

## POOL REPORT--MACKINAW-KINCHELOE AFB-ANDREWS--July 13, 1975

After his tennis match--in which the ford-milliken team lost narrowly to the seidman-mrs. milliken duo, 7-5, 6-4, the president played a round of gold golf with griffin, and ~~one~~ congressman elford cederberg. The threesome started on the seventh hole and ~~finished~~ finished on the sixth. Griffin later told the pool that the golfers kept score for awhile before abandoning the practice.

After a few handshakes with about 100 spectators at the helipad, the president and mrs. ford choppered to ~~Kincheloe AFB~~ Kincheloe AFB, arriving about 40 minutes late. You saw the handshaking at the base. The pool saw two ~~signs~~ signs: "Mr. President we love you" and "let's ford-i-fy the U.S. in '76." One youngster told the president: "I like you on tv."

after wheels up at 7:17, nessen came back to say ford would see kissinger at the white house tonight for a report on the latter's trip. No readout of the meeting should be expected.

The monday ayem bipartisan congressional leadership meeting will be to brief the members on the president's domestic oil decontrol program, which nessen says we should ~~expect~~ expect to be wrapped up in time for unveiling tomorrow.

As for the president's 62nd birthday tomorrow, Nessen says we can expect some sort of family birthday event which he will tell us about tomorrow.

Participants at the decontrol meeting will be mike mansfield, scott, byrd, griffin, moss and curtis from the senate and albert, o'neill, rhodes, mcfall, michel, burton and anderson from the house. Other subjects included will be regulatory reform, turkish aid and the marianas islands.

The president plans to watch the launch of the apollo spacecraft from the oval office ~~on~~ tuesday after going to the state department to watch the soyuz launch earlier in the day.

Nessen was asked when the president would make his next political trip and he said there would be no directly political trips on behalf of his candidacy the re until next year. Then he said: "You mean nonpolitical. He's just out there being president of all the people," Nessen puckishly claimed.

Griffin came back to say he thought the president had received an enthusiastic welcome in his home state. He later volunteered, "while it wasn't a political trip, the fact that he was able to show such solid support in his home state was a good omen. The fella's got to start somewhere." He then lapsed into treatise on the joys of northern michigan.

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About ten minutes ~~before~~ before landing, the president came back to talk with the pool. No photos permitted. He was wearing his maroon golf slacks, white polo shirt with green alligator and white bucks. ~~He never had gotten plenty of sun and was red to the face.~~

His face was reddened *and he was holding his pipe.*

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asked about his golf, ford said: "it wasn't a ~~a~~ very expert performance." But he seemed more pleased about tennis, noting: "I only play about once every three weeks."

asked if he was pleased with the support shown on the trip--nessen interjected to say "it was a nonpolitical trip, you know that"--ford said "we made a lot of friends." asked ~~what~~ what about electoral votes, ford said "we just think in terms of friends."

asked ~~if he~~ when he would send the decontrol plan to the hill, he said either monday or tuesday. asked if he thought chances were any better, ~~he~~ he said: "I think so...you ~~I~~ know the alternative from the point of view of an overall program, is worse. I don't think the congress would be so ill-advised...i don't think it would be in their best interests to ~~to~~ have done nothing...i think the wiser heads in the congress will see the wisdom of doing something affirmatively rather than negatively...I'm always an optimist...the majority ~~that~~ of the congress will have the wisdom... (to do something in the direction of) action rather than reaction..."

~~It's a very tenuous situation~~ *that*

asked if without action ~~that~~ means prices ~~it~~ would shoot through the roof, ford said "It's a very tenuous situation in the interim but some hard choices have to be made." asked how you ~~reconcile~~ strike a balance between letting the price of gasoline soar and providing oil companies with more money for exploration, ford said: if congress enacts the windfall profits tax with ~~with~~ a plowback, that's one part of the program...if they ~~would~~ only enact a payback to the people of about 4.5 billion dollars and to the cities and the states--2 to 2½ billion dollars, and business roughly the same...then everything evens off.

"If congress does nothing...then we get the worst of all worlds."

ford said the congress had to face up ~~with the~~ to the hard ~~reality~~ realities and was then asked if the people were ready to do likewise. "I think they are," he said. "I think they're wiser than the congress."

~~when asked if he felt like 62 in response to a question~~

ford's ~~sun~~ sunburn was noted and the president said, "I feel great." he was asked if he also felt like 62 and he said, "No, I ~~I~~ feel about 40." he said he might go swimming tonight to cap the trip.

asked about helsinki, ford said he expects to hear from kissinger about the status.

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