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on board were chency, hartmann, hessen, kaye, earl butz, and both republican senators hruska and curtis andtheir wives. both senators are running asford delegates the in primary.

peter kaye called the nebraska election "a strange sort of primary. we've had nothing like it before." the winner will not take all 25 delegates. of 324 who have filed for delegate, 146 are for ford and 108 for reagan. Allford delegates are "unauthorized," meaning that they receive no money from the national campaign.

kaye said "it is very possible that we could get the majority of the popular vote and still lose the delegates ."

total ford budget forthe state is only \$40,000, the smallest amount the president has contested primary.

none of the three coggressmen-all republicans-have endorsed either candidate, and newspaper polls show a dose race. kaye said fordhas been concentrating on phone banks while reagan has been using direct mall. secretary Reppe and jack ford have made appearances in the state.

his delegates are authorized and can be funded and advertised by the reagan campaign.

kaye and nessen would not comment on any changein campaign strategy, nessen saying "if this trip looks different from other trips it hasnothing todo with a reassesment.

ford's first omaha stop will be the corner of 32nd and woolworth avenues, site of the home in which he was born on july 14, 1913. the lot is being converted into a memorial park by james m. paxon, president of standard chemical manufacturing company, who has already so the \$250,000 them of his own money adn expects no reconstruction even though the eventual cost will be \$400,000.

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paxon purchased that the lot in 1974, has since purchased several adja cent lots, and will turn the park over tothe city of omaha when complete. it wll include a gazebo with photos of ford's ten preside ncy a medallion, and a detter to the citizensia.

of omaha in a time capsule to be opened in 2076.

earl butz said "reagan hasn't worked indianazhzzeke nebraska as he has indiana...he hasworked indiana for years."

he saidhe has "anaza cautioned him ((ford)) against being on the defensive. he should not answer reagan. i should do that. it doesn't get as much attention."

butz said "the re's been some erosion of farm support for ford from a year ago, associated with the interruption of export sales ((ofgrain))...it's not as serious as its been reported to be."

butz will lunch with farmers and agribusiness people saturday and will go to grand island saturday afternoon, an area reagan has been campaigning in. he'll hold a press conference there.

butz saidof reagan "i have not attacked him. i'm very fond of the guy. i just don't think he's electable, or not as electable as mr. ford."

butz handed out a chart of farm and wholesale pride indices, which will be available.

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1967 = 100

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Jan.	172	: 186	5	: 171.8 .	: 179.4
Feb.	168	: : 187	7	171.3	179.4
Mar.	165	184	1	170.4	179.8
April	170	: 188	3	172.1	181.3
May	178	: :		173.2	,
June	182	•		173.7	
July	187	:		175.7	
Aug.	187	: :		176.7	
Sept.	194	.:		177.7	
Oct.	193	: /	•	178.9.	
Nov.	185	:		178.2	
Dec.	187			178.7	
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