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Ford Meets the Press

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President Ford said Wednesday there was "absolutely no validity" to reports that he met with President Nixon's top aides in a move to cut off the Watergate investigation prior to the 1972 election.

Ford said when he was House Republican Leader, he acted on "the circumstance as I knew it then" in working with GOP members of a House Banking and Currency subcommittee to prevent a prove of "very limited aspects" of the Watergate scandal.

"I don't believe what I did in working with Republican members of the House Banking and Currency Subcommittee was blocking the investigation of Watergate," Ford told a news conference, "I did that because responsible Republican members asked me to get them together and that investigation did not cover the entire Watergate matter. Under the circumstances as I knew it then I would do it again." (CBS)

Pressed by reporters who asked about reports that Ford had met with top Nixon advisers John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman about the probe, Ford said: "I want you to know and I want everybody to know... there is absolutely no validity to that rumor." (Networks)

During the 30-minute press conference which touched on a broad range of topics, Ford also said he saw no reason to take any further action because of recent controversy surrounding Gen. George Brown. Brown's comments in an interview released this week were "ill-advised," Ford said. But he added that Brown's comments were taken out of the context of the entire interview.

"He has a superb military record -- 35 years of devoted service in war time and I think he has been a fine Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," Ford said. (ABC)

Brown said in the interview that supplying Israel's defense needs has been a burden on the United States. Ford said Israel had been a burden during the Yom Kippur War when NATO supplies were diverted there, but said that was no longer the case. (CBS)

Ford spoke acidly of Carter's comments on the Arab boycott of Israel. A reporter said the Democratic presidential nominee had pledged to end it. "This is the only administration since 1952 that's done anything in the executive branch of government," Ford said. "Now Mr. Carter says that he would end it. I resent the inference of that..." He said Carter was in effect challenging Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, as well as Ford, yet all of them opposed the boycott, too.

"I wonder how anybody can be so naive as to say in one sentence that he's going to do something that four other

outstanding individuals didn't do, even though they opposed the same thing," Ford said. (CBS)

"In expressing resentment of Carter's implied criticism of the former presidents, Ford used "a kind of double logic," Walter Cronkite said. "Earlier, the President himself had said in effect that the four former presidents had tolerated the boycott, and he was the first to do anything about it. Followup questions did not clarify the seeming contradiction." (CBS)

At the start of the conference, Ford had some trouble entering the room because of a faulty knob. "It's easier to get into the Rose Garden," he said. "I guess we'd better go back to it... we just had a door knob break off... You can't blame that one on me," he added. (ABC,CBS)

When photographers discovered what had happend, White House aides moved in to block the door from view, Bob Schieffer reported. CBS, however, did show film of the nob-less door. (CBS)

"It was the President's second news conference in the week, and came something of a surprise, since the recent sessions were his first formal news briefings since February," Schieffer added. "Mr. Ford said later that he just wanted to be available."

NBC gave the news conference a #3 billing in the show, including excerpts of the question-answer session. Berger concluded the 1:35 report with a studio wrapup.

ABC allotted 2:35 to the news conference in the #2 slot. Tom Jarriel featured excerpts of the conference, and concluded with a standup.

The 3:05 story, which ran #2 on CBS, included film excerpts of the President's news conference, beginning with his ill-fated entrance. Schieffer ended the spot with a standup comment, and Cronkite commented from the anchor desk. AP,UPI,Networks -- (10/20/76)

Levi Refuses to Investigate Ford

Atty. Gen. Levi announced Wednesday that he has rejected demands from some congressional Democrats that he investigate whether President Ford acted at the White House request to block the first House investigation of Watergate.

Levi said a review found no credible evidence, new or old, to warrant further investigation. Earler, the Special Watergate Prosecutor came to the same conclusion. NBC,CBS -- (10/20/76)

Ford Watergate Letter Disclosed

Sought to Rally GOP Against Patman Inquiry

BY ROBERT L. JACKSON and RONALD J. OSTROW Times Staff Writers

WASHINGTON-President Ford. when House minority leader, sought to rally Republicans against an early Watergate investigation on grounds that it was "irresponsible" and "motivated by political considerations, according to a Ford letter obtained. Lucsday by The Times.

in 1972 letter, which was distributed to GOP members of the House Paulting and Curvenart Committee recorrect to "political overtones" of the panel's proposed inquiry into Watergate finances.

" letter said also that the constitutional rights of men indicted on Watergate burglary charges should be protected.

The letter did not mention any White House contacts with Ford, which is consistent with Ford's pre-

vious testimony on the subject. Such contacts have been alleged by former White House counsel John W. Dean III.

The letter does show that Ford strongly urged Republican members to attend a crucial committee meeting, the same strategy that had been discussed by then President Richard M. Nixon, who was running for reelection at the time-and his aides about two weeks earlier.

Ford's letter, drafted by Graham Northrup, a Republican aide on the committee, said it was "imperative" and of "utmost importance" that GOP members attend an Oct. 3, 1972. meeting, at which subpoena power would be proposed by the committee chairman, the late Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.).

According to the tape of a Sept. 15, 1972, White House meeting-about two weeks before the Ford letter-Dean told Nixon that Ford and Richard Cook, a White House lobbyist, were "gonna march them (the Republican members) into that committee room like cattle, all together.

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"Nobody's gonna be off playing golf that day," Dean added.

The result was that all 14 Republicans attending the meeting joined six Democrats to defeat the subpoena move by a 20-15 vote.

Meanwhile, former Presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman said Tuesday that he never had contacted Ford about the proposed Patman investigation, despite contrary indications in the Sept. 15, 1972. tape.

Ehrlichman, in a telephone inter-view from New York, agreed that the "bottom line" of the Supt. 15 White House meeting—which he did not attend-was that he was to conord.

"That's right." Ehrlichman told The-Timts. "The problem is that nobedy bothered to tell me that. Nobody ever brought it to me."

He added: "I have no knowledge that Ford was ever contacted."

Ehrlichman said it would not have been unusual for White House lobbyists at that time, such as Cook or William E. Timmons. to have contacted Ford about the Patman inquiry. But he stressed that "I have no information" that this happened.

Patman's committee meeting occurred one month before the 1972 presidential election and two weeks after the first Watergate burglary indictments. The meeting was called to vote on a Patman proposal that 23 .witnesses be subpoenaed, including White House aides and Nixon campaign officials.

Some of these witnesses subsequently were convicted of conspiracy in the Watergate coverup.

In his letter, Ford told Republican committee members: "This is a matter of utmost importance, and I urge you to be present at the meeting."

His letter continued:

"Obviously, we desire to see those who have been involved in illegal activities brought to justice, but at the same time we must be careful not to impinge on the constitutional rights of those who have been indicted by reckless and irresponsible investigations motivated by political considerations.

"Because of the political overtones of this matter, I think it would be imperative for all Republican members to be present at the committee meeting to assure that the investigative resolution is appropriately drawn."

This last phrase apparently referred to Republican proposals to remove subpeena source from any committee resolution or to postpone any inquiry until after the presidential election.

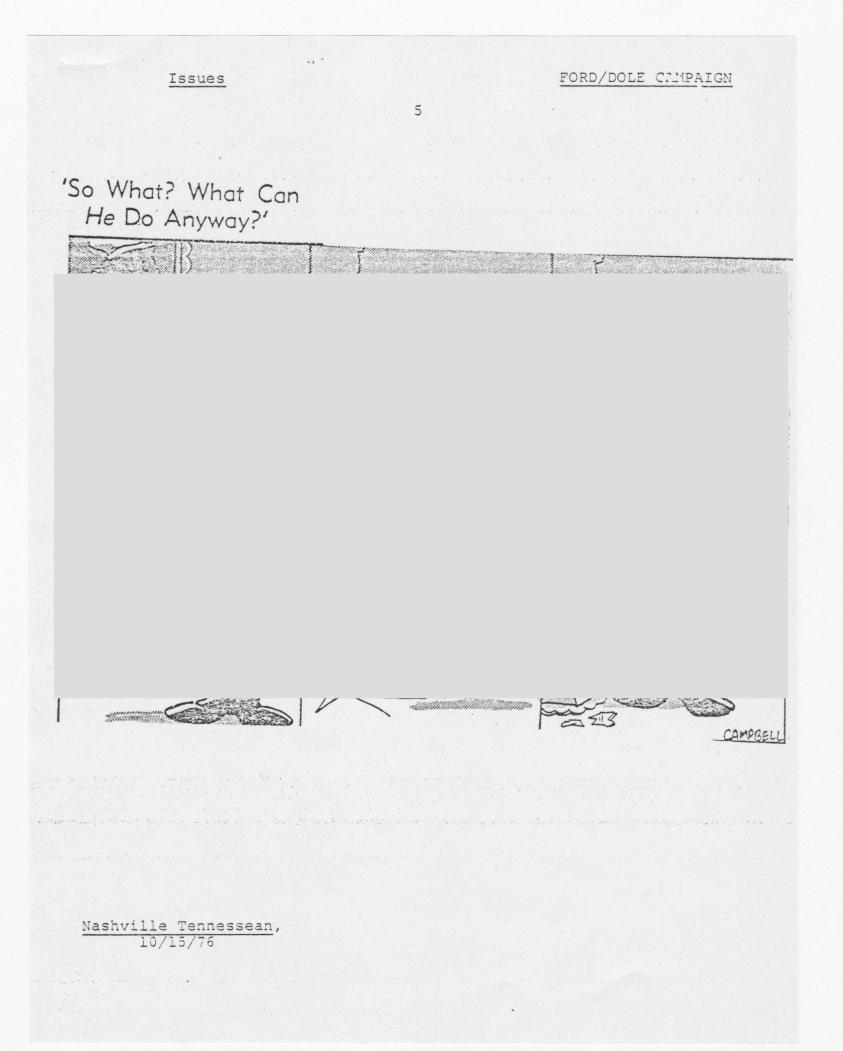
Northrup, the committee aide who drafted the letter at Ford's request. said that Ford signed it and sent it to GOP members in late September. 1972.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen, after reviewing the text of the letter, said Tuesday: "It certainly doesn't conflict with what he (Ford) said at the time. Whether the letter was public at the time or not, there's nothing new in it."

In a related development. Dean, in an interview Tuesday with the Washington Star, said he did not think "there's any chance that Ford was wittingly involved in a conspiracy to cover up Watergate."

"I think that certainly he wasn't privy to the kind of knowledge as to

Los Angeles Times, (10/20/76) continued--



Study Disputes Ford Claim Fund Cuts Hurt Defense

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(C) 1975, Denver Post-Los Angeles Times WASHINGTON—Almost S6 of every \$10 that Congress cut from the Pentagon budget during the past six years were in categories of spending which have little or no direct impact on national security, seconding to a Library of Congress study. The report sand only \$18.5 billion or 40.7

maintenance, intelligence and similar items. Also included in that category was the entire budget for military assistance, to allies, even though the money wasn't spent directly on U.S. forces. OF THE 59.3 PER CENT of the cuts

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Denver Post, 10/18/76

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Dropped Balls and Wild Pitches (By Eric Sevareid, CBS)

The Yankees and the Reds were rained out for tonight; President Ford was rained in -- abandoning the Rose Gardon for the East Room. The baseball champion this week remains an easier bet than the political championship two weeks hence.

The trouble with Harry Truman, people used to say, was that he never hit anything but homeruns, usually in the ninth. But the essential nature of this political campaign is like the essential nature of all baseball -- a defensive operation. The side that makes the fewest errors generally wins, not the side with the heaviest hitters. There doesn't seem to have been a ball hit out of the park by either Ford or Carter all season. Innings have been lost and won on dropped balls or wild pitches.

So, in the East Room today, every reporter present was an umpire tensely waiting for another blooper. But it was a no-hit, no-run, no-error stand so far as we can see. If he wasn't even going to commit another blunder, the question was why Ford held the news conference at all. As it turned out, what he wanted to do was smooth out the effect of other men's blunders. Ill-advised, the President of Gen. Brown's blunt remarks, chiefly the one about Israel being a military burden. It was a burden three years ago; it drew down our military stocks, but not now, said Ford.

If he had any one reason for holding this unexpected news meeting today, it was probably to get that on the preelection record.

The fuss about this is essentially frivolous; life carries many burdens for persons and states. The real question is whether they are worth it or not and in the Israeli case the answer has always been yes.

The blooper of the FBI's Clarence Kelley was to put in a speech, later eliminated, lined to the effect that the FBI just will not cooperate productively with journalists who are committed to hostility towards his bureau. So cries of alarm not to press policy of the Administration, all government institutions must be open to free press scrutiny and so on. What Kelley was publicy, therefore naively, saying is what nearly all officials and official agencies do in practice. They do try to avoid writers who will, they know from painful experience, do a job on them no matter how they may treat them.

Everyone in public life must exercise a certain amount of preventive damage control. That's why Mr. Ford refused to be interviewed by <u>Playboy</u> and why he is happy anytime he's asked about it to exploit the damage Carter did to himself and his team with that wild-snap throw. -- (10/20/76)

The End of an Issue (Editorial, excerpted, Boston Herald American)

President Ford did what was correct, commendable, and statesmanlike in admitting he made a mistake by saying the Soviet Union does not dominate the lives of East Europeans.

Despite his careless comment during the second debate, it was clear throughout the ensuing storm that this was not an announcement of a change in policy. The Ford Administration's record in Eastern Europe is marked by continuing sympathy for, and allegiance to, oppressed peoples who live in the hope of freedom. The President's mistake was one of debating and not diplomacy, fortunately. It was a political error rather than a policy blunder.

Correcting an error may be a negative sort of campaigning, but the President was well advised to clearly confess to a misinterpeted, if not misleading, statement. He acted honorably, and has laid the issue to rest. -- (10/14/76)

Gen. Brown

Brown Issue Not Closed, Jewish Leaders Say

The Jewish communit does not consider the issue of Gen. George Brown to be closed, the chairman of a coalition of 32 Jewish organizations said Wednesday.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the conference of major American Jewish organizations, said that instead, Brown's "reckless and irresponsible statements represent a challenge to the fundamental precepts of American foreign policy towards its allies and to the bipartisan commitment of the American people in support of the security and survival of Israel."

Schindler said Brown's statements that Israel was a military burden on the U.S. "represents a dangerous intrusion of the military into the domain of public policy, which our form of government clearly assigns to civilian authority."

But Schindler stopped short of calling for Brown's resignation, saying President Ford should censure the general and repudiate his views "lest there be any doubt that the dangerous course of action he recommends has any sanction whatsoever within the current administration." UPI -- (10/20/76)



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"Mr. President, do you consider Gen. Brown a burden?"

Los Angeles Times, (10/20/76)

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The President Can't Afford the General (Editorial, excerpted, L.I. Newsday)

"In our opinion, the President must now set a corrective example. Not for being prejudiced but for being ignorant and grossly injudicious, Gen. Brown should be removed from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sent to a less rigorous assignment."

Those two sentences might have been written Tuesday, but in fact they appeared in Newsday nearly two years ago, after Air Force Gen. George S. Brown delivered a speech at Duke University in which he said that Israel had "undue influence" in Congress and that Jews "own you know, the banks in this country, the newspapers."

Live and learn? Not Brown. This time Brown's opinions are at least arguable, and none of them would be out of place on some editorial page -- unlike the remarks that got Earl Butz fired recently. But the chairman of the JCS is a quasi-diplomat, not an editorial writer, and the nation can't afford to have its military establishment headed by anyone as deficient in judgment as Brown has twice shown himself to be. If President Ford can't see that, there's something wrong with his own judgment. -- (10/20)

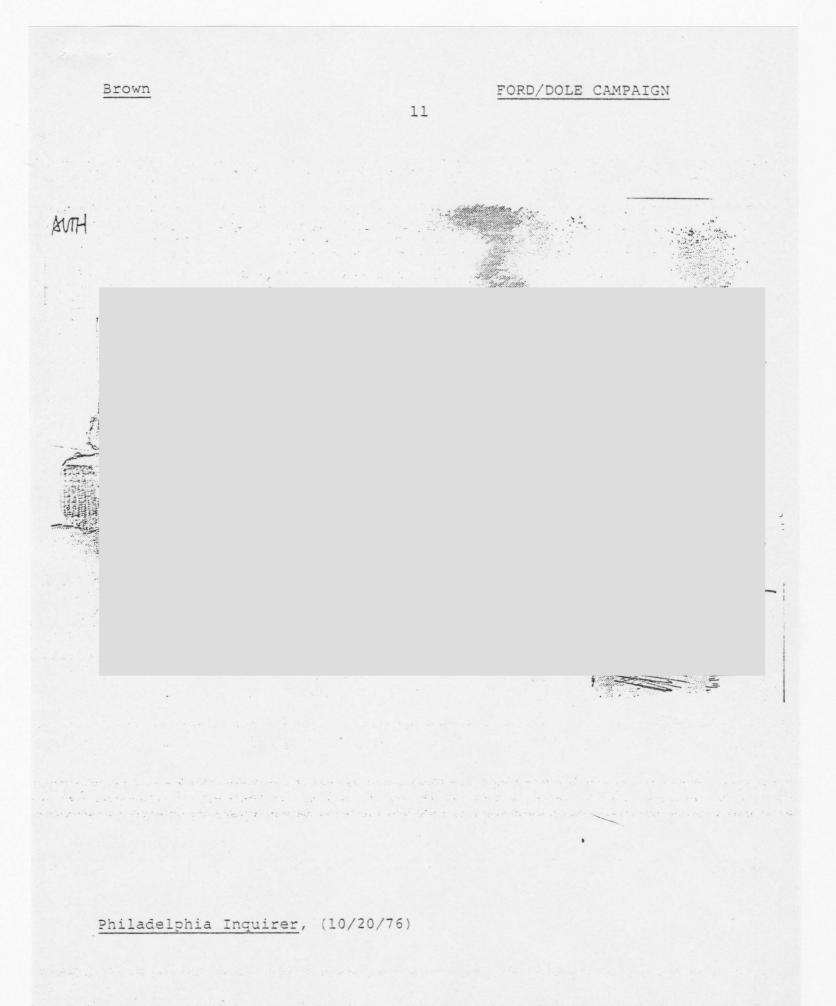
More Brown Buffoonery (Editorial, excerpted, Chicago Sun-Times)

Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has perpetrated a new outrage -- his remarks on whether the U.S. has the "stomach" to stand up to the Soviet Union, on Iran's military build-up and on the "burden" that Israel represents to the United States.

The nation does not need that kind of nonsense. Brown is obviously a general who does not know his place.

His interview sheds doubt on whether he would have the resolve to stand up to the Arab nations in aiding Israel. The doubt is so deep that his effectiveness as the nation's top military man is at an end. President Ford should not have such doubters in his entourage. If Ford made only a slight error in keeping Brown on as chairman after the Duke speech, he made a serious mistake in reappointing him chairman when the general's first term expired after that. Ford is now faced with firing him or compelling his resignation -- as he did with Earl Butz earlier this month. Incredibly, he apparently will do neither. He will not even reprimand the general.

Publication of Brown's remarks now does not help Ford's candidacy. That isn't as troublesome as the insensitivity of the joint chiefs' chairman to Israel, the American people or his own responsibilities. -- (10/19/76)



PFC Uses Playboy, Newsweek in Ads

Full-page newspaper advertisements with picture layouts of covers of <u>Playboy</u> and <u>Newsweek</u> magazines were placed Wednesday by the President Ford Committee.

The <u>Playboy</u> cover is of the issue which carried the controversial interview with Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter. It is labeled, "Now, the Real Jimmy Carter." The <u>Newsweek</u> cover has a full view of President Ford and reads "How Good a President?" Below the pictures is the caption, "One good way to decide this election: Read last week's <u>Newsweek</u>. Read this month's <u>Playboy</u>." The advertisement appeared in both the Tulsa World and Tulsa Tribune Wednesday.

A PFC spokesman said the ad gives undecided voters a chance to compare the candidates' views. Any negative inferences would have to come from the voters, he said. So far, the Carter camp has ignored the ad. (ABC)

Newsweek said the cover had been used without its permission. (ABC)

Correspondent John Martin of ABC analyzed the Ford/Carter television ad campaign in a 3:00 spot. He compared old Ford ads to the new, more hard hitting spots. AP,UPI,NBC,ABC -- (10/20/76)

Dole Hits Carter for Criticizing LBJ

Sen. Dole Wednesday attacked Jimmy Carter for his criticism of President Johnson in an interview with Ladies Home Journal. In the interview, Carter said: "Unlike Lyndon Johnson, I feel sure about myself deep inside." Carter said Johnson never felt secure around the eastern establishment. Carter said that he does not feel ill at ease with that group. ABC,NBC -- (10/20/76)

Dole Appeals to Mexican-Americans

Sen. Bob Dole appealed to Mexican Americans in Texas Wednesday to not only vote for President Ford, but to get out and work for the Republican ticket. The GOP vice presidential candidate broke open a donkey-shaped pinata at a Mexican market and when the paper mache figure burst under the blow of a stick, peanuts tumbled to the floor.

Dole smiled and said, "I wonder how they got in there." Dole Tuesday conceded the GOP ticket was behind in Texas but predicted a stretch drive campaign by Ford and his own intensive work in the Farm Belt, Southwest and South will bring the Republicans even with the Democrats by Election Day. AP, UPI -- (10/20/76)

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Ford Strategy: 'Consistency' versus Carter 'Fuzziness' (By Margaret Mayer, excerpted, Dallas Times Herald)

Running from behind and with little more than two weeks plus one debate remaining in the race, Gerald Ford's strategy relies heavily on the voters choosing "consistency" over "fuzziness" in the man who will occupy the White House for the next four years.

If Ford can put some ginger into his delivery without damaging the image he carries of the "good and decent" man, so much the better.

"Relax. Be yourself," Ford was advised following the second debate, in which he came off second best to an aggressive Jimmy Carter. Advisers were pleased with the results displayed in a trial run at Ford's press conference Thursday night. There was a spontaneous burst of applause from staffers -- inappropriate to a news conference -- when Ford attacked Carter for slandering "the good name of the United States" by saying it was "not strong."

The White House was even more pleased that the Watergate special prosecutor provided the reason for the press conference by clearing Ford of any wrongdoing after a widely publicized investigation that muddied the campaign for several weeks.

Ford's admission that he "slipped" in his denial of Soviet domination of Eastern Europe in the second debate also eased the tension that anticipated an inevitable drop in the polls. Campaign chairman James Baker claimed Friday that Ford had regained at least three of the four points lost by the East Europe blooper and concluded that, all-in-all, Ford had "a good week."

It was a week during which Ford shored up his Jewish vote by approving the sale of new military equipment to Israel and his farm vote with an increase in government price support for wheat and corn. Ford said at his press conference that the decisions were fully justified regardless of their political impact.

He is still President and still has bills to sign and implement, one source noted, while another drew the line on the political advantage that may be gained. Announcement of a new strategic arms limitation agreements, said to be 90 percent complete, before the election would be a mistake, in the estiamte of a concerned government official.

Campaign strategists do not argue with the decision. They are content to project Ford in a final media and stump-speaking blitz as the "known quantity" contesting the unknown and ambivalent Jimmy Carter. "This was the initial strategy and it was a good one," said Baker at week's end. -- (10/17/76)

Ford's misuse of office

Both candidates have made their fair share of bumbles, stumbles, slips of the tongue, misrepresentations and the like. The presidential campaign largely has been devoted to gaffes and cosmetics, covering over the issues and answers.

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Dole thus glossed over the GOP administration's record of benign neglect of farmers, Ford's veto last year of support increases, and the deaf ear the administration has turned to pleas from congressmen whose farming constituents have been watching their means of making a living go

Austin American-Statesman, 10/15/76

Carter Suffers from Handshaking-itis

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Complaining of sore hands from handshaking, Jimmy Carter took Wednesday off to rest. Tuesday, Carter went from New York to Florida urging Democrats to vote. AP, UPI, NBC -- (10/20/76)

Dilemma at Lundy's?

Jimmy Carter was expected at a Florida supermarket Tuesday. But to the dismay of waiting customers at Lundy's, Carter never arrived. Instead, they watched the Democratic presidential candidate go into the store next door.

"Could it be that the candidate has committed yet another blunder, far worse than the Playboy interview?" Frank Reynolds asked.

"Consider the dilemma of the gang at Lundy's. They now must choose between one candidate who can't seem to remember what town he's in, and another candidate who can't find the right store." ABC -- (10/20/76)

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Carter Falls Back on the Generalities (By Patrick J. Sloyan, excerpted, L.I. Newsday)

In the final days of the presidential campaign, Jimmy Carter is returning to the old ways. The Democratic nominee's speech to the American Public Health Association convention in Miami Beach Tuesday marked the end of formally prepared statements on issues.

"There may be a few exceptions, but for the rest of the campaign, he's going to be giving his standard speech," said Patrick Anderson, Carter's speechwriter. "Mostly, it will be to rallies and Democratic meetings. Jimmy's tired of giving the formal speeches."

The staple speech that Carter will give at almost every stop along the final turn in the campaign trail is an appeal to voters to help him "bind this country together." He and his aides see it as having been the key to success in more than 30 primaries and as his best bet for increasing his current narrow lead in nationwide voter surveys.

At every opportunity, Carter plans to inject into his debate answers the same points he maks in his standard speech. It entails a repeated attack on what he calls the Nixon-Ford administration, the President's lack of leadership, the moral deacy in Washington with its Watergate, Vietnam, CIA, FBI and other assorted troubled acronyms, finishing with an inspirational appeal to the strength and wisdom of American voters.

Carter and his adies know that his style is a two-edged sword. Its sweeping generalities leave listeners inspired but uninformed. However, according to Carter aides, there is no time left to deal with issues on specific terms. -- (10/20/76)

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(By Paul West, excerpted, <u>Saturday Times-Herald</u> [Dallas])

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He reads the Bible in Spanish every night, speaks the language at campaign stops in Mexican-American neighborhoods, and likes to recall his travels sough of the border. He even has a wife who, a la Jackie Kennedy, can campaign in Spanish on her husband's behalf.

Still, Jimmy Carter has not lit any fires under the traditionally Democratic Chicano voters whose ballots next months could determine the outcome of the presidential race in Texas.

Political observers say Carter could receive a record number of Maxican-American votes on Nov. 2, but they credit that to changes in voting laws and to successful voter registration drives, not to Carter's charisma.

And while as many as 90 percent of all Chicano ballots may go to the former Georgia governor, apathy in the Mexican-American community could blunt the impact of those votes.

"There are no 'Viva Carter' clubs," notes San Antonio political scientist, Charles Cotrell, recalling the "Viva Kennedy" clubs that sprang up all over South Texas in 1960.

This year, an estimated 700,000 Mexican-Americans are registered to vote, the highest total in state history, and their actions could decide who gets the state's 26 electoral votes.

With some 2.5 million of the state's 12 million residents, Mexican-Americans make up Texas's largest minority. But until 1966, when the poll tax was abolished and voting laws liberalized, Chicano voting strength lagged.

"In 1960 the voting age population among Mexican-Americans was probably half its current size," said Houston City Comptroller Lionel Castillo, the state's highest ranking local Spanish-surnamed elected official. "The point is, the Mexican-American political base is much, much bigger today than it has ever been."

Democrat Castillo, who has strong ties to the Carter organization, predicts 55 percent of the Mexican-American voters will turn out on election day and give the Democratic nomineee close to 350,000 votes.

But U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, also a Democrat, warns that Carter could be in trouble in Texas if traditional party strongholds remain apathetic.

"Mexican-Americans don't know Mr. Carter yet," he said. "The question they're asking is what is this man like? They're

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asking Carter to give them a reason to vote for him. They may not be for Ford, but if they don't get it, they'll stay home."

Gonzales feels Carter possesses charismatic qualities, but has so far failed "to penetrate" the way candidate Kennedy did in 1960.

Gonzalex predicts a turnout of under 50 percent of all registered Mexican-American voters, but thinks Carter will carry Texas by a narrow margin.

Carter's Texas campaign manager, Chuck Parrish, insists the Democratic nominee is not taking Chicano votes for granted. "Of course the Mexican-American vote is extremely important to us," he said. "By all indications we're going to get a very large majority of Mexican-American votes, consistent with their basic support of the Democratic party. Our most important job right now is assuring a large turnout."

Spanish-language flyers, signs and television and radio advertisements are now being prepared by Carter staffers in Atlanta, said Parrish.

Parrish denied that a recent Carter campaign shakeup, in which the national Hispanic Affairs director was fired, indicated that the Democrat's efforts were falling short in Mexican-American areas. "In fact, the selection of Rick Hernandez of Houston to be in charge of our national program shows how well we are doing in Texas," he said.

Over at Ford headquarters, Isaac Olivares insisted that the President would make significant inroads into Mexican-American voting communities this year. "Over the past two to four years, the present administration has really come out with programs helping Spanish-speaking people," said Olivares, who heads Amigos de Ford in Texas. He predicted the Republican would get 40 percent of votes cast by Mexican-Americans here.

And Zavala County Judge Jose Angel Gutierrez, whose La Raza Unida party refuses to endorse either Ford or Carter, agrees the Republicans have made some headway with Mexican-American voters over the past eight years but thinks Carter should still draw at least 80 percent of the Chicano vote.

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"The biggest problem among Mexican-American voters is lack of enthusiasm for either candidate," he said. -- (10/6/76)

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Alf Landon Hits Carter on Foreign Policy

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Former Gov. Alfred Landon Wednesday accused Jimmy Carter of irresponsibility in saying he would send his wife and sons on diplomatic missions.

In a rare statment issued by his Topeka office, the 89year-old GOP elder statesman indicated it is bad enough that Carter has announced he would manage foreign affairs himself.

"Now he compounds that shocking statement by saying he would send his wife and sons as diplomatic representatives of the most powerful nation in the world on missions the complexity of which they cannot be acquainted with overnight, or probably even comprehend," Landon said. UPI -- (10/20/76)

Carter Embargo Reply Incomplete (Editorial, excerpted, Milwaukee Sentinel)

Jimmy Carter says that, if elected, he won't take the U.S. into war should another Mideast oil embargo be imposed. That's well and good, but, unfortunately, Carter's alternatives hardly begin to deal with the complex problems that might result if the Arab states once again cut off our oil supplies.

Carter does not, for example, address himself to the domestic and economic repercussions of an embargo. Even if petroleum prices were kept under control or if oil and gasoline were rationed, the need to conserve would have an impact on our industrial output. Shortages would breed inflationary prices for products of manufactureres that are oil dependent. An oil shortage also would cause cutbacks in production and mean a loss of jobs in such industries. And a gasoline shortage would have a consumer impact that would jolt the auto industry.

Carter's proposed retaliatory embargo -- a general economic sanction against any uncooperative oil producer -- also would have domestic economic effects, cutting our export income and reducing our balance of payments. New markets would have to be found for the products otherwise purchased by the Arab states from the U.S. if a loss were not to be sustained.

But nowhere in Carter's foreign policy pronouncements is there a hint of how he might deal with such problems. And, in reviewing the possibile implications of an oil embargo, one also must wonder what Carter's approach would be to potential problems with our European allies. In the aftermath of the 1973 embargo, it was the European nations that were hit hardest, and most of them rushed into renunciations of Israel in order to pacify the Arabs and get the oil flowing again. If anything could save the industrial nations in such a situation, it would be subsequent cooperative agreements with European nations achieved by Secretary

Kissinger long after the embargo was lifted. And Carter wants to fire Kissinger!

So far, all Carter has described is a stubborn posture in dealing with the oil producing nations. He would be more credible if he spelled out a policy that could be sustained over the long run. -- (10/14/76)

Carter and the Girlie Magazine (Editorial, excerpted, Detroit News)

Millions of Americans are standing in line to buy their copies of a girlie magazine called <u>Playboy</u>, whose November issue contains the notorious interview with Jimmy Carter.

After flipping through the pages of this magazine and judging its redeeming social value, or lack thereof, these Americans may even get around to reading the interview. We suspect they will feel less shoced by Carter's words than they expected to be. What will shock them is the incredible lack of taste, sensitivity and judgment revealed by a presidential candidate -- especially one who tried to project a Sunday-school image of uprightness and propriety -- in displaying his ideas in such a showcase.

Carter lapsed into crude language in but a small, final portion of an interview devoted leagely to matters having nothing to do with his personal views about sex. Had Carter uttered his "lusting for women" remark in a different setting, he could have gotten away with it. But he chose to put himself on exhibit amid scores of nude photographs, raw jokes, crude sexual cartoons and erotic articles.

There he is in the table of contents -- "Jimmy Carter, candid conversatoin" -- among such titles and blurbs as "The Myth of the Penile Orgasm"; "The Vatican Sex Manual... the 13 positions that will allow you to get the ultimate in nonpassion and nonpleasure out of you-know-what"; "Sex in Cinema... the year's roundup of steamy film fare." One man's smut is another man's art. Some find places and times in their lives for both smut and art. However, the fact that a man may seek diversion at a low-down honky-tonk doesn't mean he'd like to meet his next president there talking tough out of the side of his mouth. Certainly, the Sundayschool folk would not want to see their teacher coming out of such a place.

Carter's appearance in Playboy was inappropriate and crude, a gratuitous insult to many of those whose votes he seeks. It was, in short, dumb. Millions of Americans will not ask themselves whether they would trust in the White House a man who would do such a foolish thing. -- (10/17/76)

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Carter's 'Street Money' (Editorial, excerpted, Detroit Free Press)

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The simple fact that Jimmy Carter spent thousands of dollars on "street money" to get out the vote during the primary campaigns is not very much in itself to worry about.

What's wrong with hiring people to tell others to go to the polls, after all? Certainly, he used the money in those districts where he seemed weakest, and his opponents strongest. That makes political sense. You don't spend your wad in an area that you are already assured of, after all.

But what is bothersome about the whole "street money" issue is that the Carter campaign seems to have tried to keep the expenditures hidden. And for a man who is running a campaign based on decency and trust, anything that indicates he or his campaign managers were trying to sidel around the federal election laws looks very bad.

Apparently the money was handed out in many instances without a receipt, so that the task now going on of reconstructing who spent what will be difficult, if not impossible.

There isn't really any adequate excuse for "street money" to have been lumped into such blanket categories as "advancestravel" and "advances-other."

Jimmy Carter should have known better and so should his staff. This country is yearning for openness and honesty at all levels of government, and anything that hints at less than that is not going to be shrugged away. -- (10/15/76)

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The Challenger

(By David Nyhan, excerpted, Boston Globe)

More than anything else, Jimmy Carter wants to be great. He's make almost any sacrifice to achieve his little splinter of immortality. And that may be the fundamental difference between him and Gerald Ford, who never dreamed of being President.

Jimmy Carter is a tough, smart, relentless politician who has shrewdly concluded that the voters this year are moved not by issues but by simple appeal to their better instincts.

His tooothy grin has faced thousands on camera since he came from what he has boasted was "almost nowhere." But that smile clicks off in private. Close up, he seems almost humorless, unable to take a joke.

"He's a real hard man to please," one of his top aides said last week aboard his campaign jet, Peanut One, on condition he not be identified. "He has a very high opinion of his own intelligence and his executive abilities. He is a very serious man."

Some people, even among Carter's staff, compare certain of his personality traits with Richard Nixon's. But Carter seems unafflicted by Nixon's apparent sense of insecurity.

Where Gerald Ford's intimates talk merely of being elected, the Carter aide spoke of his man's conviction "that he can grab this government and make it work." If Ford is the veteran of congressional give-and-take, Carter is the outsider who longs to have his hands on the executive's levers of power.

Where Ford brings a sort of workaday Rotart Club philosophy to the job at hand, Carter seized what one intimate now calls "almost a secret weapon -- he knew much more about the nation mood than the rest of them (Democratic rivals), that more important than the Watergate or anything else was the desire for trust in government."

"I don't worry about him being tough enough for the job," said a top Carter campaign official. "I worry about him being too tough. I worry about the potential for isolation, like Nixon."

Another Carter staffer put it more bluntly when asked if he had any reservations about his candidate's assumption of the Presidency. "He rides alone in the plane, no one sits next to him. They (closes aides) don't talk to him much. Everything is done on paper, in memos."

One of those memos, 20 pages in length, detailed Carter's plan for the innaugural in January, just as a handful of recruits

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back in Atlanta worked up secret plans for the transition of power. Both reflect Carter's military training, his penchant for organization, detail, thinking ahead.

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Where Ford seems to govern by turning up in the office every morning and dealing with what comes next across his desk, Carter leaves no doubt he'd like to be making every single important decision in the whole bureaucracy.

Regardless of whether you can be sure of Carter's specific stand on an issue, there is not doubt about his idealistic fervor.

"Essentially, he gives moralistic sermons," an aide said. "He could be up in a pulpit," and saying the same kind of thing. After taking thousands of personal soundings of voter opinions, Carter "knows that's what the American people want to hear," the aide said.

Jimmy Carter may be an intensely private man, but the prospects and rewards of "intimacy" with millions of voters seem to be what makes him tick. -- (10/17/76)

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29-YEAR-OLD IS MAN CLOSEST TO CANDIDATE Carter Confidant Virtually Unknown

BY JACK NELSON : Times Washington Bureau Chief

Greg Schneiders is only 29, did not meet Jimmy Carter until July of last year and had no previous political, experience. But during the presidential campaign he has speat more time than anyone else with the Democratic presidential nonlinee.

> He is Carter's constant companion and the person most responsible for controlling access to the candidate and for implementing his decisions.
> has advised Carter on his speeches and policy statements and on his debates with President Ford.

He advised Carter to be more aggressive in the second debate and more recently advised him to tone down his harsh campaign rhetoric. Carter heeded the advice in both instances.

Schneiders has been Carter's link to congressional leaders and to other political figures, such as former Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and former Dep. Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance.

If Carter is elected President Nov. 2, he in all probability will name Schneiders to a top White House job. A likely post would be appointments secretary.

This would be similar to the roles played by Kenneth P. O'Donnell in the Kennedy administration and Marvin Watson in the Johnson administration. Both men had been close campaign aides to their respective candidates and later handled appointments for the President.

Despite Schneiders' power and influence, he is so quiet and unobtrusive and has been so low-key in his dealings with the press that he has attracted scant attention. The Congressional Quarterly recently published profiles of 11 key Carter campaign aides, including campaign director Hamilton Jordan, press secretary Jody Powell, personal confidant Charles Kirbo, media director Gerald Rafshoon and pollster Pat Caddell. It listed a number of other Carter advisers also. Schneiders was

In an interview, Carter told The Times that Schneiders "has gotten to be the main person on whom I rely not only for personal relationship with the Secret Service and the outside world but also for advice and counsel."

"He's a superb analyst and has a free relationship with me so he's not rejuctant to criticize me when I make a mistake or (to) comment on the technique of making a speech? And:in addition, he's hist become a close personal friend."

- Who is Schneiders and how did he come so far in the political camp of a Southern Baptist lay leader surrounded mostly by fellow Georgians?

 Schneiders, born in Detroit, comes from a Roman Catholic family that said the rosary every night when he was growing up.

He was reared in Detroit. New York and Boston—cities in which his late father taught psychology at Jesuit universities.

Three of Schneiders' four sisters are nuns. A brother, Paul, a Canton, Mass., attorney, is a state legislator, and his other brother, Ronald, is a free-lance writer in Los Angeles.

Schneiders studied philosophy and psychology at Jesuit-run Georgetown University in Washington but, dropped out to run a restaurant that he had bought after working as a waiter, bartender and then manager.

"Gred did it simply by hard work, putting in long hours. I mean 18-hour days, seven days a week." says Michael Kirby, who sold him the business.

Schneiders soon own two large restaurants—one on Capitol Hill and the other in the Georgetown section of Washington. But he cold them and had gone into the restaurant consulting business when he met Carter at a small fund-raising dinner in Boston in July, 1975.

At that time, the former Georgia governor was hardly known outside his own state but was carefully laying the groundwork for his presidential campaign. On learning that Schneiders was from Washing on, Cartor asked thin to assist in the campaign three.

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Schneiders is described by friends as a pragmatist who nevertheless is idealistic. He said he had believed for some time that the country mesone someone who could possibly resident sense of purpose to the nation. He turned to Carter, he said, "because instead of running just on specific issues, he was running on a theme of restoring confidence in government."

"There has been such a sense of alienation, particularly among the young," Schneiders said. "My generation has lived through one trauma af-

ter another, beginning with John F. Kennedy's assassination, and the other assassinations and Vietnam and Watergate."

But some of Schneider's friends thought he was wasting his time on an unknown. "That was my question," Kirby recalled. "I didn't know who Jimmy Carter was and I told. Greg I hoped it would work out."

Last January, Schneiders became a full-time assistant to Carter, his role at first appearing to be little more than that of valet and traveling companion.

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McCarthy Vote Is Critical (By Robert Healy, excerpted, Boston Globe)

There are political experts now taking note of the possibility that Jimmy Carter could win the popular vote and lose the election or that President Ford could win the popular vote and lose the election.

And into this electoral mix must be put the impact of the independent candidacy of former Sen. Eugeue McCarthy.

Government Prof. Gary Orren of Harvard, who is writing a book on the 1976 election based on surveys he has conducted for the <u>New York Times</u> and CBS News, in an interview with the Harvard Gazette earlier this month, said:

"I expect a very close popular vote, but I think Carter will win because of the electoral college. Although Ford will win handily in many smaller states, Carter will narrowly win in the larger states.

"I think this year is very much like 1960 when the difference between Kennedy and Nixon was razor thin. If Carter would win the South solidly, plus the border states, he'd then be only 93 electoral college votes short of a victory."

Louis Harris said last week after his surveys that he could conceive of a situation where Carter could win the popular vote and lose the election in the electoral college.

This could happen if Carter won huge majorities in the southern and border states where there is great regional pride in Carter and loses narrowly in the large states of the Northeast where McCarthy is on the ballot.

In fairness to Orren, his interview was earlier in the month and he did not have the benefit then of the Carter slide in the polls so it would appear now that a Carter popular victory with a Ford electoral college victory is the more likely prospect. But either way McCarthy is going to be a factor just as Gov. Wallace was in the 1968 election.

There is no question but that Wallace cut into the Humphrey vote and made the difference in such states as California, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, all of which Nixon carried by fewer votes than won by Wallace.

McCarthy is on the ballot in New York. Polls there now show that Carter's lead is less than 10 points. McCarthy could win that kind of percentage there. The same is true in California where an aggressive write-in campaign is being waged for McCarthy. -- (10/17/76

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Carter Stabilizes Position in Poll

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1976, Newhouse News Service and Chicago Daily News

WASHINGTON — Democrat Jimmy Carter has halted his slide in expected electoral votes and remains favored to win the Nov. 2 presidential election, a national survey conducted this past week shows.

The latest survey shows little overall change from the week of Sept. 27-Oct. 1, when Carter fell by 29 per cent in electoral vote totals. survey. He is regarded as leading in 8 other states (against an earlier 11) with 123 votes, for his overall total of 218 electoral votes.

Ford is considered probable winner in 7 states with 43 electoral votes, the same as the earlier count, and leads in 8 other states with 44 votes, for his total of 87 electoral votes.

Seventeen states with 233 electoral votes are now considered uncertain.

States probable for Carter are: Alabama (9), Ar-

The Dallas Times Herald, (10/17/76)

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Apathy, Uncertainty May Decide Ohio (By Randy Daniels, CBS)

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Apathy and uncertainty may be the most important factors in the presidential battle for Ohio. Voter registration is down in many parts of the state and neither candidate has set political hearts afire. At a gland, Ohio would appear to be a Democrat's dream. It is industrial and unionized. Forty-one percent of the work force is blue collar, and three out of every four residents live in an urban area.

But Ohio is Republican when it comes to presidential politics. Except for the Johnson landslide in 1964, no Democratic presidential candidate has carried the state since 1948. For Jimmy Carter, the key to victory is Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. He must win here and win big to carry the state. Organized labor is solidly backing the Democratic ticket. Toledo, Youngstown and other industrialized areas are prime Carter targets. His support among black voters is solid and it is crucial. But the ethnic enclaves of Cleveland, where Carter's support is soft, despite the President statement on Soviet domination of Eastern Europe, has many Democratic leaders on edge.

"We think that to get the voter turnout is absolutely important, and so if we're 12 percent now, we need a 15 percent lead in Cuyahoga County in order to overcome setbacks in otherparts of the state," Democratic County Chairman Anthony Garfoli said.

President Ford's political strength lies in the more conservative cities like Columbus and small towns where Republicanism is a way of life. But the farm vote, the very foundation of GOP support, is uncertain. If there is support for Ford in the Ohio farm belt, officials say it is reluctant. "There is still quite a bit of question in their minds," Larry Candle of the Ohio Farm Bureau said. "And I believe more of them are leaning to Ford, maybe not enthusiastically, but they are doing so. The embargo of 1975 has a great deal to do with it. The farmers feel slightly betrayed in that situation. And I think this makes a big difference to them."

Although Ohio's unemployment rate is below the national average, it is an issue that might be costing Ford support. Two hundred ninety thousand were jobless in August, 6.4 percent of the work force. But GOP officials worry that the President's real problem may be his image. "I think people believe he's honest, that he has integrity, and that he's a fine, good person. But the ambivalence here is whether or not they think he is capable of being the President of the United States," Robert Hughes, Chairman of Cuyahoga's GOP said. -- (10/20/76)

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Butz Might Swing Ohio (By Gene Jordan, excerpted, Columbus Dispatch)

The Earl Butz racial slur about blacks may have turned on blacks about the election, in Cleveland and Cincinnati at least.

Registration closed Monday, Oct. 4, the same day Butz resigned after being reprimanded the previous Friday by President Ford for the remark.

Robert Hughes, Cuyahoga County Republican chairman and member of his county's board of election, reports 32,000 persons registered on the final day and many of those were blacks.

Hughes attributes the heavy turnout to the Butz incident. Hughes says although the final registration day turnout of blacks was relatively high, it doesn't mean the overall registration figure includes a disproportionate share of blacks.

In Franklin County, election officials say they didn't notice any sizeable increase in black registration after Butz's booboo.

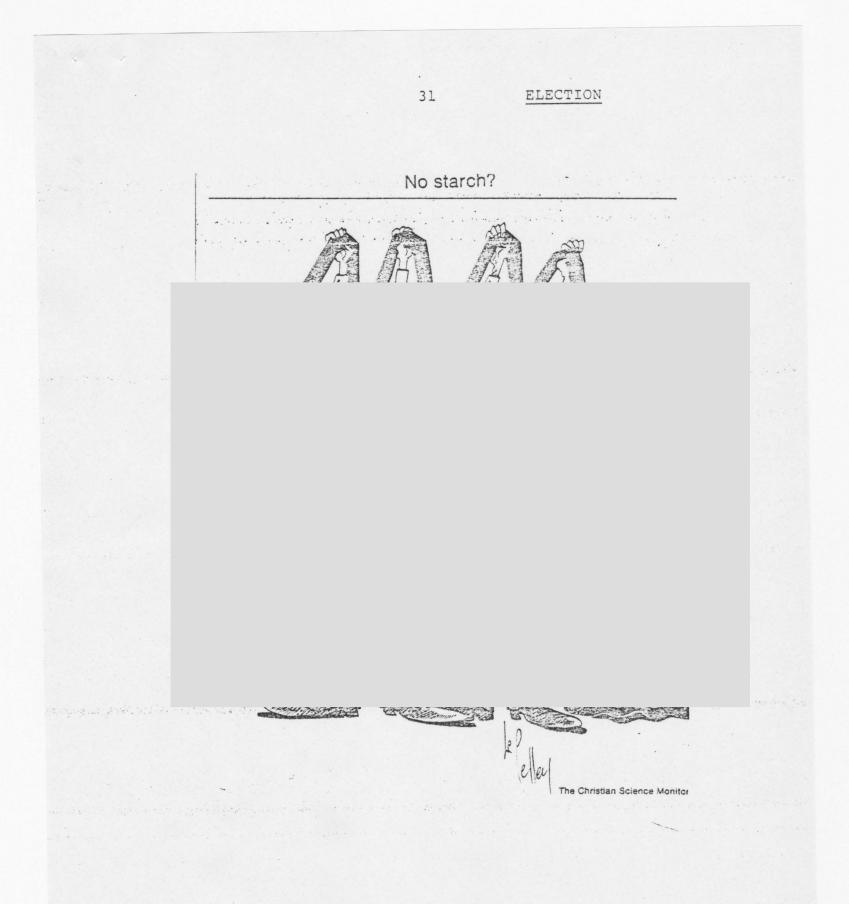
Earl Barnes, Hamilton County GOP chairman and a member of his county's elections board, said registration was rather heavy in black sections of Cincinnati but overall registration is down from 1972.

Registration and voter turnout in Cuyahoga County is extremely important for the Democrats and in Franklin and Hamilton Counties for the Republicans. Hughes believes he can hold Carter's victory margin to under 125,000 in his county so Hughes predicts Ford will carry Ohio. This Republican theory is based on the fact that the combined votes in Franklin and Hamilton Counties about equals Cuyahoga's and in presidential elections, the two Republican-oriented counties usually nullify the Democratic candidate's big margin in Cuyahoga.

> This theory then is that Democratic majorities in other metropolitan areas can be held down and the Republican candidate can win with the rural vote. The only trouble about the strategy this year is that Ford's early polls showed he wasn't doing as well with the rural voters as a Republican candidate normally does.

> The Dispatch Voting Machine Poll showed only about 32 percent of Ohioans polled approved of the way Butz was handling his job. So, perhaps the exit of Butz -- which probably increased black interest in the presidential contest -- might also have mollified the rural voters so they will return to their Republican home base. -- (10/17/76)

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For President (An Editorial)

THE NEWS endorses Gerald over our lives, but as president he Ford for election to the presidency. on Nov. 2.

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has acted again and again to stop legislative and bureaucratic at-Our reason for this choice is tempts to increase government's hold.

> Carter, on the other hand, has duce the number of federal agen-

Israel: A Campaign Issue Again (Editorial, excerpted, Minneapolis Tribune)

The presidential campaign should indeed "focus on the most serious issues of our times" as President Ford said Thursday night. A case in point is the Middle East, which the President accurately characterized a week earlier as the area "where there's more volatility than any other place in the world." He and Jimmy Carter should be telling voters how they would sort through the welter of rights and wrongs on both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict; what might be the future U.S. role in peacemaking; why the United States has been, and will continue to be, intimately invovled.

Instead, Ford and Carter have been competing to see which can sound like the more ardent supporter of Israel. Rather than enlightening the electorate about the Middle East, Carter and Ford have distorted the issues. Carter created an impression of waning Israeli strength at a time when intelligence estimates give Israel an edge over Egypt, Syria and Jordan together. Ford's grant of further arms aid three weeks before the election reinforces the idea that the military dimension is all-important; it obscures a host of other problems to which arms are no answer. Neither candidate suggested the obvious: that in an area saturated with arms, the emphasis ought to be on slowing the arms buildup throughout the Middle East, including Israel.

The presidential candidates might pause for a minute in their protestations of support for Israel to consider a remark by Israel's foreign minister the day after their second debate. Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, Yigal Allon said: "We are prepared, now, even before peace is made, to negotiate with our neighbors for a balanced limitation of the inflow of arms into the area, in such a manner that the burden will be lightened for all without affecting adversely the security of any." Is it asking too much of American leaders to address a vital issue in similar terms? -- (10/17/76)

Morality in our foreign policy can be 'distorted to excess

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By DONALD SHEPARDSON

Jimmy Carter recently called for a return to a more moral foreign policy based on traditional American values, day that "the United States has never of the United States. In the process of as opposed to Presideat Gerald Ford's conceded and never will concede?' the the struggle against Communism, the and Secretary of State Henry Kissing - Soviet domination of Eastern Europe moral values guiding the conduct of ar's "realistic" approaca.

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A New Constituency: Political Candidates Seek Gay Vote

By ROGER RICKLEFS

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Hoping for a big reelection victory, New York State Assemblyman Mark Alan Siegel campaigns all over his Manhattan constituency: subway stops, supermarkets, the League of Women Voters and St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Now it is 11 p.m., and the 31year-old Democrat starts a less predictable part of his campaign: a tour of homosexual bars In California especially, pollticians are turning to the homosexual community for help: Ward C. Wardman, northern California manager of Sen. John V. Tunney's reelection-campaign, says: "What we look to the gay community for are things like voter registration and getting out the vote." Sen. Turney's campaign aides have given receptions for 400 homosexual leaders in the state, and homosexual groups there recently arranged two \$50-a-person fund-raisers for Sen. Tur-

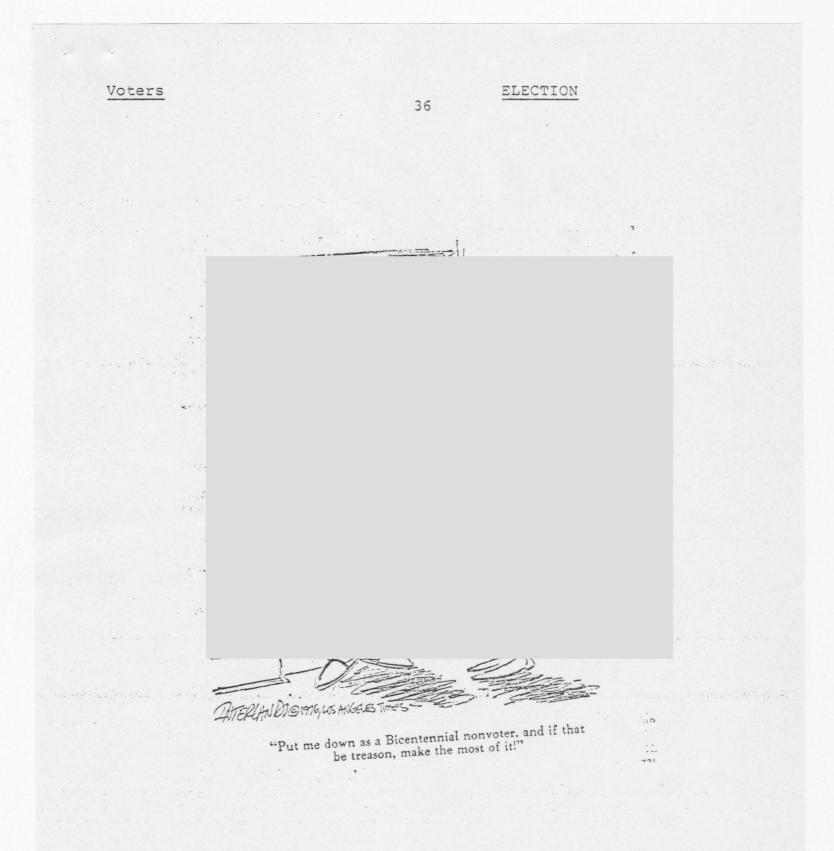
In Houston, several candidates in last year's city elections addressed a rally organized by the Gay Political Caucus there. Mayor Fred Hotheinz, running for reelection, skipped the rally but attended a reception for homosexual leaders and was endorsed by the Caucus. "I suspect it gained votes for him. People who were offended wouldn't have voted for him anyway." says Barbara Strong, his press secretary.

Barbara Strong, his press secretary. Last year's Houston campaign demon-

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(excerpted)

in Congress that would bar discrimination against homosexuals. "I oppose all forms of discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of sexual preference," he says.



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Black Registration Down from '72

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Black voter participation in national elections has been declining steadily over the past decade, even as the number of black elected officials on the state and local levels has soared.

Black registration in 1972 was 65.5 percent of eligible voters, compared to a white registration of 73.4 percent. For this election, says John Britton of the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, only about 52 percent of blacks are registered. This may be bad news for Democrats who are hoping for big black majorities in key industrial states.

But while registration in the North has been languid, it's increased substantially in the South. Close to four million blacks are registered in the 11 southern states, says John Lewis, executive director of the Voter Education Project. In 1972, slightly under three million were registered. AP -- (10/20/76)

Debate

The Debate or World Series?

The postponement of Wednesday's World Series game may cause a problem for NBC. If the Yankees win the game on Thursday night, there could be a game on Friday.

That would not normally be a problem -- except the last debate is scheduled at the same time. Now NBC is caught in a dilemma over which event to cover.

The decision to appease the sports fans or politicos has not yet been reached. NBC -- (10/20/76)

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ADMINISTRATION

Richardson: Commerce Fighting Arab Boycott

Commerce Secretary Richardson told a House subcommittee Wednesday that the Administration is discouraging U.S. firms from taking part in the Arab boycott of Israel, and is disclosing the names of those who do.

But Chairman Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.) pressed for an outright ban, which he said would be in keeping with national policy, and end confusion over what is and is not compliance with the boycott.

Richardson, however, said such action would seriously weaken the U.S. as middleman in an eventual settlement of Israeli-Arab differences. "I think the Arab countries mean it when they say they intend to maintain the boycott in the manner they have," Richardson said. "I think the result would be not that they back off, but that we would be forcing them to dig themselves into a harder position." (CBS)

Richardson cautioned that the government must keep in mind the increasing amount of Arab oil required by, and being shipped to the U.S. (CBS) Richardson also said some Commerce Dept. employes may have aided the boycott by telling U.S. firms how to conform with the Arab requests without having to make a formal report to the Dept., as required by law. (ABC)

Richardson did not identify the federal workers invovled, but told the House Government Operations Subcommittee he was taking action to prevent such activity. (ABC) AP,UPI,ABC,CBS --(10/20/76)

PRESIDENCY

Ford Casts 64th Veto

President Ford Wednesday handed down his 64th veto rejecting the 1976 Agricultural Resources Conservation bill to require the Soil Conservation Service to appraise the nation's land and water resources.

He said his 1977 budget proposal would provide more than \$400 million for the SCS to do the very thing to which the bill was directed, and would not create a costly new bureaucracy. Ford also signed bills that range from revising the nation's copyright laws for the first time in 67 years to aiding railroads and providing for aid for municipal waste water plants. AP,UPI,ABC --(10/20/76)

ECONOMY

Number Filing for Jobless Pay Highest in a Year

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The government reported Wednesday that the number of people filing new claims for jobless pay in the week ending Nov. 9 was the highest in a year.

The report was taken as another sign of a slowdown in the economy, Walter Cronkite reported. (CBS) CBS -- (10/20/76)

Stocks Up in Slow Trading

An afternoon rally in blue-chip stocks, triggered by some surprisingly good earnings reports, pushed prices higher Wed. in slow trading on the New York Stock Exchange despite numerous investor uncertainties.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, off more than three points at one time, rallied to gain 4.90 points to 954.87. In the past four sessions, the blue-chip average has gained 18.97 points. AP,UPI,ABC,CBS -- (10/20/76)

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Saudi Summit

The Saudi summit

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The peace formula agreed upon by six Arab leaders at the summit conference in Saudi Arabia is a major and most welcome development in the Middle East. It holds out promise – if not yet certainty – that the bitter civil conflict which has raged in Lebanon for some 19 months will soon come to an end.

In broad outline the plan calls for a ceasefire this week and the formation of a 30,000Beyond Lebanon, however, is the importance of the Riyadh summit for developments in the Middle East as a whole. It is Saudi Arabia, with its enormous financial leverage, which has played the pivotal role in achieving a cease-fire agreement and the reason for its interest is clear. For months now it has been trying to bring about a reconciliation between Syrian President Assad and Egyptian Presi-

Christian Science Monitor, (10/20/76)

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World-Wide FORD ATTACKED CARTER for his stand on the Arab boycott of Israel.

The President told a news conference that his Democratic rival is "naive" if he thinks he could do away with the Arab boycott, as Carter promised Tuesday. Ford said that Presidents Elsenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon opposed the boycott and couldn't stop it, so that it is "ridiculous" for

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The NAACP won a court ruling that could save it from bankruptcy. A federal judge in Oxford, Miss., cut to \$100,000 from \$1.6 million the bond the black-rights organization must post if it wishes to appeal a judgment won by white merchants. In the Argentine security forces killed an Amer ican woman suspected of being a leftis guerrilla. She was Chris Ana Olson de Oliva 30, of Berkeley, Calif., daughter of a Kaisen Industries executive who once worked it

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Business and Finance COKE-OVEN emission stan-dards were issued by the Labor Department that order employers, for the first time, to make specific engineering and work-rule changes. The tough new regula-tions, sure to be costly, were im-mediately challenged in court by

Combustion Engineering is the Combustion Engineering is the leading suitor for Gray Tool, which has been trying to avert a take-over by Petrolane. Gray said that an accord to merge into Joy Manufacturing ended and that Combustion bought 34% of its common stock and seeks the rest.

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September Cost of Living Up .4%

The cost of living rose .4% in September, the smallest advance since April, the Labor Department reported today.

The main reason for the slowdown, the report said, was a leveling of food prices.

Last month's rise in the consumer price index, which translates into an annual rate of 4.8%, was smaller than the .6% increase in May and the .5% jump in June through August. The CPI rose an identical .4% in April.

Today's report is welcome news for President Ford, whose Presidential campaign effort has been hit hard in recent weeks with a series of disappointing economic reports.

The September consumer price figure--the last to be published before the election--indicates that despite sluggish growth in the economy, inflation slowed somewhat last month.

Ford's economic advisers have maintained throughout this year's campaign that the economy must be brought along slowly so as not to rekindle the disastrous inflation of the recession.

Following three months of relatively small increases, food prices showed no change between August and September. This leveling in the cost of food accounted in large part for the slowdown in the overall inflation rate.

The rise in the cost of services also slowed last month, rising .5%, compared with 6.1% in the spring quarter. In the first three months of his year, prices rose by 2.9%.

Despite the good news on the inflation front, the Labor Department reported that the real spendable earnings of the average American worker declined .5% in September. --AP, UPI (10-21-76)

Ford Meets With Hungarian Freedom Fighters

President Ford is inviting Hungarian freedom fighters to the White House to observe the anniversary of a revolt the Soviet Union crushed with tanks and troops 20 years ago.

The inviation to survivors of the revolt who made it to the United States is aimed at giving Ford another chance today to make up for a blunder in his second debate with Jimmy Carter.

Ford arranged to meet the Hungarians and to take part in a White House ceremony swearing in six members of the Federal Council on the Aging before going to New York where he and Carter will make separate appearances at the 31st annual Al Smith dinner tonight.

It was his last scheduled day at the White House before starting a barnstorming cross-country swing that will last until November 2.

He and Carter square off again Friday night in their final debate, an event that one-time college football player Ford says he is looking forward to "like a big ball game." --AP, UPI (10-21-76)

Issues

Holtzman Charges Levi Refusal is New Watergate Coverup

The Justice Department's refusal to investigate President Ford's role in blocking an early inquiry into Watergate "smacks of a new cover-up," says a member of Congress who asked for the probe.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.) said the Attorney General's refusal "is irresponsible and smacks of a new cover-up."

"If the Attorney General believes that the President who appointed him is innocent, why is he afraid to investigate the allegations?" she asked. --AP, UPI, Today Show, Good Morning America (10-21-76)

Issues

Dean: Ford Didn't Know About Watergate Conspiracy

John Dean said today that he did not believe President Ford, while House Minority Leader, had any knowledge of the Watergate conspiracy brewing in the White House.

"I know I didn't brief him. I know of no one else at the white House who did brief him. I think that when he got involved in stopping the Patman hearings he was doing what he thought he should do as Minority Leader," Dean added.

Dean recalled that on September 15, 1972, President Nixon said that Ford wasn't helping and that the Minority Leaders weren't holding together, Nixon then gave "very specific orders" for getting Ford to help.

"The next thing I know," Dean said in the ABC interview, "I'm getting reports back that Ford is helping and indeed did help."

Dean said he had "no idea" if there was anything that could incriminate Ford on the White House tapes.

Asked why his book, "Blind Ambition," was put on sale at this time, Dean stated, "It wasn't by design. I was surprised the Watergate issue came up at this point." He noted that his book was scheduled to come out in January 1977 but was chosen by the Book-of-the-Month Club for November. Dean added that he doesn't "particularly enjoy being in the middle of a campaign controversy." --Good Morning America (10-21-76)

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Denver Post, 10/14/76

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Dole Says Carter Insults Johnson

Senator Bob Dole, again drawing campaign ammunition from the pages of a magazine, is accusing Jimmy Carter of criticizing Lyndon B. Johnson in one interview while "apologizing to his widow" for remarks that appeared in another.

Carter's comments on the late President in a new interview done for the <u>Ladies Home Journal</u> likened by the GOP Vice-Presidential nominee to Carter's earlier statement about Johnson in Playboy magazine.

Dole made the charge in campaign stops Wednesday in Texas and Mississippi.

Carter was interviewed for the Ladies Home Journal article by Doris Kearns. In her article, Carter is quoted as saying that "unlike Lyndon Johnson...I feel sure about myself deep inside. Johnson never felt secure inside, especially around the Eastern establishment--the professors, experts, writers and media people--and that's why they got him in the end."

This description of Johnson is far milder than that in the <u>Playboy</u> interview, where Carter listed Johnson along with Richard Nixon when talking about Presidents "lying, cheating and distorting the truth."

Dole maintained that both interviews displayed a similar insensitivity toward Johnson on the part of the Democratic Presidential candidate.

Dole told a \$100-a-plate fundraiser in Jackson, Mississippi, attended by more than 1,000 persons, that Carter had made "another insult aimed at the late President Johnson. He'll be calling Lady Bird Johnson again, and saying, 'Well, sorry, it just slipped out.'"

"So much for the values of Mr. Carter's apologies, and his contrition over being unkind to others," Dole told a rally Wednesday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "The man trots out all his soft words in praise for President Johnson and in the back of his mind he knows full well that he is on the public record somewhere else making unpleasant remarks about the man while he is apologizing to his widow."

Dole has made frequent jokes about Carter's comments on sex and adultery in the same <u>Playboy</u> interview that contains criticism of Johnson.

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In the past, Dole has also used a <u>Reader's Digest</u> article and an interview in the Seventh Day Adventist magazine, <u>Liberty</u>, to attack Carter. --AP (10-21-76)

Mrs. Dole Has Violated Nonpartisan FTC Post, Rep. Moss Charges

Federal Trade Commissioner Elizabeth Dole, wife of the GOP Vice Presidential candidate, has violated the nonpartisan nature of her post by campaigning for the Republicans, the chairman of the House subcommittee which oversees regulatory agencies charged today.

Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.), head of the House Commerce Oversight Subcommittee, made his charge in a statement accompanying a report on Federal commissions which cites an "overwhelming need" to separate the independent regulatory commissions from partisan politics.

Moss said that, as an example, the campaign activities of Mrs. Dole, wife of Senator Robert Dole, "are completely contrary to the nonpartisan, quasijudicial nature of the position she occupies." --UPI (10-21-76)

Environmentalists Call Ford Policies "Hostile"

A group of 240 environmental activists says President Ford's attitude on ecological issues "varies between hostility and indifference."

The statement was issued Wednesday, signed by many persons who are prominent in various environmental organizations. But those signing the statement said they were acting as individuals, not as spokesmen for the organizations.

The statement criticized Ford for twice vetoing legislation to regulate strip mining, his opposition to bills tightening rules for offshore petroleum development and for his support of proposals to soften existing cleanair and clean-water requirements.

The statement avoided any direct election endorsement. It said "the close of the 94th Congress, coinciding with the close of President Ford's term of office, makes it an appropriate time...to issue this analysis of his record." --AP, UPI (10-21-76)

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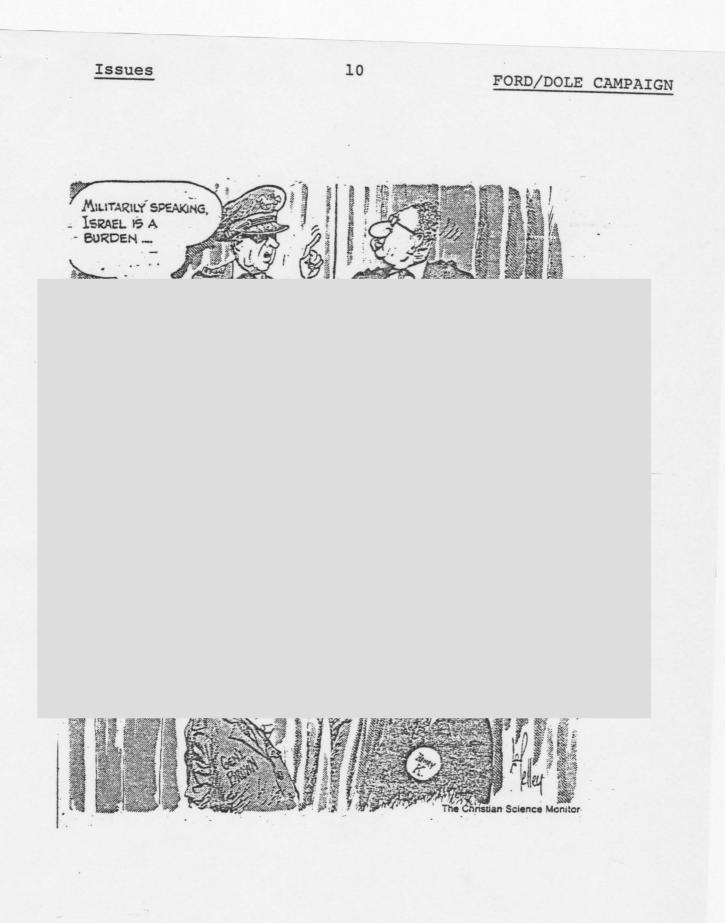
Democratic Party candidates Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale were swift to seek political advantage from remarks made about Israel by Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. That swiftness is in itself a symptom of the current American political campaign. The rule seems to be: shoot first, and think later.

On hearing about the Brown remarks Jimmy

Politics and General Brown

and was the peace-keeper of the world and was the bulwark and bastion of freedom, humbled as it is today by unsolved economic problems. Its armed forces in terms of size and ability to influence events have shrunk from world to local stature. Their quality is superb, but the numbers are pitifully small in terms of Britain's past. General Brown used the wrong words, but from his military point of view Brit-

which in my own lifetime did rule the oceans C.S. Monitor, 10/21/76



C.S. Monitor, 10/21/76

GOP 'Southern Strategy' Tested Across Dixie

By Gary Thatcher Staff correspondent of

The Christina Science Monitor

Nashville, Tennessee Can a Democratic ticket with a Southerner at its helm be the key to dismantling what is left of the Republican "Southern strategy" of the early 1970's?

The question is being asked not only on the national level but in a host of state and local

New hurdles faced

Normally Mr. Brock's incumbency and his conservative voting record would be enough to assure a return to office, admit the state's Democratic strategists.

But Mr. Sasser has zeroed in on the Senator's personal finances, depicting him as a rich

C.S. Monitor, 10/21/76

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Carter Charges PFC Ads Are Misleading

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Jimmy Carter said today President Ford was conducting a "highly misleading" advertising campaign which insinuates that Carter has "low morals simply because I granted an interview with Playboy magazine."

Carter said Ford knows <u>Playboy</u> has interviewed many prominent people -- including his own Treasury Secretary William Simon.

Standing in front of his peanut warehouse in blue jeans and a light sweater, Carter said, "I think it's a highly misleading sort of advertising campaign to insinuate that I'm a special case and have low morals simply because I granted an interview with <u>Playboy</u> magazine. But Mr. Ford made the decision to do it and I personally don't believe that it will help him any."

On another matter, Carter discussed the controversy over whether Ford, when he was House Republican Leader, acted on President Nixon's initiative when he tried to stop a preliminary investigation into the Watergate matter by the House Banking Committee.

"You know that's up to Mr. Ford to answer," Carter said. "He's never denied -- I don't believe he's ever denied -- that he tried to stop the Watergate investigation by the Patman Committee...

"The only way to resolve it, I think, is for Mr. Ford to answer the question frankly or let the tapes be made available. But I'm not pushing for it. I think the question is not one that cannot be answered between now and the election." --AP, UPI(10/21/76)

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Mondale: Ford, Dole Not Fit to be Elected Dog Catcher

Democrat Walter Mondale, turning aside suggestions he is Jimmy Carter's "hatchet man" says neither President Ford nor his running mate, Robert Dole, should be elected dog catcher.

Mondale also charged that Ford showed an "abscence of leadership" by failing to at least reprimand Gen. George Brown for his recent remarks about Israel being a burden on the United States military community.

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These statements, sprinkled between Party rallies in three West Coast cities, were among the most pointed charges Mondale has leveled at Republicans. But he shrugged off a suggestion that he was playing the role of "hatchet man" for Jimmy Carter.

Mondale faced small groups of hecklers during rallies in San Jose, Calif., and Portland Wednesday. The protesters, calling themselves members of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, changed "We want jobs, not hot air."

Both in Portland and Seattle, Mondale emphasized that Ford and Dole had voted in Congress against legislation establishing the Medicare program. He noted Dole defended that vote on medicare during their nationally televised debate last Friday.

"When the Vice Presidential candidate and the Presidential candidate of the Republican Party both voted against Medicare, and are still proud of it, they shouldn't be elected dog catcher, let alone President and Vice President," Mondale said late Wednesday night.

When a reporter suggested later the remark suited a political hatchet man, Mondale replied, "I can think of very few issues in American life that better demonstrate the difference between people who care and those who don't care than medicare.

"Of course I'm making thepoint forcefully, but I think that's an atrocious vote -- demonstrating a lack of sensitivity for the problems of our people."

Mondale made a similar remark earlier this week when he said Brown was not fit to serve as sewage commissioner. --UPI (10/21/76)

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Jack Carter Makes Money on Playboy Interview

Jack Carter has turned his father's comments on adultery and other matters in a <u>Playboy</u> magazine interview into cold cash for the Democratic party.

The Presidential candidate's son raised \$40 for Democrat Ken Pursley's congressional campaign at a party gathering in Idaho by autographing and then auctioning off a copy of the November issue of <u>Playboy</u>. --AP, UPI (10/21/76)

Strategy

Thanks to statewide support

Carter campaign leads Ford's in New York

BY ADAM CLYMER Sun Staff Correspondent

New York—Almost one year ago, the New York *Daily News* front-page headline read:

"Ford to City: Drop Dead"

Jimmy Carter's campaign here is trying to make sure no voter forgets last October 30. The headline is the centerelse. Over that period, which spanned the first two debates, Mr. Carter had greatly strengthened his support among core Democratic voters, such as blacks and Jews.

He was still losing the Catholic vote, but almost holding his own among Protes-

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Still, despite those deep unemployment figures in Buffalo, Mr. Ford led in that city and in Erie county overall, 39.5 per cent to 30.1 per cent, according to the most recent Buffalo Evening News poll, taken after the second debate.

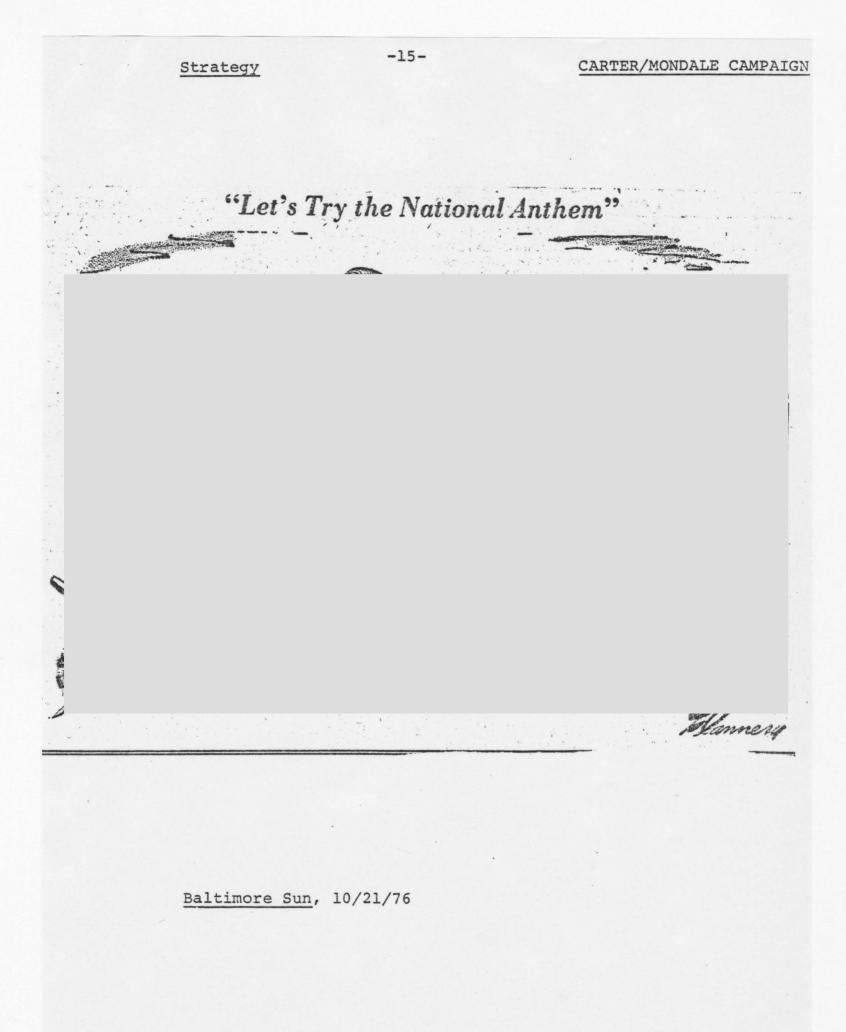
There is little visibility to the Republican campaign. In New York, as elsewhere, it is hampered by tight budgets, and Mr. Rosenbaum predicted spending of \$200,000 or a bit more.

One expenditure had to be canceled, after county chairman Joseph Margiotta of Nassau discovered the realities of the new law. Despite Mr. Rosenbaum's advice, he had spent \$30,000 having "Ford-Dole" painted on railroad overpasses. He then had to pay to have the slogan blotted out, rather than have it charged to Mr. Ford's overall spending limit.

Baltimore Sun, 10/21/76

ed a final push of helpfulness as a result of Republican vice presidential candidate Senator Robert J. Dole's television debate performance.

Jealously guarded literature money is being spent, to get that *Daily News* headline around town again.



Harris Survey Is anyone winning debates?

By Louis Harris

45-to-41 per cent.

JIMMY CARTER has a series problem facing him in the third of the presidential debates Friday night. Whether Carter wins or loses each specific debate, the doubts about him continue to increase, the most serious of which is the 52-to-32-per cent majority feeling "that he doesn't have enough experience After the second debate, when Carter was less factual, more assertive, and more argumentative, doubts about his "lack of experience in national and world affairs" rose to 52-to-32 per cent. More importantly, by 59 to 26 per cent, a majority of the voters thinks that President Ford, not Jimmy Carter, "has the better experience to be President for the next four years." This finding shows how crucial it is for Carter to overcome this feeling that he does not have adequate experience.

TWO OTHER Carter troubles have also grown rather than diminished in the course of the campaign. Despite two debates, a 49-to-41 per cent plurality now feels that Carter "makes me uneasy because I can't tell what kind of person he really is." After the first debate, only 44 per cent felt that way while 46 per cent did not. In addition, a 49-to-37 per cent plurality still feels that Carter "has ducked taking stands on issues to avoid offending anybody and

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The most crucial public attitude for Ford in these debates is the 59-to-27 per cent majority who believes he has "the better experience to be President," and the 43-to-29 per cent plurality who says "he seems to act and look more like a President." In short, incumbency seems to be working for Ford in the debates, while doubts about Jimmy Carter appear to grow.

In 1966, John F. Kennedy scored close to a knockout over Richard Nixon in the first debate and Nixon never did catch up to him. In 1976, it is now beginning to appear that the victor in the debates could well be President Ford by attrition. His presidential presence has been reinforced by each debate, while Carter continues to slip after each encounter. However, Friday's debate is likely to be the most decisive of the three, and perhaps Jimmy Carter can correct what up to now has been his failure to establish greater credibility with his debate performances.

Chicago Tribune, 10/21/76

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Ford, Carter Map Attacks on Crime in U.S.

By Richard L. Strout

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor Washington

With America's rate of serious crimes growing 9 percent a year, President Ford has promised to appoint a crime council with a 100-day crusade if elected. And Jimmy Carter has released a 16-point position paper on crime with an overall statement that the best way to reduce crime is to reduce unemploy.

the Massachusetts lead, it is believed, if Question 5 is approved.
45 million firearms
America's serious crimes and distribution of firearms, per

C.S. Monitor, 10/21/76

Image

By ALAN L. OTTEN -

Dreary, Dreary, Dreary

WASHINGTON-In just 12 more days, it will all be over-thank the Lord.

It's not the suspense over the outcome that's so hard to take; it's the emptiness and dreariness of the campaign. There's been a "nobody for President" movement -18-

Neither man has attempted any consistent thoughtful discussion of major issues: how to stimulate economic recovery without heightened inflation, the shape of future relations with Russia and China, the problems continuing to plague the older cities, ways to reform the welfare system, protection of individual privacy, and a dozen others. Instead, they have campaigned in cliches.

Timmy Carter promised to make the

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Moreover, an unusually high percentage of men and women still are undecided or lean only lightly to one candidate or the other. A Gallup Poll released early last week reported that just before the second debate Mr. Ford had almost drawn even with Mr. Carter. But Gallup officials also said that these results were already badly out of date, and that in the wake of the sec-

W.S. Journal, 10/21/76

Last debate may settle election Ford, Carter camps

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

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Washington

The final debate is at hand, and insiders in both camps say the outcome could be decisive in the election.

"One more bad bobble for Ford, and it's all over for him," one person inside the President's camp admits. To Mr. Carter's statement, "I do not advocate new spending programs which would cost anything near \$100 billion," Mr. Ford also will offer rebuttal.

To Mr. Carter's statement, "I do not advocate a \$15 billion reduction in the defense budget," Mr. Ford will jump in with citation of passages from Carter interviews to prove that he, not Mr. Carter, is telling the truth.

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about even now, the final debate quite obviously could decide it all.

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Debates, Baseball Conflict Will be Worked Out, Ford Says

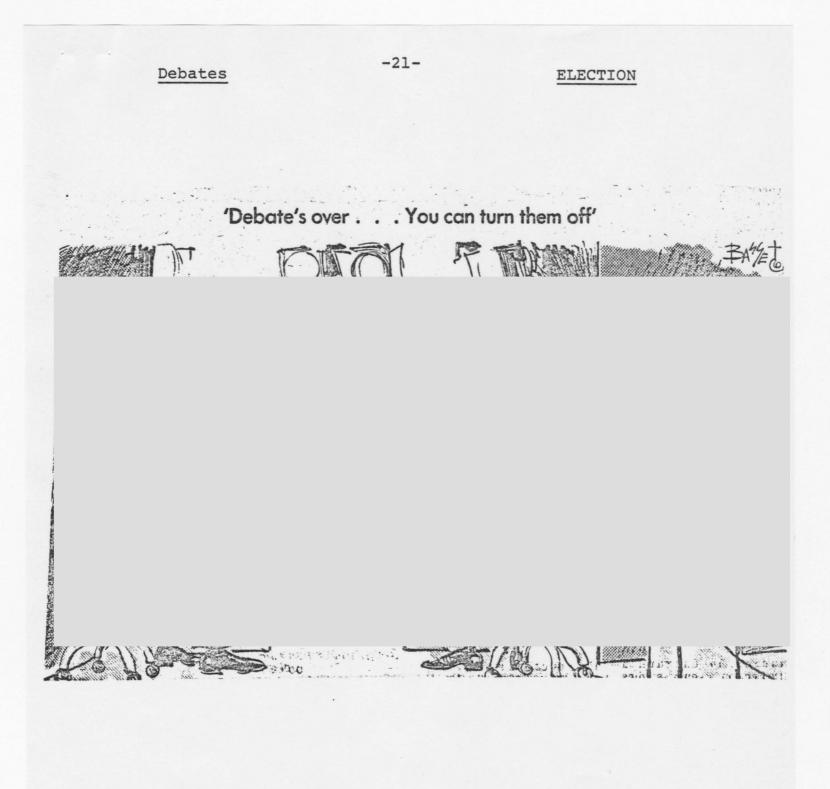
President Ford has reassured baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn that "we'll work something out" if the World Series poses a problem for Friday night's Presidential debate.

The next game of the Series is slated to be played in New York Thursday night. If Cincinnati wins, the Series will be over with the Reds sweeping New York in four games.

But if the Yankees win, another game will be played Friday in New York at a time not yet set.

Kuhn told the White House that he would like to start a Friday game at 6 p.m. hoping the game would end before the beginning of the debate scheduled to be broadcast on all three major television networks, said Ron Nessen.

According to Nessen, Ford told Kuhn it would be no problem if the game ran into extra innings. --AP, UPI, Today Show (10/21/76)



Rocky Mountain News, 10/12/76

UNITED STATES

Bellow Awarded Nobel Literature Prize for American Sweep

American author Saul Bellow today won the 1976 Nobel Prize for Literature, giving the United States an unprecedented sweep of this year's series of Nobel awards.

The Swedish Academy said the 61-year-old Chicago-based author was cited "for the human understanding and subtle analysis of contemporary culture that are combined in his work."

Bellow was the 7th American to win a Nobel Prize this year -- a clean sw-ep of the 1976 awards. --AP, UPI, Good Morning America, Today Show (10/21/76)

School Census

UNITED STATES

School Integration Census to be Conducted

The U. S. Office for Civil Rights will go ahead with two antidiscrimination surveys of American schools, thanks to a policy reversal by the Ford administration.

The administration on Wednesday lifted its objections to the surveys, which will look for evidence of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, or physical handicaps. The earlier objections to the surveys were criticized by civil rights organizations.

Fernando Oaxaco, associate director of the White House budget office, said that politics played no role in the decision.

"There was no policy change here whatsoever. We had not blocked or shut down the system. We were trying to resolve matters of timing and format," Oaxaco said. --AP, UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76) Tuna Fisherman

Day of the Dolphin

The only U.S. fishing fleet that amounts to anything is the tuna fleet that plies the Pacific in the latest, most expensive boats. The tuna fishermen do not throw lines and hooks over the side and wait for nibbles, but scan the ocean surface for porpoises at play, for they are usually playing above tuna

The only U.S. fishing fleet that of this week no more dolphins may amounts to anything is the tuna fleet that plies the Pacific in the pierced.

Their job done, the federal porpoise body counters are being ordered off the boats by Commerce. The porpoise lobby protests, not trusting tuna fishermen. It wants a federal cop stationed on every

W.S. Journal, 10/21/76

Smith May Leave Talks if Nationalists "Undermine" Them

Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith said today his delegation to talks on handing over power to Rhodesia's black majority may walk out of black nationalist demands undermine "the whole concept that brought us here."

Arriving in Geneva, Switzerland, for preliminary talks before next week's conference with black nationalist leaders, Smith said at an airport news conference that "I have come here in a positive frame of mind."

He said his five-man cabinet delegation "will be eminently reasonable and patient. We will lean over backwards to make the conference succeed." But he said his delegation is not prepared to make major concessions.

Smith said the black nationalist leaders were trying to open up for renegotiation the entire deal he accepted as a package from Secretary Kissinger last month. Black leaders have objected to the part of that agreement prescribing the makeup of the interim government before black majority rule is achieved.

--AP, UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76)

ADMINISTRATION

Common Cause: Conflict of Interest in Executive Branch

Common Cause charged Wednesday the Executive branch of government contains actual or potential conflict of interest cases among bureaucrats with financial holdings or industry ties.

The public interest lobby said a study of financial holdings and employment histories of agency officials shows "the integrity and objectivity of many executive branch actions are seriously undermined by conflicts of interest in which top executive personnel are involved."

The clearest conflict of interest occurs," the study said, when officials own stock in a company that their decisions can directly affect. At times, agency consultants also work for private enterprises affected by decisions in which the consultants participate.

Common Cause said some agency officials who formerly worked for regulated businesses still have financial ties with them. Others may be swayed in their administrative actions by previous employment ties or the promise of lucrative future jobs with businesses they oversee. --AP, UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76)

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Butz Assails the Press

Former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said Wednesday it is getting to thepoint that "you can't persuade a competent person to take a top position in government" because of inroads by the news media into officials' private lives.

Butz said he will continue to speak out publicly on farm issues. He said President Ford has not sought to silence him and he has made a half-dozen public appearances since his resignation.

"I'm at retirement age -- I'm 67 -- but there is a lot of life in me," he said. "I'm identically the age of Wilbur Mills and just a year older than Wayne Hays. The trouble is I'm not a Democrat in the Congress."

Butz said he does not believe the controversy surrounding him will affect the outcome of the election, but then said "it hasn't been a plus among, well, I just can't say."

Butz also told reporters that public officials no longer have private lives. --AP, UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76)

FOREIGN POLICY

Poll Finds U. S. Prestige Lowest in W. Europe in 22 Years

An administration-sponsored poll shows that U.S. prestige in four key Western European countries is at its lowest level in the 22 years that such surveys have been made, the New York Times reported today.

It said the analysis, conducted under the auspices of the United States Information Agency, concluded that the prevailing view of citizens of Britain, West Germany, France and Italy "is that America has already reached its peak or is in fact on the way down in the things that make a country outstanding."

The Times said it obtained a preliminary analysis of the survey from "sources interested in the election of Jimmy Carter."

"All the USIA officials reached by the Times flatly rejected the suggestion that publication of the survey was being delayed for political reasons," the newspaper said.

Poll

"While there is still a large reservoir of good will towards the United States in West Europe," the preliminary analysis was quoted as saying, "it is currently at its lowest level in the 22-year history of USIA surveys."

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Some of the negative highlights as reported by the Times:

-- The most frequent reason given for loss of respect for the United States relates to the Watergate scandals and corruption.

-- Whatever the success of the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations at home and abroad, it was not sufficient to arrest a downward trend in respect since 1972.

-- "The prevailing view is that America has already reached its peak or is in fact on the way down in the things that make a country outstanding." --UPI, Today Show (10/21/76)

Israel

FOREIGN POLICY

Israel Won't Get Weapons For Up to Three Years

A Pentagon official says Israel will have to wait as long as three years to receive the advanced weapons recently promised by President Ford.

Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements also told a news conference Wednesday that the United States is considering licensing Israel to manufacture part or all of the new F-16 fighter plane.

Israel has expressed strong interest in being able to add the lightweight fighter to its air arsenal, Clements said. The United States already has approved a sale of 160 F-16s to Iran.

Ford announced on October 11 that he has approved a new package of arms sales to Israel, including an infrared missile guidance system that U. S. forces haven't yet deployed and a sophisticated concussion bomb.

The statement was immediately criticized by the President's political opponents as a campaign bid to Jewish voters.

Clements is on a tour of the Middle East. --AP (10/21/76)

Israelis Fear Anti-Israel Mood Rising in Pentagon, CIA

Israeli officials believe Gen. George S. Brown's statement that Israel was a military burden to the U. S. reflects an anti-Israeli mood emerging in the Pentagon and the CIA, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

Israeli officials have not commented on the Brown remark because it might involve them in U.S. politics, but they reveal privately that the statements, harmless in themselves, symbolize a feeling they believe exists in the Pentagon and the CIA.

"Kissinger used to tell us he wanted to give Israel the weapons, but the Pentagon was against it," one said. "We never believed him, we thought it was one of his devices. Now we believe him."

The Israeli officials said they are not reassured by the Presidential candidates competing in their vows of support for Israel, calling it "campaign rhetoric" which could quickly be forgotten after the election.

Said one: "It's how Brown, and the others in the Pentagon, view Israel that alarms us. From one point of view, of course we're a burden. So is Japan, so is Western Europe. But from another point of view, we are defending the same values as the United States, and, in that sense, we are doing a job that would otherwise have to be done by American men and arms." --UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76)

Philippines

FOREIGN POLICY

Philippines Asks for U.S. Arms in Return for Military Bases

The Philippines is asking the United States for several billion dollars worth of military equipment as a price for a new agreement governing U.S. military bases in that country, American officials say.

The request is part of what officials describe as an unusually tough bargaining stance taken by the Philippines in base negotiations over the past six months.

Officials said they are not taking Manila's bid for massive arms shipments too seriously, and they believe the Philippines will be willing to scale down its shopping list once hard negotiations on that point begin. The officials said the military-aid component of the new agreement probably will be more in line with base agreements the United States has negotiated this year with Spain, Turkey and Greece. Each provides Amerian aid averaging between \$200 million and \$250 million a year over a four to five year period. --AP, UPI, CBS Morning News (10/21/76)

China

INTERNATIONAL

Chinese Demonstrate Against Radical Left

The Chinese Communist Party brought its campaign of praise for Premier Hua Kuo-Feng and public condemnation of Mao Tse-tung's widow and her radical allies to Peking today.

Several million persons demonstrated in the Chinese capital, carrying banners and flags criticizing Chiang Ching and Politburo members Wang Hung-Wen, Chang Chun-Chiao and Yao Wen-Yuan, Japanese newsmen reported from the Chinese capital.

They also carried banners welcoming "the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-Feng as Party Chairman," according to the correspondent for Asahi, Japan's largest newspaper. --AP, UPI, Morning Shows (10/21/76)