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President's Vacation

What's going on here?

Millions of Americans are out of work; the stock market is going down again; looks like interest rates may soon be going up again -- prices on just about everything are; Vietnam is going down the tube; American power and influence is on the wane all over the globe; and, the President has just wound up a nine-day golfing vacation.

He may have to forgive a few people for asking, 'What in the name of Ben Hogan possessed him to take a long, golfing vacation in California at this particular time, anyway?'

He, and what are supposed to be the hard working Members of Congress, just got back a few weeks ago from the Lincoln and Washington birthdays break. Just before that, the President and Congress were away from work for very long Christmas and New Years holidays. And, not long before that, it was extended time off for election barn-storming around the country.

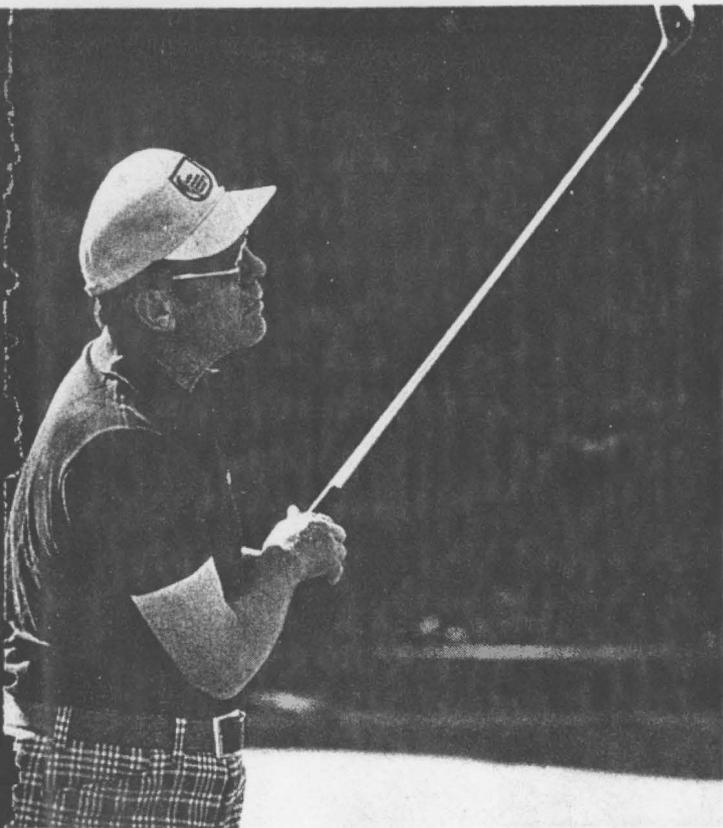
Members of the Supreme Court, mind you, are preparing to take their usual three months off over the summer.

No wonder a reporter traveling around the country hears so many working people -- those lucky enough to have jobs -- saying, 'Does anybody in Washington really give a damn -- is anybody really in charge, really leading?'

Now, it may be that this President and the average congressman are working very effectively. If they are, they should know they have a long way to go before many working people will be convinced of it.

Congressmen in their offices Tuesday through Thursday only; Supreme Court justices taking three months off for the summer; and a President seen golfing his way down the California coast in times such as these, certainly don't help.

Dan Rather  
CBS Morning News  
4/7/75



Wally McNamee—Newsweek



AP

On the links and in the mess hall: 'Would it prevent anything from happening in Vietnam if he did *not* play golf?'

## Ford's Unquiet Oasis

Some of the President's men had advised Gerald Ford to stay home this year. A spring vacation in affluent Palm Springs, Calif., they warned, would sit badly with a country in the grip of

Offering panoramic views of the craggy Santa Rosa Mountains and the Coachella Valley, the house is built around an enormous, glass-walled living room with a 20-foot bar and fireplaces at each end. A

church was preached by the Episcopal bishop of San Diego, jetted in courtesy of Ford millionaire friend Leon Parma.

Newsmen were kept at a discreet distance while Ford played golf with the likes of Parma, Bob Hope, retired Army football coach Earl (Red) Blaik and movie director Frank Capra. The President suffered through a few mediocre rounds, whose scores weren't disclosed, but

FL. golf  
May 5, 1975  
3:30 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION  
IN LEE ELDER'S PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lake of the Woods Country Club  
Orange County, Virginia  
Saturday, May 10, 1975

10:30 am  
(EDT)

The President boards Army One on South Lawn.

ARMY ONE DEPARTS South Lawn en route Lake of  
the Woods Country Club, Orange County, Virginia.

[Flying time: 30 minutes]  
[No time change]

11:00 am

ARMY ONE ARRIVES Lake of the Woods Country Club  
helo landing zone (18th Fairway).

The President will be met by members  
of his foursome:

Lee Elder  
Flip Wilson  
Jim Wiechers

and by:

Rose Elder  
Bud Nelson, Lake of the Woods Country Club  
General Manager

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President, accompanied by the members of his  
foursome, departs helo landing zone en route Pro  
Shop Locker Room.

11:03 am The President arrives Pro Shop Locker Room and changes to golf attire.

11:13 am The President, accompanied by members of his foursome, departs locker room en route practice area (18th fairway).

11:16 am The President arrives practice area.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

11:26 am The President, accompanied by members of his foursome, departs practice area en route 1st tee.

11:30 am The President arrives 1st tee and tees-off.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

NOTE: There will be OPEN PRESS COVERAGE at the 1st tee and 9th and 18th greens. All other areas will be PRESS POOL COVERAGE.

NOTE: There are concession stands at the 7th hole and between the 13th and 14th holes.

4:20 pm The President and members of foursome arrive 18th green.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

4:30 pm Golf game concludes.

4:31 pm Rose Elder presents the President with the Elder Scholarship Trophy on the 18th Green.

NOTE: No remarks are expected nor desired.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

4:32 pm The President, accompanied by members of his foursome, departs 18th green en route Pro Shop locker room.

4:35 pm The President arrives locker room.

4:55 pm The President, accompanied by members of his foursome, departs locker room en route helo landing zone (1st fairway).

NOTE: The members of the foursome will bid farewell at the helo.

5:00 pm The President arrives helo landing zone and boards Army One.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED DEPARTURE

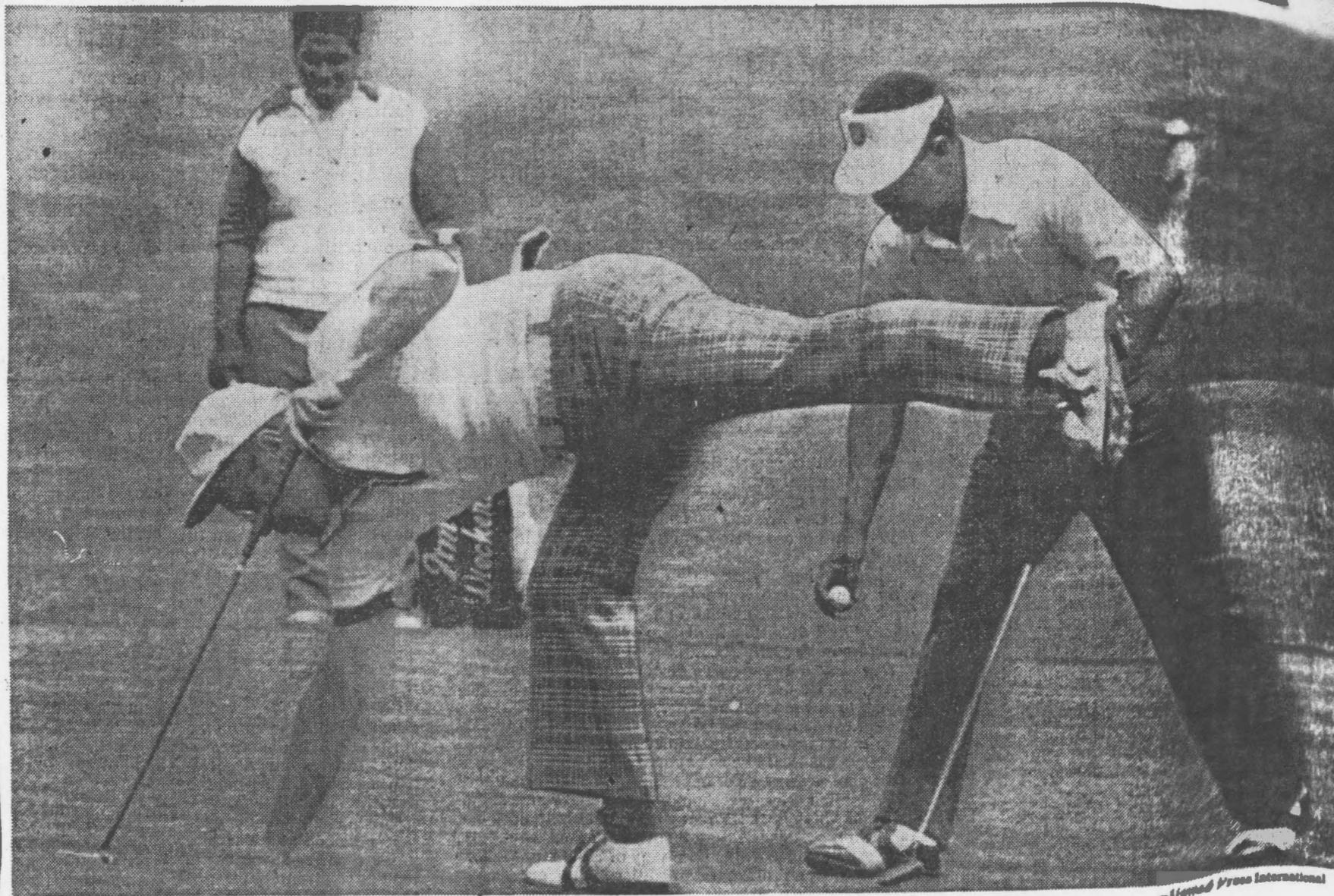
ARMY ONE DEPARTS Lake of the Woods Country Club en route South Lawn.

[Flying time: 30 minutes]

5:30 pm ARMY ONE ARRIVES South Lawn.

SECTION F  
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1975

# Bullets Go For East Title



—United Press International

## Sunny Skies and Lots of Golf

It was a near-perfect spring day and golfers in this vicinity took advantage of the sunny skies yesterday. President Ford bends to take his ball out of the cup in the Lee Elder Celebrity Pro-Am at Lake of the Woods near Fredericksburg, Va. Ford played with Elder (right), the touring pro from Washington;

the Washington area's top amateurs, shows in form in the 7th Annual Poor Roberts Classic at Georgetown Prep. DeLozier with 73, finished in a tie for third behind University of Maryland star Mike Bausch, who shot 67. Also, play was continued yesterday in the Belle Haven Four-Ball Invitational. Stories

## Ford Golfs With Old Pals

Washington, Oct. 5 (UPI)—President Ford played golf today with three old friends from his congressional days—House Republican Leader John Rhodes and former Reps. Melvin R. Laird and John Byrnes, both of Wisconsin.

Ford, relaxing after long appearances yesterday in Elkins, W.Va., and Newark, N.J., spent some hours on paperwork in the Oval Office, and then went by car to the Burning Tree Country Club in suburban Bethesda, Md.

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# The President's Golf Partners

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*Ford's Outings With Lobbyists and Executives  
Raise Questions on Political Ethics and Influence*

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By PHILIP SHABECOFF

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—The recent disclosures about President Ford's golfing outings with lobbyist friends seem to have been pushed into the background as a political issue by the onrush of new campaign developments.

News  
Analysis

But two problems raised by those disclosures remain unresolved. One is the ethical question of the acceptance of paid hospi-

Moreover, communications between members of the executive branch and those interested in getting the Government to act in their behalf are legally frowned upon.

But even a President must occasionally relax. President Ford most frequently relaxes by playing golf or otherwise socializing with old companions, such as Mr. Whyte.

*golf*

# JERRY FORD'S LIGHTER SIDE

Amid all the problems swirling about him, President Ford has managed to maintain a sense of humor. It shows up in private conversations—where friends say he is relaxed and quick to laugh—as well as in public speeches, which often are sprinkled with jokes, sometimes directed at himself.

In an editorial, "The Washington Star-News" praised Mr. Ford for bringing this sense of humor to his job.

**At a Republican rally in South Dakota:**

- "I'd like to tell you how I got my dog, Liberty. "My daughter, Susan, called up a highly recommended kennel and said she wanted a golden retriever. The owner said, 'Fine, who will the owner be?' She said it was a surprise.

"Well," the owner said, he did not sell dogs that way. He would have to know the dog was going to a good