

AIR FORCE ONE

MAY 7, 1976

pool report: washington to omaha

on board were cheney, hartmann, hessen, kaye, earl butz, and both republican senators hruska and curtis and their wives. both senators are running as ford delegates in the primary.

peter kaye called the nebraska election "a strange sort of primary. we've had nothing like it before." the winner will not take all 25 delegates. of 324 who have filed for delegate, 146 are for ford and 108 for reagan. ~~the~~ allford delegates are "unauthorized," meaning that they receive no money from the national campaign.

kaye said "it is very possible that we could get the majority of the popular vote and still lose the delegates."

total ford budget for the state is only \$40,000, the smallest amount the president has <sup>committed to a</sup> ~~contested~~ primary.

none of the three congressmen--all republicans--have endorsed either candidate, and newspaper polls show a close race. kaye said ford has been concentrating on phone banks while reagan has been using direct mail. secretary Meppel and jack ford have made appearances in the state.

kaye said reagan "may have an advantage" because his delegates are authorized and can be funded and advertised by the <sup>NATL</sup> ~~reagan~~ reagan campaign.

kaye and nessen would not comment on any change in campaign strategy, nessen saying "if this trip looks different from other trips it has nothing to do with a reassessment."

ford's first omaha stop will be the corner of 32nd and woolworth avenues, site of the home in which he was born on july 14, 1913. the lot is being converted into a memorial park by james m. paxon, president of standard chemical manufacturing company, who has already spent \$250,000 ~~xxx~~ of his own money and expects no reimbursement even though the eventual cost will be \$400,000.

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USDA Index of  
Prices Received by Farmers  
1967 = 100

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BLS

Wholesale Price Index  
All Commodities

	1975	1976	1975	1976
Jan.	172	186	171.8	179.4
Feb.	168	187	171.3	179.4
Mar.	165	184	170.4	179.8
April	170	188	172.1	181.3
May	178		173.2	
June	182		173.7	
July	187		175.7	
Aug.	187		176.7	
Sept.	194		177.7	
Oct.	193		178.9	
Nov.	185		178.2	
Dec.	187		178.7	

BLS Wholesale Price Index  
Farm Products & Processed Foods & Feeds  
1975

BLS  
Wholesale Price Index - Farm Products  
1975

	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1967 = 100		1967 = 100	
Jan.	183.3	184.6	179.7	192.8
Feb.	179.5	182.0	174.6	191.0
Mar.	174.9	180.3	171.1	187.2
April	178.8	183.7	177.7	192.9
May	181.2		184.5	
June	182.3		186.2	
July	188.2		193.7	
Aug.	189.0		193.2	
Sept.	190.4		197.1	
Oct.	190.5		197.3	
Nov.	186.1		191.7	
Dec.	186.0		193.8	