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New Panama Canal

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It is appropriate that the future of the Panama Canal should be a hot issue in this year's presidential primaries.

maintain control longer. But the "perpetuity" concept contained in the original treaty that so irritates the Panamanians would be eliminated from the new accord.



The Austin American-Statesman

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**Primary choices:
Ford and Bentsen**

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Caller

Ford slams Reagan on Panama stand

By GREGORY FAVRE
Editor of The Caller

Answering questions in a relaxed manner in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Mr. Ford switched easily from subject to subject.

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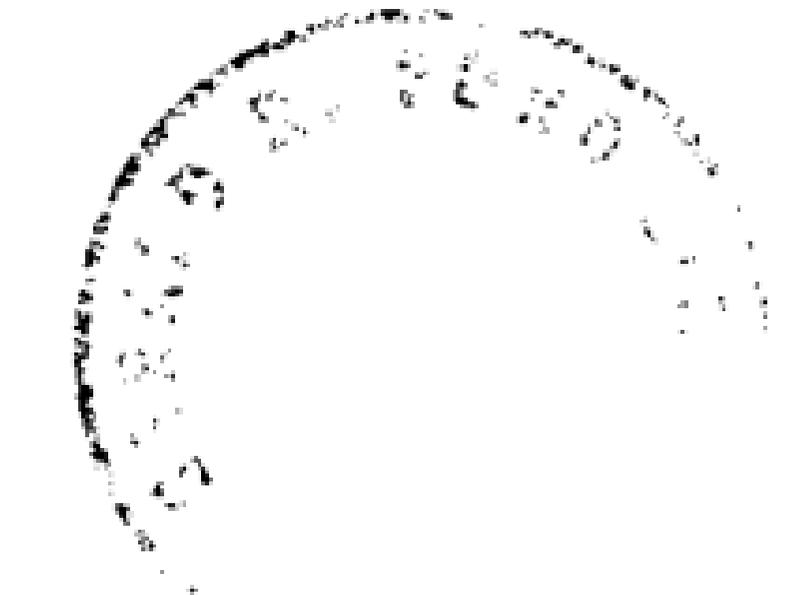
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Reagan offers good show, not leadership

Amarillo, Texas

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~~X~~ Defense Tops, Ford Says at WTI

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President Gerald Ford last night said... leaders with large standing armies. But

News & Globe-News

Amarillo, Texas

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X Ford Vows Oil Decontrol Fight

By JERRY HUFF
Globe-News Executive Editor

regarding the recent federally-imposed
embargo on American grain shipments

Standard-Times
San Angelo, Texas

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Reagan 'Excited' About Chances In Texas

By SCOTT CARPENTER *367*
Austin Bureau

When Ronald Reagan walked into his first

This Is First State He Is Supposed To Win

Bulletin
Brownwood, Texas

APR 1 1 1976

West Texans provide
Ford ³⁴³ with confidence

Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

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315 Bentsen, Ford presidential choice

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Greenville, Texas**

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...ation, and Ford backers believe their

Daily Herald
Killeen, Texas

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**Ford Blasts Reagan
Defense Statements**

The Dallas Morning News Thursday, April 8, 1976

Tower says if Reagan can't muster 75% he should quit

By BARBARA STRONG

Washington Bureau of The News

He said neither President Ford nor
Ronald Reagan will get 75 per cent of

STANDARD
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MARCH 19, 1976

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Reagan's Campaign 'Ahead Of Schedule'

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By JOHN De WHITT
Editorial Editor

is the apparent nominee will switch to
Reagan," said Warner. He said Ford's

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Ford Top Choice Of S.A. Voters

By DON POLITICO



*Ford aide sees
crushing defeat
here for Reagan*

The Texas Poll

Dallas Morning News 4/6/76

Ford has Texas lead; but it's a slight one

By JOE BELDEN

Director, The Texas Poll

they showed Republicans are much more loyal to Ford than Democrats are

Saturday, April 3, 1976

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Tower Challenges Reagan to Debate

BY GEORGE KUEMPEL
Chronicle Austin Bureau

Austin — U.S. Sen. John Tower has challenged former California Gov. Ronald Reagan to a public debate, saying he cannot let go unchallenged Reagan's charges that President Ford is "soft on national defense."

"As second ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I believe I am qualified to set the record straight," Tower said Friday.

DAILY TRIBUNE
Bay City
March 25, 1976

Tower Power For Ford

★ *The Houston Post*
SAT., APRIL 3, 1976

Tower asks for Reagan to debate

Post State Capital Bureau

The Austin American-Statesman

Saturday, April 3, 1976

Tower wants to debate Reagan

By JON FORD
Political Editor

U.S. Sen. John Tower Friday challenged presidential candidate Ronald Reagan to a debate on national security.

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In the driver's seat

The Dallas Morning News

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while Texas was a Republic*

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Defense Spending:

Ford Makes a Stand

Corpus Christi Caller

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**Ford, Bentsen choices
in presidential primary**

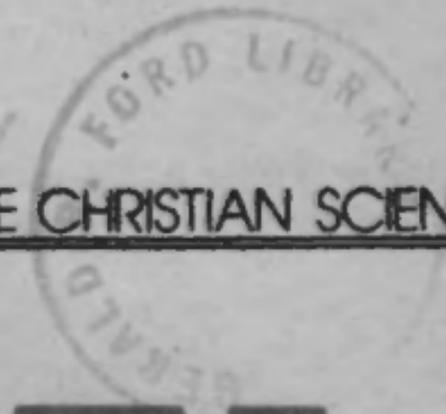
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April 27, 1976

Carter, Ford for president

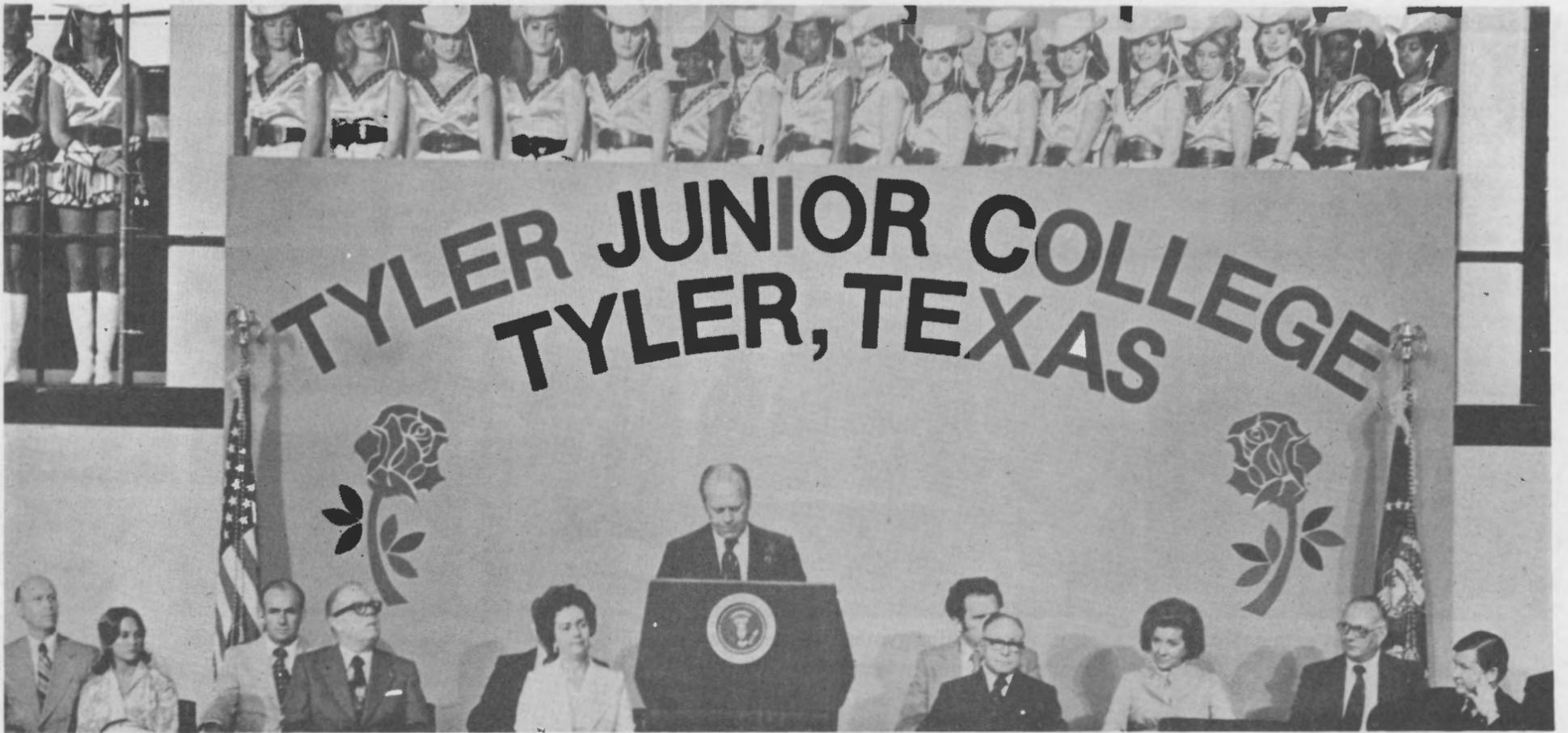
This will be Texas' first presidential primary and it cannot be overemphasized that voters actually will be selecting delegates pledged to the various candidates.

The Democrats will be electing delegates according to state Senate districts. In District 4, the Carter delegate-nominees are Dale Dowell of Beaumont, William T.



CANDIDATES ON THE

E ISSUES: REAGAN



Platform guests and Apache Belles listen attentively to President's 17-minute speech to TJC students.

(Photo by Jerry Cowart)

Tyler Junior College News

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TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE, TYLER, TEXAS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976



Ford questions Reagan's judgment on defense

By STEVEN KNOWLES

Using national defense as an example, President Gerald Ford questioned fellow Republican Ronald Reagan's ability to "level with the American people."

In TJC's first Presidential visit, the chief executive told a crowd of 3,500 inside and 5,000 outside Wagstaff Gymnasium that Reagan's arguments on defense are "superficial" and "based on incomplete knowledge."

As part of Ford's fast-paced Texas campaign before the Republican primary, the TJC speech was termed "more important than we expected" by network camera crews chiefs.

The keynote was military and the attack was on opponent Reagan's judgment in national issues.

A thunderous welcome greeted the President when he appeared on the gymnasium balcony with six beaming Apache Belles as the Band played "Hail to the Chief."

As one Houston television correspondent told his audience, President Ford's speech was a shift in his campaign from the "growing strength and prosperity of the American economy to a new and more complex issue: the strength of America's military forces."

Ford accused Presidential challenger Reagan of shifting his attack on his administration's policies because of a wild swinging second place position. He concentrated on Reagan's alleged

inability to judge military problems, and said the Presidency allows "no retakes" referring to Reagan's Hollywood career.

Ford's campaign until his Tyler speech concentrated on the easing of recession and inflation and emphasis on the tenet that Reagan "had nothing to do with it," as he told reporters at Gregg County Airport the night before.

"Our military capabilities today are equal to any challenge. Let there be no doubt about it," Ford said. "Our military forces are capable of fulfilling their assigned missions, period."

Claiming Reagan's defense policies imply reshaping U.S. military forces to mirror those of the Soviet Union, Ford listed several reductions in areas of American armed forces he said such a policy indicated.

"Now, obviously my opponent isn't foolish enough to seriously suggest that we should do away with our carriers, our B-25s or our Marine Corps," the President said. "The significant point to be made, however, is that simplistic and superficial charges based on limited information and experience could lead to irresponsible

and fundamentally harmful policy decisions."

President Ford continued, "Obviously, we should exercise a great caution before heeding the words of a man who obviously has no experience and little understanding of the complexity of national defense matters."

Ford said no reputable military expert he knew had suggested such a course of action, one which "would undermine rather than strengthen our defenses."

Ford, president of 21 months, promised to reverse the trend of successive military cutbacks by

Congress with his projected 1977 budget.

The President emphasized America's strength as being second to none and said "It is irresponsible and a disservice to the American people to lead them to believe that we are inferior when we are not, that our military strength is insufficient when it is not."

President Ford answered several questions from the floor after his speech then climbed back to the upper level where he was kissed by most of the Apache Belles.



Friendly pat

President Ford pats TJC President H. E. Jenkins on the back in arrival ceremonies before the Presidential address. TJC Board President Jack Flock is also in on the greeting. (Photo by Charles Sowders)