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MEDIA WATCH

MASSACHUSETTS

For Thursday, February 26, 1976

Papers of 2/25

Boston Globe

Story of Interest:

How Candidates Fared Among a Diverse Electorate: NBC-Globe Poll shows how N.H. voters lined up in primary. Gerald Ford drew his support from women, Protestants and Jews, better-educated voters and persons in professional and managerial occupations. He out-scored Reagan among liberal and moderate Republicans. Ronald Reagan won support from Republican men, the lower-educated, the middle-age voter, blue collar workers and lower-income Republicans.

THE FRONT PAGE

Primary in N.H. Kicks Off '76 Race

Nixon Trip Seen Hurting President

Large Turnout for Both Parties

Carter Wins, Ford Leading Close Race: Coverage of the President's win over Reagan and how each Democrat placed in the primary.

Acceleration of a Candidacy(Analysis): Martin Nolan writes of how Jimmy Carter "transformed his own iron regimen."

Ford People Say Nixon Hurt Them

Long, Hot Road for GOP Rivals(Analysis): "It was very important for the President to have a quick win, because he is thinking of November, of wiping out the conservative challenge in his party, or perhaps getting a more moderate to liberal kind of vice presidential candidate to broaden the base of the party and to go into the final election drive with a united party," writes Robert Healy.

The Tally: Totals of primary given center spot on front page.

THE CAMPAIGN

Ford-Reagan Race too Close for the Three Networks' Computers: Race was so close that none of the networks would predict a winner.

Ford-Reagan: Reactions from state chairmen of votes. Cleveland said Reagan showing was because of his exposure in the state.

EDITORIALS

Private Diplomat: Even though Nixon might come back with valuable information, the U.S. should not approve of unofficial diplomacy. "What Mr. Nixon has to say can be related to an open press conference in a magazine article or a letter to friends, just like any other private citizen."

Presidential Candidates Take Over: Shapp, Wallace, Bayh and Jackson comment on New England issues on the op-ed page.

