The original documents are located in Box 27, folder "8/14-20/76 - Kansas City, Kansas - Republican National Convention (3)" of the Sheila Weidenfeld Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

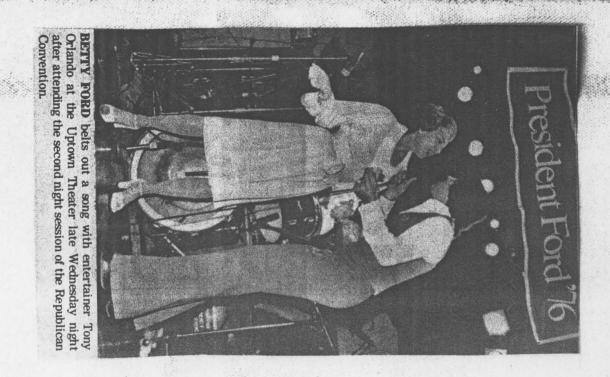
materials. Please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library for access to

Some items in this folder were not digitized because it contains copyrighted

these materials.

Digitized from Box 27 of the Sheila Weidenfeld Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library





onny Bono L ि निष्ठ व निष्ठाणितिका

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Who is the last person you'd expect to see sitting with Betty Ford the moment. Ford's victory

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- WHO IS THE LAST PERSON YOU'D EXPECT TO SEE SITTING WITH BETTY FORD THE MOMENT HER HUSBAND WAS NOMINATED AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

SPIRO AGNEW? VIDA BLUE? SONNY BONO? HAROLD STASSEN? RABBI KORFF? IF YOU GUESSED SONNY BONO, EX-HUSBAND BUT STILL PARTNER OF CHER, YOU WIN THE TURKEY. PRESIDENT FORD INVITED SONNY TO JOIN HIS FAMILY LAST NIGHT AND TO PLAY MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT HIS VICTORY PARTY TONIGHT .

IT'S NOT THAT SONNY IS A CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER . NEITHER IS THE PINT -SIZED ENTERTAINER A FAVORITE WHITE HOUSE JESTER . IN TRUTH,

BUT BOND HAS HELPED AT FORD FUND RAISERS AND HOB NOBBED WITH BETTY AND THE KIDS AT HOLLYWOOD PARTIES.

INASMUCH AS THE PRESIDENT'S COTERIE DOES NOT INCLUDE A SINATRA OR SAMMY DAVIS, SONNY WAS PRESSED INTO SERVICE TO INTRODUCE STARS AND CELEBRITIES AT THE BASH CELEBRATING FORD'S VICTORY.

The real Kansas City was hardly noticed

I miss Kansas City. After only a week there, I felt I was beginning to know the place - and that is unusual.

People can live in a city for decades and never discern its real shape. I am just beginning to puzzle out Baltimore, where I live. But

they say) was built on seven hills, but Kansas City on 77. Kansas City has underground labyrinths but for modern warehouses. not Roman catacombs or

Parisian sewers. The character of the city is set by the fact that it Kansas City is grasnable could exist underground is

lavishly from Pendergast's mixers: and were (in turn) the result of Prohibition. which stopped Tom for a while from pouring drinks in the saloons on which his older brother Jim's empire was built.

We all went out to Kemp-

Defends Delegates

I would like the opportunity to reply to the feature story, with editorial opinion, by Chuck Ervin of the World Capitol Bureau, appearing in your August 21 issue. I have some comments on his misrepresentations of the Oklahoma delegates' reactions to various incidents at the Republican Matiental

The People's

Voice

Editor's Note—Letters from readers are welcome, preferably signed, and should be no more than 200

States. Yes, those delegates were

angry, and rightly so.

Third, Mr. Ervin minimized the "Rockefeller incident". Why didn't he tell the whole story? Even he should have recognized that Mr. Rockefeller was inebriated, obnoxious, and deliberately obstruction

Mrs. Mable L. Coo

Betty No Lady
Re: Betty Ford — First perhaps, but
certainly no Lady.

Her sleazy little exhibition with the

would give a boost to the brazen image she is trying to create.

Pitty poor Jerry, because the voters won't in November you believe to Tulsa Marold L. O'Dell

Jan Blaich July 8/24

wiles.



Cary Grant Gives Women a Bad Rap

After nailing an anti-abortion plank onto the Republican platform and only narrowly saving a pro-ERA position, Republicans put the finishing touches on turn-back-the-clock-on-women man-

rankings of importance. They have learned that it is demeaning to have to resort to coy and undercover tactics that are euphemistically called "feminine unemployment is key to discussions of the economy, voters should be particularly interested in a comparison of the

two candidates on this subject.

Women constitute 40 per cent of the

State Journal

Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, August 17, 1976— 32 Pages

News . . . 357-4421 Want Ads . . . 357-6111 Subscriptions . . 357-4496

nas meeded votes



Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird prepared to plant a kiss on the cheek of the First Lady as TV perform-

er Tony Orlando looked on. All three attended the evening session of the Republican National Convention Monday.

Margin Star

The Social Scene-

Beautiful Bashes Beguile Politicos

By Elsye W. Allison

It seems that a lot of people have \$1,000 they would like to part with on behalf of the Republican party.

So many, in fact, according to Heary W. Bloch, president of H&R Block and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, that the United Victory Celebration luncheon has had to be moved from one ballroom to a larger one at the Radisson Muchlebach Hotel.

"More than 600 tickets have been sold," Bloch said yesterday, "and in order to accommodate the television network platforms for live coverage, we decided to move the luncheon to the Imperial Ballroom at the hotel, where at least 150 more can be seated."

The luncheon, a fund-raising event for the national party, is scheduled for tomorrow. Both presidential candidates are expected to attend.

KANSAS CITY HAS NEVER seen anything like it. Nor will it ever be the same again. Most of the 54 delegations arriving here Sunday and now settled down to the convention business at hand never had experienced such a party

Throughout the preconvention weekend there were parties almost non-stop for everyone from the top media personalities and V.I.P.s to the cam-paign committees and behind-the-scenes workers.

Mrs. Charles H. Price II established herself as the No. 1 convention hostess for the elegant party she and her husband gave Saturday night for Gov. and Mrs. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri.

Guests said they had never seen anything to equal her party in connection with a national political convention, and columnists of most leading newspapers are calling it the party of the year.

The impressive guest list included upper-echelon editors and publishers of the nation's leading newspapers, widely known columnists and commentators, heads of the three television networks and top-drawer Kansas City society.

The party was held in the Prices' 2-story penthouse in the Walnuts. Both the host couple and Governor and Mrs. Bond stood for more than three hours receiving guests as they arrived or departed early for other parties.

Mrs. Price began arrangements for her party about four months ago, anticipating 150 guests. By the time she arrived home last Wednesday from a vacation in Sun Valley, Idaho, the list had grown to more than 250.

As a result most of the furnishings were moved out of the formal living room to turn it into a reception area and also out of the second-floor playroom to accommodate tables for dining.

Bars were set up in the two living rooms on the first level and in the east and west wing rooftop courtyards. Steve Miller's combo provided music in one rooftop garden area; there was a guitarist in the playroom dining area and a pianist at the grand piano in the living room.

The floral arrangements were stunning. In the fover was a 8-foot-high orchid plant and in the center of the reception area was a gigantic arrangement of wild tiger lilies, orchids and green pampas grass spilled from a green ginger vase. In the formal dining room, one of two serving areas for the buffet supper, the centerpiece was of Star of India lilies, lavender steriling silver roses and other flowers. Additional arrangements were of similar flowers, all lious in for the party. flowers, all flown in for the party.

Guests dined on minced veal in a sour cream champagne sauce, saffron rice and fresh spinach salads with sliced mushrooms and an assortment of pastries. White wine accompanied the dinner, which was catered by Hans Gran, chef of the Buttonwood Tree restaurant.

It was a fashionable event with lots of chiffons and matte jersey gowns.

A few favorite guests met that night included Mike Wallace, Tom Wicker, Tom Brokaw, Sen. Jacob Javits of New York, Arthur O. Sulzberger, Katharine Graham and W.J. Usery, Jr., secretary of labor.

A POPULAR YOUNG Kansas City couple, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Rich, entertained last night at their Mission Hills home with a private party for the columnist William L. Buckley, Jr., and Mrs. Buckley. The honorees could stay only briefly because of the convention opening ceremonies.

About 60 other guests remained to have dinner at candlelit tables on the lawn while they listened to Dixieland music.

Trish Rich is the daughter of R. Hugh Uhlmann and niece of Paul Uhlmann, Jr., who are of Standard Milling Company, donors of the official kit bags given the delegates attending the Republican National Convention.

Coming in for the party were long-time friends, Richard and Betsy

File Sept 7,1976 to M. Widenfeld Will here regard, -Khores hove 6 laven Carrie Bilingiust / En glad - Spinesh Columnist · El Vispano

El Hispano

EDITORIAL OFFICE * BUSINESS OFFICE
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 2856
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95812
KHARIS GLORTA AVRIL
2430 Fair Oaks Blvd. 132
Sacramento, Ca. 95825





Ms. Sheila Widenfeld

Press Sec. of Mrs. Gerald Ford THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, D. C.



Después de una lluvia pertinaz el gabado y parte de la madrugada del domingo, sellevarona cabo algunos juegos amistosos, tanto en el Southside Park, como en el Miller's.

El agua no daño mucho los campos como algunos pensabamos, y las canchas estaban, si no en optimas condiciones, si se podía jugar y se jugo, cuando menos para entretener al respe-table que en reducido número asistio para pre-senciar los diferentes partidos que se programaron para este dia.

A la una de la tarde le toco reinagurar al Southaide Park, al equipo Jalisco en contra del equipo de la Sacramento State University, que según nos informaron comanda y dirige Reinhardt Seyfertitz,

Estos no se completaban y tuvieron que echar mano de dos refuerzos de bastante valia como lo son Jorge Valencia y Jose Medina, que se suponia iban a jugar con el Jalisco.

No traen nada estos muchachitos como no sea correr y aguantar, haciendolo durante los noventa minutos de que consta el partido, Marquitos muy voluntarioso y tratando de hacer hasta lo imposible por que se equipo ganara, sólo que a veces queria correr más que la pelota, pudiendo dar el pase antes de que fuera demasiado tarde como en repetidas ocaciones sucedio.

El Jalisco se defendio en las primeras em-bestidas del juvenil equipo Universitario y después los fue acabando lentamente.

Les clavo cuatro goles que bien pudieron ser dos más. Sus anotadores fueron 'Tequilas' Pe-rez, 2, Guero Ortíz, 1, y Enrique Cobian Jr., 1. El de la honrilla fue clavado por Marcos Mer-

En el Jalisco debutaron dos pagnificos por-eros y cada uno hizo magnificas atrapadas; e llos fueron Armando Rodríguez y Loui Fonseca, No cabe duda son buscos. No cabe duda, son buenos ...

El partido estelar corrio a cargo del Luis el Super 76 con su constelación de estrellas, y el invitado oponente lo fue el Necaxa de Stockton que a decir verdad trae un buen conjuntito.

No fueron faciles y aunque fueron las victi-as, les sudo la playera a los del Luis para poder ganarle al equipo electricista, que les peteraron as su por tu y nunca se amilanaron ante el poderoso Luis.

Inclusive los primeros en marcar fueron los del Necaxa con un magnifico gol desde fuera del área, pildorazo que en un segundo se clavo en la cabaña encomendada a Loui Fonseca que ahora estaba defendiendo la puerta del Luis. Después vino el empate por medio de otro muy bonito gol de Tony Rios, el famosisimo "Caballo" y para cerrar con broche de oro, Raul Cisneros, clavo de magnifico cabezazo el que a la postre seria el gol de la victoria.

En el Miller's -- Los equiperos del Luis "B' lograron un merecido empate con los del Guadalajara y el renovado Xochimilco logro vencer al novel equipo Puerto Villarta que dirige Dn. David Duran, Marcador, 4 1 2.

ENSALADA DE FUTBOL

Según informaciones del director técnico del Croatia y de la Selección de la Liga Central, Mike Zupan, ho habra juego entre los selec-cionados y Los Espiritus, pues estos a última hora no aceptaron el juego.

no aceptaron el juego.

Sera cierto que los jugadores, Jorge Valencia
y José Medina, quieren jugar en el Jalisco, pués
ya no quieren estar en el Cruz Azul? El tiempo

Tal parece que el Sr. Dn. Luis Leyva tenia razón

al asegurarnos que jugaria en su equipo.

Miro Odich, Reimardt Seyfertiz, David Atlee, seguros jugadores del Croatia, y posibles,
Anatole y Bernard Lopez Tarso. Así nos lo
informo el Sr. Mike Jupan.

PARIS -- El futbol frances ha perdido en la

Jerry: I came here to bury the latchet.
Ronnie: (Apprehensively) Where, where?
Jerry: (Smiling) It was (pause)...a REAL GOOD

CAMDALGAU

Ronnie: I am so glad you liked it. Wasn't it

fun! You really got us into shape. I was

Jerry: You really got us into shape. I was worried for a while.
Ronnie: Well, now, I can conslusively say that there is no substitute for Victory!

Jerry: I have a proposition for you Ronnie. How about standing with me, side by side, shoulder to shoulder, both facing the future together, looking into a new tomorrow...

Ronnie: Mmmmm. Mmmmm....

Ronnie: Mmmmm. Mmmmm....

Jerry: I am going to need all the Unity, Solidarity and cooperation I can gather from you.

Ronnie: If you are offering me the Vice Presidency, I am going to repeat for the hundredth time that, under no circumstances, whatever, even if you were to beg me, or the rest would draft me, will I play second fiddle to you, when I almost won!

Jerry: Gee, Ronnie, I need some one like you, someone who can fight as hard as you do..

Ronnie: No, No, and NO! it's a matter of principle... I am wounded but I am not slain, so let me down and rest; I'll get up and fight again... but not now... not right away.

but not now... not right away.

Jerry: Then, under no circumstances whatsoever, shall I nominate you as my running mate. But, how about having Mr. Sears help me with my campaign.. I need a darned good assistant manager.

ROBERT DOLE (from the agricultural center of this country, 53, personable, photogenic, energetic and simpatico) was chosen by Mr. Ford to be his running mate. He is a war veteran, he was seriously wounded in Italy in World War II, he has a democratic wife... in his own words, he is an independent voter, willing to turn Republican an independent voter, willing to turn Republican now.... even though he has been a registered one. He has a beautiful daughter. He has promised to work most diligently for a landslide victory in November.

NEWS IN THE TALK SHOWS

Host: Suicide, madness murder and rape are up, coronaries are down, what advice do you give to the people, Dr., to put the coronaries on top?

Y, a proposito de arroz, now that you mention it.

What recycled TV station, in the talent and Spanish departments, has put all its eggs in one tiny little basket of mediocrity... an individual, of whom to be most charitable you may say that he remembers how to spell his own name most of the time?

PEPE, Pepe Lopez, you may call the President elect of Mexico, if you follow the trend of calling most important persons, presidents, senators and politicians by their nicknames.

INSPIRATION

week ago, it was raining in Sacramento, on a Saturday night.. most inspiriting to write poems.. Here is one dedicated to a friend and neighbor..

NEXUS: A tree needs not a pair of shoes/ neither a mouse in Syracuse/ The moon can't use a ball of yarn/ neither a cow, a sugar barn/ Do elephants need bright pinky wings/ or hands of clocks engagement rings/ The world is filled with facts and lies/ so let us say that we're unwise/ if others don't, I'm sure we do/ you need me and I need you. need you.

Well, all is well, adios carino, au revoir, mon cheri papa, sayonara... come back to the Punch Bowl and get intoxicated with the high spirts of the house. Peace and love!

lo que estan seguros cuatro Espiritus y dos posibles, asi nos lo comunicaron.

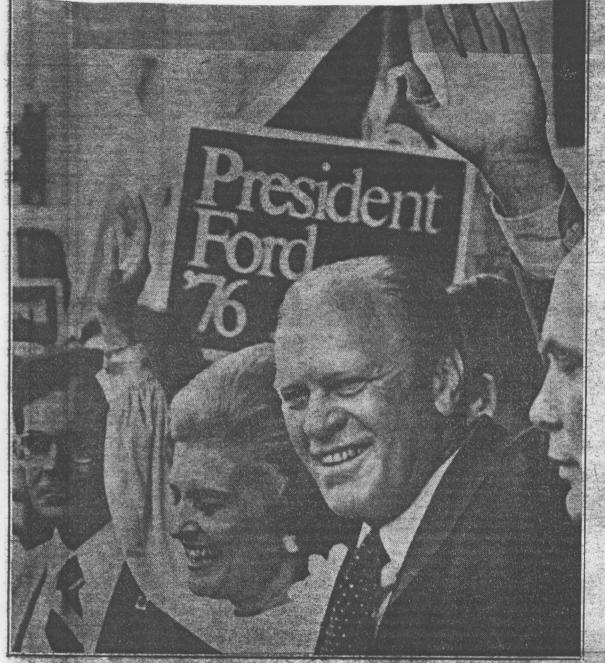
Sacramento. Las cosas en esta capital se esta poniendo color de hormiga ya que una vez terminado el campeonato donde participaron los spiritus, los jugadores han quedado libres, y de ahora en adelante el que tenga ma's \$\$\$\$\$ saliva comera mas pinole.

"Since 1938" SACRAMENTO





Sheila and Edward Weinberger with Carol and Punch Sulzberger; Kay Graham



July Jung 7 1 fg.

On the Brink

On the Brink Of Victory

A sign of the times? The Fords seem pretty happy with themselves as they arrive for "United Republican Victory Luncheon" in Kansas City yesterday under sign pointing to a first-ballot nomination for the President. After his rules victory Tuesday night, he spent part of his "extra day" relishing a leisurely choice of running mate. Suddenly, his adversary for the nomination was under pressure to take the second spot.

Ten pages of stories
And pictures begin on page 3

(GOP-WOMEN)
(BY SARA FRITZ)

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- DESPITE A PLEA FROM PRESIDENT FORD, A PLATFORM SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED NARROWLY TODAY TO ABANDON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S LONG-HELD SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED 8-7 FOR A PROPOSED PLANK THAT TAKES NO STAND ON ERA. THE LOSING SIDE QUICKLY DECIDED TO FILE A PRO-ERA MINORITY REPORT.

THE DECIDING VOTE WAS CAST BY JOE USRY, A PUDGY, ROSY-CHEEKED YOUNG BAPTIST MINISTER FROM OREGON WHO ABANDONED HIS SWORN LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT FORD IN FAVOR OF "PERSONAL RESERVATIONS" ABOUT ERA.

FORD REPORTEDLY ASKED HIS SUPPORTERS EARLIER IN THE DAY TO SUPPORT

USRY WAS ONE OF EIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMITTED TO FORD. BUT HE VOTED INSTEAD WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S SEVEN ERA OPPONENTS, ALL OF THEM COMMITTED TO RONALD REAGAN.

THE VOTE CAME AS A SHOCK TO REPUBLICAN FEMINISTS, WHO HAD EXPECTED THE ARRIVAL OF REP. SILVIO CONTE, R-MASS., TO BREAK AN EARLIER 7-7 DEADLOCK ON THE ISSUE. BUT THE SUBCOMMITTEE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE "YES" OR "NO" ON ERA AFTER CONTE ARRIVED.

THE ANTI-ERA FORCES MANAGED TO OVERCOME THEIR DISADVANTAGE BY PROPOSING A SUBSTITUTE SAYING THE PARTY MEMBERS "DO NOT FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH IS PENDING IN THE STATE LEGISLATURES."

USRY'S VOTE CONTRADICTED HIS DECLARATION TUESDAY THAT HE INTENDED TO FOLLOW THE WISHES OF HIS CANDIDATE. AFTER THE VOTE, HE CONFIDED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS RESERVATIONS LATE TUESDAY NIGHT WITH "THE FORD PEOPLE."

HE EXPLAINED THAT VOTING TO TAKE NO STAND ON ERA WAS "THE ONLY THING I COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES." BUT HE REFUSED TO EXPLAIN HIS DILEMMA. "I HAVE CERTAIN PERSONAL VIEWS WHICH WILL REMAIN PERSONAL," HE SAID.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH ALSO VOTED 13-1 TUESDAY NIGHT FOR A PROPOSED PLANK SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING ABORTION, HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF MUCH TURMOIL SINCE THE GOP PLATFORM COMMITTEE CONVENED LAST SUNDAY.

UPI Ø8-11 Ø5:24 PED

UP-150

(BUCKLEY)

ALL-AMERICANS

f a family could run for the Presidency en masse, the Fords might be leading the polls instead of trailing by 20-odd points. All last week, while the President stayed mostly in seclusion, Betty Ford and their four children kept very much in the public eye, displaying the sort of grace and winning good looks that voters have come to associate mainly with Kennedys.

Steve, 20, blond and boyishly handsome, has spent most of the White House years bronco-busting and ranching out West. Susan, 19, will leave home in a few months to attend the University of Kansas. Only Jack, 24, has caught the political bug.

Humor: But last week all the Fords briefly hit the campaign



Convention Erupts With Arrival of Candidates' Wives

By JAMES T. WOOTEN

the two candidates sent their

Special to The New York Times Tennessee. RANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. . 16-The Republican National Convention suddenly erupted into a raucous battle of cheerin and chanting tonight when

Senator Howard N. Baker of

As it had in the morning, the evening session began on time and moved uneventfully for a few moments until a minor stir swept through the hall at the entrance of Vice

and exaggerated in the glow

of television lights. The convention orchestra abandoned "Carolina Moon" and struck up a sprightly version of l'California, Here I Come," which served as a signal, and the pro-Reagan charus roared even louder

Inexplicably, the orchestra began "California Here T Come" again, pleasing the Reagan forces, shocking the Ford-bakers. Mr. Harmon. looked desperately down at George Murphy, the former California Senator and former

actor who is running the en-

the candidates' wives wa some compensation for the difficulties that the delegate

had getting into the half. Because the President may appear in the arena, security measures are stringent-and

slow-and when Mary Louise

In Walkie-Talkie Code, Ford Is Tarzan and Mrs. Ford, Jane

By CHARLOTTE CURTIS Special to The New York Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16-President and Mrs. Senator Jesse A. Helms of North Carolina, who con-siders himself something of an expert on the subject, is

"They were violating a city ordinance."

The speeches on the power megaphone did not stop.

de rigueur to toss the shells onto the marble floors.

the Ronald Reagans. Their favorite song is "Lara's Theme On a good day, celebrity from "Dr. Zhivago." But he'

N. Y. Tunes /76- P.g. 2

AND BETTY FORD DANCED AT THE CONVENTION



First Lady Betty Ford's dance with Tony Orlando during last night's session is applauded by son, Steve, and John Connally (left) and daughter, Susan, (right).

(FORD)

RELEASE AT 310 PM, EDT)

BY RICHARD GROWALD)

NORFOLK, VA. (UPI) -- IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT ON WASHINGTON MORALITY SINCE THE ERUPTION OF CAPITOL HILL SEX SCANDALS, PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD ACCEPT NOTHING BUT PERSONAL INTEGRITY FROM PUBLIC SERVANTS.

FORD DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION ANY MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAMED IN RECENT CHARGES OF OFFICIAL MISBEHAVIOR. BUT HE SAID IN A SPEECH TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, "PUBLIC OFFICIALS HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW -- IN BOTH THEIR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC CONDUCT."

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE PRIDE -- OR EVEN TO PARTICIPATE -- IN A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT IS DEFILED AND DISHONORED -- WHETHER IN THE WHITE HOUSE OR IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN TOO MUCH ABUSE OF THE MORAL IMPERATIVES OF HONESTY AND DECENCY ON WHICH RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT AND CIVILIZED SOCIETY MUST REST.

"PER SO NAL INTEGRITY IS NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK OF PUBLIC SERVANTS. IN FACT. WE SHOULD ACCEPT NOTHING LESS."

FORD SAID A STRONG MORAL FOUNDATION IS THE BASIS OF SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

"HISTORY PROVES THAT POWER AND PRESTIGE ARE SLIPPERY PEAKS FROM WHICH THE MIGHTY HAVE OFTEN FALLEN INTO DISGRACE," SAID THE PRESIDENT WHO SUCCEEDED THE RESIGNED RICHARD NIXON IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD, AN EPISCOPALIAN, CALLED IT "A GREAT HONOR" TO BE THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION REPRESENTING SOME 13 MILLION AMERICAN BAPTISTS. HE THEN TALKED OF BEING INTRODUCED, AS VICE PRESIDENT, TO A SOUTHERN BAPTIST BREAKFAST IN DALLAS TWO YEARS AGO.

"THE MAN INTRODUCING ME WAS VERY CONSIDERATE, VERY GENEROUS IN HIS REMARKS, AND VERY FRIENDLY," SAID FORD. "I WAS INTRODUED AS A MAN WITH "AN OPEN MIND AND A COMPASSIONATE HEART, " AND I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN THAT COMPLIMENT TODAY TO THE MAN WHO INTRODUCED ME -- GOV. JIMMY CARTER."

CARTER, THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR WHO HAS THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION ALL BUT LOCKED UP, IS A SOUTHERN BAPTIST.

FORD TOUCHED ON OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDING HIS SON MIKE, A DIVINITY STUDENT, STUDIED AT BAPTIST -AFFILIATED WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, AND EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM, WHO HE CALLED "ONE OF THE MOST ADMIRED MEN OF OUR TIMES."

BUT THE PRESIDENT 'S MAIN THEME WAS POLITICAL MORALITY. AMERICA 'S GREATNESS STEMS FROM ITS GOODNESS, HE SAID, AND "SHOULD WE CEASE TO BE GOOD, WE WOULD SOON CEASE TO BE GREAT."

UPI Ø6-15 Ø1:28 PED

Arena erupts
8/18/76 Pa.//
into scuffling

KANSAS CITY (UPI) — Betty Ford, who almost fell as she entered the convention arena, was greeted by a wild demonstration Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention. Some of it was for Ronald Reagan.

During the demonstration, Ford and Reagan delegates scufR

FORD-FAMILY-CONVENTION

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD MAY ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION BEFORE THE PRESIDENT.

PRESS SECRETARY SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD SAID THAT MRS. FORD, DESPITE A FLARE-UP OF HER OSTEOARTHRITIS, HOPES TO ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL GO THAT DAY OR TUESDAY.

RAINY WEATHER AND A HELICOPTER TRIP TO CAMP DAVID OVER THE WEEKEND TRIGGERED THE STIFFNESS AND PAIN IN MRS. FORD'S NECK AND SHOULDERS. SHE UNDERWENT MASSAGE AND HEAT PACK TREATMENTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY, MRS. WEIDENFELD SAID.

THE FIRST LADY PLANS AN OVERNIGHT VISIT TO NEW YORK ON TUESDAY TO JOIN IN A CELEBRATION OF DUKE ELLINGTON MUSIC BY THE ALVIN AILEY CITY CENTER DANCE THEATER.

THE ENTIRE FORD FAMILY WILL GATHER IN KANSAS CITY FOR THE CONVENTION. SUSAN WILL DRIVE TO KANSAS CITY FROM TOPEKA ON SUNDAY. ALSO ARRIVING AT THE CONVENTION CITY SUNDAY WILL BE THE FORD'S YOUNGEST SON, STEVE, WHO WILL BE FLYING FROM CALIFORNIA.

JACK IS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO KANSAS CITY ON FRIDAY. MICHAEL AND HIS WIFE GAYLE ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY ON AUG. 17.

THE PRESIDENT WON'T MAKE A DECISION UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK ON WHETHER TO GO TO KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY.

4.0

Ø8-Ø9-76 12:47EDT

Charles Bartlett

A lighter-footed GOP

KANSAS CITY - Betty applauded as lapses from plause went to two enter-Ford gave the Republicans dignity which only a grande tainers, Sonny Bono and a touch of what they need dame could afford. In when she rose from her seat Kansas City this week there at the Kemper Arena the are no grande dames, no

Tony Orlando.

Having shaken off its fat-

Claws Bared at Convention's Ladies Day

By GENE SPAGNOLI

. Staff Correspondent of The News

Kansas City, Aug. 17—First lady Betty Ford spoke briefly to the Federation of Republican Women today, but fellow guest Nancy Reagan did not—and the Reagans' daughter, Maureen, expressed her displeasure.

After Mrs. Ford had praised the achievements made by women and called for more of teh same, everybody in the room except Maureen rose to give her a standing ovation.

Maureen, who was sitting on the dais along with the Fords' daughter, Susan, remained seated. As the applause continued she rose slowly. Asked later why she had been so slow to respond, the athletic Maureen laughed and said: "I've got a bad back."

Her mother did not speak, she said, because "it helps to be invited. She wasn't asked — and she should have been."

"Non-Political Affair"
A spokesman for the federa-

day being interviewed, said the question he had been asked most was why Ronald Reagan would leave the good life to become involved in national politics at this time.

"I tell people that my dad believes in the welfare of the Unites States and its people more than he does in riding a horse in California or skiing in Colorado," he said.

In the other camp, Susan and Steve Ford took time off from delegate hunting to dance up a storm at a party for the youngsters who have worked for the President's nomination.

With TV-star Tony Orlando



UP-106

R B

BETTY-ERA)

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- BETTY FORD SAID MONDAY SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION APPROACH THE ABORTION ISSUE WITH THE AIM OF TAKING IT "OUT OF THE BACKWOODS AND PUTTING IT INTO THE HOSPITALS WHERE IT BELONGS."

THE FIRST LADY ALSO REAFFIRMED HER "STRONG SUPPORT" OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS ADMENDMENT WHICH WAS NARROWLY ENDORSED BY THE PARTY'S PLATFORM

COMMITTEE, CONTINUING A REPUBLICAN STAND DATING BACK TO 1940.

MRS. FORD MADE THE STATEMENTS IN AN INTERVIEW (NBC AND CBS) WHILE ATTENDING THE GOP CONVENTION'S OPENING SESSION. WHEN A REPORTER NOTED THERE WAS STRONG SENTIMENT AMONG THE DELEGATES TO REVERSE THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE ON ERA, MRS. FORD SAID:

"I WAS REALLY SURPRISED. IN FACT, I WAS STUNNED WHEN IT FIRST CAME

OUT THAT IT GRA) WASN'T PASSED (IN SUBCOMMITTEE)."

A REPORTER ASKED IF SHE STILL SUPPORTED ERA.

"MY SUPPORT OF THAT AMENDMENT IS STILL STRONG," SHE SAID VIGOROUSLY. IT'S NOT ONLY FOR THE WORKING WOMAN, BUT IT'S FOR THE HOME MAKER AS WELL."

MRS. FORD ALSO WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL

FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT ABORTION.

REFERRING TO THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION THAT THE CONSTITUTION PERMITS WOMEN TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION DURING THE FIRST TWO TRIMESTERS OF PREGNANCY, MRS. FORD SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE "EXACTLY WHAT METHOD THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO DO AWAY WITH THAT." SHE ADDED:

"MY FEEL ING IS NOT ABORTION ON DEMAND. IT'S A FEEL ING OF TAKING THE ABORTION PROBLEM OUT OF THE BACKWOODS AND PUTTING IT IN THE

HOSPITALS WHERE IT BELONGS."

ASKED WHAT SHE WAS DOING IN KANSAS CITY TO WOO DELEGATES FOR FORD, SHE SAID "WELL, REALLY JUST BEING MYSELF AND VISITING WITH THEM."

SHE SAID IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS IN A "VERY CONFIDENT MOOD" ABOUT A FIRST-BALLOT NOMINATION WHEN HE WOKE UP MONDAY MORNING.

"SUPREMELY CONFIDENT?" A REPORTER PERSISTED.

"I WOULD SAY HE CERTAINLY IS. HE FEELS VERY CONFIDENT."

AS FOR FORD'S CHOICE OF A VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE, MRS. FORD SAID THE FAMILY HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER BUT "HE HASN'T TOLD ME WHAT HIS PLEASURE IS...THAT'S ONE THING HE'S KEPT VERY PRIVATE. HE HASN'T EVEN TRUSTED THAT TO ME."

UPI 08-16 03:06 PED

NØ8Ø

KANSAS CITY ADD FORD FAMILY (N78)
MRS. FORD TOLD REPORTERS THAT SHE HAS DISCUSSED FORD'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE WITH HER HUSBAND, BUT THAT HE HAS NOT TOLD HER WHO IT WILL BE.

"HE IS IN A VERY CONFIDENT MOOD," SHE SAID OF THE PRESIDENT.

Ø8-16-76 13:41EDT

ADD CONVENTION, KANSAS CITY
PRESIDENT FORD'S FAMILY WAS INTRODUCED TO THE CONVENTION AND

RECEIVED A BRIEF STANING OVATION.

CHAIRMAN MARY LOUISE SMITH INTRODUCED FIRST LADY BETTY FOD AND HER THREE CHILDREN ABOUT 45 MINUTES AFTER THE CONVENTION BEGAN. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, HAPPY ROCKEFELLER, WIFE OF VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER, ARRIVED AND GREETED THE FORDS. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS NOT INTRODUCED, SHE WAS GIVEN AN OVATION FROM THE DELEGATES WHO SAW HER INTRODUCED, SHE WAS GIVEN AN OVATION FROM THE DELEGATES WHO SAW HER IN THE VIP SEATS AT THE EXTREME RIGHT OF THE PODIUM.

UPI 08-16 12:56 PED

NØ78

R

FORD FAMILY

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) -- BETTY FORD, THREE OF THE FORD CHILDREN, AND THE WIFE OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER RECEIVED THE FIRST SUSTAINED APPLAUSE OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION TODAY.

THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH SUSAN, JACK AND STEVE, ARRIVED AT THE CONVENTION ABOUT 45 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SESSION BEGAN. THEY TOOK SEATS IN THE FIRST ROW OF THE FIRST TIER ABOVE THE

CONVENTION FLOOR.

SITTING IMMEDIATELY IN BACK OF THE FORDS WERE MRS. JOHN CONNALLY AND THEIR SON, JOHN III. CONNALLY, THE FORMER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, IS PROMINENT IN SPECULATION ABOUT FORD'S CHOICE AS A VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE.

THE VISITORS WERE RIGHT ABOVE THE TEXAS DELEGATION IN KEMPER ARENA. WHEN THE FORDS ENTERED, SOME MEMBERS OF THAT SOLDIDLY RONALD REAGAN DELEGATION STOOD IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO BLOCK TELEVISION CAMERAS FROM RECORDING THEIR ENTRANCE.

Ø8-16-76 13:35EDT

CORRESPONDENTS:

AT 3:45 P.M. TODAY BETTY FORD WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION HILTON PLAZA INN.

UPI Ø8-16 12:34 PED

11P-013

DELEGATE BRIBE)

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT MEN CLAIMING TO BE REAGAN CAMPAIGN WORKERS TRIED TO BUY A FORD DELEGATE'S VOTE FOR TONIGHT'S RULES FIGHT AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION .

AN ANGRY RONALD REAGAN PROMPTLY BRANDED THE ALLEGATION "A FALSE HOOD" AND SAID IT "DISGUSTED AND DISAPPOINTED" HIM AS AN EXAMPLE

FOR MER ILLINOIS GOV. RICHARD OGILVIE, A FORD SUPPORTER, SAID OF DIRTY POLITICS. MONDAY THERE WERE TWO CASES IN WHICH PURPORTED REAGAN BACKERS TRIED TO BUY FORD DELEGATE VOTES FOR SUMS AS HIGH AS \$2,500.

HE WOULD NOT SAY WHO THE BRIBERY TARGETS WERE, BUT ADMITTED LATER

THAT ONLY ONE OF THEM, A MAN, WENT TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY. IN WASHINGTON, A JUST ICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE U.S.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY RECEIVED A FORMAL COMPLAINT ALLEGING ATTEMPTED VOTE BRIBERY OF A FORD DELEGATE .

HE SAID THE FBI HAD BEGUN AN INVESTIGATION, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

UPI 08-17 09:04 AED

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- BETTY FORD, WEARING A WHITE OPCHID AND A WIDE SMILE, ACCEPTED THE "FIRST LADY" NOMINATION FROM ACTOR CARY GRANT AT THE GOP CONVENTION LAST NIGHT.

"WHAT WOMAN COULD TURN DOWN MR . CARY GRANT?" SHE ASKED THE

DELEGATES. "I ACCEPT."

THE SILVER-HAIRED ACTOR INTRODUCED THE FIPST LADY AND "NOMINATED" HER FOR PRESIDENT, PRAISING HER OUTSPOKEN FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS DURING THE FORD FAMILY'S TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

IN BRIEF REMARKS TO THE CONVENTION, THE FIRST LADY SAID THE PARTY

WILL LEAVE KANSAS CITY UNITED AND WIN IN NO VEMBER .

"THIS IS GOING TO BRING US TOGETHER WITH GREAT SUCCESS," SHE SAID.
"WE ARE GOING RIGHT DOWN TO NOVEMBER 2 AND WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS
CAMPAIGN."

UPI 03-20 29:34 AED

VENTION: AN 8-PAGE SLIP-OUT SECTION 1 Let a let

w York Times Company

- NEW YORK, MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1976 -

25 cents beyond 50-mile zon except Long Island. Higher



President and Mrs. Ford arriving in Kansas City yesterday to attend the Republican convention

Wining, dining and the USS Forrestal. Is everything fair in the pursuit of delegates?

JACK ANDERSON with LES WHITTEN

KANSAS CITY—President Ford may have violated federal law in his pursuit of Republican delegates. The charge has been raised by Paul Kamenar, an attorney for the Federal Election Commission, in a private telegram to Attorney General Edward Levi, Kamenar acted on his own here.

committee to sway delegates could be considered in

Agnew's friends

The heroes of the last Republican convention, Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew, are sitting out this one in purgatory.

At San Clemente, Calif., Nixon is preparing his own version of the final days. His memoirs, according to sources who have been in touch with him, will reassert the President's right to steal and wireton and

Ford Maps Strategy
For the Big Game,
Then Goes Golfing

President Ford, on the eve of his trip to Kansas City for a showdown with Ronald Reagan, held final talks with aides yesterday and then went golfing with three long-time Republican allies.

NOOS

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) -- AT HIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH, A WIDE GRIN SPREAD FORD ACROSS THE FACE OF GERALD FORD AND HE TOOK A DEEP PUFF OF HIS PIPE. WEST VIRGNIA HAD CAST THE VOTES WHICH EARLY TODAY MADE HIM HIS

PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

AIDES GATHERED AROUND HIM IN HIS TEMPORARY OFFICE AT THE CROWN CENTER HOTEL JUMPED UP TO CONGRATULATE HIM BUT HE SAID: "FIRST, I

HAVE TO WATCH MY WIFE GETTING ALL THOSE KISSES. **

THE THREE TELEVISION SCREENS BEFORE HIM SHOWED FIRST LADY BETTY FORD AND THE FOUR FORD CHILDREN EMBRACING SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL BOX IN THE CONVENTION HALL A FEW MILES AWAY.

"IS THAT SONNY BONO?" THE PRESIDENT ASKED, POINTING AT THE SCREEN. "YES, MR. PRESIDENT," REPLIED AN AIDE, CONFIRMING THAT STAGE AND

TELEVISION PERSONALITY BONO INDEED WAS WITH THE FIRST LADY.

ONLY THEN DID HE TURN TO SHAKING HANDS WITH THOSE WHO HAD SHARED HIS

BATTLE AND NOW SHARED HIS JOY.

"CONGRATULATIONS, STU," HE SAID TO CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER STUART SPENCER, ''IT WAS A LONG, TOUGH FIGHT, BUT IT WAS A GREAT VICTORY

OTHERS THERE INCLUDED WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF RICHARD CHANEY, TONIGHT. ... COUNSELOR JOHN MARSH, PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN AND ADVISORS BOB TEETER AND BRYCE HARLOW AND AIDE TERRY O'DONNELL.

Ø8-19-76 Ø8:42EDT

NØ54

RA

CARTER LEAD

PLAINS, GA. (AP) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID TODAY HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE INTENSITY OF THE ATTACKS LEVELED AT HIM BY REPUBLICANS AT THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTION. HE ADDED HE WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL THE CONVENTION WAS OVER.

CARTER MADE THE REMARKS TO REPORTERS BEFORE MEETING WITH JIM SASSER, DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE IN TENNESSEE, AT HIS HOME HERE.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SAID HE WATCHED ONLY FRAGMENTS OF THE REPUBLICAN SPEECHES MONDAY NIGHT. HE ADDED HE SAW THE FIRST HALF OF THE KEYNOTE SPEECH GIVEN BY SEN. HOWARD BAKER OF TENNESSEE BUT DID NOT WATCH SEN. ROBERT DOLE'S ADDRESS.

BOTH SPEAKERS LEVELED STRONG ATTACKS ON CARTER. OF BAKER, CARTER ONLY SAID, "HE'S A VERY FINE SPEAKER."

CARTER WAS MEETING TODAY WITH EXPERTS ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS, ENERGY AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS.

Ø8-17-76 13:49EDT



President Ford presents Senator Robert J. Dole, his running mate, at the Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. With them are their wives.

UP-049

(CARTER)

(BY WESLEY G . PIPPERT)

PLAINS, GA. (UPI) -- JIMMY CARTER TELEPHONED CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT FORD IN A THREE-MINUTE CALL TODAY, AND TOLD HIM HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT HARMONY HAD DEVELOPED AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION SINCE FORD'S NOMINATION.

LAST MONTH FORD HAD PHONED CARTER AFTER HIS SELECTION AS THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE IN NEW YORK. RETURNING THE COURTESY, CARTER PLACED HIS CALL AT 8:31 A.M., EDT, AFTER HE HEARD ON TELEVISION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ARISEN FOR THE DAY.

PRESS DIRECTOR REX GRANUM SAID FORD DID NOT RETURN THE CALL UNTIL 10:20 A.M. AND EXPLAINED TO CARTER HE HAD BEEN "IN THE SACK."

DURING THE CONVERSATION, GRANUM SAID FORD TOLD CARTER HE APPRECIATED THE CALL AND HAD NOT YET REACHED A VICE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION.

CARTER SAID HE TOLD FORD THE KANSAS CITY PROCEEDINGS "HAD BEEN A VERY GOOD CONVENTION, A HARD FOUGHT BATTLE." WHEN FORD SAID A LOT OF HARMONY HAD DEVELOPED SINCE THE NOMINATION, GRANUM SAID CARTER REPLIED, "I ANTICIPATED THAT. I'M NOT SURPRISED."

THE DEMOCRATIC CONTENDER SPENT A QUIET EVENING AT HOME WEDNESDAY NIGHT, CELEBRATING HIS WIFE ROSALYNN'S 49TH BIRTHDAY, WHILE THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATING PROCESS WAS GOING ON.

UPI .08-19 11:23 AED

UP-25 1 R A

ADD CARTER, PLAINS (UP-049)

IN KANSAS CITY, ASSISTANT WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY BILL ROBERTS
TOLD REPORTERS FORD THANKED CARTER "FOR HIS THOUGHT FULNESS."

HE QUOTED FORD AS SAYING TO CARTER, "AREN'T YOU KIND," AND "GIVE
MY BEST TO YOUR FAMILY."

THE PRESIDENT ALSO TOLD CARTER HE WOULD ANNOUNCE HIS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE THIS AFTER NOON.

UPI 08-19 11:34 AED

Betty Steals the Thunder

By ALDO BECKMAN

Kansas City, Aug. 17—The convention, only a few hours old, was going through its first big emotional outburst, with the delegates going wild over

the arrival of Nancy Reagan.

A Ford official in the control trailer outside Kemper Arena picked up a phone to find out when Mrs. Ford would arrive. Told that she was just pulling up outside, he urged her to

hurry to her seat.

Then he placed calls to the three television networks.

THE WIVES

Contest of the Queens

It was a battle in red and aqua, a regal contest between the strikingly handsome, radiantly smiling wives of the presidential candidates at either end of convention hall. By engaging in lighthearted maneuver, Nancy Reagan, queen of the north galleries, and Betty Ford, queen of the south, relieved the tense arithmetic of the delegate fight. In this spirited display of elegance, it was impossible to declare a winner.

Nancy made the first move. On opening night she appeared, a stunning study in red, in the glass-enclosed VIP booth high above the floor on the north end. Cheering her as a surrogate for her absent husband, Reagan supporters broke into a foot-stamping ovation that lasted more than 15 minutes. During the tumult Betty arrived, in an aqua dress, and took her seat in the front row above

competition had not always been a matter of song and dance. In interviews with TIME Correspondent Bonnie Angelo just before the nomination, there was an edge to the comments of both women.

SEEKING UNITY

Betty Ford is perplexed that her husband was so hotly challenged for the nomination. "Personally, I think it should have been uncontested. Jerry has done such a good job in the last two years. To fight is very bad, very bad for the party; it has built up animosities. The

Democrats somehow always are able to go away from a convention and make up, join forces. The Republican Party has a history of 'if my man doesn't get it, I'm just going home and sit on my hands.'

enough. In some states we had nothing at all. I would go into some states, like Utah and Arizona, and find zilch. Naturally I found myself very frustrated."

Being First Lady delights Betty. Ford. "In personal terms, we are spending more time together than ever before. Even when he's traveling, we are together." Though she lost her bid for Anne Armstrong for Vice President, she plans to continue to lobby for the ratification of ERA, as well as some kind of Social Security program for the nation's housewives, "just as if they worked in an office." Only half in fun, she says, "After I'm no longer First Lady, I'm going to lobby for a salary for this job. It has long hours and a lot of responsibil-

BURNETT-CONTACT



NANCY REAGAN ACKNOWLEDGING CHEERS OF HER HUSBAND'S SUPPORTERS

the floor on the south end. But her armshigh greeting could not overwhelm the Reaganites' demonstration.

Betty prevailed on Tuesday, however, as the efficient Ford floor command passed the signal and delegates were ready with hundreds of Ford signs under their seats. Nancy arrived across the hall just before the 16c battle was joined. As she seemed to be gaining decibels in the audio clash, the band broke into TV Star Tony Orlando's hit song Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree. Betty turned to Orlando, who was visiting the Ford family's VIP gallery, and the two danced breezily in the aisle for a few moments. The crowd went wild. Nancy purportedly was spared the sight of her rival's triumph. "I'm nearsighted," she explained. "I couldn't see the other end of the hall."

During the primary campaign, the

We've got to have unity in the PIRST LAD party. I don't know how it's going to be done. I'm trying to think of

ways it can be done."

She feels that Reagan got as far as he did largely because "he is a good speaker, he comes across well on TV—after all, that was his trade. Reagan is an attractive and appealing man—I like him. Jerry Ford is not fluff, he knows the real meat-and-potatoes part." Betty is critical of Nancy's opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment. "I just think that when Nancy met Ronnie, that was it as far as her own life was concerned. She just fell apart at the seams."

Betty is equally outspoken about the flaws in the Ford campaign. "I don't know who's to blame—maybe the President himself. But they were not organized early enough and were not good



FIRST LADY RESPONDING TO OVATION BY FORD BACKERS

ities. But I would have it so that a First Lady can't collect unless she works."

LOST OPPORTUNITIES

"It was just Ron and a handful of staff against the tremendous power of the other side," said Nancy somewhat defensively. Though her smoothly modulated voice never wavered, her hurt came through. "I've never known the White House to be used by either party the way it was in this campaign. The White House stands for something. I don't think it should be concerned about uncommitted delegates."

Nancy spoke wistfully of lost opportunities. It still rankles that the President delayed so long in restoring the federal matching funds for the candidates last spring. "Ronnie joined the

Scenes normanengum One-Upswomanship

By Donnie Radeliffe

KANSAS CETY - I'S not exactly the main event, him a battle of oneupswomanship between the Ford women and the Reagan women has progressed past Round 4 and the scoring is about evenly split.

Nobody's saving whether the two sides are trying to outdo each other, but the First Lady last night drew attention away from Nancy Reagan on national television by dancing around in her booth for about three minutes with TV star Tony Orlando

while the band played "Pieth vellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree That might be a clue.

Round came on Monday might and was undeniably Nancy Reagan's was at Kemper Arena, the huge convention center, when Reaganite among the 2,259 GOP delegates gav her a screaming velling, stomping ovation that lasted more than 15 minutes. Arriving almost unnoticed dur ing these tumultuous demonstration was Betty Ford. Yesterday, the winner was clear?

See LUNCH, BS Col. 1

UP-003

THE CONVENTION DAYBOOK WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

- PRAYER BREAKFAST, FEATURING REP. AL QUIE AND ENTERTAINER
 PAT BOONE, ATTENDED BY GOP LEADERS, DELEGATES, MIKE
 AND GAYLE FORD AND OTHERS, IMPERIAL BALLROOM, MUEHLEBACH.
 HOSTED BY GOV. CHRISTOPHER BOND.
- 8:30 FORD CAUCUS TEAM (PLUS JACK) PRESENTATION TO OHIO CAUCUS, SHERATON ROYAL.

The Ear

Apple Sulks...Friedan Scribbles...Zahedi Slums...and Nancy Reagan Keeps on Smiling

FLOUNCES AND FLOURISHES AND A TOUCH OF TEETH-GNASHING . . . The National Federation of Republican Women threw such a fashionable brunch yesterday, Earwigs. Everybody had just walked out of Loehmann's. Betty Ford was in a filmy black and yellow daisy print. Suze came in a proper flowered shirtwaist. Nancy Reagan was in turquoise and white decollete. Maureen Reagan appeared in a tacky, strap-shouldered T-shirt, just like a basketball uniform. Ekkeverybody lod friendld warm and oh-so-united. Secret tension lurked beneath, Earwigs. With all those glit-

soming the bounds committee would

ized "Ear Is Appalled." When Ear is appalled, darlings, Ear will let you know. There's even a gossip column in the Ford Committee's daily newsletter. Sample: Nina Totenberg is sporting an eye patch because she's recovering from a detached retina. Ear is appalled.

NEWFANGLED IDEA HITS KAY
CEE, FLOPS . . . Political consultants
John Deardourff and his wife Betsy Griffith, Active Feminist, did their usual
East Coast thing and reserved a room at
the Muehlebach in the names of John

Earwigs, is getting a table for dinner. One night, Jules Witcover and Walter Mears stole R. W. Apple's table at the Savoi Grill, thinking it would be a nifty joke. Apple, tripping in hungry with his chum B. Drummond Ayres, thought it not the least bit amusing and insisted on sitting in a different room from the giggling squatters. Witcover tried to be sweet by sending over a half-bottle of Lancer's Rose. Johnny, an avid oenophile, wouldn't touch a drop, but B. Drummond didn't mind at all. Ear will send a flash bulletin when all resume speaking.



FOCUS

'Long, wild night' for Republicans

By Richard L. Strout

Kansas City, Missouri
They will talk about "the long night" at
the 1976 Republican National Convention for

years to come.

It almost - but not quite - got out of

hand Tuesday evening.

Democrats are used to that sort of thing:
George McGovern couldn't make his accep-

was the cause of a minor row — yes, somebody had angrily pulled out a New York delegate's telephone, and excitable Richard M. Rosenbaum, chairman of the delegation, wanted the person arrested.

It was the night that Ford-Reagan forces finally came to a showdown on preliminary rules and platform tests and that Ford

denly, the crowd began to yell, to rise from seats and wave banners, what would you do? Continue to talk? Or hesitate?

That was what happened to Patricia Hutar, president of the National Federation of Republican Women, at 7:35 p.m. in one of a series of speeches that included John M. Connally of Texas and House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes of Arizona.

What set the vast crowd of jittery delegates off? Somebody trying to unfold a Ford banner near a Reagan banner in a situation so tense that it tipped the balance between respectability and hysteria. Speaker Hutar had to pause and finally the chairman resorted to the device of having the band crash out, "God Bless America," in which

her sons. Ford banners and homemade placards instantly popped up all over the floor.

In this second night of smiling rivalry exdancer Mrs. Ford upstaged ex-film actress Mrs. Reagan moments after her arrival by dancing in the aisle with performer Tony Orlando, a guest in the presidential section.

Part of the crowd chanted "Reagan, Reagan, Reagan," and part of the crowd shouted "We want Ford." Mrs. Ford swayed to the dance, and Mrs. Reagan waved to supporters from her seat equably.

Everybody had a fine time — much nicer, on the whole, than they did several hours later at almost 2 a.m., when they called it off for the night.

KANSAS CITY (UPI) -- REPUBLICANS CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THEIR CONSERVATISM TODAY IN A PLATFORM PROPOSING TO END SCHOOL BUSING, BAN ABORTION, ALLOW SCHOOL PRAYER, DEMAND A "SUPERIOR" NATIONAL DEFENSE AND IMPOSE TIGHT © NTROL ON FEDERAL SPENDING.

ONLY TWO ISSUES WERE CERTIFIED FOR DEBATE BEFORE THE FULL

CONVENTION, HOWEVER.

ONE WAS A VAGUELY WORDED CALL FOR "MORALITY" IN FOREIGN POLICY, PROPOSED BY RONALD REAGAN, WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A SLAP AT THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY WISSINGER.

THE REAGAN AMENDMENT DOES NOT MENTION FORD OR KISSINGER BY NAME, AND DOES NOT DIRECTLY CRITICIZE THEIR POLICIES. BUT ITS MEANING IS UNMISTAKABLE BECAUSE IT MENTIONS THREE AREAS OF KISSINGER POLICY THAT HAVE ANGERED CONSERVATIVES -- DETENTE, THE HELSINKI ACCORDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOVIET DISSIDENT ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN.

ANOTHER WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DELETE THE PLATFORM'S SUPPORT FOR A

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN ABORTION.

NO OTHER MINORITY REPORTS WERE FILED BEFORE THE MONDAY DEADLINE, AND THE REST OF THE PLATFORM WAS PRESENTED TO THE CONVENTION.

OPPONENTS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT FAILED TO GAIN THE NECESSARY 27 SIGNATURES OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BRING THEIR ANTI-ERA STAND TO THE FLOOR. THE PLATFORM NOW CONTINUES THE GOP'S 36-YEAR RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT GUARANTEEING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

THE ERA PLANK IS ONE OF THE FEW THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED LIBERAL

A MONG THE 65 PAGES AND 20,800 WORDS OF THE DRAFT PLATFORM.

THREE OTHER PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD REVERSE LIBERAL STANDS TAKEN BY THE SUPREME COURT IN RECENT YEARS. IN ADD IT ION TO THE ANTI-ABORTION AMENDMENT, THE PLATFORM SUPPORTS AMENDMENTS TO END SCHOOL BUSING TO ACHIEVE RACIAL INTEGRATION, AND TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOL.

THE PLATFORM WAS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE HARDLINE CONSERVATIVE THAN FORD AND SOME OTHER ESTABLISHMENT REPUBLICANS WOULD HAVE LIKED.

LARGELY BECAUSE OF REAGAN'S CANDIDACY .

FORD WAS WILLING TO GIVE IN ON "LANGUAGE" CHANGES AS LONG AS HE LOST NO MAJOR HEAD-TO-HEAD BATTLES WITH REAGAN IN THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE, AND MODERATE AND LIBERAL REPUBLICANS REMAINED IN HIDING FOR FEAR THAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR FORD'S POSITION MIGHT HURT HIS CHANCES FOR THE NOMINATION.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE OTHER RESULTING PLANKS:

-- THE PATH TO GREATER EMPLOYMENT IS AN END TO INFLATION, NOT

FEDERAL JOB -CREATING PROGRAMS .

-- TAXES SHOULD BE LOWERED ON BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES, INCLUDING TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE, A \$1,000 PERSONAL EXEMPTION AND SUCH BUSINESS TAX BREAKS AS ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION AND AN END TO THE TAX ON CORPORATE DIVIDENDS.

-- NO FEDERAL GUN CONTROL, BUT MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR THOSE WHO

USE GUNS IN COMITTING A CRIME .

- -- NO COMPULSORY NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE .
- -- AN END TO "AFFIRMATIVE ACTION" PROGRAMS OR QUOTAS IN CIVIL RIGHTS.
 - -- SUPPORT FOR OUR DEFENSE TREATIES WITH TAIWAN.
 - -- NO SURRENDER OF A MERICAN RIGHTS IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.
- -- CONTINUE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIETS, BUT EXERCISE CAUTION.

UPI Ø8-17 Ø2:53 PED

NØ49

RA

NANCY REAGAN

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) -- NANCY REAGAN SAID TODAYHE WAS DELIGHTED BY THE OVATION SHE RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION HALL THE NIGHT BEFORE, BUT CALLED THE IDEA OF AN APPLAUSE CONTEST WITH BETTY FORD 'KIND OF SILLY.''

"I THOUGHT IT WAS LOVELY. THE APPLAUSE WAS NICE AND HEARTWARMING AND I WAS VERY TOUCHED," SAID THE WIFE OF RONALD REAGAN.

"BUT IT'S KIND OF SILLY TO TALK OF A CONTEST BETWEEN FIRST LADY BETTY FORD AND ME.

"SHE'S HERSELF AND I'M MYSELF. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THERE'S NO CONTEST WHATSOEVER."

ON MONDAY NIGHT MRS. REAGAN ARRIVED FIRST AT THE CONVENTION HALL AND REAGAN SUPPORTERS BEGAN TO CHEER AND CLAP AND SHOUT HER NAME.

THEN BETTY FORD ARRIVED AND CHEERING ERUPTED FROM THE FORD

SUPPORTERS.

FOR A WHILE IT APPEARED TO A CONTEST OF DECIBELS.

"'I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS THERE AT FIRST," MRS. REAGAN SAID.
HER PRESS SECRETARY, NANCY REYNOLDS, SAID, "IF IT WAS A CONTEST, WE
WERE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF IT."

SHE SAID MRS. REAGAN DID NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE SESSION TONIGHT. SHE SAID THAT MRS. REAGAN ARRIVED LATE AT THE HALL AND DIDN'T REALIZE MRS. FORD WAS THERE. 'SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE THERE EITHER,' MRS. REYNOLDS SAID.

''IT WAS ACCIDENTAL AND TOTALLY SPONTANEOUS,'' SHE SAID. ''IT WAS NOT ARRANGED AND WE HAD NO PLANS TO ARRANGE ANYTHING LIKE IT.''

MRS. REYNOLDS SAID SHE THOUGHT IT IS UNFAIR TO THE WIVES OF CANDIDATES TO PUT THEM IN SITUATIONS OF PERSONAL COMPETITION.

SHE SAID THAT MRS. REAGAN EVEN WITHDREW FROM A PLANNED TELEVISION INTERVIEW WHEN IT APPEARED THAT SHE WOULD BE JOINED BY BETTY FORD IN WHICH COULD BE A DEBATE OR CONFRONTATION.

Ø8-17-76 13:29EDT

NØ52

DA

MILLIKEN

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) -- GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN OF MICHIGAN WILL DELIVER THE NOMINATING SPEECH FOR PRESIDENT FORD BEFORE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT, A MILLIKEN AIDE SAID TODAY.

THE AIDE SAID FORD ASKED THE GOVERNOR IN A PHONE CALL THIS MORNING

TO NOMINATE HIM.

MILLIKEN HAS HAD A LONG POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FORD IN THE PRESIDENT'S HOME STATE. HE AND SEN. ROBERT GRIFFIN AND STATE GOP CHAIRMAN WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN ARE CONSIDERED FORD'S TOP POLITICAL ADVISERS IN THE STATE.

AS GOVERNOR HE HAS SUPPORTED STRONG CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION ALTHOUGH OPPOSED IN MANY INSTANCES BY

REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

HE ALSO WAS OPPOSED TO SEVERAL FORD VETOES ON JOB-PRODUCING LEGISLATION, SAYING MICHIGAN WAS THE HARDEST HIT STATE DURING THE RECESSION. BUT HE CREDITS FORD WITH TURNING THE ECONOMY AROUND EVEN THOUGH MICHIGAN LAGS BEHIND THE NATIONAL RECOVERY.

Ø8-17-76 13:43EDT

UP-117 R B

THE CONVENTION DAYBOOK WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

- PRAYER BREAKFAST, FEATURING REP. AL QUIE AND ENTERTAINER PAT BOONE, ATTENDED BY GOP LEADERS, DELEGATES, MIKE AND GAYLE FORD AND OTHERS, IMPERIAL BALLROOM, MUEHLEBACH. HOSTED BY GOV. CHRISTOPHER BOND.
- 8:00 BREAKFAST HONORING SEN. EDWARD BROOKE BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION, AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN.
- 8:30 FORD CAUCUS TEAM (PLUS JACK) PRESENTATION TO OHIO CAUCUS, SHERATON ROYAL.
- 9:00 DAILY BRIEFING BY GOP CONVENTION MANAGER ODY FISH, LITTLE THEATRE, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM.

NØ70

R

GOP MAYORS

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) -- LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REPUBLICAN MAYORS ANNOUNCED PLANS TODAY TO ORGANIZE LOCAL OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FORD IN NOVEMBER.

"'WE ASSUME THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS GOING TO BE NOMINATED," MAYOR RALPH PERK OF CLEVELAND, THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE GOP NATIONAL CONVENTION.

PERK AND OTHER MAYORS AT THE SESSION NOTED THAT THE ORGANIZATION FORMALLY ENDORSED FORD IN JANUARY IN RESPONSE TO ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR CONVERSION OF CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRAMS INTO BLOCK GRANTS AND REVENUE SHARING WITH LOCAL DISCRETION ON PRIORITIES.

THE GROUP INCLUDED MAYOR WILLIAM HUDNUT OF INDIANAPOLIS, WHO SAID HE FEELS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO FORD FOR THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, ALTHOUGH BOUND BY STATE LAW TO VOTE FOR RONALD REAGAN ON THE FIRST BALLOT WEDNESDAY.

HUDNUT SAID, HOWEVER, HE WOULD SUPPORT THE ELECTION OF REAGAN IF HE ISTHE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

MAYOR PETE WILSON OF SAN DIEGO, CALIF., THE ONLY MAYOR ON PRESIDENT FORD'S LIST OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS, ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ORGANIZE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF FORD, BUT SAID THAT IF REAGAN IS THE GOP NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT ''I WOULD FIND IT EASY TO SUPPORT HIM.''

OTHER MAYORS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEWS CONFERENCE INCLUDED JACK HUNTER OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, RICHARD KIND OF INDEPENDENCE, MO., DWAINE HOBERG OF MOORHEAD, MINN., STANLEY CMICH OF CANTON, OHIO, AND RICHARD CARBER OF PEORIA. ILL.

Ø8-17-76 15:39EDT

The Lady's Not for Spurning Ron

Kansas City, Aug. 18—A dropdead glare coxed from The Delegate's eyes. It had been suggested that it was all over for Ronald Reagan, that he had stumbled on the five-yard line and coughed up the ball. He couldn't win this one, not even for The Gipper.

"Yeah, if you believe the news media," said The Delegate, her tone sugvictory fest in anticipation of the glad tiding it expects in November.

"Hopefully, I'm going to get to see Ronald Reagan," declared The Delegate, almost in expiation of all that spending.

In a switch from the original plan, which called for playing "Hail to the Chief," Steve Miller and his dinner-jacketed bandsmen broke into a sashaying rendition of "Mr. Wonderful" as Ford followed his interference of Secret Serv-

ice men.

the agent would have gotten a 15-yard penalty for clipping.

For some unexplained reason, the security around Reagan seemed larger numerically than the President's, and more zealous in its duty.

Unruffled by the incident, the Delegate stood with glazed eyes—or was it just a Maurine residue? — as Reagan spoke briefly to his adherents-turned-disciples.

A trace of a grimace creased her

And Now, Two GOP Emmy Awards For Outstanding Performances...

By Sander Vanocur

KANSAS CITY—Betty Ford wins an Emmy for best single performance in a musical variety special. Nelson Rockefeller wins one for the best performance in a continuing comedy dential choice before the balloting last night.

Then Nancy Reagan entered the hall amidst a lot of cheers. She got to her box, stood up and waved in response to the cheers. Then Mrs. Ford was cheered. She got up and responded to her cheers. The cameras

indignation lessons. Rockefeller walked around in full view of the television cameras holding up the white phone and its broken cord. It was just grand: the Vice President of the United States on comedic hold.

Theatrical impresario Alexander H.
Cohen is bringing a revival of

R D

ORRESPONDENTS:

SCREEN ACTOR CARY GRANT WILL PRESENT A TRIENTE TO THE FIRST LADY DURING TOMIGHT'S PROGRAM AFTER THE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A 10-MINUTE FILM ON THE FORD PRESIDENCY.

UPI 03-19 10:30 AED

ON FASHION 2. A. 18/19/169-9

That California Look Goes East

DEEP IN THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES—It wouldn't have been heard of 10 years ago. And it's not exactly standard fashion practice today. A New York designer has just finished her summer boutique collection and dedicated the entire line to California's life-style.

The designer is Norma Kamali,



Estevez made for the First Lady was sent last Friday to Kansas City, and Estevez left Tuesday to oversee fittings. The designs included the now-famous "bump" dress that Mrs. Ford wore to disco with entertainer Tony Orlando on the convention floor.

INCA DINKA DO-T-shirts are



Nancy Reagan responds to ovation as she arrives for convention session.



Betty Ford, in an attention getting pose, waves at the convention. At left is her son, Steve, and behind her



By Myra MacPherson -Washington Post Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18—The craziness that is politics erupted tonight in "rehearsed spontaneity" that disrupted for hours the main event of the convention—the naming of a presidential nominee.

Reaganites in a last-gasp show drowned Kemper Arena in bellowing klazon horns that sounded, as one person observed like the "hum of a thousand killer bees." They snaked through the aigles and tossed nerf Frisbees and threw confetti and thundered. Reagan" cheers. What had been so carefully staged finally became spontaneous, and floor leaders could not shut them up. Ford delegates agonized in the TV lights.

When it was the Ford delegates turn, they responded with balloons, tossing of beach balls, rattling of noisemakers, but, mercifully for those who had been deafened by the Reagan noise, not blowing horns. Jack Ford, the President's son, tossed frisbees, and delegates on the floor passed them

said Clower. "They (the Reaganites),

With the Reagan signs Monday night, Nancy Reagan received a thunderous ovation and Betty Ford got vintually none.

Red-faced Ford delegates demanded in caucuses to know where their signs were and 500 volunteers provided enough to paper the house for Tues day night's round two, when Betty Ford did the upstaging by dancing with Tony Orlando in front of her seat and thereby incensing Texas Reagan delegate. Robert Monaghan, "She's like a chorus girl wiggling her bottom."

The most zealous members of the Republican Youth Brigade, bused in from all over the country by both ramps, are Mr. Ford's 300 Michigan "Scatter Blitzers" They do exactly what their name says—scatter and blitz. "I blitzed five states in the primary," 18-year-old Charlie. Streeter said, hoarsely but happily.



UPI photo

Everyone knows a convention is not a fashion show. Still, between fulls in the action, people are somewhat aware of who is wearing what. What they aren't aware of is who designs what. Betty Ford (above) wears an Estevez yellow and white dress, and Nancy Reagan (right), a pretty red Galanos floral.



Fashion roll call

By KATHY LARKIN

It's fairly easy to name all the biggles, at the Republican Convention. With these exceptions: who made the

On Tuesday, Susan wore a white shirt patterned with star-spangled elephants and an elephant-clasp red belt in the convention



President Ford, his private, post-midnight meeting with defeated rival Ronald Reagan over, greets a gathering of

wildly cheering fans at his hotel. An even bigger victory celebration took place at the convention hall, in this in-

United Press International stance led by First Lady Betty Ford and son Steve (left). At right is TV entertainer Sonny Bono.

8/10/76-fg.B-2

Personalities

The entire family of President Ford may arrive in Kansas City for the Republican National Convention ahead

of the President. First Lady Betty Ford is expected there Sunday in spite of a flare-up of her osteoarthritis. Last night she joked with members of the Alvin Ailey City Center Dance Theater onstage at a celebration of Duke Ellington's music at New York's Lincoln Center. "I have to limit my activity these days," she told Ailey star Judith Jamison, "(but) I still practice when no-

body's looking." Susan Ford is also due in Kansas City on Sunday, driving there from Topeka, where she is visiting. The

Actor Rod Steiger, who underwent open-heart surgery Saturday in California, is up and around although there is no word about when he will

be able to go home. Steiger was a guest at the White House dinner which President and Mrs. Ford gave for Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. Fraser on July 27. The 51-year-old actor won an Academy Award for his role as a Southern police chief in "In/

The Heat of the Night" in 1968. A severe toothache has caused actor Raymond Burr to cancel the final week of his appearance in "The Good

Doctor" in Chicago.



THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE



Alf Landon, himself a 1936 Republican presidential candidate, voices his vice-presidential preference, far left; Tammy Wynette convalesces, center; and

Betty Ford, left.

J. A. James 8 | 12 | 26.

SOME PREPARE,

BY BILL BOYARSKY

Times Political Writer

KANSAS CITY—A chambermaid carefully placed a board under the mattress Mrs. Betty Ford will sleep on to help her with her bad back.

On the sixth floor of another hotel, the Republican National Convention Rules Committee slowly worked its way through some relatively minor rule changes, getting ready for some big votes today.

One of the proposals struck delegate Fox Wood III of Oklahoma as absurd. It would have eliminated the traditional order of the roll call, in which the convention secretary drones out the names of the states—starting with Alabama.

"A rule as zany as this one, it must have come out of a bar after five drinks," Wood said.

Please Turn to Page 19, Col. 4



The funning mate de at the lectern, backed by Sen. Paul Lamait of Nevada, the VP candidate's suite, Mary Elizabeth



Michigan, Mrs. Pord and Vice President Rockefeller.

Saily News 8/20/76

LIBERAL DILEMMA: Liberal GOPers like Rep. Bill Cohen of Maine are hoping Ford will pick William Ruckelshaus as his running mate. Asked how a liberal Republican survives, Cohen said, "It's tough." Any alternative? "Start a new party," his wife Diane chimes in. Cohen is ignoring the GOP platform. "It still will support ERA and some kind of health insurance. That platform won't affect me." Sen. Chuck Percy of Illinois takes the longer view. "We just happened to have a choice this year of two rather conservative candidates. It happened in '64 and

then in '66 when the nexty enemned hear to the

wouldn't concede anything at this point," said

Percy. WHAT ECSTASY: "This is the most unbelievable experience of my life," enthused Luis Estevez. "It's almost like I'm a celebrity - I'm being introduced as Mrs. Ford's favorite designer." Responding to an invitation to join the Ford party in Kansas City, Estevez flew there Tuesday night, in time to watch the First Lady dance with Tony Orlando. "Being part of this is incredible high," Estevez said. Estevez has supplied Betty Ford with her convention wardrobe.

SPORTING SPECTATOR: Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi decided to go to Kansas City on his own, rather than take the State Department's one-day convention excursion for diplomats. But he delayed his trip to take the Concorde from Paris. He had been angling to take over a private home in Kansas City but wound up instead, he said, "In a very nice suite in the

I wanted to come here. This system of democra-

the pink linen or maybe the pink chiffon."

Alameda Plaza." In Kemper Arena with two aides, Zahedi said, "As a student of this country, (SUMMARY)

BY ROBERT M . ANDREWS)

KANSAS CITY, MO. (UPI) -- REPUBLICANS OPENED THEIR 31ST NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH ORATORICAL SALVOS AT THE DEMOCRATS AND THEIR OWN PRO SPECTIVE CANDIDATES, PRESIDENT FORD AND RONALD REAGAN, SCRAMBLING FOR ENOUGH DELEGATE VOTES TO NAIL DOWN A FIRST-BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION .

ONE MAJOR THREAT TO BOTH CANDIDATES EVAPORATED AT MIDDAY WHEN SEN. JAMES BUCKLEY OF NEW YORK ANNOUNCED HE WAS ABANDONING HIS NOTION OF ALLOWING HIS NAME TO BE PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY AS A FIRST-BALLOT ALTERNATIVE TO FORD AND REAGAN.

BUCKLEY, WHO HAD THE SUPPORT OF HARDLINE CONSERVATIVE SEN. JESSE

HELMS, R-N.C., DECIDED TO BOW OUT AFTER BUCKLEY AIDES MET WITH REAGAN

POLITICAL STRATEGISTS FOR A REVIEW OF THE DELEGATE COUNT .

A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST CONVENTION SESSION WAS GAVELED INTO SESSION AT MIDMORNING IN FUTURISTIC KEMPER ARENA, FORD AND REAGAN RACED FROM HOTEL TO HOTEL TRYING TO WOO UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES TO THEIR SIDE AND FIGHTING TO KEEP THOSE THEY ALREADY CLAIM.

BY MIDDAY, THE UPI DELEGATE COUNT SHOWED THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOR MER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR BOTH STILL SHORT OF THE MAGIC 1, 13 0-VOTE

MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR VICTORY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
ALTHOUGH BOTH CAMPS CLAIMED HIGHER FIGURES, THE UPI TALLY GAVE FORD 1,125 WOTES AND REAGAN 1,038, WITH 96 DELEGATES UNCOMMITTED .

"WOW! WHAT A MEETING!" FORD SHOUTED AT A RALLY OF CHANTING YOUNG REPUBLICANS . "WHAT A CONVENTION! WHAT A VICTORY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!"

HIS HANDS UPRAISED IN A "V" FOR VICTORY SIGN, FORD RECITED HIS WHITE HOUSE RECORD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND PREDICTED "WE WILL W "WE WILL WIN A

GREAT VICTORY ON WEDNESDAY.

FORD APPEARED AT THE RALLY AFTER A HOTEL BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE HAWAIIAN DELEGATION. REAGAN, ACCOMPANIED BY LIBERAL SEN. RICHARD SCHWEIKER OF PENNSYL VANIA, HIS DESIGNATED RUNNING MATE, PLEADED WITH THE INDIANA DELEGATION FOR SUPPORT.

DESPITE REPORTS HIS NAME APPEARED ON FORD'S NARROWING LIST OF POTENTIAL RUNNING MATES, REAGAN ASSURED THE HOOSIERS THAT "THERE IS NO WAY I WOULD EVEN CONSIDER MYSELF FOR A VICE PRESIDENCY ON ANY

TICKET ."
THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT REAGAN WAS AMONG FIVE FORD VICE PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES, BUT REAGAN SAID: "I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR T HAT ."

THE OTHERS, THE POST SAID, WERE SEN. HOWARD H. BAKER, R-TENN. TONIGHT'S CONVENTION KEYNOTER AND RANKING GOP MEMBER OF THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE; FORMER DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS, WHO WAS FIRED DURING RICHARD NIXON'S "SATURDAY NIGHT MASSACRE" IN 1973; TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON, AND ANNE

ARMSTRONG, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LONDON.
ANOTHER NAME WAS PUSHED TO THE FRONT RANKS WHEN SEN. HUGH SCOTT SAID THAT WILLIAM SCRANTON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND FORMER PENNSYL VANIA GO VERNOR , WILL BE "AMONG THE LAST THREE OR FOUR"

ON FORD'S LIST .

SCRANTON SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE JOB IF OFFERED, AND "WOULD BE

HELL-BENT FOR ELECTION."

WHILE FORD'S WIFE BETTY, DAUGHTER SUSAN AND SONS JACK AND STEVE
FANNED OUT ACROSS THE HOT, HUMID CITY HELPING HIM CORRAL DELEGATE VOTES, REAGAN HEADED FOR THE ALASKA AND VIRGINIA DELEGATIONS AND PLANNED A MEETING WITH 150 BLACK DELEGATES.

INSIDE THE WINDOWLESS, GLEAMING WHITE KEMPER ARENA, REPUBLICANS GOT THEIR CONVENTION UNDER WAY WITH PATRIOTIC SONGS, PRAYERS, WELCOMING SPEECHES, PROCEDURAL BUSINESS AND A FORETASTE OF THE PARTISAN RHETORIC TO BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE FOUR-DAY CONVENTION.

STARTING OUT ON A BICENTENNIAL THEME, ARRIVING DELEGATES WERE GREETED AT THE ARENA BY USHERETTES IN RED BLAZERS AND DARK BLUE SKIRTS, WHILE A BAND AND CHORUS CALLED "THE KIDS NEXT DOOR" FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OXNARD, CALIF., SANG SPIRITUAL AND PATRIOTIC

REP. JOHN ASHCROFT, THE GOP CANDIDATE FOR MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL, SANG THE "STAR SPANGLED BANNER," AND RICHARD HORTON OF ATLANTA, A CONVENTION PAGE, SUBSTITUTED FOR PROFESSIONAL GOLFER TOM WATSON IN LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE .

UPI 08-16 02:03 PED

- 10:00 FORD CAUCUS TEAM (PLUS SUSAN) PRESENTATION TO MINNESOTA-RHODE ISLAND CAUCUS, HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN.
- 10:00 FORD CAUCUS TEAM (PLUS STEVE) PRESENTATION TO IOWA CAUCUS, PROM SHERATON.
- 10:00 COFFEE FOR CONVENTION GUESTS STAYING IN SOUTH KANSAS CITY AREA BY THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN CLUB. (INVITATION). GUESTS INCLUDE VA., IDAHO, NEB., ALA., AND GA. DELEGATES. 765-0745.
- 10:00 WASHINGTON STATE DELEGATION BRUNCH (INVITATION), SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB. 363-4145.
- 10:20 JACK FORD QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENTIALS, EXHIBITION HALL 3, TRADE MART.
- 10:30 WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION BRUNCH (INVITATION), INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB. 362-2569.
- 10:30 REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S TASK FORCE NEWS CONFERENCE, LITTLE THEATRE, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM.
- 10:30 BETTY AND SUSAN FORD AND NANCY REAGAN ATTEND "WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT" LUNCHEON BY NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN, ALAMEDA PLAZA. ALSO ATTENDED BY MARY LOUISE SMITH, CARLA HILLS NRWF PRESIDENT PAT HUTAR AND OTHERS.

UP-004 R B

ADD CONVENTION DAYBOOK FOR THE SDAY:

- 3:45 BETTY FORD ATTENDS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S TASK FORCE FUNDRAISER
 CONTINENTAL ROOM, MUEHLEBACH.
 - 4:00 SUSAN FORD AND NANCY AND MAUREEN REAGAN AND RON REAGAN JR.
 HONOR GUESTS AT RECEPTION-DINNER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION
 OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS ATTENDED BY ENTERTAINERS AND GOP
 CELEBRITIES, IMPERIAL AND GRAND BALLROOMS OF THE MUEHLEBACH.
 SEN. BUCKLEY TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT LINCOLN MEDALLION
 AT 5:30 P.M. BUFFET. CONTACT: 842-7117.
 - 4:00 FUNDRAISING "SALUTE TO REPUBLICAN WOMEN" BY THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S TASK FORCE, COLONIAL ROOM, MUEHLEBACH.
- 4:00 TEXAS DELEGATION TOURS MCCORMICK DISTILLERY AT WESTON. 888-6433.
 - 5:00 RECEPTION HONORING SENIOR CITIZEN DELEGATES, CENTENNIAL ROOM, CROWN CENTER.
- 5:00 INDIAN DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE OUTSIDE OF KEMPER ARENA. POW WOW PROGRAM OF DANCES AND COMPETITION AMONG INDIAN WOMEN BEGINS AT 7 P.M. AT BLUE VALLEY PARK.
- 5:00 SEN. BUCKLEY ATTENDS CAUCUS AND RECEPTION SPONSORED BY REPUBLICAN PROLIFE IMPACT COMMITTEE, LONDON ROOM, HOTEL PHILLIPS.
- 7:00 THIRD SESSION OF REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, FEATURING REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEES ON CREDENTIALS, RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS, PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND PLATFORM, KEMPER ARENA.
- 7:00 PEOPLES TRIBUNAL ON REPRESSION, SPONSORED BY PROTESTING GROUPS, RESUMES OUTSIDE KEMPER ARENA.
 - 7:00 FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION INFORMATION BOOTH OPENS, MAIN CONCOURSE, KEMPER ARENA.
- 8:00 "PRESIDENT FORD NIGHT" PROGRAM BY THE YOUTH DIVISION OF THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE, UPTOWN THEATRE, 3700 BROADWAY.
- 8:30 BETTY AND JACK FORD ARRIVE AT KEMPER FOR CONVENTION SESSION.
- 8:50 INTERIOR SECRETARY THOMAS KLEPPE ARRIVES AT KC INTERNATIONAL .
- 8:52 MIKE AND GAYLE FORD ARRIVE AT KC INTERNATIONAL VIA TWA.



Happy Mekefeller waves her right wing to delegates while (from left) Steve, Betty and Susan Ford applaud and smile.

The First Day ...

Roundup for Delegates in Cattle Country

Most of the delegates were in the hall when, at precisely 11:30 am, GOP National Chairman Mary Louise Smith gaveled the

continued in caucuses and hotel rooms, the notables smiled and kept cool. Betty Ford, Steve and Susan joined Happy Rockefeller.

