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## POOL REPORT #3 &amp; #4

The President by helicopter toured the dam site before landing at the top of the dam. The President and his party walked past a bronze plaque stating that the dam was dedicated today by Ford and Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, who was of course not here. Ford walked across the top of the dam and greeted Macdonald and Ambassador Warren at the center of the dam in front of the Treaty Tower. "How are you Mr. Minister," Ford said. Just as they shook hands the sun came out from behind gray clouds covering the whole scene. Commemorative medals were given to Ford and Macdonald by both the Army Engineers and Governor Shoup. The two parties, American and Canadian, rode a circular elevator to the top of the Treaty Tower. They looked over the side of a parapet at torrents of water streaming down two spillways. They had a brief inaudible conversation for about a minute. Then Ford introduced Macdonald to the pool and referred to the Vail festivities last night. Ann Compton asked the President if they would have a chance to discuss energy and he said "we are right now." The two sides then rode the elevator all the way down to the base of the spillway, put on clear plastic rain jackets and walked past the spillway through a fine mist of water. They took a motorcade about 200 yards to the speakers platform where four tall, skinny poles bear the flags of the two nations, and of Montana and British Columbia. The speeches commenced.

The pool estimated the crowd to be somewhere over 3,000. They are assembled at the base of the dam.

James Naughton, N.Y. Times

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