds: Dow Jones
Commodities: Dow Jones futures index
344.87, off 2.55; spot index 343.37, off 4.87.

Dean Denies Ford's Testimony on Watergate Investigations

John Dean Wednesday, in an exclusive NBC News interview, contradicted 1973 congressional testimony by Gerald Ford that he did not recall aiding any attempt by the Nixon White House to block early Watergate investigations.

Dean said Ford did work with White House staff member Richard Cook, who Dean said reported to him on regular meetings with Ford.

Ford, when he was House Republican leader, told vice presidential confirmation hearings that "to the best of my recollection," he did not discuss any attempt to dam up the Watergate affair with any Nixon staffers.

"I can recall Dick (Cook) coming back and telling, for example, how Jerry was going to call a meeting of the minority members in Les Arends' (former GOP congressman from Illinois) office of the House floor and really tell them what they should do on the day of the vote and how they should hold together and things of this nature," Dean said.

Asked by correspondent Carl Stern if that meant they should block those hearings from going forward, Dean replied, "that's correct."

But, in a written statement to NBC, Cook denied Dean's allegations, and accused him of "vicious lies and clever distortions." Cook, who now works for Lockheed Aircraft, refused to be interviewed on film.

There's no question in my mind that the President told the truth," Cook said. He said he denied contacting Ford "despite John Dean's repeated and frantic requests" to get him to do so.

Ron Nessen said the matter had been disposed of in Ford's confirmation hearings three years ago.

Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.) has asked the Watergate Special Prosecutor's office to investigate whether Ford told the truth in the hearings.

Asked if the Nixon White House thought Ford was a "stooge," Dean said "no" but said they did think Ford was somebody who "would do their bidding when it needed to be done."

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"Is it likely that Mr. Ford wouldn't have recalled it (discussions to block Watergate testimony)?" Stern asked.

Dean said, "I would be surprised if he didn't recall it. He knew Dick Cook for a number of years, he knew Dick Cook worked at the White House, and I would be very surprised if he didn't know of the White House's interest in not having those hearings go forward."

Dean appeared on the Today Show primarily to discuss his new book Blind Ambition.

--Today Show, UPI, AP (10/13/76)

Carter's 'openness': Selective and suspicious

By James McCartney
Inquirer Washington Bureau

PLAINS, Ga. — Jimmy Carter has been trying to make a major campaign issue out of secrecy in the White House, but legitimate questions can be raised about his own record for openness in recent weeks.

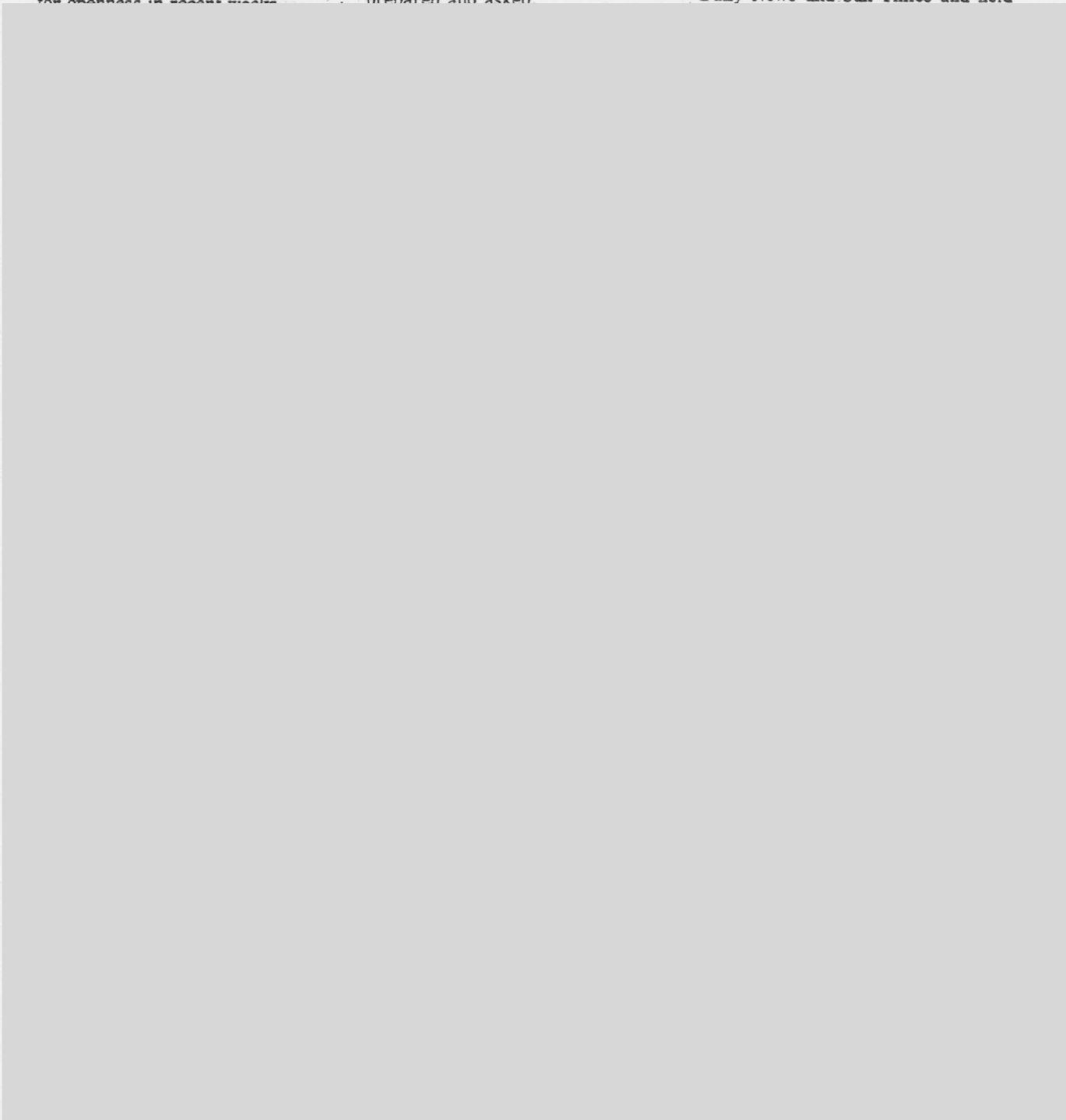
rest, Carter strolled back to the press section of his campaign plane, "Peanut One," and chatted with reporters for a few minutes.

Neither of those kinds of sessions though, meets Carter's own standard for Ford — a sensible, orderly forum in which probing questions can be prepared and asked.

An art form

Many politicians have used this technique, but Carter has honed it to a fine art.

For example, Carter met Monday with editorial boards of the Chicago Daily News and Sun Times and held



Jewish vote may be pivotal to Carter

By John Dillin
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Atlanta

Jewish voters — concentrated in key electoral states — could well play a pivotal role if the Carter-Ford race gets any tighter in the next two weeks.

Carter forces are monitoring Jewish sentiment closely in the wake of the White

Their importance is magnified even further because Jews have the highest voter participation of any group in the country. Nearly 90 percent can be expected to turn out Nov. 2.

That means in New York, up to 16 percent of the ballots could be cast by Jewish voters; and in other key states, it could reach 5 percent — enough to tip a state like Illinois one way or the other.

Harriet Zimmerman, national director of Jewish community affairs for the Carter campaign, laments the large number of Jewish voters who may vote for Mr. McCarthy.

"It's a throw-away vote," she says. "I suppose it represents a final hangover of the old, original position of Jews. . . . They cannot find a home with Ford, and Carter isn't Northern, academic, liberal enough."

Mrs. Zimmerman also suggests Jewish attitudes are changing.

"Jews are getting more conservative. As a

Miami News Endorses Carter

The Miami News said Tuesday that Jimmy Carter "is clearly the better choice to be President of the United States" and gave the former Georgia Governor its endorsement.

"...Jimmy Carter has demonstrated a capacity for national leadership," a news editorial said. "He has shown a keen perception of the nation's problems and expressed a firm resolve in handling them through employment of America's internal and external strengths.

"While President Ford has been a pleasant and decent caretaker of government--a role that well served a nation trying to catch its breath from a series of traumatic shocks during the notorious Nixon years--his attempts to inspire the people were as useless as those old win buttons.

"Mr. Ford, worn and wooden, was miscast as a national leader," the News said.
--UPI (10/13/76)

Politics and U.S. Shipping Interest

By ALBERT R. KARR

Jimmy Carter sat in his Park-Sheraton Hotel suite in New York on the evening of May 25, keeping an eye on returns from primary elections held in six states that day. But TV-watching didn't occupy all his time.

For a full hour the Democratic presidential aspirant was locked in consultation with maritime labor chief Jesse Calhoun, working on details of a Carter statement that would endorse new government support for the U.S. Merchant Marine. The effort was fruitful for both.

Mr. Carter wound up issuing a letter to Mr. Calhoun promising, if he's elected, to develop a "national cargo policy" that would aid the Merchant Marine. Mr. Calhoun, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA), says the Georgian has taken "the strongest stand on maritime of any presidential candidate since (Franklin) Roosevelt."

For his part, Mr. Calhoun went to work to help get Mr. Carter nominated and elected. A highlight of that effort: a fundraising cocktail party in Washington a month later. In all, Mr. Calhoun helped round up contributions to the Carter campaign, from maritime unions and employers, estimated at \$200,000 or so.

The Carter-Calhoun connection is striking because of the Democrat's insistence that he's beholden to no special interests. But it's also a reflection of the warm attitude that nearly all political candidates, Presidents and members of Congress have shown toward the U.S. Merchant Marine. Over the years, the politicians, including Gerald Ford, have bestowed generous and growing federal subsidies, both for ship operation and shipbuilding, on the smallish maritime industry.

Today, 18 ship lines and eight shipyards, with combined employment of roughly 50,000, enjoy annual subsidies of over \$600 million. The employers and unions are seeking still more generous aid next year and they figure chances for success are improving, especially if Mr. Carter becomes President.

Their fondest hope is a "cargo preference" policy, which would insure that U.S.-flag ships carry a given proportion of certain types of ocean freight, starting with oil. Advocates say Mr. Carter would embrace such a plan, although he himself hasn't specifically endorsed it. President Ford, on the other hand, vetoed a bill in late 1974 that would have guaranteed U.S.-flag ships up to 30% of all oil imports. Since then he has been largely written off by the maritime interests as no longer the great friend he was while a House member.

They're unhappy not only over the veto but over what they see as Mr. Ford's unfulfilled promise last year to do more for the Merchant Marine. An administration task force then kicked around various new aid possibilities, but opted for none.

An Ironic Twist

(Ironically, MEBA and the Seafarers Union were Mr. Ford's biggest campaign contributors while he was House Minority Leader. Now the Watergate Special Prosecutor is causing the President a big campaign problem with a highly publicized investigation of past contributions by the two unions to Republican committees in Mr. Ford's home district.)

As the Nov. 2 election draws near, however, the Ford administration's attitude may be softening a bit. Labor Secretary W. J. Usery Jr. will spell out a new administration desire to help the Merchant Marine when he speaks tomorrow in San Diego to

a national meeting of the Propeller Club, maritime group. He'll promise creation of a new Cabinet-level committee to coordinate policy, but will offer nothing more specific than that.

The Usery speech will be an outgrowth of high-level administration consideration of fashioning a "strong maritime position for the country within budget limitations" and general economic objectives, says William Seidman, assistant to Mr. Ford for economic matters. But the new position will probably fall far short of what the maritime interests want.

Still, the unions and employers can continue to count on help from a multitude of loyal friends in Congress. Nearly all the lawmakers support a strong Merchant Marine; they cite broad concern about national security and preserving jobs, but many are also influenced by sizable campaign contributions from maritime unions. Again and again, aid legislation zips through Congress with only a scattering of "nay" votes. This has meant an enduring and generally expanding subsidy program since 1936, with little critical scrutiny.

Witness the rise in the two most direct maritime subsidies, which are aimed to offset U.S. labor costs above those of foreign competitors.

In the fiscal year begun Oct. 1, ship lines will be paid an estimated \$388 million in operating subsidies, up from only \$243 million two years ago and more than double the figure of \$176 million a decade ago. These subsidies are climbing because of inflation, grain shipments to Russia and additions of more ship routes to the subsidy list. And subsidies to shipbuilders, while currently leveling off at about \$236 million annually, are nearly triple the \$80 million paid out 10 years ago.

Uncle Sam also provides all manner of less direct support. Up to \$7 billion in government loan guarantees underpin low-interest financing for building ships, and Robert Blackwell, assistant commerce secretary for maritime affairs, says that figure will have to be boosted. By law, U.S.-flag vessels must carry all military-oriented cargo anywhere at sea and all ocean shipments between U.S. ports, as well as 50% or more of most foreign aid and other government-generated ocean freight.

Several times in the past few years the

Jerald terHorst

Carter singing an old refrain



WASHINGTON—If elected, Jimmy Carter says he will make the federal bureaucracy more efficient, more responsive, and less costly. If elected, Jimmy Carter will not live long enough in the White House to see it come true.

I say this with sadness. It would be

cal sagacity, agreed to head up the adventure.

It took the Hoover commission two years of wrangling with Congress and the executive branch to draft a blueprint. Ten years later—2½ presidential terms later—this reporter first came to

support for a leaner federal establishment. It shows up in the opinion polls and gets applause from Republicans, Democrats and independents. Business and consumer groups at least say they favor federal reorganization. Even some key Democrats in Congress of liberal

Ford Heightens Carter Attacks

President Ford heightened his attacks on Jimmy Carter Tuesday night, saying his opponent wants to be President so badly that he will say anything necessary to get there.

At a \$1,000 a plate Republican National Committee dinner in New York, Ford joked with his audience about charges by Carter that he is dodging tough questions by hiding in the White House.

"I spent last weeking hiding out in the White House in California, Oklahoma and Texas. What I'm actually doing is playing hide and seek. I'm looking all over trying to find the candidate who used to run around the country saying 'I'll never lie to you.'"

The President added, "We've heard a lot of double talk from Mr. Carter, a lot of make believe mathematics, a lot of fuzzy and contradictory policy proposals."

The President also promised New York City a new Westside highway.

Wednesday, Ford continued his campaign through the Northeast, with a motorcade through New York City suburbs.

He then plans to shift his attentions to the key midwestern areas, with a trip to Iowa and a whistle-stop tour of Illinois on Saturday.

--Networks, AP, UPI (10/13/76)

Dole Questions Carter's Truthfulness

Senator Bob Dole returned to Washington Wednesday to prepare for his debate Friday with Walter Mondale.

Appearing before a Republican audience in Tennessee Tuesday night, Dole accused Jimmy Carter of lying about past statements on defense cuts and of misrepresenting his Georgia record as governor and supporter of civil rights.

Dole also charged Carter with trying to smear President Ford.

Dole said no one has to read the Playboy interview to discover the real Jimmy Carter. He said you just have to listen to his accusations, his inuendos and insults against the President of the United States," he said.

He said the real questions of integrity in this campaign have been, and will continue to be directed to Carter.

Dole also called on Carter to disclose past corporate contributions. He attacked suggestions that Ford cheated on his income taxes.

"The Carter's are millionaires. President Ford is not. Last year President Ford paid about 42 percent of his income in taxes. How much did Mr. Carter pay? He paid about 13 percent, about 12.8 percent."

Dole and Tennessee Senator Howard Baker referred to a poll, to be released on Wednesday, showing Ford within two points of Carter. Aides later said it is a Gallup Poll believed to have been taken before the last debate, Barry Serafin reported. (CBS)
--Networks, AP, UPI (10/13/76)

Some Texans 'kinda like' Ford but may not vote

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

Dallas

President Ford's problem in Texas is largely what it is everywhere - there are plenty of people who "kinda like" Jerry Ford but there are very few who seem to be fired up about him.

take in saying Eastern Europe is not under Soviet domination. He added that this nation "never will recognize, accept or acquiesce in this Soviet domination." The ethnic leaders indicated that they were satisfied with this clarification.]

'Good' is not enough?

The President did quite well on his recent visit here. But Republican leaders say that may not be good enough.

Now, the expectation is that without the President giving the Democrats a compelling reason for voting for him (and this has not come yet, it seems), they will, quite largely, follow party lines and give Texas to Mr. Carter.

One veteran observer here, in explaining the political situation in the state, gave this summation:



the crowd snouted, "Give 'im hell, Jerry."

Perhaps - but only perhaps - Gerald Ford has discovered Harry Truman's old whistle-stop technique.



Israel and the campaign

Israel is getting the best of both worlds in the American election campaign - and no doubt smiling in the process. Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter has fairly made a crusade of his strong support for Israel and of the administration's alleged "deviation" from a

saw their opportunity and renewed their appeal for the modern weapons.

American voters will take all the politicking in stride. But what concerns us is that there should be so much distortion surrounding the



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and an economic boycott against the Arabs (which he says he would institute if another oil embargo were declared) is not likely to work; they would simply go elsewhere for their imports. In any case, it does no good to convey an air of threat to such countries as Saudi Arabia, which now supplies almost 16 percent of America's oil imports. The fact is that the Saudis are as interested as the United States in good economic relations and in encouraging the U.S. to work out a comprehensive energy program. They have acted responsibly and the American people should know this.

In short, there has been more heat than light on the subject. The public would be better benefited by less politicking and a more thoughtful, less partisan discussion of the American national interest in the Middle East.

Consumers Show New Confidence

Consumers are more willing to spend money now than they were three months ago because of election prospects and increased confidence in the economy, says a report by University of Michigan researchers.

The report was released Tuesday by the University's Survey Research Center's Director, Richard T. Curtin, and George Katona, survey founder. A total of 1,264 persons were interviewed in the poll.

The researchers said the 6.6-point between May and early September brings the Index of Consumer Sentiment to 88.8 points, based on 100 points recorded in February 1966.

The most noticeable improvements were noted in attitudes toward the long-term business outlook and in market conditions for purchase of large household durables, such as furniture and television sets, the economists said.

In an effort to gauge the impact of the upcoming presidential elections on consumer attitudes, respondents were asked which candidate they thought would do a better job solving problems related to general business conditions, inflation and unemployment.

The response was about evenly split at 33 percent each between President Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter. Ford held a slim 38 percent to 36 percent lead over Carter on the issue of reducing the inflation rate.

On unemployment, however, Carter was favored 2-1 over Ford as having potential to do the best job.

For the first time since the 1972 survey, the study reports, more upper-income families believe the next five years will bring good times rather than bad. While half of all families surveyed said they expect business conditions to remain the same in the next 12 months, the researchers said that is not an unfavorable sign, since current conditions are better than a year ago.

And for the first time in more than three years, a majority--53 percent--of all families felt it was a good time to buy large household durable goods.

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Attitudes toward home buying also showed a marked improvement, although the report noted such sentiment is not an indication of intent to buy. While 47 percent felt it is a good time to purchase a home, many of them cannot afford to do so.

Showing a less marked improvement were attitudes toward changes in personal financial conditions. Fifty-three percent said they are financially better off than they were five years ago, compared with 49 percent in February 1975.

--AP (10/13/76)

Ford, Thompson lead in Illini student poll

Chicago Tribune Press Service

CHAMPAIGN—President Ford and James Thompson, Republican gubernatorial candidate, are gaining broad support among students at the University of Illinois, according to a poll conducted by the college's newspaper, the Daily Illini.

leaning toward the Democratic Party, 37.3 per cent said they were Republicans or independents leaning toward Republican; and 14.4 per cent were independents, favoring neither party.

WHILE FORD was the clear choice of those polled, 50.6 per cent said they be-

“Ford Bangs His Head . . . Carter Slips . . . Ford Falls on His Face . . .”



The Baltimore Sun, 10/13/76

Third Party

Dangers in an Archaic System

Eugene McCarthy's hope of controlling the election of the next President, though he has no hope of being elected, points to a perilously troublesome and outdated feature of our democratic system.

Voters who go to the polls November 2, technically, will not be voting for a President but for electors. The electors will vote for the presidential candidate who wins in each state. The

leverage far in excess of his public support.

The electoral system could even produce a minority winner from a field of two candidates without throwing the election to the House of Representatives. That is possible when, for instance, a candidate wins with huge margins in one region, then loses narrowly in a sufficient number of other states.

Thinking Things Over

By VERMONT ROYSTER

The Squabble

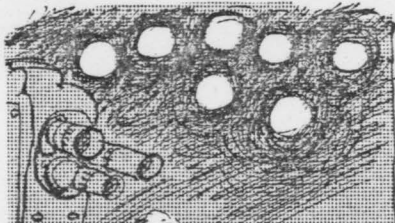
By all the signs, including polls and personal observation, a great many voters are turned off by the current presidential campaign. After watching what's happened to the campaign since the second television jousting match between Ford and Carter, it's not hard to see why.

The trouble begins with turning what ought to be a glory of the democratic process, the joint appearance of presidential candidates before millions of voters, into a media event. Once again the other evening we had the spectacle of reporters making their own long speeches or so convoluting the questions as to make them almost incomprehensible. It was often easier to tell the reporter's political philosophy than that of the candidates.

Still, there were one or two questions offering an opportunity for either man to give a thoughtful appraisal of our present foreign policy or say what he thought it ought to be. Right at the beginning Mr. Carter was given a list of recent foreign policy moves of the Ford administration.

Neither these "debates" nor the campaign as a whole gives them much chance. With Mr. Ford we have some idea simply because he has been in office but his record has been a changeable one; it is still hard to tell which way he would move in the future. In the case of Mr. Carter we know only, so far, that he disapproves of the Ford record; most of the rest is lost in haze and contradictions.

Perhaps that is enough for a decision. In the real world elections often turn as much on style as on philosophy, as much on dissatisfactions with what we have got as on expectations of what we will get. So in the end this one may turn on what Jimmy Carter said in *Playboy*, Earl Butz in *Rolling Stone*, Gerald Ford about life in



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"Mr. Dole, your two-minute response to Mr. Mondale is up . . . Mr. Dole . . ."

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The Thrilla in Manila

We are tempted to conclude that nothing much happened at last week's joint annual session of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Indeed, the finance ministers of Britain

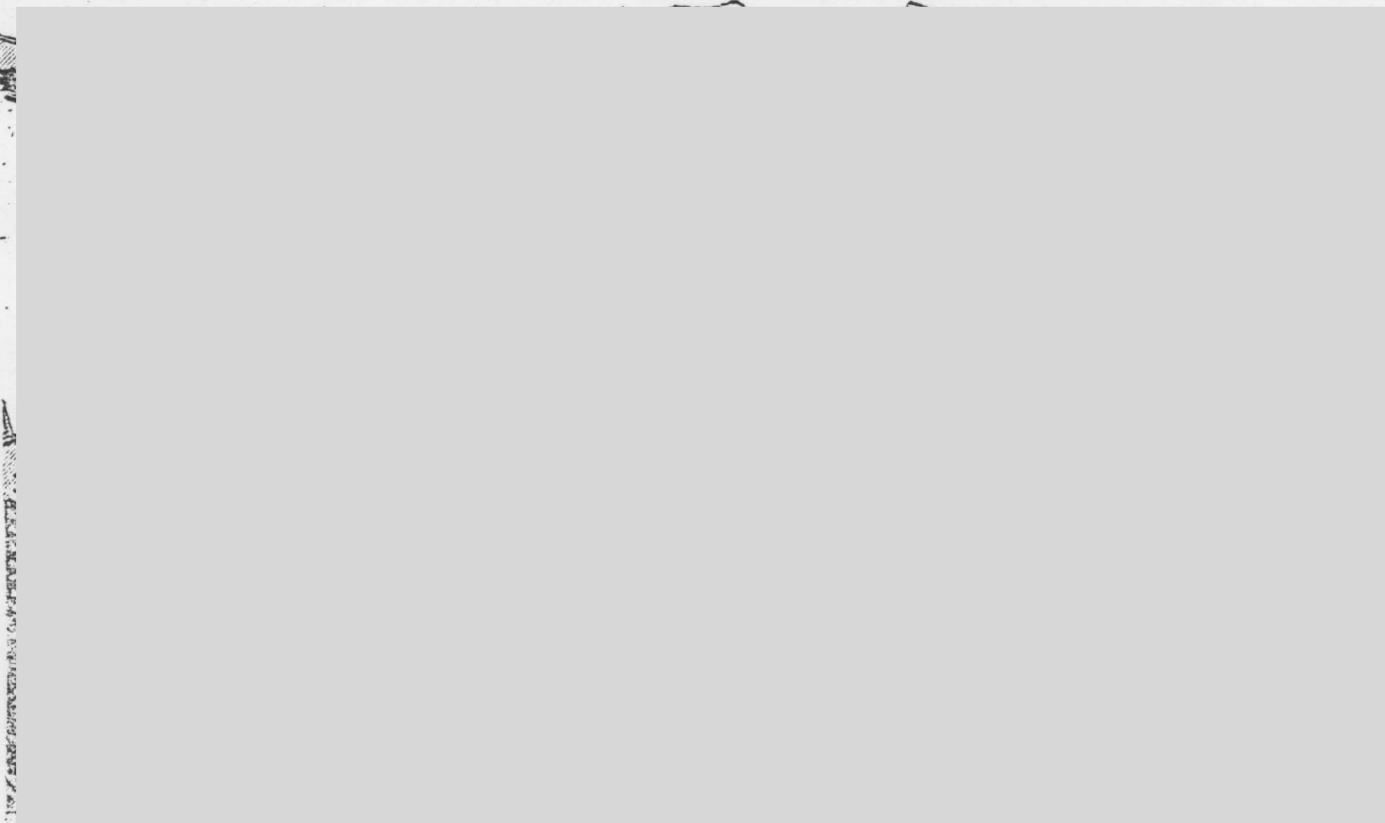
one. To understand exchange-rate swings, forget the free market and look at the central banks.

Exchange rates under a float are determined chiefly by the rela-

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in the public sector, not the private that we can see.



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NEWS BRIEFING--10:00 A.M.--NATIONAL GAMBLING COMMISSION, 154 RUSSELL BLDG.

SUBJECT: THE COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT. COPIES OF REPORT DISTRIBUTED AT BRIEFING EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE AT FRIDAY MORNING. CONTACT: STEVEN BULL, 254-8686.

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:00 A.M.--CHAIRMAN ARTHUR FLEMMING OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, ROOM 512, 1121 VERMONT AVE., NW.

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF NEW REPORT ON PUERTO RICANS ON THE U.S. MAINLAND. CONTACT: MIMI HARTLEY, 254-6697.

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:00 A.M.--NATIONAL WILMINGTON 10 DEFENSE COMMITTEE, METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH, 1518 M ST., NW.

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN CASE BEING RECANTED.
CONTACT: 452-1030 OR 737-2600.

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:30 A.M.--RUSSELL PETERSON, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND ANTHROPOLOGIST MARGARET MEAD, CALIFORNIA ROOM, STATLER HILTON.

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF NEW CITIZENS' LOBBY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. CONTACT: TOM MATHEWS, 452-1050.

NEWS CONFERENCE--10:30 A.M.--PRESIDENT ALLAN GRANT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, EAST LOUNGE, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

SUBJECT: 1976 CAMPAIGN ISSUES AS THE FARMERS SEE THEM. CONTACT: RANKIN LUSBY, 638-6315.

NEWS CONFERENCE--11:00 A.M.--ATTORNEY TOM GAGLIARDO, SUITE 703, 1828 L ST., NW.

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MOVE OF HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES FROM ROCKVILLE TO HYATTSVILLE. CONTACT: GAGLIARDO, 833-8155.

NEWS CONFERENCE--11:00 A.M.--REP. JOHN CONYERS, 2444 RAYBURN BLDG.

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH WATERGATE PROSECUTOR CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD. CONTACT: BILL KIRK, 225-5126.

NEWS CONFERENCE--NOON-- PARTICIPANTS IN SEMINAR ON UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION BY SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL BUILDING COMMITTEE AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, STATLER HILTON.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH CONTINUES SYMPOSIUM ON TREATMENT OF NONTUMORAL DISEASES OF THE BRAIN, SPINAL CORD AND EYE, NIH. WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

8:30 MORNING SESSIONS ON INNOVATIONS, INFECTIONS, VESSELS.

NOON AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON BLEEDING, EDEMA, TRANSMISSION IMAGING.

CONTACT: ANGELA MARTIN, 496-2535.

DAY-LONG SYMPOSIUM ON "BIRTH DEFECTS: PROBLEMS AND PREVENTIVE INTERVENTION" HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE D.C. MEDICAL SOCIETY, 2007 EYE ST., NW, 8:30 A.M.

SPONSORED BY D.C. MEDICAL SOCIETY AND LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE MARCH OF DIMES. TOPICS INCLUDE HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES, GENETIC COUNSELING, AND DEALING WITH CHILDREN WITH BIRTH DEFECTS. CONTACT: LOU BROTT, 638-1441.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES ON MEANS OF IMPROVING UNDERGRADUATE SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION, SHOREHAM AMERICANA, 8:30 A.M.

CONTACT: JOHN MACCINI, 282-7736.

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

9:00 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF 1976.

2:00 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY.

CONTACT: HOWARD LEWIS, 389-6518.

PUBLIC HEARING BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COMMISSION'S FORTHCOMING REPORT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS, 2010 NEW EOB, 9:00 A.M.

CONTACT: GEORGE EADS, 254-7434.

TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS' EXPERIMENTAL TECHNOLOGY INCENTIVES PROGRAM, OPENS AT THE BUREAU HEADQUARTERS IN GAITHERSBURG, 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS, USER AGENCIES AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY. CONTACT: FRED MCGEHAN, (301) 921-2816.

SUPREME COURT MEETS.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HOLDS HEARING ON ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS, HERITAGE ROOM, ADULT EDUCATION CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 10:00 A.M.

CONTACT: 447-6594.

CHAIRMAN JAMES BAKER OF THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE TAPES INTERVIEW FOR CBS' "CAPITOL CLOAKROOM" BROADCAST, CBS RADIO STUDIOS, 2020 M ST., NW, 10:00 A.M.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS SIRENS SOUNDED THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON AREA FOR MONTHLY TEST, 11:00 A.M.

NATIONAL CAPITAL LAW LEAGUE HONORS WIVES OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AT LUNCHEON-FASHION SHOW, SHOREHAM AMERICANA, NOON.

CONTACT: MRS. WALTER SMITH, 534-3880.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR JACQUES KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET AWARDS INSIGNIA OF CHEVALIER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR TO CHRISTOPHER KRAFT OF NASA SPACE FLIGHT CENTER IN HOUSTON, 2221 KALORAMA RD., NW, NOON.

CONTACT: 234-0990.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ARTHUR FLEMMING AND D.C. SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT VINCENT REED SPEAKS AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON, 12:30 P.M.

SUBJECT: ACHIEVING QUALITY EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS SPONSORS PREVIEW OF THE ONE-MAN SHOW "OH, PAPA", STARRING AUSTRALIAN ACTOR TOM LEE, ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY THEATER, 10TH AND G STS., NW, 1:00 P.M.

CONTACT: BILL TREVARROW, 638-0352.

WASHINGTON POST D.C. EDITOR KEVIN KLOSC AND REPORTERS ALFRED LEWIS AND RONALD SHAEFFER DISCUSS THEIR BOOK, "HUSTLE" ABOUT THE D.C. STING CASES AT WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB DINNER, 6:00 P.M.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORS RECEPTION FOR ELIZABETH DOLE, 1607 22ND ST., NW, 6:30 P.M.

CONTACT: SUSAN KENNELLY, 965-2333.

FCC HEARING, 10:00 A.M.:

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PM-DEAN 10-12

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JOHN DEAN TODAY CONTRADICTED 1973 CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY GERALD FORD THAT HE DID NOT RECALL AIDING ANY ATTEMPT BY THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE TO STAVE OFF A WATERGATE INVESTIGATION.

FORD, WHEN HE WAS HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, TOLD VICE PRESIDENTIAL CONFIRMATION HEARINGS THAT "TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION," HE DID NOT DISCUSS ANY ATTEMPT TO DAM UP THE WATERGATE AFFAIR WITH ANY NIXON STAFFERS.

DEAN, THE FORMER AIDE TO PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON WHOSE MEMORY AND TESTIMONY RESULTED IN NIXON'S POLITICAL FALL AND RESIGNATION, CONTRADICTED FORD IN A TAPED INTERVIEW BROADCAST ON THE NBC TODAY TELEVISION PROGRAM.

DEAN SAID NIXON STAFF MEMBER RICHARD COOK HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH FORD MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN TIMES AND FORD AT ONE POINT INDICATED HE WOULD TELL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE "WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE" (DEAN'S WORDS) ON WHETHER OR NOT TO LOOK INTO THE WATERGATE CASE.

BUT IN A STATEMENT TO NBC, COOK DENIED DEAN'S ALLEGATIONS, ACCUSING DEAN OF "VICIOUS LIES AND CLEVER DISTORTIONS."

"THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE TRUTH," SAID COOK, WHO NOW WORKS FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPANY. HE DENIED CONTACTING FORD "DESPITE JOHN DEAN'S REPEATED AND FRANTIC REQUESTS" TO GET HIM TO DO SO.

DEAN SAID HE PASSED HIS OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH COOK ABOUT FORD ALONG TO TOP NIXON AIDE H.R. HALDEMAN, WHO, IN TURN, DISCUSSED THEM WITH NIXON.

"COOK WAS THE MAN WHO DID THE LEG WORK AND DEALT WITH MR. FORD AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE (BANKING) COMMITTEE" WHICH WAS CONSIDERING PROBING AT LEAST ONE ASPECT OF THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION, SAID DEAN.

"I CAN RECALL DICK COMING BACK AND TELLING, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW JERRY WAS GOING TO CALL A MEETING OF THE MINORITY MEMBERS IN LES ARENDS' (FORMER REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FROM ILLINOIS) OFFICE OFF THE HOUSE FLOOR AND REALLY TELL THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE AND HOW THEY SHOULD HOLD TOGETHER AND THINGS OF THIS NATURE," SAID DEAN.

DID THAT MEAN THEY SHOULD BLOCK THOSE HEARINGS FROM GOING FORWARD? DEAN WAS ASKED.

"THAT'S CORRECT," HE REPLIED.

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BY EDWARD S. LECHTZIN

UPI AUTO WRITER

DETROIT (UPI) -- THE FIRST OF 170,000 FORD MOTOR CO. WORKERS BEGAN RETURNING TO THEIR JOBS TODAY AFTER NARROWLY APPROVING A \$1 BILLION-PLUS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT IN THE 28TH DAY OF THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE AGAINST THE NO. 2 AUTO COMPANY.

THE APPROVAL, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED LATE TUESDAY, CAME ON JUST A 489-VOTE MARGIN BY SKILLED TRADESMEN WHO HELD A VETO POWER OVER THE AGREEMENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ACCOUNT FOR JUST ONE OF EVERY SEVEN FORD JOBS.

THEY HAD COMPLAINED AN EXTRA 20 TO 25 CENTS AN HOUR PAY HIKE FOR THEM WAS NOT ENOUGH AND COMPLAINED THEY WERE OFTEN NOT REPRESENTED BECAUSE OF THEIR SMALL NUMBERS. IN THE END, THEY ALMOST WON THEIR POINT BY NEARLY SCUTTLING THE AGREEMENT AND FORCING IT BACK INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

THE FIRST WORKERS BACK ON THE JOB REPORTED TO THE LIVONIA, MICH., TRANSMISSION PLANT, FOUR WEEKS TO THE HOUR AFTER THE STRIKE BEGAN AT MIDNIGHT, SEPT. 14. THE THE ASSEMBLY PLANT AT WIXOM, MICH., WAS TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN THE AFTERNOON AND THREE MORE ASSEMBLY PLANTS WILL REOPEN THURSDAY.

DESPITE THE WORKER RECALLS, THE DAYS OF THE STRIKE WILL BE COUNTED UNTIL THE FINAL ONE OF 99 LOCAL AGREEMENTS IS REACHED. IN 1967, A NATIONAL AGREEMENT WAS RATIFIED IN THE 47TH DAY BUT THE FINAL LOCAL CONTRACT WAS NOT SETTLED UNTIL THE 66TH DAY.

FORD LABOR VICE PRESIDENT SIDNEY MCKENNA SAID THE FULL RETURN TO PRODUCTION WOULD COME ONLY AFTER THE REMAINING 29 OF 99 LOCAL AGREEMENTS ARE SETTLED. STILL TO BE RESOLVED ARE LOCAL PACTS AT SIX OF THE 19 ASSEMBLY PLANTS AND 13 OF 43 BASIC MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

THE NEXT STEP FOR THE UAW IS TO TAKE THE BASIC FORD AGREEMENT TO GENERAL MOTORS, CHRYSLER AND AMERICAN MOTORS TO GAIN NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS FOR ANOTHER 530,000 WORKERS. A DECISION BETWEEN GM AND CHRYSLER AS THE NEXT "TARGET" WILL BE MADE SOMETIME THIS WEEK, A UAW SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AGREEMENT THAT GIVES WORKERS UP TO 13 MORE PAID DAYS OFF BY THE END OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE CONTRACT PLUS A WAGE BOOST OF AT LEAST 12 PER CENT FOR ASSEMBLERS ALMOST WAS DEFEATED BY SKILLED TRADESMEN.

SEVENTY PER CENT OF THE 25,000 SKILLED TRADESMEN -- ELECTRICIANS, MILLWRIGHTS, CARPENTERS, TOOL AND DIE MAKERS AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRMEN -- VOTED AND APPROVED THE PACT BY A NARROW 8,957-8,468 MARGIN.

EVEN FEWER OF THE 145,000 PRODUCTION WORKERS -- ABOUT 40 PER CENT -- CAST BALLOTS IN THE FOUR-DAY RATIFICATION AND VOTED 35,192-22,026 TO APPROVE THE PACT.

A MAJORITY OF EACH GROUP HAD TO APPROVE THE PACT OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO THE NEGOTIATORS WHO STARTED BARGAINING JULY 20. THE AGREEMENT CAME LAST TUESDAY IN THE 21ST DAY OF THE STRIKE.

STARTUP AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS WERE THE FIRST BACK ON THE JOB AT SOME OF THE 102 FORD FACILITIES IN 22 STATES. A FULL RETURN TO PRODUCTION WILL DEPEND ON SETTLEMENT OF OUSTANDING LOCAL ISSUES, FORD AND UAW OFFICIALS SAID.

THE FIRST CARS TO COME OFF AN ASSEMBLY LINE WILL BE AT WIXOM, MICH., WHERE 4,500 WORKERS RETURN ON THE AFTERNOON SHIFT TO BUILD THE LINCOLN CONTINENTAL AND CONTINENTAL MARK V MODELS. ANOTHER 6,600 WORKERS WILL BE CALLED BACK THURSDAY AT ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO AND NORFOLK, VA.

MCKENNA SAID MANUFACTURING PLANT START-UPS WOULD VARY AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE CONTACTED BY THEIR PLANT MANAGERMENTS REGARDING CALLBACKS. FORD OF CANADA ON MONDAY BEGAN RECALLING SOME OF THE 10,000 WORKERS IT HAD IDLED BECAUSE OF THE U.S. STRIKE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE END OF THE STRIKE.

"WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES WHICH STILL HAVEN'T BEEN RESOLVED CAN BE CONCLUDED SOON SO THAT THE STRIKE CAN BE TERMINATED COMPLETELY AT ALL COMPANY LOCATIONS AND ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES MAY RETURN TO WORK," MCKENNA SAID.

THE LOCAL ISSUES INVOLVE SUCH ITEMS AS CAFETERIAS, PARKING LOTS, WASHROOMS, PRODUCTION STANDARDS AND THE MORE CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROBLEMS. A HOLDUP AT A KEY PLANT COULD LEAD TO A CONTINUED SHUTDOWN THAT COULD DISRUPT ALMOST ALL FORD PRODUCTION, SPOKESMEN SAID.

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BY SCOTT MACLEOD

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE URGED SEVERAL STATES TO RESTART SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS OF SOME ELDERLY PERSONS FOLLOWING INOCULATIONS.

"ANYTIME YOU'RE INOCULATING LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME COINCIDENTAL THINGS HAPPENING," SAID DR. DAVID SENCER, DIRECTOR FOR THE FEDERAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA.

HE STATED THERE WAS NO KNOWN CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REPORTED DEATHS OF SIX AGED PERSONS IN PENNSYLVANIA, FLORIDA AND OKLAHOMA AND THE GOVERNMENT'S \$135 MILLION IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM TO PROTECT AMERICANS FROM A POSSIBLE FLU EPIDEMIC THIS WINTER.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN AT LEAST TEN STATES HAVE SUSPENDED FLU SHOT PROGRAMS. TEMPORARILY SHELVED VACCINATION PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED IN ALASKA, ILLINOIS, LOUISIANA, MAINE, TEXAS, VERMONT, WISCONSIN, NEW MEXICO AND IN LARGE SECTIONS OF VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA.

KENTUCKY ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CANCEL ITS PROGRAM THURSDAY IF DOUBT OVER THE FLU VACCINE'S SAFETY REMAINED. SO FAR 118,000 PERSONS, MAINLY HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS, HAVE RECEIVED PREVENTIVE DOSES.

ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL STATES THAT RECEIVED SOME OF THE SAME VACCINE INJECTED IN THE VICTIMS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND FLORIDA HAVE SHELVED IT. ABOUT 1.1 MILLION OF THE DOSES WERE MANUFACTURED BY PARKE DAVIS PHARMACEUTICALS OF DETROIT, MICH.

IN PITTSBURGH, JULIA BUCCI, 75, CHARLES GABIG, 71, AND ELLA MICHAEL, 74, ALL OF WHOM HAD HEART DISORDERS AND OTHER AILMENTS, DIED MONDAY ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER RECEIVING INOCULATIONS DURING A ONE-HOUR PERIOD AT THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CLINIC.

IN FORT LAUDERDALE, SAUL GELMAN, 63, SUNRISE, FLA., DIED TUESDAY OF A HEART ATTACK 90 MINUTES AFTER RECEIVING THE SAME TYPE OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED TO THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS.

A DIFFERENT BATCH OF VACCINE REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN THE OKLAHOMA DEATHS REPORTED TUESDAY. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAID JOE MALASKI, 71, OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO SUFFERED FROM HEART TROUBLE AND EMPHYSEMA, DIED FRIDAY HOURS AFTER BEING INOCULATED. AN ELDERLY UNIDENTIFIED OKLAHOMA WOMAN REPORTEDLY DIED UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE CDC HAS NOT STUDIED THE FLORIDA AND OKLAHOMA DEATHS, BUT AS IN THE PITTSBURGH CASES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY DOUBTED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DEATHS AND THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.

"WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH PEOPLE IN OLDER AGE GROUPS, THERE'S GOING TO BE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DIE WHETHER THEY HAVE THE FLU VACCINE OR NOT," SENCER SAID.

SENCER SAID THAT INITIAL CDC FINDINGS ON THE PITTSBURGH DEATHS -- BASED ON AUTOPSY REPORTS, CDC EPIDEMIOLOGISTS FIELD STUDIES AND RESULTS OF THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM ELSEWHERE -- SHOWED THERE WAS NO CONNECTION TO THE FLU SHOTS.

RESEARCHERS AT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS IN BETHESDA, MD., TUESDAY EXAMINED RESIDUE TAKEN FROM THE BOTTLES OF VACCINE USED TO INOCULATE THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS.

CONNECTICUT GOV. ELLA GRASSO TODAY WAS SCHEDULED TO DRAMATIZE THE SAFETY OF THE SHOTS BY BEING INOCULATED PUBLICLY.

UNDER THE SWINE FLU PROGRAM PASSED BY CONGRESS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSUMES LIABILITY IN CASE A VACCINE RECIPIENT WANTS TO SUE FOR AN ADVERSE REACTION. IF THE PLAINTIFF WINS THE CASE, THE GOVERNMENT CAN THEN DECIDE IF IT, IN TURN, WANTS TO SUE THE VACCINE MANUFACTURERS.

IT WAS HOPED THAT BY THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE NUMBER OF SO-CALLED "NUISANCE SUITS" WOULD BE REDUCED.

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BY LEWIS LORD

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT FORD IS USING BASEBALL TERMS TO SUGGEST THAT JIMMY CARTER ISN'T CAPABLE OF SERVING IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD STAUNCHLY DEFENDED HIS TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN AN APPEARANCE TUESDAY BEFORE A GROUP OF EDITORS IN NEW YORK, AND HE CRITICIZED CARTER FOR HIS CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND SPENDING.

"I THINK I HAVE HAD A GOOD BATTING AVERAGE," FORD SAID. "HE IS A MINOR LEAGUER. HIS SCORECARD WOULD NOT PUT HIM IN THE BIG LEAGUES." TUESDAY NIGHT, IN A SPEECH TO A \$1,000 A PLATE FUNDRAISING DINNER, FORD SAID HE HASN'T BEEN HIDING OUT -- "I'VE BEEN PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK. I'M TRYING TO FIND THE CANDIDATE WHO USED TO SAY THAT HE WOULD NEVER LIE TO YOU."

"I SAY PARENTHETICALLY, HE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED," FORD ADDED. WHILE FORD CAMPAIGNED IN NEW YORK CITY, CARTER WAS RESTING AT HOME IN PLAINS, GA. THE DEMOCRAT ISSUED A STATEMENT ACCUSING FORD OF DOING NOTHING TO COMBAT FRAUD IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM WHILE PROPOSING THAT MORE MEDICARE PATIENTS PAY A BIGGER SHARE OF THEIR HOSPITAL BILL.

CARTER NOTED 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.

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, CARTER SAID, AND "STILL THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE NO RESPONSE AT ALL."

CARTER SAID HE WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE MEDICAID SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE FRAUD AND WASTE AS PART OF A GRADUAL PHASING IN OF A NATIONAL, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

FORD TOURED JEWISH, IRISH AND ITALIAN NEIGHBORHOODS IN NEW YORK, EACH TIME TOUCHING OFF LOUD CHEERS WHEN HE SAID HE WAS PRESIDENT OF A NATION AT PEACE.

"THERE IS NOT A SINGLE YOUNG AMERICAN FIGHTING OR DYING ON FOREIGN SOIL," FORD SAID REPEATEDLY.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK, FORD TOLD ETHNIC LEADERS IN WASHINGTON THAT HE WAS MISTAKEN IN LAST WEEK'S DEBATE WITH CARTER WHEN HE SAID EASTERN EUROPE WASN'T DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

"I DID NOT EXPRESS MYSELF CLEARLY. I ADMIT IT," FORD SAID. "... THE ORIGINAL MISTAKE WAS MINE."

"I THINK THE BUMPS ARE BEHIND US NOW," FORD LATER TOLD THE NEW YORK EDITORS.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE EUGENE MCCARTHY, IN AN INTERVIEW ON PUBLIC TELEVISION, SAID CARTER, IF ELECTED, WOULD "OVER-PERSONALIZE THE OFFICE AND I THINK THAT'S HIGHLY DANGEROUS IN EVERY RESPECT."

"WHEN CARTER BEGINS TO TALK ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY," MCCARTHY SAID, "I FIND HIM SAYING THINGS IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE THAT ARE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT NIXON SAID, THE IDEA THAT IT IS A PERSONAL OFFICE, OR THAT NIXON SAID HE WAS THE MORAL LEADER OF THE COUNTRY."

IN MARYVILLE, TENN., GOP VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE ROBERT DOLE CHALLENGED CARTER TO REVEAL THE NAMES OF CORPORATE CONTRIBUTORS TO HIS 1970 CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

DOLE SAID TWO ACCOUNTANTS WHO WORKED IN THE CAMPAIGN WITH CARTER CLAIM THERE WERE COMPUTER LISTS IDENTIFYING SUCH CONTRIBUTORS. DOLE SAID CARTER HAS SAID THERE ARE NO SUCH RECORDS.

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By DONALD M. ROTHEBERG

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK AP - President Ford campaigned Tuesday in New York City's ethnic neighborhoods and then leveled a sharp attack at his Democratic opponent, Jimmy Carter, at a GOP fund-raising dinner.

"Mr. Carter wants to be president, whatever he has to say to get there," Ford told the Salute to the President dinner sponsored by the Republican National Committee.

Recalling his challenge to Carter to debate the "real issues," Ford said he was ready to do so when he issued the challenge at the Republican National Convention "and I still am."

Ford and Carter have debated twice so far in the campaign and the President said, "I still don't know where Mr. Carter stands on many issues. And I don't think he does."

Earlier Ford campaigned in ethnic neighborhoods in Brooklyn and continued his efforts to repair the political damage done by his statement during the second debate with Carter when he said "there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

That statement evoked strong protests from ethnic groups with roots in nations under Soviet domination.

Before flying to New York, Ford met at the White House with ethnic leaders and admitted the remark was a mistake.

Less than five hours before his speech at the fund-raising dinner, Ford met with a group of New York editors and publishers and told them he didn't expect to go after Carter "in a jugular way."

But in his dinner speech, the President lashed out repeatedly at his opponent for advocating more government spending, higher taxes and cuts in defense spending.

The President added that if Carter is elected and has a Democratic-controlled Congress, "one thing you will certainly get is more spending and bigger deficits."

Earlier, Ford said if he's elected, he will visit Israel and other Middle East nations when it would contribute to peace in the area.

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AM-FORD-CAMPAIGN 10-12

NEW YORK (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, URGED BY SUPPORTERS TO GET TOUGH WITH JIMMY CARTER, SAID TUESDAY NIGHT HE IS TRYING TO FIND A CERTAIN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO PROMISED NEVER TO TELL A LIE.

FORD, JOKING IN A SPEECH TO A \$1,000 A PLATE REPUBLICAN DINNER, NOTED THAT CARTER HAS ACCUSED HIM OF HIDING OUT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD SAID HE WAS "HIDING OUT IN THE WHITE HOUSE BY CAMPAIGNING THE PAST TWO DAYS IN CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND NEW YORK AND GOING TO CAMPAIGN LATER THIS WEEK IN IOWA, MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS."

"I'VE BEEN PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK," FORD SAID. "I'M TRYING TO FIND THE CANDIDATE WHO USED TO SAY THAT HE WOULD NEVER LIE TO YOU."

"I SAY PARENTHETICALLY, HE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED."

CARTER'S COMPLAINT IS THAT FORD HAS EVADED QUESTIONING ABOUT CAMPAIGN ISSUES BY STICKING CLOSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE, REFUSING TO CALL NEWS CONFERENCES, AND AVOIDING ON-THE-RECORD QUESTIONING BY VOTERS OR REPORTERS DURING HIS CAMPAIGN SWINGS.

THE REPUBLICAN CROWD CHEERED FORD, WHOSE CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE ADVISED HIM MONDAY TO GET TOUGH WITH CARTER.

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AM-FORD-NEWYORK 10-12

NEW YORK (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD PRAISED NEW YORK CITY TUESDAY NIGHT FOR REPAYING ITS FEDERAL LOANS BUT HESITATED ABOUT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR REPAYMENT OF THE DEBT.

NEW YORK BORROWED MORE THAN \$2 BILLION SINCE JUNE, 1975, FROM THE FEDERAL TREASURY TO MEET ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND FORD, IN AN APPEARANCE BEFORE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS OF THE CITY, SAID HE WAS PLEASED THE CITY HAD BEEN REPAYING THE MONEY ON SCHEDULE.

"THEY HAVE DONE WELL," HE SAID AT A MEETING PRIOR TO A BANQUET AT THE NEW YORK HILTON.

WOULD HE CONSIDER AN EXTENSION OF THE THREE-YEAR PAYMENT PERIOD?

"I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES UP," HE SAID.

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FORD ON THE OFFENSE
(COMMENTARY)

BY HELEN THOMAS

UPI WHITE HOUSE REPORTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, WHO BELIEVES GAMES ARE WON IN THE FINAL INNING, IS TRYING TO RECAPTURE THE POLITICAL MOMENTUM HE HAD BEFORE HIS LAST DEBATE WITH JIMMY CARTER.

WITH 17 MORE DAYS TO GO BEFORE ELECTION DAY, FORD IS TRYING RECOUP FROM WHAT HIS CAMPAIGN COUNSELORS CALLED A BLOOPER IN THE DEBATE WHEN HE SAID EASTERN EUROPE WAS NOT DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

SINCE THEN FORD HAS ADMITTED HE MADE A MISTAKE -- THAT WITH 30 DIVISIONS IN EAST EUROPE, RUSSIA DOES "OF 'COURSE" DOMINATE THAT SPHERE. BUT NOW BEFORE CARTER HAD CHARGED FORD WAS "BRAINWASHED" ON HIS TRIP TO POLAND AND WAS "A DISGRACE TO OUR COUNTRY."

AFTER CARTER'S DRUMFIRE ATTACK, SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS TOLD HIM TO COOL IT, THAT HE WAS COMING OFF "TOO SHRILL." THEY URGED THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE TO LET THE MEDIA POINT OUT FORD'S ERRORS.

FORD, ALSO AT THE URGING OF ADVISERS, HAS GONE ON THE OFFENSE, QUESTIONING CARTER'S FITNESS FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

NONE OF THE CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES HAVE LIFTED THE LEVEL OF THE CAMPAIGN. IN FACT, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE BATTLE IS HEATING UP WITH PERSONAL ATTACKS BECOMING THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

THE PRESIDENT, PERHAPS MORE THAN CARTER, HAS A LOT RIDING ON THE NEXT DEBATE -- WHICH WILL BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY IN THE HISTORICAL SETTING OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

SO FAR, THE POLLSTERS FIGURE FORD WON THE FIRST DEBATE, AND CARTER THE SECOND. BY ALL ODDS, FORD SHOULD HAVE WON THE SECOND DEBATE WHICH FOCUSED ON FOREIGN POLICY. THE THIRD AND LAST WILL BE MORE FREEWHEELING WITH THE PRESS PANEL PERMITTED TO ASK QUESTIONS ON ANY TOPIC.

FORD HAS BEEN ADVISED TO START WAGING A TOUGHER CAMPAIGN. HE IS STILL BEHIND IN THE POLLS, BUT BELIEVES THAT HIS BIGGEST TROUBLES ARE BEHIND HIM. HE HAS OTHER PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, WITH THE SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR LOOKING INTO HIS CAMPAIGN RECORDS WHEN HE AS A CONGRESSMAN FROM GRAND RAPIDS, VA.

FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL H. BUTZ' "GROSS INDISCRETION" IN MAKING A RACIAL SLUR AGAINST BLACKS LED TO BUTZ' RESIGNATION AND ALSO SHOOK THE FORD CAMPAIGN WHEN IT WAS ON THE UPSWING. AND NOW JOHN DEAN SAYS THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE TOLD FORD TO COOPERATE IN THE WATERGATE COVER-UP.

MUCH DEPENDS ON THE AMERICAN VOTERS AND THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES, GOOFS AND ALL.

BOTH HAVE RUN ON PERSONAL APPEALS THAT THEY CAN BE TRUSTED. BOTH HAVE STUMBLER -- CARTER WITH HIS STATEMENT ON "ETHNIC PURITY" AND "BLACK INTRUSION."

ONE THING IS CERTAIN, THIS HAS BEEN A CAMPAIGN OF UPS AND DOWNS. FORD'S PEOPLE SAY THEY EXPECTED THE PENDULUM SWINGS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT BARRING OTHER MAJOR GOOFS, THE OUTCOME WILL DEPEND ON THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE ELECTION. IT MAY BEHOVE MANY OF THE UNDECIDED THEN TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS.

FORD DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS AN "OPTIMIST" IN SUCH MATTERS. BUT CARTER ALSO FEELS THAT HE HAS THE BALL AND SAYS, "I INTEND TO WIN." BUT IN THOSE FINAL DAYS, EITHER OF THEM CAN FUMBLE.

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HOUSTON AP - Republicans and Democrats are gearing up with political rallies and advertising campaigns for Friday's vice presidential debate between Sens. Walter Mondale and Bob Dole.

Both candidates will arrive here Thursday to begin final preparations for the 75-minute, nationally televised debate at the Alley Theatre.

Democrat Mondale had set aside four full days to study and relax in preparation for the debate and planned to play tennis here Thursday to remain relaxed.

Republican Dole will attend a welcoming rally at a downtown hotel Thursday night shortly before joining well-known Republicans, including Ronald Reagan, Paul Laxalt and Pat Boone, for a rally.

The Socialist Workers party has planned to have its vice presidential nominee, Willie Mae Reid, address a rally across the street from the theater.

The Harris County Republican Party has invited the public to watch the debate on television at a hotel where Dole is expected to drop in to say hello afterward.

Democrats have scheduled a victory party in the ball room of another hotel. Mondale is expected to attend the event, to be hosted by Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss and Jimmy Carter's Texas cochairmen, Calvin R. Guest and Bob Armstrong.

The Republican rally is being organized by the President's Team for Texas Committee, an organization headed by James E. Lyon, a Houston banker who was a Reagan delegate to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Mo.

The League of Women Veterans, sponsors of the presidential and vice presidential debates, said attendance in the auditorium will be limited to about 600 because of space requirements for television equipment.

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By TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Sen. Robert Dole is busy preparing for this Friday's vice presidential debate, an event he claims he wouldn't go to if he didn't have to.

As the Republican vice presidential nominee describes it, few voters will even tune in Friday night to watch him and his Democratic counterpart, Sen. Walter F. Mondale, have a go at each other at the Alley Theater in Houston, Tex.

More people will probably be attending high school football games, Dole has often said. Given a choice, he would too, he adds.

But campaign aides say that despite Dole's constant belittling of the debate, he is actually taking it very seriously and has been spending almost all of his free time since Saturday boning up for it.

Dole also notes that the debate will be 15 minutes shorter than the presidential debates - 75 minutes instead of 90.

"That in itself ought to be an inducement," to watch it, he told a GOP fund-raising dinner Tuesday night in Maryville, Tenn., where he noted that Mondale was home studying while he was out campaigning.

"There will be no interruptions for commercials," he told the same audience. "Probably no interruptions for anything. Probably nothing, period."

Asked at a recent news conference to sum up how he thought the debate would come out, Dole responded: "Dull."

The Kansas senator, whose sharp and often biting wit has made some campaign strategists claim he may turn in a better debate performance than President Ford, seems to be deliberately downplaying both the upcoming debate and his role in it.

He frequently calls it the "Doyle and Mundale" debate, suggesting that many people don't even know the names of the candidates.

"We take ourselves too seriously sometimes," he said recently.

"We're not going to have any great impact on the election. I'm pretty much constrained by what President Ford has said and Mondale is constrained by what Gov. Carter has said. We can't go out and make policy."

Dole said he's been preparing for the debate by "studying briefing books and reading Mondale clips" from newspapers.

Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Dole has been studying the briefing books, which include those used by the President as well as some put together by Dole's own staff, "just about full time" since Saturday with the exception of a few campaign events.

Dole belittles the upcoming debate almost as much as he does the office of vice president, a job he often claims has little going for it besides the fact that "it's indoor work with no heavy lifting."

Dole also never misses an opportunity to get in a jab at Mondale, often claiming, "I haven't selected my make-up man yet for Friday night but he's got his - George Meany." Dole has frequently made an issue of the AFL-CIO president's endorsement of the Democratic ticket, claiming it means Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter and Mondale are little more than puppets of Meany.

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PM-DOLE SKED 10-13

BY GENE BERNHARDT

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BOB DOLE, HOME FROM A CAMPAIGN STOP IN TENNESSEE WHERE HE QUESTIONED JIMMY CARTER'S TRUTHFULNESS, IS BONING UP FOR HIS DEBATE THIS WEEK WITH DEMOCRATIC COUNTERPART WALTER MONDALE.

WITH NO APPEARANCES ON TAP TODAY, DOLE STUDIED IN HIS OFFICE FOR THE DEBATE FRIDAY IN HOUSTON.

BUT IN TENNESSEE TUESDAY -- A DAY AFTER HE MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE -- DOLE CAME AT CARTER WITH A NEW BATCH OF QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND VERACITY IN THE LAST DEBATE WITH FORD.

"THE FACT IS THAT MR. CARTER'S WHOLE HOUSE OF CARDS IS BUILT NOT ON WHAT HE TELLS THE PEOPLE BUT ON WHAT HE REFUSES TO TELL THEM," THE GOP VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TOLD A CROWD OF ABOUT 500 AT A \$10-A-PLATE FUND RAISING DINNER IN MARYVILLE.

DOLE MET WITH FORD MONDAY AMID SPECULATION HE WOULD CARVE OUT A TOUGHER STAND AGAINST CARTER, BUT OBSERVERS SAID TUESDAY'S LANGUAGE WAS MILD COMPARED TO EARLIER CRITICISM.

RECALLING CARTER SAID THERE WERE NO RECORDS LEFT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS 1970 CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, DOLE SAID TUESDAY TWO ACCOUNTANTS WHO WORKED IN THAT CAMPAIGN, BILL LYNCH AND RICHARD HARDEN, HAVE SINCE SAID THERE WERE COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS OF SUCH DONATIONS.

"THEIR STORIES ON THE 1970 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER," SAID DOLE, WHO CHALLENGED CARTER TO MAKE PUBLIC THE CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN.

CARTER AIDES SAY THEY HAVE FOUND SOME LISTS GOING BACK TO THE 1970 CAMPAIGN AND WILL MAKE THEM PUBLIC, BUT THE RECORDS DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS OR LIST THE AMOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CARTER HAS "A CHANCE TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO HIS CLAIM THAT HE DOESN'T OWE ANYBODY ANYTHING," DOLE SAID. "THAT MAY BE TRUE, OR IT MAY BE THAT HE HAS ALREADY PAID OFF WHOEVER HE OWED."

CARTER'S DENIAL IN THE OCT. 6 DEBATE THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED A \$15 BILLION DEFENSE SPENDING CUT WAS ALSO QUESTIONED.

DOLE CITED TWO PUBLISHED REPORTS (SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS OF MARCH 18, 1975 AND LOS ANGELES TIMES OF MARCH 20, 1975) QUOTING CARTER AS RECOMMENDING THAT MUCH OF A CUT.

"HE IS DOCUMENTED ON THE EAST COAST AND ON THE WEST COAST AND THE SIMPLE FACT IS THAT MR. CARTER DID NOT TELL THE TRUTH IN THAT DEBATE," SAID DOLE.

CARTER'S AIDES SAY THE FORMER GOVERNOR DOES NOT RECALL MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT AND THAT HE WAS ON THE RECORD BEFORE AND AFTER THOSE DATES AS CALLING FOR DEFENSE CUTS OF \$5 TO \$7 BILLION.

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PM-CARTER SKED 10-13

BY STEVE GERSTEL

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER, RESTING UP FOR A NEW CAMPAIGN SWING, TODAY ACCUSED PRESIDENT FORD -- IN A PREPARED STATEMENT -- OF REFUSING TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO STOP THE SPIRALING COST OF HOSPITAL CARE.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE PLAINS TUESDAY AFTER WHAT HE CALLED ONE OF HIS BEST WEEKS IN THE LONG STRUGGLE TO BEAT PRESIDENT FORD AND RETURN HIS PARTY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN EARLY MORNING VISIT TO CHECK ON THE FAMILY PEANUT BUSINESS, CARTER REMAINED OUT OF SIGHT TUESDAY, EVEN SKIPPING THE LATE AFTERNOON SOFTBALL GAME. HE ALSO WAS EXPECTED TO SPEND MOST OF TODAY AWAY FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

CARTER RETURNS TO ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING THURSDAY WITH A THREE-CITY TOUR OF NEW YORK STATE AND THEN WILL TOUR MICHIGAN, MISSOURI AND OHIO BEFORE TAKING ANOTHER BREAK.

IN A STATEMENT TUESDAY, CARTER SAID "THE ONLY WAY TO STEM THE HEALTH CARE COSTS SPIRAL IS TO MAKE THE HARD POLITICAL AND MANAGEMENT DECISION NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE EFFICIENCY AND ELIMINATE FRAUD FROM OUR SHAMEFULLY DISORGANIZED SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICES.

"THIS THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO DO," CARTER SAID.

CARTER SAID THAT UNDER THE FORD ADMINISTRATION THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT MEDICARE PATIENTS HAVE BEEN HIT WITH AN "UNPRECEDENTED" 19 PER CENT INCREASE IN COSTS, WHICH FOLLOWED A 13 PER CENT INCREASE IMPOSED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

HE ALSO CHARGED THE ADMINISTRATION WITH FAILING TO RESPOND, IN ANY WAY, TO REVELATIONS BY A SENATE INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE THAT AS MUCH AS \$3 BILLION TO \$5 BILLION IN MEDICAID FUNDS IS LOST EACH YEAR THROUGH FRAUD.

CARTER SAID IF HE WERE ELECTED HE WOULD RESTRUCTURE THE SYSTEM OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PAYMENTS "TO ELIMINATE FRAUD AND WASTE, AND ADDED "THIS WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST STEPS MY ADMINISTRATION WOULD TAKE AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE GRADUAL PHASING IN OF A NATIONAL AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM."

HE ALSO WOULD CHANGE COMPLETELY THE MANNER IN WHICH MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS PAY HOSPITALS, AND PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO CUT COSTS, HE SAID.

CARTER EXPLAINED HE WOULD SET REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES, FORECAST AND FIXED IN ADVANCE, AND HOSPITALS WHICH COULD FIND WAYS TO SAVE AND SPEND LESS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO KEEP A PORTION OF THAT AS A BONUS.

HOSPITALS WHICH EXCEEDED THE ESTIMATES WOULD NOT BE FULLY REIMBURSED.

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AM-CARTER-ENDORSE 10-12

MIAMI (UPI) -- THE MIAMI NEWS SAID TUESDAY THAT DEMOCRAT JIMMY CARTER "IS CLEARLY THE BETTER CHOICE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES" AND GAVE THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR ITS ENDORSEMENT.

"... JIMMY CARTER HAS DEMONSTRATED A CAPACITY FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP," A NEWS EDITORIAL SAID. "HE HAS SHOWN A KEEN PERCEPTION OF THE NATION'S PROBLEMS AND EXPRESSED A FIRM RESOLVE IN HANDLING THEM THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OF AMERICA'S INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STRENGTHS.

"WHILE PRESIDENT FORD HAS BEEN A PLEASANT AND DECENT CARETAKER OF GOVERNMENT -- A ROLE THAT WELL SERVED A NATION TRYING TO CATCH ITS BREATH FROM A SERIES OF TRAUMATIC SHOCKS DURING THE NOTORIOUS NIXON YEARS -- HIS ATTEMPTS TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE WERE AS USELESS AS THOSE OLD WIN BUTTONS.

"MR FORD, WORN AND WOODEN, WAS MISCAST AS A NATIONAL LEADER," THE NEWS SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT NO INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE ABLE TO CURE THE NATION'S PROBLEMS OVERNIGHT AND THAT PEOPLE MAY EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM CARTER.

"YET, CARTER CARRIES THE POTENTIAL OF COMBINING DECENCY WITH PURPOSE.

"HE KNOWS THAT THE FORD TRICKLE-DOWN THEORY IS A NATIONAL TRAGEDY FOR THOSE WAITING IN DESPAIR FOR JOBS ... HE KNOWS THAT INFLATION IS STILL DRIVING PEOPLE IN RECORD NUMBERS TO POVERTY LEVELS.

"THERE IS COMPASSION IN CARTER THAT IS NOT SEEN IN FORD," THE EDITORIAL SAID.

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PM-Ford-Bills, 300

WASHINGTON AP - President Ford has passed judgment on a host of bills ranging from a ban on the chemical PCB to a retirement benefit for an Alabama widow.

The judgment on the chemical bill was favorable. The Alabama widow, however, became the object of Ford's 61st veto.

The ban on polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, was part of the Toxic Substances Control Act. The new law authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to block or limit the marketing of new chemical products judged to be harmful.

EPA can require manufacturers to conduct tests on new chemicals and must be given 90 days' notice before one is marketed.

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

Ford's latest veto denied retroactive benefits to Pamela Hester of Foley, Ala., the widow of John A. Hester, an Air Force employe who died in 1972.

She would be entitled to his civil service survivors' benefits, but for a legal quirk involving her prior divorce.

Ford said he has signed other bills rectifying inequitable circumstances caused by the "length of marriage" requirement in the civil service retirement laws.

But in this bill, he said he objected to provisions giving Mrs. Hester 6 per cent interest on the benefits accrued since 1972 and \$5,000 compensation for her trouble in collecting it.

Ford signed a measure compensating another widow, Alice Olson, for the death of her husband with \$750,000.

Dr. Frank Olson plunged to his death from a window in 1953 after unwittingly taking LSD in a Central Intelligence Agency experiment. The true cause of his death came to light in 1973.

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AM-Retail Sales, 200

WASHINGTON AP - Retail sales flattened out in September, marking the third month out of the last five that consumer buying has failed to show a significant increase, the government reported Tuesday.

Since consumer spending generated much of the force behind emergence from the recession last year, the latest flattening is in line with other economic indicators and also signalled that no upsurge seems imminent.

The Commerce Department said retail sales rose \$65 million, for the one-tenth of one per cent, in September, to \$54.6 billion after adjustment for seasonal variations.

At the same time, Commerce also revised downward the August increase in retail sales. The preliminary estimate of August sales had been set last month at 2.3 per cent, but Commerce said additional data made the advance figure 1 per cent.

The major factor in the September performance was a 2.3 per cent decline in automobile sales. The decline in auto sales of \$347 million came on the heels of a \$404 million increase in August.

Aside from autos, the other major sectors were either flat or showed an increase of 2 per cent or less.

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PM-Consumers, 450

ANN ARBOR, Mich. AP - Consumers are more willing to spend money now than they were three months ago because of election prospects and increased confidence in the economy, says a report by University of Michigan researchers.

The report was released Tuesday by the university's Survey Research Center's director, Richard T. Curtin, and George Katona, survey founder. A total of 1,264 persons were interviewed in the poll.

The researchers said the 6.6-point gain between May and early September brings the Index of Consumer Sentiment to 88.8 points, based on 100 points recorded in February 1966.

The most noticeable improvements were noted in attitudes toward the long-term business outlook and in market conditions for purchase of large household durables, such as furniture and television sets, the economists said.

In an effort to gauge the impact of the upcoming presidential elections on consumer attitudes, respondents were asked which candidate they thought would do a better job solving problems related to general business conditions, inflation and unemployment.

The response was about evenly split at 33 per cent each between President Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter. Ford held a slim 38 per cent to 35 per cent lead over Carter on the issue of reducing the inflation rate.

On unemployment, however, Carter was favored 2-1 over Ford as having potential to do the best job.

Respondents generally thought the new president, whoever he is, will improve business conditions. But, the researchers noted data from past election years showed similar expectations, which dissipated after the elections.

For the first time since the 1972 survey, the study reports, more upper-income families believe the next five years will bring good times rather than bad. While half of all families surveyed said they expect business conditions to remain the same in the next 12 months, the researchers said that is not an unfavorable sign, since current conditions are better than a year ago.

And for the first time in more than three years, a majority - 53 per cent - of all families felt it was a good time to buy large household durable goods.

Attitudes toward home buying also showed a marked improvement, although the report noted such sentiment is not an indication of intent to buy. While 47 per cent felt it is a good time to purchase a home, many of them cannot afford to do so.

Showing a less marked improvement were attitudes toward changes in personal financial conditions. Fifty-three per cent said they are financially better off than they were five years ago, compared with 49 per cent in February 1975.

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AM-Crops 380

By BRIAN B. KING

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - The 1976 corn crop, a key to the supply of livestock feed in next year's meat production, was estimated at a record 8.37 billion bushels Tuesday by the Agriculture Department. Staff economist J. Dawson Ahalt said that the corn and other grain crops are "in a reasonable balance with expectations."

New reports of record fall potato and citrus crops brightened the overall agricultural picture.

Ahalt told reporters that he saw no reason to change the department's long-held forecast of a three per cent overall increase in consumer food prices for 1976 over last year's averages and a two to four per cent rise above the first half of 1976 in the first six months of next year.

Ahalt added that 60 per cent of the price grocery-buyers pay is due to the costs and profits of processors, distributors and realtors, "and these spreads are pretty wide right now."

The Tuesday corn estimate, based on field surveys Oct. 1, was one-half of one per cent lower than the prospects reported a month ago. A crop that size would be two per cent greater than last year's. About 21 per cent of it had been harvested at the time of the inspections.

Stubborn dryness that now is delaying the planting of winter wheat in some states was responsible for the third decline in the estimates, the USDA said. Minnesota farmers turned 130,000 acres of damaged corn grain into silage last month, largely accounting for the drop in the estimate.

The effects of drought could be seen in the corn yields in South Dakota, down to 30 bushels an acre after 37 last year, in Missouri, down to 59 from 63, and Minnesota down to 58 from 70, for example.

But the Indiana corn prospects, for example, were set at 662.5 million bushels, a 20 per cent jump from last year.

Earlier Tuesday, the department announced it had added \$7.4 million in credit to its \$3.3 million long-term financing agreement with Israel under the Feed for Peace program. That country is using it to buy U.S. wheat, which Ahalt noted is in "heavy supply."

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PM-Ford-Dean 490

By MICHAEL PÜTZEL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Former White House counsel John W. Dean III said today that President Ford had a role - although probably an unwitting one - in the early stages of the Watergate cover-up.

Dean said the incident occurred during September and October 1972 when the White House was seeking to block a pre-election investigation of Watergate by the late Rep. Wright Patman's House Banking and Currency Committee.

President Richard M. Nixon, according to the White House tapes, directed that then-House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford be enlisted to help block Patman's probe.

It was not clear at the time, nor from Dean's just-published book on Watergate, whether Nixon's instructions were carried out or whether Ford actually discussed the matter with the Nixon White House.

At his confirmation hearings for vice president in 1973, Ford swore he had not talked to Nixon, chief of staff H. R. Haldeman, domestic aide John D. Ehrlichman or Dean about stopping the Patman hearings. But Ford added he was in almost daily contact with White House lobbyists, although he did not recall discussing the matter with any of them.

Dean, in an interview broadcast by NBC's "Today" show today, said one of those lobbyists, Dick Cook, did talk to Ford about the Patman strategy and reported back to the "him on its progress.

"I can recall Dick coming back and telling, for example, how Jerry was going to call a meeting of the minority members . . . and really tell them what they should do on the day of the vote and how they should hold together," Dean said.

Ford did not deny in his confirmation hearings that he sought to block the Patman inquiry. But he said he did so on his own initiative, and not at the behest of the White House.

NBC quoted Cook, now with the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., as saying: "Despite John Dean's repeated and frantic requests, I never spoke with Mr. Ford about the need to deny Mr. Patman's request for subpoena power," the issue on which the investigation eventually was killed.

NBC said Cook accused Dean of using vicious lies and clever distortions in his account, adding: "There is no question in my mind that the President told the truth" during his confirmation hearings.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Nissen, the network said, told NBC Ford would stand on his testimony and would have nothing to add.

Dean, when asked to check his records regarding the contacts with Cook, reportedly said they showed about 15 contacts with the White House liaison, including nine telephone conversations between Sept. 6 and Oct. 12. In more than a half dozen of those conversations, NBC quoted Dean as saying, Cook reported on meetings with Ford about the Watergate problem.

The Patman committee eventually voted 20 to 15 to deny the chairman the subpoena power he needed to carry out a probe. All 15 Republicans on the committee and five Democrats united against Patman.

Dean was asked whether he thought Ford knew about the ongoing cover-up when he helped block the congressional investigation.

"I don't think that anybody had briefed Mr. Ford or that Mr. Ford had any intimate knowledge as to what was going on," Dean said. "I think it was very clear that the White House didn't want this investigation going on just before an election."

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YONKERS, N.Y. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY SIGNED A \$25.6 BILLION REVENUE SHARING BILL AND SAID THE PROGRAM HAD HALTED A TREND TOWARD "MORE CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT" IN WASHINGTON.

FORD, WHO HAMMERED HARD AT JIMMY CARTER AT CAMPAIGN STOPS IN NEW YORK CITY TUESDAY, SOFTENED THE PARTISAN TONE FOR HIS SPEECH ON THE STEPS OF YONKERS CITY HALL BEFORE CROWD ESTIMATED BY CITY OFFICIALS AT 10,000.

BUT FORD CHIDED THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR FOR HIS SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS TO GIVE REVENUE SHARING MONEY TO CITIES, BUT NOT STATES.

"HE (CARTER) APPARENTLY HAD NO TROUBLE WHATSOEVER FINDING USE FOR \$140 MILLION THAT WAS SENT TO GEORGIA DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION," FORD SAID, ADDING THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, CARTER "DIDN'T SEND ONE CENT OF THAT MONEY BACK."

THE AUDIENCE INCLUDED MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WERE DISMISSED FROM CLASSES TO SEE THE FIRST SITTING PRESIDENT TO VISIT THIS CITY. THE AUDIENCE FLOWED DOWN A HILLSIDE FROM CITY HALL AND GAVE FORD A FRIENDLY RECEPTION.

FORD SAID THE BILL EXTENDED THE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS AND PROVIDED \$25.6 BILLION TO 39,000 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

THE BILL, WHICH TAKES EFFECT NEXT JAN. 1 AND RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1980, ALSO LOOSENS UP EARLIER RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THE MONEY COULD BE SPENT.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, FORD SAID, THE PROGRAM HAS "REVERSED A DANGEROUS TREND TOWARD MORE CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON" AND GIVEN TAXPAYERS "AN EVEN GREATER VOICE IN DECIDING HOW THEIR FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT."

FORD SAID WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATS WOULD FURTHER CENTRALIZE AUTHORITY "WITHOUT A PRESIDENT WHO IS WILLING TO SAY NO ... I AM WILLING TO SAY NO." IN ADDITION, FORD SAID, HE OFFERS "IMAGINATIVE ALTERNATIVES" SUCH AS REVENUE SHARING.

HE SAID REVENUE SHARING PUTS DECISION-MAKING POWER IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS INSTEAD OF "BUREAUCRATS ON THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC ... AND I HAVE A LOT MORE FAITH IN YOU THAN I DO IN THEM."

FORD, WHO IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO RECOUP FROM HIS DEBATE STATEMENT LAST WEEK THAT EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION, WAS JOINED ON THE PLATFORM BY CHILDREN IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COSTUMES WITH A SIGN "SLOVAKS FOR FORD."

A SIGN IN THE CROWD SAID: "SLAVIC-AMERICANS KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT."

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DESPITE ASSURANCES BY FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS THAT THE NATIONWIDE SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM IS SAFE, VACCINATIONS IN ALL OR PARTS OF AT LEAST 10 STATES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS OF SEVERAL ELDERLY PERSONS.

FEDERAL RESEARCHERS TODAY WERE EXAMINING RESIDUE LEFT IN VIALS OF SWINE FLU VACCINE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE USE OF THE VACCINE AND THE DEATHS OF THREE ELDERLY PITTSBURGH RESIDENTS ON MONDAY.

"ANY TIME YOU'RE INOCULATING LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME COINCIDENTAL THINGS HAPPENING," SAID DR. DAVID SENCER, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA.

AT LEAST SEVEN PERSONS, ALL ELDERLY, IN FOUR STATES HAVE DIED FOLLOWING SWINE FLU SHOTS, OFFICIALS REPORTED. THE DEAD SUFFERED FROM HEART DISEASE AND WERE LISTED AS MEMBERS OF A "HIGH RISK" GROUP.

IN ADDITION, MICHIGAN HEALTH OFFICIALS, SAYING THEY WOULD TAKE NO CHANCES, STARTED INVESTIGATING TODAY THE DEATHS OF TWO ELDERLY PERSONS WHO DIED OF HEART ATTACKS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIVING SWINE FLU SHOTS.

IN SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, HEALTH DIRECTOR JOHN LYONS SAID HE ORDERED AN AUTOPSY IN THE DEATH LATE TUESDAY OF PAUL AKINS, 75. AKINS DIED OF A HEART ATTACK A DAY AFTER RECEIVING A FLU SHOT. A SIMILAR DEATH OF A 64-YEAR-OLD PORT HURON MAN WAS REPORTED IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY, BUT THE VICTIM WAS NOT IDENTIFIED PENDING AN AUTOPSY THERE.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE SITUATION, BUT THERE WAS NO FURTHER WORD EVEN THOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION-BACKED SWINE FLU PROGRAM APPEARED TO HAVE SUFFERED A SETBACK BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS AND SUSPENDED STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF PANIC FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS.

"WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GET A RASH OF CALLS. THERE'S BEEN NOTHING AT ALL. THERE'S NO PAN BKNZ SAID MRS. HELEN GOMEZ, A NURSE AT THE PLATTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC NORTH OF KANSAS CITY.

SHE SAID PERSONS COMING IN FOR SWINE FLU SHOTS WERE AWARE OF THE DEATHS.

"THEY'VE BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT IT," SHE SAID. "IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BOTHER THEM."

IN VERMONT, ED BOURGEOIS, 74, WAS NEXT IN LINE FOR A FLU SHOT WHEN THE CLINIC IN ALBURG WAS CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE PITTSBURGH DEATHS.

HE SAID HE SUPPORTED THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND, "IF THEY REINSTATE THE INJUNCTIONS, I'LL GO BACK."

DEATHS FOLLOWING VACCINATIONS WERE REPORTED IN PENNSYLVANIA, OKLAHOMA, TENNESSEE AND FLORIDA.

STATES WHICH TEMPORARILY SHELVED VACCINATION PLANS INCLUDED ALASKA, ILLINOIS, LOUISIANA, MAINE, TEXAS, VERMONT, WISCONSIN, NEW MEXICO AND IN PARTS OF VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA.

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PM-Debate Panelists, 100
WASHINGTON AP - Jim Hoge, editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, will be moderator for Friday's vice-presidential debate between Sens. Walter Mondale and Robert Dole, the sponsoring League of Women Voters Education Fund announced today.
Questioners for the debate will be Walter R. Mears, special correspondent for The Associated Press; Hal Bruno, political correspondent for Newsweek, and Marilyn Berger, White House correspondent for NBC News.
The 75-minute debate will be telecast at 9:30 p.m. EDT Friday from the Alley Theater, Houston, Tex.
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PM-Campaign Finance, 300
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By DICK BARNES
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON AP - President Ford had twice as much campaign money left to spend in the last five weeks before the election as Jimmy Carter, according to finance reports made public today.
Through Sept. 30, Ford had spent only \$3.5 million of the \$21.8 million he is allowed to spend in the general election under federal law. Carter, however, had spent \$12.5 million of his identical allotment.
That left Ford with \$18.3 million spending room compared to \$9.3 million for Carter - an edge that could prove critical in the final days of advertising blitzes and other last-minute efforts to win what is regarded as a close election Nov. 2.
However, the reports filed with the Federal Election Commission do not show whether, for example, Carter may have already spent money for media advertisements which have yet to appear, or whether Ford may have already incurred obligations for which bills had not yet been received.
Both candidates' campaign committees are operating with federal funds for the first time in the nation's presidential election history. By accepting the taxpayer money, the candidates are forbidden from receiving any private contributions and are bound to the \$21.8 million spending limit.
Each national party, however, can spend an additional \$3.2 million on behalf of its presidential candidate.
During September, Carter was on the campaign trail much of the time while Ford ventured out only occasionally - one factor presumably leading to the difference in expenditures.
Carter also won his party's nomination five weeks earlier than Ford, meaning he's had more time in which to spend his funds so far.
Costs of each candidate's running mate campaign also come out of the same allotment.
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(POLITICS)

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (UPI) -- MANY VOTERS WANT A PRESIDENT, WHO WILL "TRY TO MAKE THE QUALITY OF LIFE BETTER," BUT THEY DON'T FEEL THEY HAVE THE CHOICE FOR THAT KIND OF PRESIDENT THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO POLLSTER LOUIS HARRIS.

HARRIS SAID THAT ONE OF HIS RECENT STUDIES SHOWED THAT 45 PER CENT OF THE VOTERS WANT SOMEONE WHO WOULD TRY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AMERICA.

HARRIS, INTERVIEWED BY UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT WILLIAM FRIDAY AT A TAPING OF HIS WEEKLY TELEVISION SHOW TUESDAY, SAID 16 PER CENT OF THE VOTERS POLLED PUT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER IN THAT CATEGORY AND 10 PER CENT PUT PRESIDENT FORD IN THAT COLUMN.

"PITIFULLY SMALL NUMBERS THINK FORD AND CARTER FIT WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR," HARRIS SAID.

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (UPI) -- JOAN MONDALE CAMPAIGNED OVER STUFFED CABBAGE IN NEW BRUNSWICK'S HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND URGED HER LISTENERS TO VOTE ON NOV. 2 "BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY CLOSE ELECTION."

ON HER THIRD CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH NEW JERSEY IN A WEEK ON BEHALF OF THE CARTER-MONDALE TICKET, MRS. MONDALE ALSO MET PRIVATELY WITH NEWSPAPER EXECUTIVES IN TRENTON AND VISITED THE HOME OF A DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER IN MAPLEWOOD TUESDAY.

"JIMMY CARTER AND WALTER MONDALE HAVE NO RADICAL IDEAS ABOUT CHANGING OUR GOVERNMENT. THEY WANT TO RETURN TO SIMPLE OLD-FASHIONED VALUES," SHE TOLD ABOUT 300 PERSONS AT A RALLY AT THE HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB.

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(CARTER)

(BY STEVE GERSTEL)

PLAINS (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER, RESTING UP FOR A NEW CAMPAIGN SWING, TODAY ACCUSED PRESIDENT FORD -- IN A PREPARED STATEMENT -- OF REFUSING TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO STOP THE SPIRALING COST OF HOSPITAL CARE.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE PLAINS TUESDAY AFTER WHAT HE CALLED ONE OF HIS BEST WEEKS IN THE LONG STRUGGLE TO BEAT PRESIDENT FORD AND RETURN HIS PARTY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN EARLY MORNING VISIT TO CHECK ON THE FAMILY PEANUT BUSINESS, CARTER REMAINED OUT OF SIGHT TUESDAY, EVEN SKIPPING THE LATE AFTERNOON SOFTBALL GAME. HE ALSO WAS EXPECTED TO SPEND MOST OF TODAY AWAY FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

CARTER RETURNS TO ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING TOMORROW WITH A THREE-CITY TOUR OF NEW YORK STATE AND THEN WILL TOUR MICHIGAN, MISSOURI AND OHIO BEFORE TAKING ANOTHER BREAK.

IN A STATEMENT TUESDAY, CARTER SAID "THE ONLY WAY TO STEM THE HEALTH CARE COSTS SPIRAL IS TO MAKE THE HARD POLITICAL AND MANAGEMENT DECISION NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE EFFICIENCY AND ELIMINATE FRAUD FROM OUR SHAMEFULLY DISORGANIZED SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICES.

"THIS THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO DO," CARTER SAID.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER ENVISIONS A DIVIDED, CROWDED WORLD WHERE "CITIES COULD BE HIJACKED" AND WARNS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ADOPTING A "SIEGE MENTALITY."

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, A POLISH-BORN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, TOLD THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB TUESDAY THAT THE WORLD WILL BE "MORE TURBULENT AND ENERGETIC. THERE IS A NEW GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS, WHERE THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, WHAT THEY LACK AND WHAT THEY RESENT.

"IN 1945, THERE WAS ONLY ONE NUCLEAR POWER, THE UNITED STATES. NOW THERE ARE FIVE; BY THE END OF THIS DECADE THERE WILL BE 25 OR 30. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, INCREASINGLY THE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO MORE SOPHISTICATED PRIVATE TERRORIST GROUPS AND IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME WHERE, INSTEAD OF HIJACKING A PLANE, A CITY BECOMES HIJACKED."

THE STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWD GASPED AUDIBLY AT THAT PREDICTION. "IT WOULD BE TEMPTING," BRZEZINSKI CONTINUED, "FOR AMERICANS TO SAY THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH A HOSTILE WORLD, WE ARE AN ISOLATED OUTPOST, AND THEN WE'D SLIDE INTO A SIEGE MENTALITY.

"IF MY DIAGNOSIS IS RIGHT, THEN IT FOLLOWS THAT THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE WORLD IS TO TRY TO SHAPE THIS NEW INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM, TO REFORM THE EXISTING SYSTEM AND TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM."

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WASHINGTON (UPI)--JIMMY CARTER REMINDS EUGENE MCCARTHY IN SOME WAYS OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

MCCARTHY, IN AN INTERVIEW TO BE BROADCAST OCT. 21 ON PUBLIC TELEVISION, SAID, "I THINK CARTER WOULD OVER-PERSONALIZE THE OFFICE, AND I THINK THAT'S HIGHLY DANGEROUS IN EVERY RESPECT."

"CARTER IS SORT OF SAYING, 'DON'T WORRY, TRUST ME, AND I'LL DO IT.' HE SAID 'I'LL TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CIA ...' THAT'S WHAT NIXON DID; HE TOOK PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT, AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNEW, THE CIA WAS INVOLVED IN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN."

"WHEN CARTER BEGINS TO TALK ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY," MCCARTHY SAID, "I FIND HIM SAYING THINGS IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE THAT ARE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT NIXON SAID, THE IDEA THAT IT IS A PERSONAL OFFICE, OR THAT NIXON SAID HE WAS THE MORAL LEADER OF THE COUNTRY."

MCCARTHY, AND INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SAID HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT FORD "HAS A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE PRESIDENCY AS AN OFFICE IS, AND I THINK WE KNOW HE HAS SOME LIMITATIONS ABOUT HOW HE CONDUCTS HIMSELF IN THAT OFFICE."

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PM-ISRAEL 10-13

BY MATHIS CHAZANOV

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL (UPI) -- DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES TODAY SHRUGGED OFF CHARGES THAT POLITICS WERE BEHIND THE LATEST U.S. ARMS COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.

"IT WAS WHAT WE ASKED FOR AND I AM SATISFIED WITH IT," HE TOLD REPORTERS DURING A TOUR OF BEIT SAHUR, AN ARAB VILLAGE IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF JORDAN.

ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE U.S. ELECTIONS, PERES SAID, "THEY ARE A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY AND HAVE ELECTIONS ALL THE TIME -- IT'S EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ELECTIONS WHEN YOU ASK FOR SOMETHING."

THE INFLUENTIAL MORNING DAILY HA'ARETZ SAID IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE ARMS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ISRAELI ARMY DESPITE THE POLITICAL UNDERTONES.

"THIS IS A POSITIVE FACT WHICH CAN BE PLACED AGAINST THE UNPLEASANT FEELING THAT THE SOURCE IS ISRAEL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN," HA'ARETZ SAID.

IN A NEWS ARTICLE HA'ARETZ QUOTED A HIGH-RANKING SOURCE IN JERUSALEM AS SAYING GETTING THE U.S. TO AGREE TO SUPPLY THE ARMS WAS "QUITE A MAGIC TRICK."

"FOR MANY MONTHS WE WERE WAITING FOR AN ANSWER ON THESE DETAILS, WHICH WERE GUARANTEED IN THE INTERIM AGREEMENT (WITH EGYPT), BUT WE RAN INTO A BLANK WALL, AND HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN WITHIN A FEW DAYS EVERYTHING IS OKAY," THE SOURCE SAID.

THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT FOR THE JERUSALEM POST SAID THE ARMS HAVE ALL BEEN ON ORDER FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND WERE INCLUDED IN THE "SHOPPING LIST" PRESENTED BY PERES DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

OTHER MILITARY SOURCES SAID AT LEAST ONE ITEM WAS SO SOPHISTICATED IT HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED TO THE U.S. ARMY OR NATO FORCES.

THEY SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM MAY PROVE TO BE AGREEMENT TO SHARE ADVANCED ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY, PERHAPS INVOLVED IN THE BUILDING OF CERTAIN SYSTEMS VITAL FOR THE F16 JET FIGHTER.

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PM-ARMS 10-13

BY JIM ANDERSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID WEDNESDAY THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SELL ISRAEL TWO NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST BEFORE -- A "CONCUSSION BOMB" AND AN INFRA-RED SYSTEM THAT CAN "SEE" IN THE DARK.

THE ARMS PACKAGE, WHICH PRESIDENT FORD APPROVED LAST WEEK WAS ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT WITHOUT ANY DETAILS ON THE NEW ARMS INVOLVED.

THE INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT THE NEW ARMS SALES WOULD COST A LITTLE LESS THAN \$200 MILLION, AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENS AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

ALTHOUGH BOTH SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN USED BY U.S. FORCES, NEITHER THE CONCUSSION BOMB NOR THE HEAT-SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT HAS EVER BEEN SOLD TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR NATO. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SALE LEAKED OUT WHEN PENTAGON AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT WHAT THEY FEARED WOULD BE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT STAGE IN A MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE.

AS DESCRIBED BY PENTAGON SOURCES, THE CONCUSSION BOMB IS AN AEROSOL-LIKE DEVICE WHICH SPRAYS OUT A MIST OF INFLAMMABLE FUEL OVER AN AREA AS LARGE AS 700 SQUARE FEET. THE MIXTURE IS THEN IGNITED, KILLING ANYTHING LIVING IN THE AREA.

U.S. FORCES USED THE WEAPON IN THE LATE STAGES OF THE VIETNAM WAR TO CLEAR HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES AND TO KILL HEAVILY DUG-IN ENEMY TROOPS.

THE INFRA-RED HEAT SENSITIVE SYSTEM, WHICH IS USED BY THE U.S. FORCES MANNING THE SINAI OUTPOSTS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES, DETECTS MINUTE CHANGES IN TEMPERATURES, AND SPOTS THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE OR VEHICLES.

THE INFORMED SOURCES SAID THE DECISION TO SELL ISRAEL THE NEW EQUIPMENT WAS A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION AND THE TECHNICAL LEVELS OF THE PENTAGON AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT WERE NOT CONSULTED. THE SOURCES SAID THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE IS "NORMAL" ALTHOUGH THE KINDS OF WEAPONS INVOLVED MAY "BE MORE THAN ROUTINE."

THE ARMS SALE IS PART OF A PROJECTED \$10 BILLION PROGRAM STRETCHING OVER FIVE YEARS. THE NEW ARMS WILL NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE PACKAGE, SO SOME OLDER, CONVENTIONAL ARMS DELIVERIES WILL HAVE TO BE ELIMINATED, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES.

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(PREVIOUS NEW YORK)

BY ARNOLD SAWISLAK

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD, STUMPING NEW YORK'S SUBURBS, TODAY RESUMED HIS BARE-KNUCKLED ATTACK ON JIMMY CARTER, SAYING THE LIVELIEST DEBATE OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE'S ARGUING WITH HIMSELF.

IN YONKERS, FORD ALSO SIGNED A \$25.6 BILLION REVENUE SHARING BILL AND TOOK THE OCCASION TO SAY HE HAS FOUGHT "BUREAUCRATS ON THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC" TO RETURN POWER TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

IN APPEARANCES BEFORE BIG CROWDS IN YONKERS AND WHITE PLAINS, FORD ATTACKED CARTER ON HIS CONTRADICTORY POSITION ON THE ISSUES.

"WE HAVE HEARD ALL FOUR SIDES OF THE TAX ISSUE -- THREE OF THEM FROM JIMMY CARTER," FORD SAID AT THE SECOND CAMPAIGN STOP OF THE DAY. "THE LIVELIEST DEBATE IS BETWEEN JIMMY CARTER AND JIMMY CARTER."

HE SAID CARTER CLAIMED TO BE IN FAVOR OF A BALANCED BUDGET, BUT OPPOSED FORD'S VETOS OF SPENDING BILLS.

HE SAID CARTER CLAIMED THE UNITED STATES WAS WEAK MILITARILY, BUT WANTED TO CUT THE DEFENSE BUDGET \$15 BILLION.

HE SAID CARTER CLAIMED TO BE FOR CONTROLLING INFLATION, BUT SUPPORTED A DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM WITH PROPOSALS THAT WOULD INCREASE SPENDING BY \$100 BILLION TO \$200 BILLION.

"HE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM DO IT," FORD SAID.

THE SPEECHES AT YONKERS AND WHITE PLAINS WERE MADE FROM THE STEPS OF THE RESPECTIVE CITY HALLS.

YONKERS CITY MANAGER VINCENT CASTALDO ESTIMATED THE YONKERS CROWD AT 10,000 AND CARMINE MOTTO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR WHITE PLAINS, SAID 15,000 WERE GATHERED THERE TO HEAR THE PRESIDENT, WHO STOPPED TO SHAKE HANDS ALONG THE POLICE LINES BEFORE LEAVING.

POLICE OFFICERS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES GAVE LOWER ESTIMATES OF THE CROWD SIZE.

WHILE FORD WAS ON THE ATTACK, DEFENSIVENESS AMONG HIS SUPPORTERS OVER LAST WEEK'S DEBATE GAFFE ON EASTERN EUROPE WAS STILL EVIDENT.

ON THE PLATFORM, SEVERAL CHILDREN IN EASTERN EUROPEAN DRESS HELD A SIGN "SLOVAKS FOR FORD."

A SIGN IN THE CROWD SAID: "SLAVIC-AMERICANS KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT."

ON TUESDAY, FORD TOURED BROOKLYN AND ADDRESSED ABOUT 900 GOP CONTRIBUTORS. LATER TODAY, THE PRESIDENT WILL DRIVE ACROSS THE HUDSON RIVER TO PARAMUS AND UNION, N.J., BEFORE RETURNING TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

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By HOWARD BENEDICT

Associated Press Writer

YONKERS, N.Y. AP - President Ford, who says Jimmy Carter is "a minor leaguer," who would raise taxes on middle income Americans, today signed a \$25.5 billion extension of the general revenue-sharing bill and called it "another milestone in the continuing effort to make the government work better for the American taxpayer."

The money will be distributed to thousands of state, county and municipal governments over a 45-month period from Jan. 1, 1977 to Sept. 30, 1980.

As a site for the signing, Ford chose the steps of the City Hall at Yonkers, a New York suburb which like the metropolis has had financial difficulties. New York state's fourth largest city with a population of 205,000, Yonkers was on the verge of defaulting last winter until bailed out by loans from the state and a consortium of banks.

Arriving here after attending a Republican fund raiser in New York Tuesday night, the President combined the symbolic bill signing - which ended 18 months of efforts by his administration to have the plan extended by Congress - with a campaign rally attracting several thousand persons.

He said that in the past four years more than \$30 billion have been handed out to 39,000 government units under the federal revenue-sharing plan, and said this "has held the state and local property taxes in check and promoted economic well-being in thousands of communities."

"With revenue sharing we are restoring local control over local decisions rather than leaving them in the hands of some bureaucrat in Washington."

Ford said many Democrats in Congress had opposed the extension. "The Democrats in Washington don't trust local governments. The Democrats in Washington want to tell you how to run your state and local affairs," he said. "They would make federal government bigger, more powerful and more expensive."

Ford jabbed at Carter, saying the Democratic presidential candidate has stated his opposition to general revenue sharing in its present form, but found use for \$141 million in such funds when he was governor of Georgia. "He didn't send back one penny to Washington during those four years," Ford said.

Carter has advocated extension of the revenue-sharing program for five years but with several changes, such as bypassing states to give funds directly to cities so they will have more control over the use of the money and because they cannot generate more taxes as easily as state governments can.

Carter has also said, however, that revenue sharing "violates a basic principle in government fiscal management, in that the responsibilities for raising and spending funds are separated."

Meeting Tuesday night with a group of news executives in New York, Ford said he thinks "the bumps are behind us."

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PM-FORD-HEALTHTRAIN 10-13

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD HAS SIGNED A \$1.5 BILLION HEALTH EDUCATION BILL AIMED AT FILLING AN "ALARMING" VOID OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AND INNER-CITY AREAS AND SHORING UP A NATIONWIDE DECLINE IN GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

IN A STATEMENT, FORD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE HIGH COST. BUT HE ALSO PRAISED THE THREE-YEAR BILL, SAYING IT "VIRTUALLY ASSURES THAT NO INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DENIED A MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR FINANCIAL REASONS."

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT CREATES A NEW HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM AND A LOAN INSURANCE FUND THROUGH FISCAL 1978.

IT ALSO CONTINUES AND EXPANDS A CURRENT MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND MEDICAL SCHOOL. IN RETURN, EACH RECIPIENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN A HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE AREA FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

IN A STATEMENT RELEASED WITH THE SIGNING ANNOUNCEMENT, FORD SAID A GOVERNMENT STUDY HAD SHOWED "THERE WERE ALARMING SIGNS THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS FACING TWO GROWING PROBLEMS:

" -- NOT ENOUGH DOCTORS IN RURAL AND INNER CITY AREAS.

" -- A CONTINUING DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS PRACTICING PRIMARY CARE" BECAUSE TOO MANY MEDICAL STUDENTS ARE SPECICIALIZING INSTEAD OF BECOMING GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.

THE BILL ALSO REQUIRES MEDICAL SCHOOLS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO PROVIDE ANNUALLY AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENCY POSITIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTIES SUCH AS INTERNAL MEDICINE, PEDIATRICS AND FAMILY MEDICINE.

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PM-GRANT 10-13

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION SAID TODAY HE EXPECTS FARMERS TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT FORD IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION AND FEELS THE FARM BALLOTS WILL BE THE "SWING VOTE" IN THE ELECTION.

AFBF PRESIDENT ALLAN GRANT SAID THE FEDERATION WOULD NOT MAKE A FORMAL ENDORSEMENT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST, BUT LEFT NO DOUBT WHERE HE AND HIS ORGANIZATION STOOD.

DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, GRANT CONTINUALLY ASSAILED POSITIONS ON AGRICULTURE OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER AND HAD LITTLE CRITICISM OF FORD, ADDING THE FEDERATION WAS "BASICALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH MOST OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM."

THE FEDERATION HAS ABOUT 2.5 MILLION MEMBER-FAMILIES IN 49 STATES.

"I THINK THE FARM VOTE WILL BE THE SWING VOTE IN THIS ELECTION," GRANT SAID UNDER QUESTIONING, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IN CALIFORNIA, ILLINOIS, IOWA, FLORIDA AND MOST OTHER SOUTHERN STATES.

"I THINK THEY'LL VOTE FOR MR. FORD ... GENERALLY SPEAKING," GRANT ADDED.

HE SPECIFICALLY CRITICIZED CARTER FOR HIS PLAN TO HAVE A STOREHOUSE FOR FOOD AND FEED GRAIN, FAVORING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON FOODSTUFFS AND FEED GRAINS, AND THE FACT CARTER "IS IN LINE WITH LABOR AND HE SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 14 IN CALIFORNIA."

PROPOSITION 14 WOULD ENABLE UNION OFFICIALS TO GO ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY IN CALIFORNIA TO TRY TO ORGANIZE WORKERS INTO A UNION.

GRANT SAID THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ "WILL HAVE NO APPRECIABLE EFFECT" ON THE CAMPAIGN, ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING BUTZ WAS POPULAR WITH FARMERS. THE FARM LEADERS ADDED HE HAS "HIGH ADMIRATION FOR EARL BUTZ."

ON ANOTHER ISSUE, GRANT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD PLANS TO INCREASE THE LOAN RATE FOR WHEAT FARMERS, ADDING THE FEDERATION WAS NEITHER OPPOSING NOR ADVOCATING AN INCREASE.

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BY SCOTT MACLEOD

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A VIRGINIA HEALTH OFFICIAL TODAY ORDERED THE RESUMPTION OF THE STATE'S SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM DESPITE THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST NINE ELDERLY PERSONS IN FIVE STATES WHO RECEIVED SWINE FLU SHOTS.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT THE DEATHS OF ELDERLY PERSONS INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE WERE NOT RELATED TO THE VACCINE.

DR. ROBERT L. WOOD, HEAD OF THE VIRGINIA SWINE FLU INOCULATION PROGRAM, ORDERED THE PROGRAM RESUMED AFTER LEARNING FROM PENNSYLVANIA OFFICIALS THAT THE DEATHS OF THREE ELDERLY PERSONS THERE WERE UNRELATED TO THE VACCINE. VIRGINIA HAD SUSPENDED THE PROGRAM TUESDAY UPON FIRST LEARNING OF THE DEATHS.

"THE REASON WE SUSPENDED THE PROGRAM WAS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DEATHS, OTHER THAN THAT THE PEOPLE DIED AFTER RECEIVING SHOTS," HE SAID.

WOOD ADDED HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH OFFICIALS THAT "THE DEATHS WERE UNRELATED TO THE VACCINE."

BUT MICHIGAN TODAY ORDERED A HALT TO ITS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF TWO ELDERLY PERSONS AND HEALTH OFFICIALS IN NINE OTHER STATES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED VACCINATION PROGRAMS. THEY SAID THEY WERE AWAITING WORD FROM FEDERAL RESEARCHERS ON WHETHER THE DEATHS COULD BE LINKED TO THE VACCINE.

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED STATES THE SWINE FLU PROGRAM IS SAFE AND HAS URGED THOSE STATES WHICH SUSPENDED THEIR INOCULATION PROGRAMS TO RESUME GIVING SHOTS TO THE ELDERLY AND OTHER "HIGH RISK" PERSONS BEFORE THE FLU SEASON STRIKES THIS WINTER.

THE PROGRAM IS PART OF A NATIONWIDE, \$135 MILLION IMMUNIZATION EFFORT.

AT LEAST NINE PERSONS, ALL ELDERLY, IN FIVE STATES HAVE DIED FOLLOWING SWINE FLU SHOTS, OFFICIALS REPORTED. DEATHS FOLLOWING VACCINATIONS WERE REPORTED IN MICHIGAN, PENNSYLVANIA, OKLAHOMA, TENNESSEE AND FLORIDA.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE SITUATION, BUT THERE WAS NO FURTHER WORD EVEN THOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION-BACKED SWINE FLU PROGRAM APPEARS TO HAVE SUFFERED A SETBACK BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS AND SUSPENDED STATE PROGRAMS.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF PANIC FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS.

"WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GET A RASH OF CALLS. THERE'S BEEN NOTHING AT ALL. THERE'S NO PANIC," SAID MRS. HELEN GOMEZ, A NURSE AT THE PLATTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC NORTH OF KANSAS CITY.

SHE SAID PERSONS COMING IN FOR SWINE FLU SHOTS WERE AWARE OF THE DEATHS.

"THEY'VE BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT IT," SHE SAID. "IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BOTHER THEM."

DR. LEO L. WALTER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, SAID SOME DEATHS FROM OTHER CAUSES FOLLOWING INOCULATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED.

STATES WHICH TEMPORARILY SHELVED VACCINATION PLANS INCLUDED ALASKA, ILLINOIS, LOUISIANA, MAINE, VERMONT, WISCONSIN, NEW MEXICO, ALLEGHENY COUNTY IN PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN, AND TEXAS EXCEPT FOR HOUSTON AND HARRIS COUNTY.

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PM-HAIG 10-13

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- GEN. ALEXANDER M. HAIG, COMMANDER OF ALLIED TROOPS IN EUROPE, SAID TODAY THAT HE EXPECTS CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE THIRD WORLD -- BUT, NEVERTHELESS, MILITARY STRENGTH IN EUROPE MUST BE MAINTAINED.

IN A SPEECH TO A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, HAIG DISCUSSED THE LATEST SERIES OF MILITARY EXERCISES IN EUROPE, THE THREAT FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES, AND WHAT THE WEST MUST DO TO COUNTER IT.

"WHAT WAS ONCE AN ESSENTIALLY CONTINENTAL SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITY CONFINED LARGELY TO EUROPE HAS TODAY BECOME A GLOBAL CAPABILITY PROVIDING THE SOVIETS THE POTENTIAL FOR AN IMPERIALIST PHASE IN THEIR FOREIGN POLICY," HE SAID. "MANAGING GLOBAL SOVIET MILITARY POWER HAS ACCORDINGLY BECOME A MAJOR TASK FOR THE WEST."

HAIG SAID THE JOB OF STANDING UP THE RUSSIANS WILL DEPEND ON REGIONAL BALANCES OF POWER AND POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET PRIORITIES STILL RANK EUROPE HIGH ON THE LIST.

"HOWEVER," HE SAID, "I DON'T THINK THAT MEANS THE WEST IS LIKELY IN THE NEAR TERM TO SEE A DIRECT MILITARY CHALLENGE IN CENTRAL EUROPE."

"RATHER, IN CONFLICT TERMS, WE ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH A CONTINUATION OF AMBIGUOUS, AMBILALENT SITUATIONS ON THE FLANKS AND PERIPHERY -- CHALLENGES RESULTING FROM THIRD WORLD DYNAMICS, AND WHICH MAY NOT EVEN RESULT FROM DELIBERATE SUPERPOWER INSTIGATION, BUT WHICH COULD EASILY INDUCE CONFRONTATION."

THEREFORE, HAIG CONCLUDED, "MANAGING THESE SITUATIONS WILL CLEARLY REQUIRE NATO TO MAINTAIN A MILITARY BALANCE FLANK TO FLANK."

HAIG'S OUTLOOK WAS OPTIMISTIC, SAYING THE ARMY IN EUROPE WAS "MAKING TREMENDOUS STRIDES. WHILE WE STILL HAVE SOME CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF EQUIPMENT, AMMUNITION, AND FORCED POSTURING, THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AT EVERY ESCHELON HAS STRINGINGLY IMPROVED."

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BC-U.S.-Israel 320
By KENNETH J. FREED
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - The new package of arms aid being arranged for Israel includes a tactical weapon used by the United States in Southeast Asia called the CBU - for cluster bomb units.

It was learned today that the CBU55 weapon will be provided Israel along with several other types of arms, including, as previously disclosed, a missile guidance system that uses infra-red rays to find targets.

The CBU is used primarily against tactical targets such as truck and petroleum depots and masses of tanks. For instance, the United States used CBUs in the early 1970s to clear helicopter landing zones in Southeast Asia.

Basically, a CBU sets off a concussive effect on a target that crushes any object in the area.

Israel has had CBUs in the past, but of less magnitude than the 55 series. The new arrangement will follow the old agreement under which Israel agreed not to use the bomb against civilian targets.

Informed sources said that the sale of the bombs as well as the infra-red targeting device is part of a series that may also include additional tanks.

So far, the value of the guidance systems and the CBUs total between \$150 million and \$200 million. Under federal law, the Ford administration must inform Congress once the actual offer has been made to Israel. Congress then has 30 days to specifically disapprove the sale or it goes through.

Administration officials said Congress probably would not be informed of the newest transactions until the new session begins next January.

The sale of the CBUs as well as the targeting system is part of a previously agreed-to aid program under which Israel will get in excess of \$1 billion in military equipment. In other words, the newly disclosed transactions do not represent additional aid to the Jerusalem government.

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Each candidate will make an opening statement of up to two minutes, and each will have up to three minutes at the end for a summation.

The questions will rotate among the three journalists, and the candidates will alternate in responding first.

After each question, the first candidate will have up to 2½ minutes to answer, then his rival will have 2½ minutes. The first candidate then gets up to one minute for rebuttal.

The format differs from the presidential debates, where there have been no opening statements and no time for rebuttal.

The debate will be divided in three parts, with questions first on domestic issues, then foreign issues and then on any topic.

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(CONYERS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- REP. JOHN CONYERS, D-MICH., SAID TODAY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF HAD INDICATED HE WOULD DECIDE BY THE END OF THE WEEK WHETHER HE WILL INVESTIGATE PRESIDENT FORD'S ROLE IN BLOCKING A 1973 WATERGATE INVESTIGATION BY THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE.

CONYERS DEMANDED THE INVESTIGATION IN A LETTER TO RUFF LAST WEEK, AND MET WITH RUFF TUESDAY.

CONYERS SAID ONLY SOME 200 UNHEARD WHITE HOUSE TAPES, RANGING FROM SEPTEMBER, 1972, THROUGH MAY, 1973, CAN DETERMINE WHETHER FORD, THEN HOUSE GOP LEADER, CONSPIRED WITH RICHARD NIXON TO BLOCK THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION AND WHETHER FORD COMMITTED PERJURY IN ASSURING HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES DURING CONFIRMATION HEARINGS THAT HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE WHITE HOUSE.

"SOMEBODY MUST LISTEN TO THOSE TAPES BEFORE NOV. 2," CONYERS TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

CONYERS ALSO SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN PETER RODINO, D-N.J., WHETHER THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD HEARINGS ON FORD'S POSSIBLE ROLE AND HIS DENIAL THAT HE WAS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN BLOCKING THE INVESTIGATION BY FORMER BANKING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WRIGHT PATMAN, D-TEX., BUT SAID HE WAS ACTING ON HIS OWN WITHOUT WHITE HOUSE DIRECTIONS.

CONYERS SAID RUFF INDICATED IN A MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HE WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER BY THE END OF THE WEEK AS TO WHETHER THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WOULD INVESTIGATE.

CONYERS POINTED OUT THAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR HAS ACCESS TO MORE THAN 200 TAPES, MOST OF WHICH INVOLVE EITHER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OR MEETINGS BETWEEN NIXON AND FORD, WHICH NO ONE HAS LISTENED TO OR TRANSCRIBED.

EVIDENCE UNCOVERED BY THE NEWS MEDIA AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN JOHN DEAN'S BOOK "BLIND AMBITION" LED HIM TO REQUEST THE INVESTIGATION NOW, CONYERS SAID.

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NEW YORK AP - Former White House counsel John Dean concluded while in prison that "Deep Throat," the mysterious informer in the Washington Post's coverage of the Watergate scandal, was Nixon speechwriter David Gergen, the New York Post said Wednesday.

The Post said Dean arrived at his conclusion after talking with former White House friends and long personal deliberation. But the Post said Dean declined to name Gergen as the figure in his just-published book, "Blind Ambition - the White House Years," because he was not absolutely sure.

The 34-year-old Gergen, now director of President Ford's White House Office of Communications, said, "there is not one scintilla of evidence that I had, or was in a position to have," the material Deep Throat gave to Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward.

Since Woodward and fellow reporter Carl Bernstein wrote about the cover-up scandal, guessing the identity of "Deep Throat," has been a favorite parlor game around Washington with names such as former CIA Director Richard Helms, former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray, former Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst, former FBI official W. Mark Felt and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, often cropping up.

Taylor Branch, who edited Dean's book, said Dean thought long and hard about his "Deep Throat" conclusion. Taylor said it was only Dean's penchant for total accuracy that prevented the former White House counsel from naming Gergen in the book.

The Post said that Gergen has acknowledged that he acted as a contact between Woodward and the White House from the spring of 1973 through the Watergate period but he insists that during 1972, when the break-in and cover-up took place, he had "zero contact" with Woodward.

According to the Post, Gergen also maintains that his contact with Woodward while he was in the White House was a "known relationship." He said he made appointments with the reporter through then White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr., "so they would know I was talking to him. Even the President knew I was talking to him."

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JOHN DEAN SAID WEDNESDAY THAT GERALD FORD, WHILE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, WAS CONTACTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1972 ON BLOCKING THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL WATERGATE INVESTIGATION. FORD HAS TESTIFIED THAT HE RECALLED NO SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

SHORTLY AFTER DEAN MADE HIS STATEMENT, REP. JOHN CONYERS, D-MICH., TOLD REPORTERS THAT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF INDICATED HE WILL DECIDE BY THE END OF THIS WEEK WHETHER TO INVESTIGATE FORD'S ROLE IN HEADING OFF A 1973 WATERGATE INQUIRY BY THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE.

DEAN, THE FORMER NIXON AIDE WHOSE TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE HELPED LEAD TO NIXON'S RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT, SAID ON NBC-TV'S TODAY SHOW THAT RICHARD COOK OF NIXON'S STAFF TALKED WITH FORD MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN TIMES ABOUT USING HIS INFLUENCE TO STAVE OFF THE INVESTIGATION.

DEAN SAID FORD AT ONE POINT INDICATED HE WOULD TELL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE BANKING COMMITTEE "WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE" WHEN THE PANEL DECIDED WHETHER TO LOOK INTO THE WATERGATE BURGLARY.

COOK DENIED DEAN'S ALLEGATIONS, ACCUSING HIM OF "VICIOUS LIES AND CLEVER DISTORTIONS."

"THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE TRUTH," SAID COOK, NOW EMPLOYED BY AN AIRCRAFT COMPANY. HE SAID HE DID NOT CONTACT FORD "DESPITE JOHN DEAN'S REPEATED AND FRANTIC REQUESTS" THAT HE DO SO.

FORD TESTIFIED AT HEARINGS ON HIS CONFIRMATION AS VICE PRESIDENT IN 1973 THAT "TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION" HE DID NOT TALK WITH ANY OF NIXON'S STAFF ABOUT BLOCKING THE INQUIRY.

DEAN SAID, "COOK WAS THE MAN WHO DID THE LEG WORK AND DEALT WITH MR. FORD AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ..."

"I CAN RECALL DICK (COOK) COMING BACK AND TELLING, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW JERRY WAS GOING TO CALL A MEETING OF THE MINORITY MEMBERS ... AND REALLY TELL THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE AND HOW THEY SHOULD HOLD TOGETHER AND THINGS OF THIS NATURE."

ASKED IF THAT MEANT THE REPUBLICANS WERE TO TRY BLOCKING THE HEARINGS, DEAN REPLIED: "THAT'S CORRECT."

THE BANKING COMMITTEE STARTED AN INVESTIGATION OF WATERGATE, BUT IT WAS THWARTED IN OCTOBER, 1972, WHEN THE PANEL VOTED 20 TO 15 NOT TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES.

CONYERS, WHO DEMANDED LAST WEEK THAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LOOK INTO FORD'S ROLE, SAID RUFF TOLD HIM TUESDAY HE PROBABLY WOULD DECIDE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BY WEEK'S END.

CONYERS TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE QUESTIONS CAN BE CLEARED UP IF RUFF WILL LISTEN TO ABOUT 200 WHITE HOUSE TAPES, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER, 1972, THROUGH MAY, 1973, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD OR TRANSCRIBED.

"SOMEBODY MUST LISTEN TO THOSE TAPES BEFORE NOV. 2," ELECTION DAY, CONYERS SAID. AND HE SAID HE WILL CONFER WITH CHAIRMAN PETER RODINO, D-N.J., OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THAT PANEL LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

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BY SCOTT MACLEOD

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

MEDICAL DETECTIVES TODAY CONCLUDED THAT THREE ELDERLY PERSONS IN PITTSBURGH SUCCUMBED TO HEART ATTACKS AND NOT FROM CONTAMINATED SWINE FLU VACCINE.

NATIONWIDE AT LEAST NINE PERSONS HAVE DIED FOLLOWING INOCULATIONS AND AN ELDERLY WOMAN WHO RECEIVED A SHOT WAS HOSPITALIZED IN HELENA, MONT., AFTER SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK.

DR. PHILIP L. GRAITCER, AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST FLOWN TO PITTSBURGH TUESDAY FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA, SAID ALL THREE VICTIMS HAD HEART AILMENTS AND COULD HAVE DIED AS THE RESULT OF BEING PLACED IN A STRESSFUL SITUATION.

"JUST GETTING ON A TROLLEY IS A STRESSFUL SITUATION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE," HE SAID. HE SAID THAT TWO OF THE VICTIMS EXPERIENCED ADDITIONAL STRESS BY WITNESSING THE THIRD VICTIM COLLAPSE AT THE CLINIC MONDAY, WHERE ALL THREE RECEIVED FLU SHOTS DURING THE SAME HOUR. EACH DIED WITHIN TWO HOURS.

GRAITCER AND DR. ROBERT B. CRAVEN, BOTH OF WHOM WORKED ON THE "LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE" CASE IN PENNSYLVANIA LAST SUMMER, CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SURVEYS TUESDAY AND WERE "TYING UP LOOSE ENDS" TODAY.

GRAITCER SAID THE PAIR MAY FLY BACK TO ATLANTA TONIGHT AFTER MEETING WITH THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. THEY WILL PRESENT DATA TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO REOPEN ITS INOCULATION PROGRAM, SUSPENDED TUESDAY AFTER THE DEATHS WERE MADE PUBLIC.

AT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS IN BETHESDA, MD. LABORATORY TECHNICIANS TODAY WERE MAKING CONTAMINATION TESTS ON RESIDUE TAKEN FROM BOTTLES OF THE VACCINE GIVEN TO THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS. RESULTS WERE EXPECTED TODAY OR THURSDAY.

"WE DO NOT EXPECT TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM, BECAUSE WE DO NOT EXPECT TO FIND A BAD BATCH," SAID A SPOKESMAN.

IN VIRGINIA, HEALTH OFFICIALS ORDERED THE RESUMPTION OF THE STATE'S VACCINATION PROGRAM DESPITE THE DEATHS REPORTED IN FIVE STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

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FARM BUREAU

BY BRIAN B. KING

WASHINGTON (AP) -- ALLAN GRANT, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, SAID TODAY THAT THE RESIGNATION OF EARL BUTZ AS AGRICULTURE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE "NO APPRECIABLE EFFECT" ON THE VOTES OF FARMERS.

GRANT, WHO HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BUTZ, TOLD REPORTERS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE "IS GOING ON AS USUAL." BUTZ RESIGNED OCT.

4. HE ALSO SAID HE EXPECTS FARMERS TO VOTE FOR FORD IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THE FARM VOTE IN CALIFORNIA, ILLINOIS, IOWA, FLORIDA AND MOST OF THE SOUTH COULD DETERMINE THE FINAL RESULT, HE SAID. THE TOP 20 STATES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION HAVE 267 ELECTORAL VOTES OF THE 269 NEEDED FOR ELECTION.

GRANT ALSO COMMENTED THAT "IN A POLITICAL YEAR, THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT USUALLY ARE NOT GOOD FOR AGRICULTURE ONCE THE TEMPEST IS OVER."

HIS COMMENTS CAME AT A TIME WHEN PRESIDENT FORD IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO INCREASE THE RATE FOR WHEAT PRODUCTION LOANS.

GRANT SAID HE IS NOT AMONG THOSE PRESSURING FORD FOR THE INCREASE BUT IS NOT OPPOSED TO IT, PROVIDING IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE MARKETPLACE.

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SOLD THEIR PART OF THE NEAR RECORD WHEAT CROP OF 2.13 BILLION BUSHELS WOULD BENEFIT, HE NOTED.

ON TUESDAY, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, JIMMY CARTER, URGED AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN THE PRICE SUPPORT LOAN LEVEL AVAILABLE TO WHEAT FARMERS. HE DID NOT SAY WHAT HE THINKS THE LOAN LEVEL SHOULD BE BUT SAID THE CURRENT LEVEL OF \$1.50 PER BUSHEL IS INADEQUATE.

THE LOANS ARE USED TO GET CASH AT PLANTING OR MARKETING TIME AND NORMALLY WOULD BE UPDATED NEXT SPRING TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASES IN PRODUCTION COSTS.

UNDER THE PRESENT PROGRAM THE WHEAT LOAN RATE IS \$1.50 AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE "DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS" IF THE AVERAGE MARKET PRICE FOR THIS SEASON FALLS BELOW \$2.29. WHEAT IS SELLING THIS WEEK AT MORE THAN \$2.50, COMPARED TO \$2.79 A BUSHEL A YEAR AGO.

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BY JAMES R. DORSEY

BOSTON (UPI) -- A MISTRIAL WAS DECLARED WEDNESDAY IN THE ROBBERY-MURDER TRIAL OF SUSAN SAXE, 27-YEAR-OLD FORMER HONOR STUDENT AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY WHO TURNED TO REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS, BECAUSE OF A HUNG JURY.

THE JURY QUIT IN A DEADLOCK AFTER DELIBERATING FIVE DAYS WITHOUT REACHING A VERDICT ON THE CASE IN WHICH MS. SAXE, ONCE ON THE FBI'S MOST WANTED LIST, WAS ACCUSED OF TWO COUNTS OF ARMED ROBBERY AND ONE COUNT OF FELONY MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH A 1970 BANK HOLDUP WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A POLICEMAN.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WALTER MCLAUGHLIN ORDERED EACH JUROR NOT TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFICS OF HIS DELIBERATIONS OR TO REVEAL WHY HE COULD NOT REACH A VERDICT.

"THESE INDICTMENTS ARE STILL LIVE INDICTMENTS," THE JUDGE SAID. "THIS MEANS THERE COULD BE A RETRIAL.

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By SHELLY COHEN

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON AP - The murder-armed robbery trial of Susan E. Saxe, the anti-war activist who made it to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list, ended Wednesday in a hung jury and the judge declared a mistrial.

The panel of six men and six women deliberated nearly five days without being able to reach a verdict. The jury announced at 3 p.m. that it was hopelessly deadlocked.

Superior Court Chief Justice Walter McLaughlin then announced a mistrial on all charges.

Ms. Saxe was charged with the 1970 robbery of the State Street Bank Brighton Branch. Boston Patrolman Walter Schroeder was shot to death by an alleged backup man for that robbery team.

McLaughlin also instructed the jury not to discuss the case or their votes on it outside the courtroom, saying such discussions would make it difficult to find a "fair and impartial jury," for a possible second trial.

The jury, in a note to the judge, said, "we are numb from the discussion and have reached a point where further discussion," would be meaningless.

The jury said its members "do not have and cannot foresee," any agreement on any of the three indictments.

The clerk read each separate indictment and on behalf of the jury, foreman Dennis Lee Milford said to each count, "The jury has been unable to reach an agreement." The judge said his request to the jury to refrain from talking about the case was made at the request of lawyers for both sides.

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By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

Associated Press Writer

NEW CITY, N.Y. AP - Campaigning in middle-class New York City suburbs, President Ford renewed his attacks on Jimmy Carter's positions on taxes and economic issues Wednesday, and promised his own administration would show "compassion for the American taxpayer."

Reviving a previously used theme, the President repeatedly told crowds that Carter would raise taxes on middle-income Americans. "He's for higher taxes for people earning over \$14,000," Ford said.

Carter has denied that, saying he wants to shift the tax burden to higher incomes, eliminate what he calls tax loopholes which benefit the rich, and reduce taxes for lower- and middle-income taxpayers.

In a speech before a large crowd in front of the White Plains City Hall, Ford said, "I say the middle-income taxpayer is already overtaxed, overburdened and underrepresented."

Ford was the only one of the four national candidates on the campaign trail, and attracted sizable crowds as he moved through the populous region of New York and New Jersey. He was to return to Washington later in the day.

Earlier, Ford signed a bill extending the multibillion dollar federal revenue-sharing program for another 3½ years.

The signing ceremony took place on the City Hall steps in Yonkers, a city which has suffered from financial difficulties similar to those of nearby New York City. Yonkers, the state's fourth largest city, came close to default last winter but was rescued by loans from the state and a consortium of banks.

Ford told the crowd at the signing ceremony that the revenue-sharing program, under which block grants go directly to state and local governments, has "begun to restore the necessary balance between the federal government and local units of government."

"That means you in Yonkers, you in Westchester County will be making the decisions rather than some bureaucrat on the banks of the Potomac, and I have a lot more faith in you than I have in them."

Ford went on to portray Carter as saying he is opposed to revenue sharing "in its present form."

The President said Carter has described the revenue-sharing program as "a big hoax and a mistake."

"But he Carter apparently had no trouble finding uses for the \$140 million in general revenue-sharing funds that came to Georgia during his one term as governor of that state. He didn't send a single penny of that big hoax revenue sharing back to Washington during those four years."

Carter has said he favors extending federal revenue sharing but with some changes, in particular to bypass the states and give money directly to local governments. This would give them more autonomy in using the money and also help relieve them of the need for new tax sources which are harder for cities to find than for states, Carter says. He also has said revenue sharing violates a basic principle of government in that it separates the responsibilities of raising and spending public funds.

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At White Plains, Ford described Carter as "my opponent from Plains, Ga.," and said, "He makes the promises. You, here in White Plains would have to pay for them."

The President also renewed his criticism of the Democratic presidential nominee for alleged conflicts in his stance on issues. "You've heard all four sides of issues, three of them from Mr. Carter," Ford said.

Addressing a crowd that was estimated at 15,000 persons, he went on to tick off a series of supposed contradictions in Carter's positions.

He said Carter publicly opposes inflation, but supports a Democratic party platform which, the Republicans claim, contains between \$100 billion and \$200 billion in new spending programs.

The President said Carter advocates reductions in federal spending, but has opposed Ford's vetoes of spending bills, which the President claims have saved \$9 billion.

Carter has put no specific price tag on his projected programs but says his measures to cut spending and improve the economy would produce \$60 billion in new revenue which would be used to pay for them.

He also has said no new programs would be launched until revenue was available to pay for them without a general tax increase.

Ford said Carter at one point favored elimination of the deduction on income taxes for home mortgage interest and then reversed himself. "I'm not going to let homeowners become the next endangered species," he said. "Jimmy Carter would."

"We've heard a lot of talk in this campaign about compassion. How about a lot of compassion for the American taxpayer? That's what Gerald Ford stands for."

Asked about the President's reaction to the deaths of several persons who had recently received swine flu vaccine shots, White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said he didn't know what Ford's reaction was, but said Ford plans to have his flu shot Thursday morning.

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BY RICHARD H. GROWALD

NEW CITY, N.Y. (UPI) -- DRIVING THROUGH THE NEW YORK SUBURBS IN BRIGHT AUTUMN WEATHER, PRESIDENT FORD TOOK A STRONG, AGGRESSIVE STANCE AGAINST JIMMY CARTER IN AN EFFORT TO GET HIS CAMPAIGN BACK ON THE TRACK WEDNESDAY.

FORD, LEAVING MANHATTAN AS NEW YORKERS WERE COMING TO WORK, TOOK HIS ATTACKS ON CARTER TO YONKERS, WHITE PLAINS AND NEW CITY BEFORE SWINGING BACK THROUGH NEW JERSEY TO COMPLETE A LONG DAY OF CAMPAIGNING.

THERE WAS PRACTICALLY NO MENTION OF THE DISPUTE OVER SOVIET DOMINATION OF EASTERN EUROPE IN FORD'S SPEECHES TO BIG CROWDS AT ALL THE STOPS, BUT SIGNS POPPED UP IN THE CROWDS SUCH AS "SLOVAKS FOR FORD" AND "SLAVIC AMERICANS KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT."

IN YONKERS, FORD SIGNED A \$25.6 BILLION REVENUE SHARING BILL AND CLAIMED THE PROGRAM HAD HALTED A TREND TOWARD "MORE CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT" IN WASHINGTON.

THE BILL EXTENDS REVENUE SHARING FOR THREE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS AND DISTRIBUTES THE FUNDS TO 39,000 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IT ALSO EASES EARLIER RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THE MONEY COULD BE SPENT.

FORD HIT HARD ON WHAT HE CALLED CARTER'S INABILITY TO TAKE CONSISTENT POSITIONS ON ISSUES.

"WE HAVE HEARD ALL FOUR SIDES OF THE TAX ISSUE -- THREE OF THEM FROM JIMMY CARTER," FORD TOLD A SIDEWALK-TO-SIDEWALK AUDIENCE IN FRONT OF THE WHITE PLAINS MUNICIPAL BUILDING. "IN FACT, THE LIVELIEST DEBATE IS BETWEEN JIMMY CARTER AND JIMMY CARTER."

FORD CASTIGATED CARTER FOR SUPPORTING A BALANCED BUDGET BUT OPPOSING FORD'S SPENDING BILL VETOES; FOR CHARGING THE COUNTRY IS WEAK MILITARILY BUT PROPOSING A \$15 BILLION DEFENSE CUT AND FOR OPPOSING INFLATION BUT SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM WHICH THE PRESIDENT SAID WOULD INCREASE SPENDING BY \$100-200 MILLION.

"HE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM DO IT," FORD SAID.

THE BIGGEST CROWD ESTIMATE, 15,000, WAS AT WHITE PLAINS FROM AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, BUT POLICE PRIVATELY MADE SOMEWHAT SMALLER ESTIMATES. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT WAS DRAWING SOME OF THE BIGGEST CROWDS THAT NEWSMEN COULD REMEMBER AND WAS GETTING A GOOD RESPONSE WITH HIS GIBES AT HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT.

A FEW CARTER-MONDALE SIGNS WERE IN THE CROWD AT WHITE PLAINS, BUT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE OF THE SHOUTED HECKLING THAT HE RAN INTO TUESDAY IN BROOKLYN.

REPUBLICAN SEN. JAVITS AND REPUBLICAN-CONSERVATIVE SEN. JAMES L. BUCKLEY TRAVELED THROUGH THE SUBURBS WITH FORD AND THE FARTHER THEY GOT FROM THE INNER CITY, THE BETTER THE RECEPTION.

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ROCKEFELLER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER TODAY SAID HE NEVER WANTED TO BE VICE PRESIDENT AND THAT HE HAD TURNED DOWN AN OFFER TO BE HUBERT HUMPHREY'S RUNNING MATE ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN 1968.

"I CAME IN BECAUSE THERE WAS A CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS. I TURNED THE JOB DOWN A COUPLE OR THREE TIMES," ROCKEFELLER SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SAN FRANCISCO TELEVISION PERSONALITY JIM DUNBAR.

"WHEN?" DUNBAR ASKED.

"1960, PRESIDENT NIXON ASKED ME TO RUN WITH HIM. AND 1968, HUBERT HUMPHREY ASKED ME TO RUN WITH HIM," HE REPLIED.

"BUT I SAID THAT I JUST WASN'T STANDBY EQUIPMENT. I'M TOO MUCH OF AN ACTIVIST, AND THE MORE ACTIVIST YOU ARE IN THAT POSITION THE MORE YOU GET IN THE HAIR OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AROUND THE PRESIDENT," HE SAID.

CAMPAIGNING IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS, ROCKEFELLER ALSO SAID HE BELIEVES FORD HAS PUT THE CAMPAIGN ISSUE OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS BEHIND HIM BY ADMITTING THAT HE WAS WRONG IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE LAST WEEK.

BUT ROCKEFELLER SAID THE NET EFFECT WAS GOOD, NOT BAD, FROM FORD'S LATER CORRECTED COMMENT THAT POLAND AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS WERE NOT DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

"WHEN IN THE RECENT DECADES HAS THE PROBLEM AND THE PLIGHT OF THE EASTERN EUROPEANS BEEN GIVEN AS MUCH ATTENTION ON THE FRONT PAGES AND ON THE TELEVISION AND RADIO IN THIS COUNTRY THAN IT HAS IN THE LAST WEEK? THEIR CASE WAS BROUGHT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS NEVER BEFORE," ROCKEFELLER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

HE SAID HE DID NOT WITHDRAW FROM VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR AS A CONCESSION TO RONALD REAGAN'S CONSERVATIVE BACKERS.

"I WOULD HAVE DONE IT ANYHOW. I ONLY CAME IN BECAUSE THERE WAS A CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS," ROCKEFELLER SAID OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S APPOINTMENT AFTER RICHARD NIXON RESIGNED.

ROCKEFELLER STRONGLY ENDORSED FORD AS "THE MAN WHO BEST UNDERSTANDS... THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE SYSTEM" IN REMARKS PREPARED FOR A GOLDEN CIRCLE CLUB LUNCHEON, THE MAJOR EVENT OF HIS BRIEF CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH CALIFORNIA.

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FORD-DEAN LEAD

BY MICHAEL PUTZEL

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF REPORTEDLY WILL DECIDE THIS WEEK WHETHER TO LOOK INTO CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT FORD DISCUSSED BLOCKING AN EARLY WATERGATE INVESTIGATION WITH OFFICIALS OF THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE.

REPS. ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, D-N.Y., AND JOHN CONYERS, D-MICH., MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE THAT VOTED TO RECOMMEND IMPEACHMENT OF RICHARD NIXON, HAVE ASKED RUFF TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT FORD LIED AT HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

CONYERS SAID HE MET WITH RUFF TUESDAY AND WAS TOLD THE PROSECUTOR'S DECISION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1972 WHEN THE LATE REP. WRIGHT PATMAN WAS SEEKING AUTHORITY FROM HIS HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN THE PREVIOUS JUNE.

NIXON, ACCORDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE TAPES, DIRECTED THAT THEN-HOUSE MINORITY LEADER GERALD FORD BE ENLISTED TO HELP BLOCK PATMAN'S INQUIRY. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER NIXON'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT.

IN 1973, AFTER FORD WAS NOMINATED TO BE VICE PRESIDENT, HE TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD NOT TALKED TO NIXON, CHIEF OF STAFF H. R. HALDEMAN, DOMESTIC ADVISER JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN OR WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL JOHN W. DEAN III ABOUT BLOCKING THE PATMAN HEARINGS. BUT HE ADDED THAT HE WAS IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH WHITE HOUSE LOBBYISTS DURING THAT PERIOD, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF DISCUSSING THAT SPECIFIC ISSUE WITH THEM.

FORD SUPPORTED THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO THWART PATMAN'S INQUIRY DURING THE 1972 ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT HE INSISTED HE DID SO ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.

DEAN, IN AN INTERVIEW BROADCAST TODAY ON NBC'S TODAY SHOW, SAID THE MAN DETAILED TO RELAY NIXON'S WISHES TO FORD WAS RICHARD K. COOK, A WHITE HOUSE LOBBYIST WHO IS NOW WASHINGTON VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP.

"COOK WAS THE MAN WHO DID THE LEGWORK AND DEALT WITH MR. FORD AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE (PATMAN) COMMITTEE," DEAN SAID. "I CAN RECALL DICK COMING BACK AND TELLING, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW JERRY WAS GOING TO CALL A MEETING OF THE MINORITY MEMBERS ... AND REALLY TELL THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE AND HOW THEY SHOULD HOLD TOGETHER AND THINGS OF THIS NATURE."

COOK, IN A STATEMENT RESPONDING TO DEAN, SAID: "DESPITE JOHN DEAN'S REPEATED AND FRANTIC REQUESTS, I NEVER SPOKE WITH MR. FORD ABOUT THE NEED TO DENY MR. PATMAN'S REQUEST FOR SUBPOENA POWER," WHICH WAS THE ISSUE THE REPUBLICANS FOUGHT IN ORDER TO KILL THE PROBE.

"THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND," COOK ADDED, "THAT THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE TRUTH" AT HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS.

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ACTIVITY AT SOME SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION CENTERS ACROSS THE NATION DROPPED OFF WEDNESDAY AMID REPORTS OF THE HEART ATTACK DEATHS OF 10 ELDERLY VACCINE RECIPIENTS AND DECISIONS BY HEALTH OFFICIALS TO SUSPEND INOCULATION PROGRAMS IN 12 STATES.

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT FORD WOULD RECEIVE HIS SWINE FLU SHOT THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON, APPARENTLY TO DRAMATIZE THE SAFETY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S \$135 MILLION PROGRAM TO PROTECT AMERICANS FROM A FLU EPIDEMIC.

OFFICIALS AT THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA MAINTAINED THE DEATHS WERE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE FLU SHOT PROGRAM.

AT LEAST 10 DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND THE CDC WAS INVESTIGATING "SOME" OF THEM. THE VICTIMS SUCCEMDED TO HEART ATTACKS.

CDC MEDICAL DETECTIVES WERE "TYING UP LOOSE ENDS" IN THEIR ACTIVE FIELD INVESTIGATION IN PITTSBURGH, WHERE THE CASE BROKE TUESDAY, AND MAY RETURN TO GEORGIA BEFORE THURSDAY.

THEY CONCLUDED THE DEATHS OF THREE PERSONS AGED 71-75, WHO RECEIVED FLU SHOTS AT THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC IN PITTSBURGH MONDAY, MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO STRESS, AND NOT CONTAMINATED VACCINE.

"JUST GETTING ON A TROLLEY (TO TRAVEL FOR A FLU SHOT) IS A STRESSFUL SITUATION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE," SAID CDC EPIDEMIOLOGIST DR. PHILIP L. GRAITCER.

HE NOTED THAT TWO OF THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS HAD ALSO EXPERIENCED EMOTIONAL STRAIN BY WATCHING THE THIRD VICTIM COLLAPSE AT THE HEALTH CENTER BEFORE RECEIVING THEIR SHOTS.

A NATIONWIDE SURVEY SHOWED THAT MANY PROGRAMS DID NOT EXPERIENCE A DROPOFF IN PARTICIPATION, BUT OTHERS DID.

IN SAN JOSE, CALIF., AN ESTIMATED 7,500 PERSONS, MOSTLY ELDERLY, TURNED OUT FOR FLU SHOTS ON THE OPENING DAY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S PROGRAM. ONE WOMAN WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL, BUT PHYSICIANS SAID SHE ONLY SUFFERED FROM "ANXIETY AND FEAR."

"WE THOUGHT WE'D GET A RASH OF CALLS," SAID GREG HOBBS OF A KANSAS CITY, MO., CLINIC. "THERE'S BEEN NOTHING AT ALL. THERE'S BEEN NO PANIC."

EDDIE BOURGEOIS, 74, WAS NEXT IN LINE AT THE ALBURG, VT., CLINIC WHEN STATE OFFICIALS ORDERED IT CLOSED.

"IF THEY REINSTATE THE INJECTIONS, I'LL GO BACK," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, IN BAR COUNTY, FLA., 1,000 PERSONS RECEIVED INOCULATIONS MONDAY AND ANOTHER 700 TUESDAY BEFORE THE PITTSBURGH DEATHS WERE PUBLICIZED, BUT ONLY A DOZEN SHOWED UP BY NOON WEDNESDAY.

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IN PHILADELPHIA, HEALTH OFFICIALS SAID THE PARTICIPATION HAS DROPPED OFF NOTICIBLY SINCE WORD OF THE DEATHS WAS REPORTED.

"IT'S EASY TO BE CONCERNED NOW, BUT THE PROBLEM IS NEXT WINTER WHEN PEOPLE ARE DYING FROM INFLUENZA," SAID ACTING CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER LEWIS POLK. "THEN WE WILL ALL FEEL VERY SAD."

HEALTH OFFICIALS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA. (PITTSBURGH), MICHIGAN, ALASKA, ILLINOIS, LOUISIANA, MAINE, NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, VERMONT, WISCONSIN AND COUNTIES IN WEST VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA CONTINUED OR ANNOUNCED SUSPENSIONS OF THEIR PROGRAMS.

SWINE FLU INOCULATIONS RESUMED IN VIRGINIA FOLLOWING A ONE-DAY SUSPENSION.

ELDERLY VICTIMS WHO DIED SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING INOCULATIONS:

--JULIA BUCCI, 75, PITTSBURGH, BELIEVED DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. SHE HAD PAST HEART PROBLEMS AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

--CHARLES GABIG, 71, PITTSBURGH, DIED OF HEART ATTACK. HE EXPERIENCED PREVIOUS HEART DISORDERS.

--ELLA MICHAEL, 74, PITTSBURGH, DIED OF HEART ATTACK. SHE HAD KNOWN HEART AND EMPHYSEMA AILMENTS.

--CDC EPIDEMIOLOGISTS SAID A GREENSBURG, PA. RESIDENT DIED RECENTLY AFTER RECEIVING SHOTS, BUT THEY WITHHELD THE NAME.

--SAUL GELMAN, 63, SUNRISE, FLA., DIED OF A HEART ATTACK.

--JOE MALASKI, 71, OKLAHOMA CITY, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. HE HAD SEVERE HEART DISORDERS AND EMPHYSEMA.

--AN UNIDENTIFIED OKLAHOMA WOMAN WITH HEART PROBLEMS DIED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCORDING TO STATE HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

--ALBERT CROCKER, 64, PORT HURON, MICH., DIED OF HEART ATTACK BELIEVED RELATED TO A LONG CORONARY DISEASE.

--PAUL AKINS, 75, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICH. AN AUTOPSY WAS ORDERED.

--OFFICIALS IN MASSACHUSETTS SAID A 94-YEAR-OLD NURSING HOME PATIENT DIED AFTER RECEIVING AN INOCULATION RECENTLY.

IN MONTANA, HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT TWO ELDERLY DEER LODGE, MONT., WOMEN SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS AFTER RECEIVING FLU SHOTS AND WERE LISTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION IN HOSPITALS. AUTHORITIES SAID THERE IS "NO EVIDENCE" THAT THE ATTACKS WERE LINKED TO THE SHOTS.

AT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS IN BETHESDA, MD., WHERE ALL FLU VACCINES ARE TESTED BEFORE THEY GO ON THE MARKET, MICROBIOLOGISTS WERE TESTING TO CONFIRM THAT THE VACCINE GIVEN TO THE PITTSBURGH VICTIMS WAS ACTUALLY INFLUENZA VACCINE AND NOT ACCIDENTALLY ANOTHER TYPE.

ONCE THAT IS DONE, ACCORDING TO DR. FRANK ENNIS, DIRECTOR OF VIROLOGY, CONTAMINATION TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

"WE DON'T THINK THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE VACCINE," SAID ENNIS. HE BASED HIS CONCLUSION ON THE FACT THAT 118,000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED WITH THE SAME LOT OF VACCINE USED IN PITTSBURGH. IT WAS MANUFACTURED BY PARKE DAVIS & CO. OF DETROIT, MICH.

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(ISRAELI ARMS)

(BY JIM ANDERSON)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT NORMAL STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON CHANNELS WERE BYPASSED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH TWO NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEFORE BEEN SOLD TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE SOURCES DESCRIBE THE WEAPONS AS A FUEL AIR EXPLOSIVE (FAE) ANTIPERSONNEL CONCUSSION BOMB, AND A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED SYSTEM (FLIR) WHICH ENABLES PLANES AND ARTILLERY TO LOCATE AND DESTROY TARGETS AT NIGHT.

THE SOURCES SAID THE USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TO PREPARE A STUDY ON THE ADVISABILITY OF SELLING THE WEAPONS TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. THIS STUDY IS THEN CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT.

"THIS WAS NOT DONE IN THIS CASE," ONE OFFICIAL SAID. "WE WERE NOT ASKED. IT WAS AN ARBITRARY DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT. BUT, I SUPPOSE, THIS IS THE SEASON FOR THAT SORT OF THING."

THE OFFICIAL REFERRED TO THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT FORD BEING MADE PUBLIC AT A TIME WHEN HE HAD BEEN CRITICIZED BY JIMMY CARTER FOR NOT GIVING ENOUGH ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DENIED THE DECISION WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND SAID IT HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

ASKED IF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO HAS USED ARMS SUPPLIES AS A LEVER TO GET MIDEAST PEACE SETTLEMENT CONCESSIONS FROM THE ISRAELIS, SUPPORTED THE DECISION, STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT FUNSETH SAID, "OF COURSE HE DOES."

ISRAELI OFFICIALS ARE DELIGHTED WITH IT BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM NEW WEAPONS THEY HAVE SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT FOR THEIR ARSENAL AGAINST THE ARABS.

DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES SHRUGGED OFF SUGGESTIONS OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION, SAYING THE UNITED STATES IS "A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY AND THEY HAVE ELECTIONS ALL THE TIME."

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE FAE BOMB, DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. NAVY FOR USE IN VIETNAM, IS A VARIATION ON AN AEROSOL SPRAY. A INFLAMMABLE MIST IS SPRAYED OVER AN AREA UP TO 700 SQUARE FEET, AND THEN IGNITED. IT KILLS EVERYTHING LIVING IN THE EXPLOSIVE AREA EITHER THROUGH CONCUSSION OR SUFFOCATION.

THE FLIR SYSTEM, WHICH IS USED ON AMERICAN A7, F4 AND B52 AIRCRAFT, PERMITS THE PILOT TO DETECT AND DESTROY HUMAN BEINGS OR VEHICLES FROM THE HEAT THEY EXUDE. IT IS A HIGHLY ADVANCED SYSTEM WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN TO NATO ALLIES.

LEGALLY, THE ADMINISTRATION COULD PUT THROUGH THE ISRAELI ARMS DEAL WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

SINCE THESE NEW WEAPONS ARE WORTH ABOUT \$200 MILLION, CONGRESS HAS THE RIGHT TO DISAPPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS. BUT SINCE CONGRESS IS IN RECESS, THE 30 DAYS WOULD ELAPSE WITHOUT THE KEY COMMITTEES TAKING THE REQUIRED VOTE AND THE SALE COULD PROCEED.

IN PRACTICE, SAID U.S. OFFICIALS, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT TRY TO SNEAK THE DEAL THROUGH, SINCE IT COULD AROUSE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO FUTURE DEALS.

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THE DEMOCRATS HAVE A RECORDING BY REP. JOHN CONYERS CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO PRESIDENT FORD'S INVOLVEMENT IN WATERGATE -- 797-5959.

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President Ford had the campaign stump all to himself Wednesday as he signed the renewal of federal revenue sharing and attacked Jimmy Carter's economics. He toured middle-class areas around New York City while the other candidates stayed home.

Carrying familiar themes to new platforms in half a dozen New York and New Jersey cities, Ford treated his audiences to a catalogue of what he called Carter's contradictions on tax and economic issues.

He picked a financially distressed city with a Republican mayor - Yonkers, N.Y. - in which to sign the 45-month revenue sharing extension that will provide states and cities with \$25.5 billion.

In Plains, Ga., Carter was keeping a promise to devote two days to his family rather than to his campaign. On Thursday he planned a trip to New York state which would give him extensive exposure in some of the same media markets that Ford hit Wednesday and Thursday.

Meanwhile, not a peep was heard from vice presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Bob Dole. Aides said they spent the day in the company of briefing books and advisers, preparing for their debate Friday in Houston, Tex.

At the signing ceremony in Yonkers, hard beside equally troubled but Democratic-controlled New York City, Ford said Democrats in Congress had balked at renewing revenue sharing and that Carter wants to alter the program.

Unlike most other federal aid programs, revenue sharing provides money that states and cities can spend on virtually whatever they chose. "That means you in Yonkers, you in Westchester County will be making the decisions rather than some bureaucrat on the banks of the Potomac," Ford said.

The President said Carter has called revenue sharing "a big hoax and a mistake."

"But he Carter apparently had no trouble finding uses for the \$140 million in general revenue sharing funds that came to Georgia during his one term as governor of that state," Ford said. "He didn't send a single penny of that big hoax revenue sharing back to Washington during those four years."

Carter has said he program ought to be extended but revised to omit states and go to cities only, because he thinks local governments cannot generate tax revenue so easily as states can.

Before a crowd of 15,000 in White Plains, N.Y., Ford said, "The liveliest debate of this campaign has been between Jimmy Carter and Jimmy Carter."

Running through what he called Carter's inconsistencies, Ford said:

"He says he's for a balanced budget, but he refused to support my 60 vetoes that have saved the American taxpayer \$9 billion.

"He says America is weak militarily, but he wants to cut the defense budget by \$15 billion.

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“Jimmy Carter says he's against inflation but he supports the Democratic platform which would add an additional \$100 to \$200 billion in spending.”

Carter has said the programs in the Democratic platform would not cost that much and in any case he would balance the budget by 1980 and defer those programs until there was money to pay for them.

He has called for a defense budget cut of \$5 billion to \$7 billion and his aides have said any instances in which he might have said \$15 billion were a mistake. Carter says the United States is the world's strongest nation militarily but is weak over-all because of its domestic economic problems and what he calls a lack of respect abroad.

In several appearances, Ford told crowds Carter would raise taxes on middle income Americans. “He's for higher taxes for people earning over \$14,000,” Ford said.

Carter has said he wants to raise taxes in higher income brackets and reduce them for lower and middle income Americans.

In a September interview with The Associated Press, Carter was asked what he thought of as higher. He replied, “I don't know. I would take the mean or median level of income and anything above that would be higher and anything below that would be lower.”

Then, it was pointed out that median family income was around \$12,000 and persons earning \$15,000 a year were not thought of as rich, and Carter said, “I understand. I can't answer that question because I haven't gone into it. I don't know how to write the tax code now in specific terms.”

Aides said later Carter thought of middle income as up to \$25,000 a year.

In another development, finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission showed Ford had twice as much campaign money left to spend in the last five weeks before the election as Carter.

Through Sept. 30, Ford had spent only \$3.5 million of the \$21.8 million allotted to each candidate under federal law. Carter had spent \$12.5 million.

The difference may have resulted from Carter's almost constant travel during September, which Ford spent mostly at the White House. But the reports do not show whether Carter may have already spent money for advertisements which have yet to appear or whether Ford may have already incurred obligations for which bills had not yet been received.

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PRESIDENT FORD, HOPING TO INJECT SOME FIRE INTO HIS CAMPAIGN, TUESDAY ACCUSED JIMMY CARTER OF TRYING TO "HAVE IT BOTH WAYS" ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES AND SAID HE WOULD NOT "TO LET HIM DO IT."

COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, MEANWHILE, REPORTED THAT CARTER ACCEPTED A THREE-WEEK TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA FROM THE LOCKHEED CORP. WHEN HE WAS GEORGIA GOVERNOR. ANDERSON, ON HIS RADIO SHOW ON THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, CITED A LETTER IN WHICH HE SAID CARTER PROMISED TO PROMOTE THE CORPORATION'S C130 AIRPLANE.

A CARTER SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED BY ANDERSON AS SAYING THAT THE DEMOCRAT HAD DONE NO FAVOR IN EXCHANGE FOR THE EXPENSE PAID TRIP. SINCE THE AIRCRAFT WAS MADE IN MARIETTA, GA., THE THEN-GOVERNOR FELT IT WAS PROPER TO PUSH GEORGIA PRODUCTS.

ACCORDING TO THE LETTER QUOTED BY ANDERSON, CARTER PROMISED TO WORK "PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY" TO PROMOTE THE FIRM'S C130.

FORD, TRYING TO PROJECT AN AGGRESSIVE IMAGE IN THE FINAL THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION, STUMPED IN NEW YORK CITY'S SUBURBS AND TOOK SLAPS AT WHAT HE CLAIMED WERE CARTER'S INCONSISTENCIES.

"WE HAVE HEARD ALL FOUR SIDES OF THE TAX ISSUE -- THREE OF THEM FROM JIMMY CARTER," FORD SAID ON THE STEPS OF CITY HALL IN WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. "THE LIVELIEST DEBATE IS BETWEEN JIMMY CARTER AND JIMMY CARTER."

FORD ALSO SIGNED A \$25.6 BILLION REVENUE SHARING BILL DURING A STOP IN YONKERS, A CITY THAT IS PLAGUED BY FINANCIAL TROUBLES THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR BROUGHT IT TO THE BRINK OF DEFAULT.

SAYING CARTER HAS COMPLAINED THAT U.S. MILITARY MIGHT IS WEAK, WHILE CALLING FOR A SMALLER DEFENSE BUDGET, FORD SAID, "HE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM DO IT."

FORD WAS JOINED ON THE TRIP BY THE STATE'S TWO SENATORS, JAMES BUCKLEY AND JACOB JAVITS, GOP STATE CHAIRMAN RICHARD ROSENBAUM, AND FORMER GOV. MALCOLM WILSON.

WHILE SIGNING THE REVENUE-SHARING BILL, FORD SAID THE PROGRAM HAS "REVERSED A DANGEROUS TREND TOWARD MORE CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON." HE ATTACKED CARTER FOR FAVORING GIVING THE FUNDS TO LOCAL BUT NOT STATE GOVERNMENTS, CALLING THE POSITION A "BIG HOAX."

CARTER SPENT WEDNESDAY RESTING AT HIS PLAINS, GA. HOME AND PREPARING FOR A THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN JAUNT THROUGH NEW YORK STATE AND THE MIDWEST.

CARTER LEFT HIS HOUSE BRIEFLY TO GO TO A DENTIST IN AMERICUS, 10 MILES AWAY, TO REPLACE A FILLING HE LOST ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO. AIDES SAID THE TOOTH HAD NOT BEEN CAUSING A PROBLEM BUT THAT HE "WANTED TO GET IT TAKEN CARE OF WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE."

THURSDAY, CARTER WILL CAMPAIGN IN ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE AND NEW YORK CITY. FRIDAY, HE FLIES TO DETROIT AND KANSAS CITY AND SATURDAY HE SPENDS THE DAY IN OHIO BEFORE RETURNING TO PLAINS.

THE TWO VICE PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS, DEMOCRAT WALTER MONDALE AND REPUBLICAN ROBERT DOLE, SPENT WEDNESDAY PREPARING FOR THEIR 75-MINUTE DEBATE IN HOUSTON FRIDAY NIGHT.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, WHICH IS SPONSORING THE CONFRONTATION, SAID THE MODERATOR FOR THE CONTEST WOULD BE JIM HOGE, EDITOR OF THE CHICAGO-SUN TIMES. THE PANELISTS WILL BE HAL BRUNO OF NEWSWEEK; MARILYN BERGER OF NBC NEWS AND WALTER MEARS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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By BRIAN B. KING

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WASHINGTON AP - Increased production loan rates for wheat and feed grains were announced Wednesday by the Ford administration.

Increases had been urged by many farmers and also by the Democratic presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter.

Acting Agriculture Secretary John A. Knebel denied that the increased rates were "in response to Jimmy Carter's cries."

"They were a result of a commitment the President has made to American agriculture," Knebel said at a press conference in announcing the new rates.

Production loans are used, with the crop as security, to finance planting and other production expenses or at the end of a harvest to allow farmers to hold their crops until they can get a better market price.

The loan rate for wheat was increased 50 per cent from \$1.50 to \$2.25, while the rate for corn was increased 20 per cent from \$1.25 to \$1.50. The rate for soybeans remained at \$2.50 per bushel.

Knebel said the rates would apply immediately to 1976 crops as well as next year's crops.

He said that the move was not political but a "necessary and appropriate way to bridge the gap" between a tight credit situation in counties dominated by grain producers and the "very bountiful harvest" of grains reflected in Tuesday's USDA crop report.

That report showed a crop of a record 5.87 billion bushels of corn, a near-record 2.13 billion bushels of wheat and over-all 183 million metric tons of feedgrains.

After that report came in, Knebel told reporters, he sent a series of options to the White House at Ford's direction, but made no specific recommendation on the loan rates which wheat growers have said for months were too low.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY HIGHER IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE TODAY WITH INVESTORS ENCOURAGED BY THE END OF THE FORD MOTOR CO. STRIKE AND IMPROVED CONSUMER CONFIDENCE.

THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE, WHICH DROPPED 8.47 POINTS TUESDAY AND EXTENDED THE MARKET'S LOSS IN THE PREVIOUS 12 SESSIONS TO 76.94, REBOUNDED 15.87 TO 948.22. ADVANCES HELD A BETTER THAN TWO-TO-ONE LEAD OVER DECLINES, 1,024 TO 400, AMONG THE 1,871 ISSUES CROSSING THE TAPE.

VOLUME TOTALED 21,690,000 SHARES, COMPARED WITH 18,210,000 SHARES EXCHANGED TUESDAY. PRICES CLOSED HIGHER IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- A THREE-WEEK STOCK MARKET SLIDE HAS SLICED \$50 BILLION FROM THE VALUE OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE COMMON STOCKS AND TOUCHED OFF MORE THAN THE USUAL QUEST FOR "REASONS".

IS IT ELECTION UNCERTAINTY; FEAR OF ECONOMIC TURNDOWN FOLLOWING A SWELL OF UNFAVORABLE STATISTICS FROM WASHINGTON; A SLOWING OF THE BUSINESS UPSWING; A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN THE MARKET ADVANCE WHICH CARRIED THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE TO ITS YEAR'S HIGH OF 1,014.79 ON SEPT. 21?

ALL ARE VALID FACTORS IN THE MARKET'S SELLOFF, BUT PERHAPS THE OVERRIDING INFLUENCE HAS BEEN ELECTION UNCERTAINTY.

ONE OBSERVER SUMMED IT UP: "THE MARKET WON'T REALLY MOVE UNTIL WE HAVE ELECTED A PRESIDENT."

JIMMY CARTER MAKES WALL STREET NERVOUS. THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY KNOWS AND PREFERS THE FORD ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY. BUT MOST SAY THE MARKET CAN LIVE WITH EITHER CHOICE.

HAROLD EHRLICH, PRESIDENT OF BERNSTEIN-MACAULAY, INC., NOTES, IN FACT, THAT SINCE THE 1948-49 ELECTION, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL VICTORIES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY DECLINES IN THE STOCK MARKET, WHILE RALLIES HAVE OCCURRED AFTER DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS WERE ELECTED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE MARKET HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH OTHER UNCERTAINTIES: THE DISTURBING STATISTICS FROM WASHINGTON -- A 1.5 PER CENT DROP IN THE AUGUST INDICATOR OF FUTURE ECONOMIC TRENDS, AN UNUSUALLY SHARP INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER WHOLESALE PRICES, DISCOURAGING UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SHOWING NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE HIGH JOBLESS RATE; LAGGING THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF SLOWED CAPITAL SPENDING.

ANALYSTS, HOWEVER, GENERALLY REMAIN OPTIMISTIC DESPITE THE LOSS OF 82 POINTS, OR MORE THAN 10 PER CENT, IN THE WIDELY FOLLOWED DOW INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE TO 932.35 AT THE CLOSE OCT. 12, ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE JAN. 16.

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DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES:

30 INDUS 948.22 UP 15.87

20 TRANSP 206.95 UP 3.10

15 UTILS 97.71 UP 0.54

65 STOCKS 299.08 UP 4.35

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BRUSSELS (UPI) -- THE U.S. DOLLAR BROKE THE 5-FRANC BARRIER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MID-AUGUST WEDNESDAY, AND INDICATIONS WERE THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO LET THE FRENCH CURRENCY FIND ITS LEVEL. THE POUND IMPROVED SLIGHTLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR BUT FELL AGAINST EUROPEAN CURRENCIES.

THE PRICE OF GOLD CLOSED 25 CENTS HIGHER IN LONDON AND ZURICH, CLOSING AT \$114.875 AND \$114.84 RESPECTIVELY. DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS QUIET.

IN PARIS, THE BANK OF FRANCE MADE NO EFFORT TO HALT FRANC'S THE SLIDE TUESDAY AND INTERVENED ONLY marginally WEDNESDAY AS THE DOLLAR TOPPED 5 FRANCS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MID-AUGUST. IT CLOSED AT 5.0155 AGAINST 4.9935 TUESDAY. THE FRANC TOUCHED RECORD LOWS IN FRANKFURT AND ZURICH.

BANKERS IN PARIS SAID THE FRANC'S WEAKNESS WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CUT THE COUNTRY'S \$3 BILLION BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT. THEY ANTICIPATED THE TREND WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL NEW AUSTERITY MEASURES SUCH AS WAGE-PRICE GUIDELINES TAKE EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

BANKERS SAID THE LACK OF INTERVENTION BY FRANCE'S CENTRAL BANK INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO LET THE FRANC FIND ITS OWN LEVEL.

IN LONDON, STERLING IMPROVED AGAINST THE DOLLAR CLOSING AT \$1.6545 AGAINST \$1.6530 TUESDAY, BUT FELL AGAINST THE MARK AND THE SWISS FRANC.

IN FRANKFURT THE DOLLAR CLOSED AT 2.4310 AGAINST THE MARK, NOW EUROPE'S STRONGEST CURRENCY, ONLY fractionally ABOVE TUESDAY'S CLOSE OF 2.4305, THE LOWEST RATE IN 16 MONTHS.

IN ZURICH, THE DOLLAR FELL FROM 2.4492 TO 2.4428 SWISS FRANCS, IN BELGIUM IT DROPPED FROM 38.77 TO 38.55 FRANCS AND IN HOLLAND FROM 2.5555 TO 2.5545 GULDERS.

THE DOLLAR ROSE fractionally IN ITALY FROM 840.30 TO 840.50.

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LA PAZ, BOLIVIA (UPI) -- A BOEING 707 U.S. CARGO PLANE EN ROUTE FROM SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA, TO MIAMI CRASHED ON TAKEOFF WEDNESDAY AND PLOWED INTO A SCHOOL, KILLING AN ESTIMATED 100 PERSONS, INCLUDING CHILDREN PLAYING SOCCER IN THE PLAYGROUND, PANAMERICANA RADIO REPORTED FROM SANTA CRUZ.

RADIO CONTACT WITH SANTA CRUZ, A TOWN OF 50,000 LOCATED ABOUT 330 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL, WAS FILLED WITH STATIC AND ONLY SKETCHY REPORTS COULD BE MADE OUT.

THE SANTA CRUZ RADIO SAID THAT THE PLANE WAS A CARGO PLANE BELONGING TO AN AMERICAN COMPANY AND WAS TAKING OFF TO RETURN TO MIAMI AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH.

THE RADIO SAID THE PLANE FELL ON A SCHOOL IN THE TOWN IN THE TROPICAL LOWLANDS OF CENTRAL BOLIVIA AND THAT "ABOUT 100 PERSONS WERE KILLED." IT GAVE NO FURTHER IMMEDIATE DETAILS.

SANTA CRUZ IS AN IMPORTANT TRADE CENTER FOR SUGAR CANE, COFFEE, TOBACCO AND RICE.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF CAMPAIGNING

Q. There are press reports today that the DNC will file a complaint with the Federal Election Commission alleging that members of the White House staff who are on the public payroll are doing campaign work in violation of the campaign funding law. Do you think it is fair for you to use White House employees for campaign purposes when Jimmy Carter must use his limited campaign funds to support his entire staff?

A. We have bent over backwards to operate completely within the new campaign law. Any campaign expense incurred by a member of my White House staff is paid by my Campaign Committee. Any campaign work they do is done on their own ^{time} ~~time~~ -- in addition to fully performing their official duties.

The simple fact is that I must continue to exercise the responsibilities of the Presidency even while I am campaigning. This requires me to do both jobs and often my staff must do likewise.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:

Some press reports say that Mike Duval -- who is on the White House staff -- is working full time on the debate. Why isn't he paid by the Campaign Committee?

A. Mike has had substantial responsibilities in the White House during my entire two years as President. He continues to work on foreign and domestic policy decisions with particular emphasis on economic, energy and foreign intelligence problems. His work on the debates is in addition to the time spent on his official duties, ~~which is well in excess of a fifty-hour week.~~

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Like many other member of my staff he works ^a ~~well~~ ~~in excess of~~ ~~seventy~~ ~~hours~~ ~~a~~ ~~week~~.

