

POOL REPORT at DESTREHAN, La.

After the speech you all heard, Ford, wearing his third shirt of the day, a red, short-sleeved golf shirt, worked the crowd of several thousand. At ramp, local officials gave him a commemorative plaque from the St. Charles Parish Police Jury, which is equivalent ^{to} of County Commissioners. Had a red rose put into shirt buttonhole.

Crowd was friendly, cheered him on with shouts of "Good luck"... "You're doing a great job" etc. One man ~~called out~~ ^{called out} "Carter'd go wild with these good lookin' women." ~~uniformed Boy Scout~~ ^{uniformed Boy Scout} The President autographed right wrist cast of Mark Fabre, 13, of Luling (across the river). ~~Mark said he~~ ^{Mark said he} broke it playing football.

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Perspiration ran down Ford's cheeks, chin and nose. Red shirt was wet.

Trailing him were Rep. David Treen of this district (3d) and Cong. candidates Robert ~~Livingston~~ ^(1st) Livingston and Frank Spooner (5th).

At end, Ford received a display of local products, including crawfish, oil, beans, ~~sugar~~ ^{sugar}, corn, soybeans, wheat. A dozen children had waded into foot deep water to get close to him at ramp. He ~~picked up~~ ^{lifted} one, a blonde girl of about six, gave her ~~her~~ ^{her} a hug.

Along the way, he saw signs in the crowd urging him to "Veto Grain Bill." Local people ~~says~~ ^{says} said this refers to the bill that would end a scandal-ridden private ~~inspection~~ ^{inspection} of ~~grain~~ ^{grain} export grain in Louisiana and Texas, put federal inspectors in charge. Local people oppose because it ~~will~~ ^{will} threatens to ~~cost~~ ^{cost} some 150 inspectors' ~~their~~ ^{their} jobs. After handshaking walk, Ford told crowd, in addition to no grain embargos, that he would work for a responsible grain inspection legislation and, "We'll try to do our best for those who have done a good job in the past."