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## FORD

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Ford's eldest son, Michael, 26, his wife, Gayle, will join the President in New Hampshire, going from their Massachusetts home, according to Mrs. Ford's press secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld.

Susan will drive to the North Conway skiing area at Mt. Cranmore, Saturday afternoon to present the award for the New Hampshire state ski racing championship. She will stay overnight there and gushing on Sunday.

Asked if Ford would return to New Hampshire before the primary, the White House spokesman said there were no plans "but it's always possible."

# Committee To Pay Ford N.H. Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford will make only one avowedly political appearance as things now stand during a two-day trip to New Hampshire Saturday and Sunday, press secretary Ron Messen said Monday.

Messen said Ford's campaign committee will pay the expenses of the President and his political aides for the entire trip to the first primary battleground. But, he said, the only political event on the schedule is an appearance Sunday in Concord before campaign workers and their families.

The President has a bipartisan meeting on his visit to the state where he will face Ronald Reagan in the Feb. 24 primary.

Messen reported Ford will fly to Manchester, N.H., Saturday morning, then drive to Concord for a meeting with state and local officials of both parties to discuss legislative proposals in the federal budget.

After the session at Concord's

Randall Junior High School, Ford will drive to Nashua where he will address the 10th anniversary dinner of the Nashua Chamber of Commerce in the evening, then spend the night at an undisclosed private home there.

On Sunday, Messen said, Ford may attend morning church services and then drive back to Concord for a mid day meeting at Randall Junior High with about 700 campaign workers and their families.

In early afternoon, Ford will drive to the University of New Hampshire campus in Durham where he will hold a 4 p.m. news conference for New Hampshire reporters.

In the evening he will make a speech in the university gymnasium, drive to Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth and fly back to Washington.

Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan will make the trip. The

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# **FORD AT U.N.H. - FIGHT BACK!**

## **JOBS OR INCOME NOW!**

### **WE WON'T FIGHT IN A RICH MAN'S WAR**

Gerald Ford, the chief representative of the capitalist class, will speak at the UNH Field House at 7:00 PM February 8th. He'll brag about how his administration is dealing with the most severe crisis that the capitalist system has faced since the 30's. Like always the capitalists are trying to get out of this one by shoving it on the backs of the working class. Ford put this straight out in his State of the Union address: tax cuts for business - welfare and food stamp cuts for us, and increased military spending to prepare for war.

But we workers say NO WAY! We're fighting these attacks every day; and we're going to greet Ford with out demands when he comes.

#### **JOBS OR INCOME NOW!**

There's plenty of work that needs to be done - our neighborhoods are falling apart; our kids' schools are deteriorating; we need cars, clothes, food, etc. But because our labor isn't profitable enough for the capitalists right now more than 10 million of us are out on the street. And when we're out of work they deny us a decent income: welfare programs are being cut; food stamps are being cut; the federal unemployment extension is being cut (because unemployment is too low!).

The working class is fighting back against these attacks on millions of us. Last spring 60,000 workers hit Washington to rally for jobs; the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) aims to have over 250,000 signatures on its "Jobs or Income" petition when it's presented to the ruling class at their July 4th birthday party in Philadelphia.

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## WE WON'T FIGHT ANOTHER RICH MAN'S WAR!

Less than a year after their defeat in Vietnam, the U.S. capitalists are getting ready for war again. Despite their talk of "detente" and "world peace" they're slugging it out all over the world with their imperialist rivals in the USSR. They're fighting to determine which gang of thieves will come out on top in their drive to plunder the world to shore up their sagging profit system. We're not going to send our husbands and sons to die in a war to decide how the imperialists divide up the pie!

## WE'VE CARRIED THE RICH FOR 200 YEARS - LET'S GET THEM OFF OUR BACKS!

Ford and the rest of his class don't have any solutions to our problems. It's the system they uphold and defend that caused them all. Of course, you'd never hear the capitalists admit this. In fact they're always trying to convince us that we're one big happy family. This year they're using their 200th birthday to whip up loyalty to them and their system. But more and more of us are seeing through this bull.

On July 4th when the ruling class' Bicentennial hits its high point, there'll be thousands of workers in Philadelphia taking on all their attacks on us. Vietnam Veterans Against the War put out the initial call for this demonstration and the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee is taking it up. The demonstration will bring together fighters from dozens of different struggles. We'll be there to confront the high and mighty in their proudest moment, united by our common situation and our growing struggle against them.

Our struggle forced the capitalists to provide unemployment compensation during the 30's crisis and our struggles now will protect the gains we've made in the past and help us advance even more. As we fight for jobs and against the capitalists' budget cuts and war preparations and confront their spokesmen, like Ford, we'll limit their ability to take their crisis out on us and to throw the world into another war.

**DEMONSTRATE AGAINST FORD!**

Meet At Snively Arena (Ice Hockey Rink) Parking Lot  
Sunday, February 8th - 5:00 PM

(THE WORKER, Box 401, Ports, NH 03801 - 132 Lincoln St, Boston MA 02111 - UWOC and Vietnam Veterans Against the War are also building this demonstration. For more information call 603-431-8442).

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DURHAM, N.H.

FEB. 3, 1976

## For Ford visit PBC plans protests

By Billy McLean

The People's Bicentennial Commission (PBC) is planning several rallies to protest the policies of President Gerald Ford and his Republican Presidential contender Ronald Reagan, both of whom will visit UNH next week.

Spokesmen for the group say PBC is for a "workers' democracy."

The PBC is planning a rally for

Nashua, the President's first campaign stop on Saturday evening.

Also planned is a rally at East-West Park next to the Memorial Union Building at UNH on Sunday. The President will speak at UNH Sunday night.

Jeremy Rifkin, co-founder of the PBC, will speak at UNH on Thursday.

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## PBC protests

### BICENTENNIAL

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A movie starring Ronald Reagan, "Bedtime for Bonzo", will be shown on Friday.

The Commission's efforts are "against all of the candidates. Reagan and Ford are the worst," PBC member Mark Pillsbury, a senior English major, said.

"We are supporting an honest, economic democracy", according to another member Steve Gusterson.

"Presidential candidates fear attacking big business because so much of their support comes from corporations like ITT, EXXON and GM. But any candidate willing to stand up against corporate America will win the support of the people," said Gusterson.

With no candidate to back, the PBC hopes to attract nationwide attention to their cause and to "ruin the candidates' fun" when Ford and Reagan bring a crop of national reporters to

The rally in Nashua will coincide with a tuxedo dinner for Ford and 1500 New Hampshire businessmen, sponsored by the Nashua Chamber of Commerce.

"He's expecting it to go well," Pillsbury said. "We're going to show him that New Hampshire is not totally for Ford."

PBC is hoping for a turnout of 1000 and will supply posters, flags, soup for a soupline, and effigies of Ford and big businessmen, Pillsbury said.

Bum will bring people from UNH, U of Maine, Dartmouth College, UMass (Amherst) and from Boston. "We're going to be there, making our presence known," Pillsbury said. "I don't anticipate any trouble. If the police ask us to leave, we will. Hopefully, nobody will be stupid and punch a cop."

Pillsbury also said he anticipates "some pretty bad

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## White House announces Ford's plans

White House officials announced yesterday that President Gerald Ford's UNH address on Feb. 8 will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Landholm Gymnasium at the UNH field-house.

The topic of the President's address was not announced but it was confirmed that UNH students will be given an opportunity to question the President.

"There will be ample time for a question and answer period with the students," said a White House staffer at UNH yesterday.

"There will be two microphones set up in the student section and monitors will select questioners at random," he added.

Students, faculty and staff members of UNH will be ad-



President Gerald Ford

mitted to the speech with tickets. Tickets will be available free, beginning today, at the Commuter Affairs Office, at the head resident's offices at dormitories and from sorority and fraternity presidents. Tickets will also be at the door.



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DURHAM, N.H.

JAN 30, 1976

## Ford here on Feb. 8

President Gerald Ford will come to UNH Sunday February 8. Ford will hold a press conference in the afternoon and will speak in the field house that evening.

UNH Student Body President David Farrham told *The New Hampshire* last night he invited the President.

As the president of a recognized student organization, Farrham may invite Presidential candidates to UNH.

Ford will hold the press conference in the Stratford Room of the Memorial Union Building from 4 to 5 p.m. Plans call for the meeting to be mainly for local New Hampshire press.

The President's formal remarks in the field house will be followed by questions from students in the audience. Farrham said microphones will be made available to students with questions.

Ford's stop at UNH will be part of a two day campaign swing through the state on February 7 and 8. He will be running against California Republican Ronald Reagan in the February 24 New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election.

President Ford was last in New Hampshire in September to campaign for former Congressman Louis Wyman. Republican Wyman lost in a special Senate election against Democrat John Dinkin. At that time Ford spent one day speaking across Southern New Hampshire.

# President Ford may visit campus

## Considering February 8 address two days before Reagan visit

The campus community may have the opportunity to hear addresses by both Republican Presidential candidates within two days of each other early in February.

President Ford, who will be in New Hampshire February 7 and 8 for his first visit in the Presidential primary campaign, is considering an invitation to come to Durham Sunday, the 8th, for a major address, probably in the Field House.

His opponent, former California Governor Ronald Reagan, already has scheduled a visit to Durham February 10 for an address at the Field House.

Student Government President Dave Farnham extended the invitation to President Ford on behalf of Student Government when it became known that he planned to campaign in New Hampshire for the two-day weekend. Apparently, the invitation is being considered as part of the President's tour because an advance team representing the President's staff was on campus Tuesday and met with several administrative officers who would be involved with the security of the visit.

The advance team also visited other sites in the state where the President may visit. The team returned to Washington Tuesday night to plan the details of the trip with the President. As this was written at press time yesterday noon the itinerary had not been announced.

The Students' for Reagan Association announced this week that Governor Reagan, who will be in the Seacoast area February 9 to 11, has accepted their invitation to speak at the Field House February 10 at 8 p.m.

The event is called a citizens press con-

ference and is open to the public. In addition to his address Governor Reagan will answer questions about his candidacy by the audience.

Governor Reagan's visit is being arranged by Mark Danderson of the Students' for Reagan Association and by James C. Chamberlin, Durham chairman for Reagan.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM SHUMAN *[Signature]*

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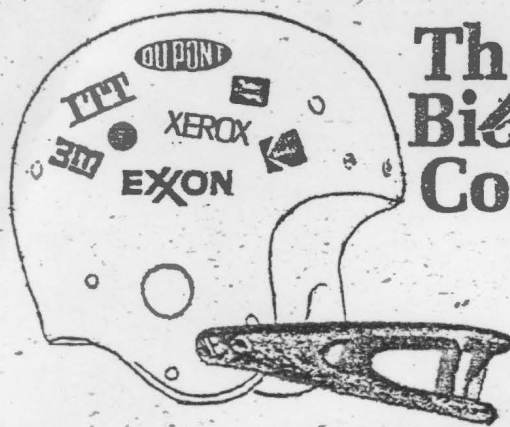
POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREA IN  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

I assume we are aware that Jeremy Rifkin and friends are planning to greet the President when he arrives in Nashua February 7th, as the attached ad, which appeared in New Hampshire Times, indicates?

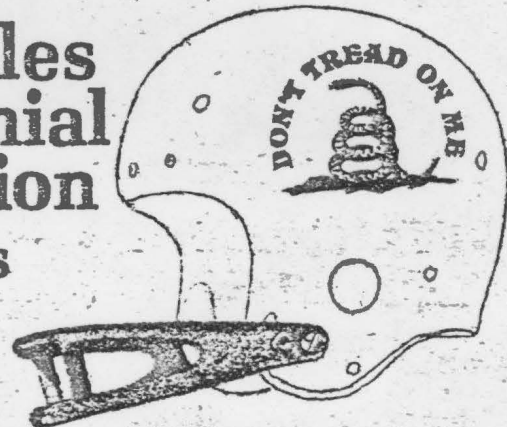
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cc: Jerry Jones ✓  
Dave Gergen





# The Peoples Bicentennial Commission Presents



VS.

## JERRY FORD

## THE PATRIOTS



**New Nashua  
High School**

**Saturday  
6:30 p.m., Feb. 7**

*60% reduction  
tickets here.  
Do you want  
it in Sunday?*

# The Super Bowl of New Hampshire

Jerry Ford, Commander-in-Chief and First String Quarterback for the Fortune 500, is bringing his team to New Hampshire on February 7. Jerry's come a long way from his days at Michigan State. He was just a center in college, but now he's the leading blocker and apologist for his Big Business team-mates.

Ford's game plan for the Saturday Super Bowl is simple. He's making a major campaign appearance before the Chamber of Commerce. Fat Cats from all over the state will be rooting him on as he runs interference for ITT, GM and Exxon. They'll be on their feet as he makes his goal line dash toward more tax breaks and subsidies for the giant corporations. And the confetti is sure to fly when he scores one more for the nation's handful of wealthy stockholders.

But Ford's Big Business team won't go unchallenged. The Peoples Bicentennial Commission and patriots throughout the Granite State plan to gather at the same time for the Big Game. Frankly, we think the President's economic game plan stinks. We're fed up with do-nothing politicians like Ford. And we've had it with his corporate cronies telling us that what's good for GM is good for the country.

It's about time that we stood up to the muscle-bound monopolies that dominate the nation from the Halls of Congress to the aisles of the Supermarket. It's time we sent a loud and clear message to Wall Street, c/o their waterboys in the Ford Administration.

For 200 years now, Americans have been choosing up sides in the contest over who would rule this nation. In 1776, it was the Tories vs. the Patriots. The wealthy aristocracy vs.

the working men and women of America. In those days, Tory politicians and Monday-morning quarterbacks argued that our ancestors were too incompetent to democratically control their own political destiny. The Tories were defeated. Today, a new breed of Tory politician is telling us that we're all too dumb to democratically control our own economic system and our places of work. We aim to defeat them, too.

Don't let Jerry Ford and the Fortune 500 team steam-roll to victory in New Hampshire. Make your goal line stand with the Peoples Bicentennial Commission. Don't spend Saturday night watching reruns of television situation comedies. Come on out and give the Fat Cats a piece of your mind. Let's send Jerry Ford back to the locker-room where he belongs.

Come to the New Hampshire Super Bowl. The Game of the year.

And don't forget: Hold that line!

( ) Yes, I'm on the Peoples Bicentennial Team. You can count on me for the Big Game.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The Peoples Bicentennial Commission / Common Sense Campaign, 83 Hanover St., Manchester, New Hampshire, (603) 668-7506.

# Ford's Campaign Aides Drop Door-to-Door Canvass Idea

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford's New Hampshire campaign has dropped its plans for a statewide door-to-door canvass before the state's Feb. 24 primary, according to campaign manager John Michels.

"Republicans in New Hampshire have never done a major door-to-door effort," Michels said during the

weekend. "Therefore we've decided to make a major grass-roots effort through telephones."

Michels said the switch was not prompted by any fears that the campaign was losing ground to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, the President's lone challenger in the primary.

"We decided it would just take too long to prepare the amount of supervision and control you need for a door-to-door effort," he said. "We'll be doing what the Reagan campaign is doing, the difference being that they are doing it with five people and we're doing it with 1,200 volunteers."

Reagan has visited New Hampshire three times in the past month, spending a total of nine days touring the state to meet with small groups of voters and hold nightly question and answer sessions with state residents.

Ford is scheduled to visit the state for two days next weekend. During that visit the President is scheduled to hold a press conference, brief local officials on federal programs and attend a chamber of commerce dinner.

Michels said the trip will attempt to emphasize that Ford is the incumbent.

"He's the President, not one of 15 different candidates."

He's the one people have to judge everyone else against," Michels said. "If he's doing his job right we'll be in great shape, if not we'll be in real trouble."

Michels said the Reagan campaign is using five paid workers to canvass the state by telephone. "That isn't a grass-roots effort and bringing the candidate into town isn't a grass-roots effort."

"What we're doing is harder and we'll see on election day whether our way is more effective."

Michels said that from his vantage atop the Ford campaign things are looking better and better.

"Reagan has gone down in my view since the first of the year. You'd think from the way they (Reagan workers) talk that he's been rising, but we've been rising," Michels said.

"Over the next three weeks you'll see all the efforts of our campaign."

"There is nothing so powerful as truth"  
-DANIEL WEBSTER

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NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LARGEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Monday, February 2

## Thomson Appeals to Ford

CONCORD — Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. has called on President Ford to cut through the red tape of the federal bureaucracy and overturn the unjust decision by the Coast Guard to assume jurisdiction of lakes and waterways in New Hampshire's interior.

"Now that the members of the New Hampshire House have formally added their voice of outrage to the all-out

efforts of the Governor and Executive Council and other state officials, it is appropriate that the citizens of the state demand an answer from the President.

"No time would be more appropriate than the President's planned trip to New Hampshire on Feb. 7-8.

"President Ford should be asked to explain why the governor of New Hampshire

has received no answer to his Dec. 1, 1974 letter to William T. Coleman, Jr., secretary of the Department of Transportation.

"Why has the President's cabinet member given no answer to the request in that letter that the Coast Guard's unilateral decision without consultation, public hearing or advance notice be delayed for two years to allow the state to

seek legal relief and to provide for potential lost revenue from boat registration?

"The House resolution describing the action as an 'unwarranted usurpation of sovereign states' rights' is yet another expression of the indignation of the state, its officials and its citizens.

"The House also has made

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it clear that its membership supports our announced plans to fight this tyrannical action through other avenues, including legal redress in the courts, if necessary.

"The attorney general's staff, acting on the governor's directive issued early in December, already is preparing for the eventuality of legal action.

"After numerous meetings and correspondence with state officials, our objections were brushed aside by the Coast Guard which is attempting to confiscate Lakes Winnepesaukee and Wampanoag along with the Merrimack River.

"The governor, Atty. Gen. David Soule, Deputy Safety Commissioner Robert Whalen and Safety Services Director Alton Stone have met and talked with Coast Guard officials, seeking to work out the problems. No effort has been spared on the part of the state.

"Meanwhile, we administrative action Mr. Coleman to prevent a verdict and allow orderly settlement federal-state conflict.

"But Mr. Coleman's cabinet must have the ear of Ford, has yet to do the courtesy of a

"President Ford called on during his Hampshire visit to bureaucratic cold administration ties Granite State.

"Therefore, I Hampshire citizens the President with the question 'Why this federal of our state?' and thus he respond objections.

"We should set hints or promises will be good only through.



Adheres to 11th Commandment

# Point Made by Reagan

By DONN TIRRETT

Union Leader Political Reporter

CONCORD—When Ronald

Reagan learned Ford campaign headquarters last week of being prepared, "all in the black with a local official's name," news releases designed to "discredit" Reagan's proposed reform of Social Security, he made his point.

Reagan was careful not to attribute the tactic, which he learned "comes under the heading of dirty tricks," directly to Pres. Ford. The conservative Republican challenger continued to adhere to his self-imposed "11th commandment" not to directly attack the man from whom he seeks to grab the 1976 GOP Presidential nomination.

Aboard his campaign bus touring the Granite State, in a private interview with the Manchester Union Leader, Reagan was asked if he really believed that Pres. Ford didn't know what his leaders



RONALD REAGAN

were doing and wasn't that a claim made during Watergate that Pres. Nixon didn't know what his leaders were up to.

"Well I think it's now up to

him to indicate whether this is true. I've known him. I had his assurance that he would do nothing dirty. I'm doing my best to observe the 11th commandment and intend to continue," replied Reagan.

"I don't care what anyone else does. I believe it's the only salvation for our party and the things we believe in. I do know that these tactics are being used by some of his aides and the things that they are saying. They claim they may be violating the 11th, but they are not violating the first ten commandments. I'll settle if they'll just obey the first ten," declared the former Calif. Governor, adding, "You know, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness."

Over the weekend President Ford told newsmen, "Any allegation as to dirty tricks is completely without foundation." The Associated Press insisted that such a news release, including a REAGAN Page 12

black for insertion of the name of a local supporter who could be quoted as attacking Reagan in language prepared by the Ford campaign, was mailed to an AP reporter on Jan. 21.

Second Proposal

During the same interview aboard the Reagan campaign bus the candidate agreed with a proposal by State Republican Committee chairman Gerald Carman of Manchester that limits on campaign spending should be lifted. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court decision last Friday threw out its ceiling on spending of privately raised funds.

"He and I agree on that," said Reagan. "I think the ability of a candidate to raise money is part of the democratic process," he said.

Reagan said he "was not sure" that he could agree with Carman's proposal that independent voters be per-

"It is independent of the way the party system has worked. You don't change it by not looking at it and walking away. You change it by getting in. You pick the party that seems to have the philosophy nearest to what you want and you join and do your best to influence the philosophy from the inside," asserted Reagan.

As to how Reagan's in-state campaign tour are going with his Citizens Press conference format, he said "you have to run scared, but the reaction has been great from the people I've talked with."

The former long time film star noted he was "a firm believer in word-of-mouth" and that he learned in the

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Reagan was surprised that some N.H. newspapers have been critical of the citizen press conferences on the basis the people "are not sophisticated enough or knowledgeable to ask sharp questions." He said that was "a sort of contempt for the people." He added, "I've found their questions to be probing and well-informed."

As to how he's been treated by the press, Reagan replied, "on the whole, good." He determined that the press corps "as we've gone along, for the most part, have been pretty fair."

"Once in a great while something will pop up and you'll really deal when you look at it. Here and there a guy will take advantage or distort with no justification," he said.

The conservative GOP challenger said "there's nothing much you can do about it, but it has always seemed to me a strange way." New Hampshire has of not ensuring that the popular choice for President in the primary is also assured election of delegates to the

# Manchester Union Leader

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## Governor To Boost Reagan in Florida

CONCORD — Gov. Melvin Thompson Jr. will make a series of appearances today in Palm Beach, Fla. in support of former Gov. Ronald Reagan's bid in the Florida Primary.

Arriving at noon, the governor will speak to a gathering of city and county Republican chairmen at a luncheon sponsored by the Palm Beach Republican organization.

Afterwards, he will hold a news conference at the Four Arts Cultural Center.

After the news conference, the governor will speak at a meeting sponsored by the cultural center.

Gov. Thompson will join Reagan after the speech at a reception at the home of former Ambassador Earl E. T. Smith, mayor of Palm Beach.

## Brickbats of Reagan Trigger a Response

Addressed to William Loeb: Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan seems to be trying to unsuccessfully twist his way out of his blundering comments about cutting \$30 billion from the federal budget by taxing the states and local governments instead.

The matter how he may try to twist his statements, his tax record in California has made that state second in the nation for the highest taxes. Only New York has higher taxes than California.

While he is in the only state in the nation that has no sales tax, you might think he would consult Gov. Melvin Thompson to see how tax programs might be administered. The methods that this state uses to provide a surplus in the budget, along with no sales taxes, should be of interest to a potential President. On the basis of Governor Thompson's tax record I would think Governor Reagan would strongly consider Governor Thompson as a running mate.

LENNY KULAKOWSKI JR.

70 Amherst St., Nashua

P.S. Why don't you have a daily feature in your paper pointing out wasteful and foolish government spending and naming those responsible, like federal energy czar Frank Zarb wasting 12,000 gallons of fuel traveling around this nation telling people to conserve all forms of energy (as pointed out by U.S. Congressman Charles A. Rangel, D-N.Y.) I wonder how sincere and well thought out Mr. Zarb's energy savings programs are, especially when he is oblivious to the energy he wastes.

How many New Hampshire residents do you know who are living in houses with reduced heat, who are straining their eyes because of low wattage light bulbs and who are staying home under these conditions to keep from using gas in their cars.

FEA Administrator Zarb should be as diligent in his energy savings efforts as most New Hampshire people, or does Mr. Zarb know that this "energy crisis" is a ploy to rip off the ordinary person.

Mr. Lenny Kulakowski Jr.  
70 Amherst Street  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03601

Dear Mr. Kulakowski:

Your letter of January 16 will be published in line with our well known policy of giving those who disagree with us an opportunity to have their say.

Governor Thompson has pointed out that he is not a bit worried about Ronald Reagan's position. What you are trying to do is just spread the "big lie" as was done against Barry Goldwater when many New Hampshire newspapers said he was against social security. But, I don't

# Primary Includes Six Amendments

By DANN THRENTS  
Although the New Hampshire primary, less than three weeks away, is a big political event for both Republicans and Democrats there are some important questions to be resolved by all the voters, including independents, that are not related to any candidate or party.

Six proposed non-partisan amendments to the State Constitution will be considered and require ratification by two-thirds of those who vote Feb. 24 as to whether they go into effect.

The 1971 Constitutional Convention has proposed altering a governor's veto power; raising the salary of the legislature; giving the General Court authority to call itself back into special session by a majority instead of two-thirds vote; permitting the senior member of the Executive Council to take over if there is a vacancy in the governor's office; and stripping the Governor and Council of the authority to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 30-day period.

The sole Can Con question proposed by the 1973 legislature on the upcoming referendum would make the district court system more flexible.

Question one dealing with veto after the legislature has voted give a governor 15 days, instead of the present five days, to decide whether to approve or to veto bills. It would eliminate the so-called "pocket veto." Unless a governor actually vetoes a bill during the 15-day period, it would become law.

If the governor exercises a veto after the legislature has adjourned, he would be required to recall the members for the sole purpose of

deciding whether or not to override his veto. Under the proposed amendment, the legislators would receive the same pay and mileage for attending such a session as they would for attending a special session.

Voter approval of question two would permit the legislature to call itself into special session with customary pay and mileage by a majority vote of the House and Senate rather than the present two-thirds vote requirement. Obviously, this could make it easier for the members to move into special session independent of a governor.

Question three, dealing with clarification of recess procedure, would, if approved, repeal the power of Governor and Council to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 30-day period. Removal of the governor's authority to prorogue that is, to extend the recess of the General Court for up to 30 days is advocated by those who seek stronger authority for the legislative branch and further independence from the Executive branch.

Question four, dealing with legislative compensation, if approved would raise the current 1980 mileage, 1200 per two-year term salary and current mileage formula for legislators.

The legislators would be paid at the same rate that the local paid state employee receives per day (about \$22) for each day they attend a regular session (30-day limit) or a special session (15-day limit). A 30-day regular session would see a legislator paid up to \$1,500 plus mileage.

The legislators would also receive mileage payments at the same rate paid to state employees, 12 cents per mile for each day he attended a legislative session or works on legislative business when the legislature is not in session.

The 1973 legislature has

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Currently the legislators are paid 25 cents per mile for the first 42 miles, eight cents for the next 25 miles and six cents per mile for all mileage over 74 miles per round trip to Concord.

Question number five posed to the voters, if ratified, would empower the senior member of the Executive Council to exercise all the powers and duties during a vacancy in the chief executive's chair, or if a governor determined that he was unable or unwilling to carry on his gubernatorial duties.

A majority of the governor's council could also decide if a governor is unfit and so inform the Secretary of State who would refer the matter to the State Supreme Court. The Court would conduct a hearing and if it determined a governor was unable to discharge his duties, the senior executive councilor would take over "until such time as the Supreme Court restores the governor to his office."

The final proposition, question six, deals with District Courts, and if ratified by the voters would permit District Courts to try persons for minor nature crimes committed in a county other than the county where the Court is located. It would permit District Courts greater flexibility by having jurisdiction of cases occurring in nearby towns and cities whether or not they are

in the same county as the Court.

A committee of the 199 Constitutional Convention, authorized by the Open Can has prepared and circulated voter's guide explaining in detail each question the voter will face primary day.

All the voters, including independents, are urged to all to take part in the Open Can referendum primary day.

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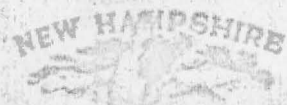
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THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
AT THE  
50th ANNUAL NASHUA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER

NASHUA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

9:22 P.M. EST

Thank you very, very much, Mr. Chairman, Congressman Jim Cleveland, Mayor Sullivan, Ross Tait, my old friend Norris Cotton, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Let me at the outset thank Mayor Sullivan for the key to the City of Nashua, to congratulate Mary Sullivan for the wonderful recognition she has gotten for the long and devoted and successful service to the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce.

I am deeply honored of having the opportunity to be here on this wonderful occasion, a Chamber of Commerce which has done so much to make the Gate City the gateway to progress.

Obviously I wish to congratulate Sam Tamposi, your 1976 Citizen of the Year. I understand that Sam has served not only your community but the entire Nation by the example of what local initiative could do for Government.

The distinguished honoree has also done some recent development in another capacity throughout your State, but discretion suggests I confine myself to the achievements for which you have already cited many. (Laughter)

I also am more than delighted to meet my former colleague of a good many years in the Congress and a very dear friend of many, many years, Norris Cotton, your 1974 Citizen of the Year.

I hope it is not inappropriate, and I hope it is somewhat obvious, but I have come to New Hampshire to ask for your support on February 24. But whether or not you help in that regard, you have already given me great, great encouragement by showing what Americans can do.

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In recent years when many leaders of communities, large and small, voiced despair and turned to the Federal Government to open its gates to solve local problems, the Gate City opened its gates to traditional Yankee initiative. You built a showcase of industrial growth, new jobs, new homes, new hope for the thousands of new residents. Your vigorous growth helps to tell the Nashua story.

Your community is highly productive and has generated many, many new jobs. Your story is in the finest American tradition of how local people can solve local problems, of how individuals can respond to possibilities rather than surrender to pessimism and how this is not only the State of great stone faith but of granite fortitude and of granite character.

All Americans from all 48 or 49 other States can learn from your example of the can-do spirit and I congratulate you for it.

As you join in the National celebration of our Bicentennial, we are reminded by the historical archives in Washington that New Hampshire was a can-do State from the very, very beginning.

The first New Hampshire regiment fought from the first repulse of the British on Bunker Hill, through Valley Forge and Trenton to the surrender at Yorktown, your regiment had the longest service record of any unit in George Washington's army, a total of eight years and eight months of strong tough military action.

The first warship to fly the American flag, the Ranger commanded by John Paul Jones was built in your great shipyard at Portsmouth, which we are not going to close.

If any State can take pride in the Bicentennial, it is New Hampshire. And if any community can take pride in the achievements of this Bicentennial year, it is Greater Nashua, and I salute you for your thriving enterprise and individual initiative as you day by day and month by month build for the future.

What I like most about the Nashua story is that you expose the Nation's pessimists as exemplified in that fable about Chicken Little. You may recall Chicken Little was hit on the head by a single acorn and then ran around telling everybody that the sky was falling.

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The fact is that America has been hit on the head by some very heavy acorns in recent years and recent months -- recessionary acorns, unemployment acorns, energy acorns.

Just a year ago, I heard many fearful outcries that we needed massive Federal programs, spending billions and billions of dollars to save the economy, that a terrible depression was descending upon us, that bread was going to \$1 a loaf and that unemployment lines would only get longer and longer and longer.

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I was convinced that we had to take consistent and balanced action, neither too much on the one hand or too little on the other; the right step and not the wrong step.

I knew that measures taken in panic would be counterproductive. The proper response would prove, as has been established, that our Nation is resilient, resourceful and very, very sound, and we should be very, very proud of it.

Make no mistake, things were not good at this time last year. 1975 was the year of very hard decisions and very difficult compromises, but it was also a year of new realism that taught us something, something important about America.

It restored common sense and the same time of discipline that kept the New Hampshire Regiment in the line through Valley Forge to final victory. The economic discipline we have maintained is justified by the statistics released yesterday. They reported that the unemployment rate just took the sharpest monthly drop in over 17 years.

The number of unemployed is today the smallest since December 1974. Employment has increased by two million, one hundred thousand since last March, at the bottom of the recession. Over 86 million, 200 thousand Americans are now at work. Better than 92 percent of the work force is actually gainfully employed.

We are today headed not only in a new direction, but in the right direction. It is the right direction because we follow the 200-year-old wisdom that national problem-solving requires far more than a central Government which promises too much and delivers far too little.

A free society, according to Jefferson and Adams depended upon qualities that they called Republican virtues, civic virtues, the ethic of honest work and local control by local people.

During the recent years of very rapid change, more and more people looked to Washington to solve local problems. Too much was expected. Too much was promised. Some citizens felt automatically entitled to a constantly rising living standard without regard to their own efforts, to their individual productivity, or their personal contribution to the community and to the economy.

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Freedom is today misinterpreted by too many to mean the instant equalization of everyone's social and economic situation at the public expense through the machinery of the Federal Government.

I pledge to you today that my Administration will strive to deliver everything we promise. I will never promise more than I can deliver. The false premises and false promises of years of social experimentation distorted the Federal system.

Power was drained away from Nashua, from New Hampshire and from every community and every State to an increasingly centralized Federal Government, always bigger, always more powerful, but not always more efficient, nor more responsive, nor more protective of our traditional freedom.

The patriots who built America understood that poverty is abolished by economic growth, not by Government-imposed redistribution of money. They knew that only initiative and work could create a society with economic prosperity and political participation by everyone.

They knew that local problems are better understood and solved by local people rather than by the bureaus and agencies of a distant, impersonal, central Government. They knew that the pendulum of power must never swing too far away from the people in every one of the fifty States.

If this year's Bicentennial is to be more than a historic pageantry, we must restore to the people more power to decide how their taxes are spent, how they live, how they work, how they fight crime and how their children go to school.

Should the Bicentennial achieve nothing else, this alone would be a triumph for our heritage.

Despite our recent gains in employment, too many people who want jobs still can't find them. Five out of six American jobs are in private business and private industry.

I, therefore, am deeply concerned by the difficulties of various industries like the shoe factories in New Hampshire. The Trade Act of 1974, which I supported as Vice President and signed into law as President, provided the mechanism now activated to assure that our American shoe factories receive fair treatment,

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I want such traditional American factories to have access to every remedy provided by law and a full say in their own destiny. To create more jobs, there must also be a greater incentive to invest without the strangulation of Federal taxation and red tape.

I am seeking from the Congress a reduction in the growth of Federal spending accompanied -- and this is crucial -- by a reduction in Federal taxes.

Let me re-emphasize, if I might, we cannot have an honest bona fide tax reduction unless we put a legitimate restraint on the growth in Federal spending. But, if we are firm in our desire to restrain the growth of Federal spending, which has been at the rate of about 11 percent per year for the last ten years, if we just cut that growth in half to 5 to 5-1/2 percent, we cannot only balance our budget in three years, but we can have an additional tax reduction over and above the one that I hope and trust will be extended beyond June 30, 1976.

Let me add one or two other features about taxes. My job creation tax incentive submitted to the Congress this year would speed up plant expansion and facilitate the purchase of millions and millions of dollars of new equipment.

These incentives would concentrate in areas of unemployment in the next 12 months. We must create the economic climate in America to generate productive, permanent and private jobs rather than temporary, make-work, inflationary Government sponsored jobs.

This week we have new evidence that we are moving quite dramatically in the right direction. The latest employment figures released on Friday show 800,000 more people at work in the month of January than in the month before.

The unemployment rate is down from 8.3 to 7.8. This is the largest reduction in percentage since 1960. We have regained 96 percent of the jobs lost to the recession and most of it has come in the private sector, where the greatest opportunity exists for future improvement.

The Nashua Telegraph is correct in saying editorially that I want to create "concrete and lasting jobs in the private sector rather than manufacturing styro-foam cutouts which the public sector would have to prop up artificially with public funds."

I appreciate that dramatic description of what some people want to do, but which I categorically resist, and I thank Herm Foliot and the Nashua Telegraph for those, I think, very perceptive words. I might add with a post-script, it was a very nice editorial.

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I also strongly believe, and have for sometime, tax changes to encourage people to invest in their own future and that of America. I want to give moderate income families tax deductions or tax deferrals when they make long-term investments in common stock.

I want as many people as possible in this great country to be partners, however modestly, in the growth and the strength of America. We must also preserve the vigor and the continuity of the family-owned small business, family farm. These enterprises are bastions of the real American values.

And I will submit to Congress the State tax legislative changes to assure that a family business and a family farm can be handed down from one generation to another.

Too much labor and too much love go into these enterprises for them to be sold to pay Federal taxes.

Those who invest in new enterprises invest in American progress and in jobs for their fellow citizens. An example of job creation is the brewery opened here in 1970. It represents an initial investment of some \$40 million and now employs, as I understand it, some 400 people.

But I hope no one will contend that the cure for unemployment is to build Government breweries to brew Government beer. (Laughter)

Quite honestly, I don't think the United States Government could make beer for less than \$50 a six-pack. (Laughter)

A very necessary condition for the success of your brewery and all your other industries is the entrepreneur spirit. This cannot be achieved if the Government is to go on piling regulation upon regulation and stringing red tape over red tape and assessing tax after tax to cover new Government spending.

Such policies impose an inflationary burden on business as well as the consumer, and I will never lead this Nation down that road of stagnation.

The people are as fed up with the petty tyranny of Federal regulations today as when patriots defied the tax collectors over 200 years ago and threw the tea into the Boston Harbor.

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Some of you, I am sure, have experienced serious difficulty at the not always tender hands of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. I know some of you would like to throw OSHA into the ocean. (Laughter)

In fact, some of you couldn't be more upset with OSHA' if Ron Nessen was running it. (Laughter)

I have studied, to be frank and honest with you, some very valid complaints about OSHA and concluded that while everyone is for safety and health in working conditions, many are troubled by the manner in which this objective is sought.

Congress wrote the law, and we must obey it. However, under my authority as President, I have appointed a new director with specific instructions to deal with citizens as friends, not an enemies.

I will not tolerate the unnecessary and unjustified harassment of citizens. If this does not stop, I want you to let me know.

Another indication that we are moving on the right track is the Railroad Revitalization and Reform Act of 1976, which I proposed to the Congress last year and which I was pleased to sign into law several days ago. It upgrades railroad facilities in a way that will keep our recovery rolling.

Your State is eligible for several millions of dollars to improve rail service under this act, and I think this is all to the good, not only for New Hampshire, but for the Nation as a whole.

I am deeply concerned by an issue which has a particular impact on older Americans, now retired, who have always paid their own way. I refer to medical costs involving senior citizens and their families who suffer ruinous expenses of an extended hospital and nursing home care.

I have, therefore, proposed health insurance to cover any catastrophic illnesses suffered by anyone covered by Medicare.

I think most of us in our daily lives over the years have known an individual or known a family where there was a catastrophic illness that went on and on and on with the costs and expenses which are impossible to bear. We have to do something about this.

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Therefore, under the proposal that I have suggested, after reaching the age of 65, no person will have to pay more than \$500 a year for hospital or nursing home care, nor more than \$250 for doctor bills in any one year.

But let me add this, while we must help those who need it most -- and in the United States in this category, there are roughly 3 million -- we can not realistically afford Federally dictated national health insurance providing full coverage for all 215 million Americans.

It is not only the cost but, as we look around the world, the experience of other countries raises questions about the quality as well as the cost of such plans.

In another most important area, the time is long, long overdue for Congress to renew general revenue sharing for the next five years. I have asked Congress some ten months ago to act on this legislation to bring power back to the people.

General revenue sharing is a program that I think best exemplifies responsive Federalism. It provides assistance to State and local units of Government with a minimum of red tape and administrative expense. It returns Federal dollars to your community or to your State. It permits local officials elected by you in your respective townships or communities to set priorities and to plan ahead to meet local needs. And it doesn't require you to raise local taxes.

From the beginning of general revenue sharing in 1972, which was a real breakthrough, the projected total for 1976, the Nashua share will be between \$4.5 million and \$5 million. Mayor Sullivan, you know how important it is.

The sums expended in this community, according to the wishes of your local officials, provided as of last year over \$1 million, 600 thousand for public safety, including police and fire departments, over \$1 million, 100 thousand for environmental protection, over \$200,000 for health, and other sums involving social services for the aged and for the poor. Almost \$5 million, 200 thousand more would be returned to this growing, this vigorous community by 1982 under the proposed extension of legislation if Congress will move.

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From the beginning in 1972 through the projected total for 1976, New Hampshire will receive \$96 million. Under the program proposed, which I hope Congress will act upon, another \$105 million of your tax dollars would come back to New Hampshire between 1977 and 1982.

For many reasons -- people I have met here tonight, the people I have met during the day -- I am as optimistic about Nashua and its future as you are. I am equally optimistic about the future of New Hampshire, in fact all of New England, and I must add very quickly, all of our fifty States and 215 million Americans.

Let no examination of inflation or unemployment blind us to the genuine progress we have achieved within the last year. Our economy is steadily growing stronger. Our policies are designed to keep us on a very steady and progressively better course.

The course is set for a new balance, and the relationship between the individual on the one hand and the Government on the other, a balance that favors greater individual freedom and self-reliance.

We must also seek a new balance that favors greater responsibility and freedoms for our State and local units of Government. We must have a new balance between spending on domestic programs and spending on defense, a balance that insures we will fully meet our obligations to the needy while we are also protecting our security in a world that is still hostile to freedom.

The genius of America is its incredible ability to improve the lives of its citizens through a unique combination of Governmental and free citizen activity.

It took many years of excessive spending, combined with a fourfold increase in international oil prices, to create the economic difficulties of 1974 and 1975.

It will take several years of sound policies and reasoned restraint to restore sustained, noninflationary growth.

I will not make promises which I know and you know cannot be kept. We must restore full strength to our economy as quickly as we possibly can. But, in so doing, we must not reignite the fires of inflation.

Escalating inflation, as we all know, makes steady growth and full employment totally impossible. It breeds instant instability and disruption.

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I strongly reject the view that the only way to reduce unemployment is to accept chronic inflation or rigid controls. We certainly don't want either. Inflation and unemployment are not opposite but actually related symptoms.

The way to treat the diseases instead of these symptoms is by the use of proven remedies prescribed throughout New Hampshire. The medicine of initiative, enterprise, investment, development, growth and just plain common sense taken together with the theory of good hard work.

Yes, we see the results. Your unemployment is lower than many other areas of the Nation; you must be doing many things that are right here. I believe in the example that you hold forth, the living demonstration of what people can do to determine their own fate.

America's spirit is alive and vigorous here in Nashua, and America's spirit is alive and vigorous because of communities like Nashua.

Never let that spirit die so we can continue to be proud Americans and proud of America.

Thank you very much.

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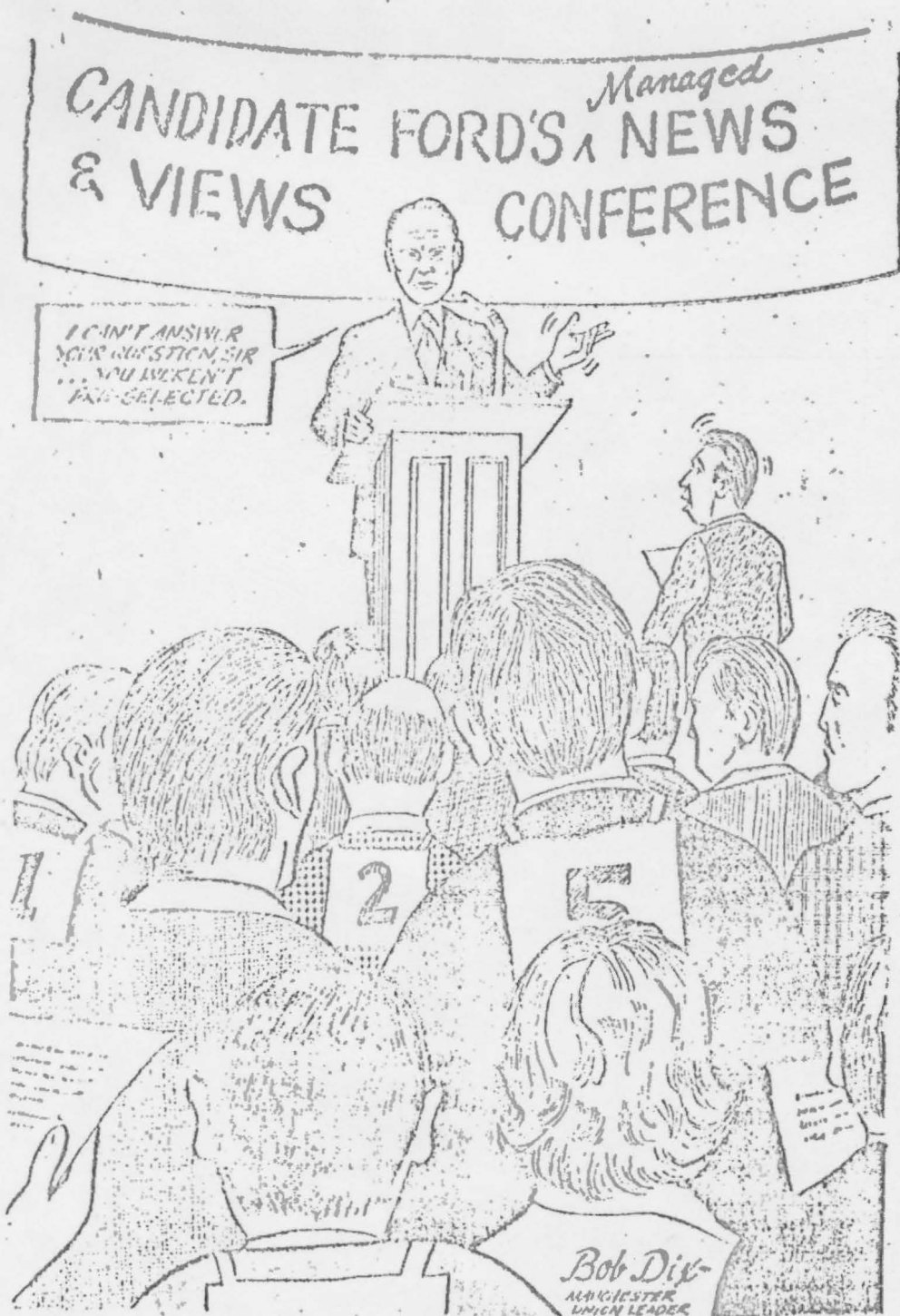
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## Mr. Ford vs. Mrs. Ford

President Ford would be a better man and a better leader if he paid more heed to his wife, Betty, who is consistently demonstrating that she has more sense, honesty and moral courage than the man she married.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with her views on the abortion question, for example, one is left with no doubt that she stands squarely behind the US Supreme Court decision of 1973.

Her statement that the decision took abortion "out of the backwoods and into the hospitals where it belongs" reflected the kind of person many Americans prayed her husband would prove to be when he became President—a person plain-speaking and candid and self-possessed if not self-assured.

Contrast her statement with the contradictory twisting and turning declarations of a President who would be all things to all people—abortion advocates and right-to-life advocates.

Mr. Ford says the Supreme Court went too far in its abortion decision, but in the same breath he says he does not favor a constitutional amendment that would nullify the

court's decision. It should be up to the states to write their own abortion laws, he says. Apparently he would favor a constitutional amendment to accomplish that.

What the President intended to do, one of his aides said, was "pick his way through the thicket" of political risks posed by the abortion issue. Instead, with his inimitable deftness, Mr. Ford managed to get snagged on every bramble. If we understand the President's latest statement, he is suggesting that the Federal government pass the buck to the states on a question fundamental to the rights of women and their unborn children.

Not only is that a further abdication of what is left of Mr. Ford's leadership, it is bad policy and bad law. The rights of women and the unborn in one state would be less than their rights in another. Women with money and mobility would be able to obtain legal abortions. Women without money and mobility would not.

Tragically, we would be taking a backward step, bringing us closer to when desperate women fled—in Betty Ford's phrase—into the backwoods or wherever else abortions—licit or illicit—were obtainable.

## Ex-Atty. Gen. Rudman to be nominated

# Ford picks NH man as ICC chief

President Ford revealed yesterday he is nominating former New Hampshire Atty. Gen. Warren B. Rudman of Nashua as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Ford said he will nominate Rudman to succeed Kenneth H. Tuggle, who has resigned from the ICC. Upon confirmation by the Senate, Rudman will be designated ICC chairman, Ford said.

Rudman, 45, is being

nominated for a seven-year term, expiring Dec. 31, 1982.

As head of the ICC, Rudman will replace George M. Stafford, who was appointed chairman by former President Nixon. Stafford is expected to remain on the commission.

In New Hampshire yesterday, Rudman said he is aware of general criticism of regulatory agencies and he intends to "do a lot of listening and reading" to determine what criticisms of the ICC may be justified.

He said an ICC staff report, critical of the agency, has recently been completed and he intends to study it intensively.

"Generally, there certainly has been enough criticism of the regulatory agencies, that they are too cumbersome, their priorities are not in the right direction, they tend to be slow to reset.

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Rudman stepped down as attorney general in January after six years in the office. He did not seek re-appointment, but expressed a desire to remain in public life.

ATTY. GEN. RUDMAN

## Senate backs Ford's veto of milk price support hike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday voted overwhelmingly to uphold President Ford's veto of a bill increasing milk price supports by about five percent.

Ford's rejection of the bill, which he estimated would raise government spending by \$530 million and consumer milk bills by \$1.38 billion over two years, was sustained by 51 senators with only 37 in favor of overriding.

Sens. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), and Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.), chairman and top GOP member of the Senate's Budget Committee, called for defeat of the bill because it would boost potential federal spending beyond the 1977 fiscal year ceiling Congress adopted last December.

The vetoed bill would have raised the federal milk supports from 80 percent of the parity level set last October

to a maximum of 85 percent of parity. It also would have required quarterly adjustments of the dollars-and-cents rate to keep pace with changes in farm costs.

Farm bloc forces led by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey failed to get even a simple majority and were 22 votes short of the two-thirds margin needed to override.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kans.), one of a number of Republican farm bloc lawmakers who joined in supporting Ford, said Agriculture Sec. Earl L. Butz had promised to set milk supports for the next marketing year which begins April 1 at 80 percent of parity.

Humphrey echoed complaints from dairy farm groups that Butz's estimates of \$530 million in added government support costs under the vetoed bill were "cockeyed." Dairy leaders had said the extra costs would not exceed \$73 million.



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Carlson said, "No one has complained about it. It works out very well. He added, "It just seems to be the best system and everybody seems happy. We always make sure we draw the names out of the hat in front of the whole crowd."

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## Abortion Seen As Key

By DON McLEOD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion is emerging as a key presidential campaign issue, although the winner in November, whoever he may be, will have little to say about its resolution.

The emotional tenor of the controversy has led most candidates to stake out carefully worded positions, some of which tend to straddle the issue by embracing positions on both sides.

The Supreme Court ruled three years ago that states may not prohibit abortion in the first three months of pregnancy although they retain some regulatory authority thereafter.

Pro-and anti-abortion groups since then have been lobbying, demonstrating and pressuring presidential candidates. Most authorities concede, however, that the only avenue to change is a constitutional amendment, which is the province of Congress and the states.

There already are at least a dozen amendments pending in Congress which would, as Ford suggests, assign responsibility over abortion to the states and let them decide whether to allow or ban it.

Other proposed amendments, the kind supported by Reagan and Democrat George Wallace, would have the effect of restoring the bans generally in effect in the states before the Supreme Court ruling. Those amendments would permit abortions in exceptional cases, such as for rape victims or mothers whose lives are in danger.

Wallace is the only Democratic presidential contender calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Most say they oppose abortion in principle but support the Supreme Court ruling.

Sargent Shriver, another of

President Ford became the latest presidential candidate to address the issue, saying in a recorded CBS television interview Tuesday that he wants the abortion question thrown back to the states. By contrast, Ronald Reagan, his opponent for the GOP presidential nomination, wants a constitutional amendment to establish a national ban on abortion.

Ford indicated he was sym-

pathetic to a constitutional amendment, without calling for one.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, called Ford's views "inconsistent and disappointing" but said it would be "unfair to be any more critical of Mr. Ford than of some other prominent political leaders, whose views on the abortion issue appear to be equally confused."

the Democratic contenders, has said he finds all of the currently proposed amendments unacceptable but leaves the door open for possibly finding one he could approve.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., has generally opposed amending the Constitution, but says he opposes abortion on principle. He has hinted at returning regulation to the states but has not called for an amendment to accomplish it.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter also says abortion is wrong but opposes any constitutional amendment to prohibit it. "I think the government ought to do everything possible to minimize abortion," Carter said last month, mentioning governmental assistance to prevent pregnancy, including education and birth control aid.

Both Shriver and Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., also have suggested alternative solutions,

such as providing more birth control information, child-care programs and health care for young mothers.

While Bayh also has said he morally opposes abortion, he has fought the amendment drive. The Constitution, he says, "must not be used as an instrument for moral preference."

Gov. Milton Shapp, D-Pa., also is among those who say they personally dislike abortion but support the Supreme Court's decision. But he goes beyond most other candidates to defend the right of a woman to decide the question without governmental interference.

Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex., too, has said he supports the court's decision, but he adds the belief that "the rights of those medical personnel and hospital administrators who have objections to abortion as a matter of conscience must also be observed."

Bentsen, however, has said he does not support an amendment and has proposed no other means of carving out exceptions to the court ruling.

Former Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okla., and Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., both say they support the court ruling and

oppose antiabortion amendments.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., the latest Democratic candidate, says he opposes abortion on demand but would permit it in cases of rape or where the woman's life was endangered by pregnancy.

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Betty Ford, feeling better after a bout with her chronic arthritic neck ailment, will take her first plunge into solo campaigning for her husband this weekend in New Hampshire.

The First Lady will fly to Concord on Saturday with the President and their daughter Susan, 28, who is winding up her vacation stay at Vail, Col.

Mrs. Ford will break away at the airport and motor to Salem, 18 miles away, where she will visit the Lancaster Workshop for Handicapped Children. She also will visit a "phone bank" in Nashua where she will put in a few telephone calls to potential voters.

Thursday, February 5, 1976

## Ford's Elitist Campaign

Elitist --that's the adjective that perhaps best describes President Ford's itinerary during his one campaign visit to the Granite State this weekend.

Whereas Ronald Reagan is taking his campaign directly to the people in extensive campaign tours through every area of the state, the President to a briefing session on federal funding (that's with a briefing session on federal funding (that's your money, folks) with state, county and local elected officials, a dinner speech before the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, a conference

with supporters at Concord, and a news conference (for professional newsmen only) and speech at UNH.

No one should fault the elected officials, journalists or Chamber of Commerce types, but neither should anyone be rash enough to contend that they can adequately represent the concerns of the citizenry as a whole.

The comparison is obvious: Reagan is taking his campaign to the people. Ford is taking his campaign solely to those whom he regards as the most influential people.

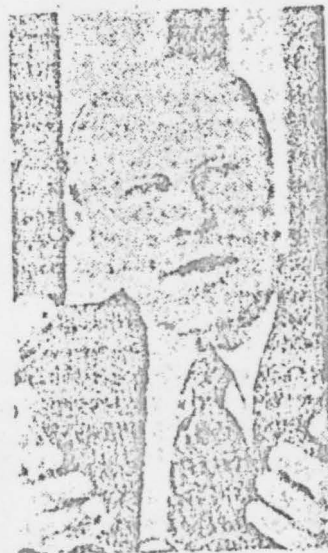
## Opportunism — But Don't Knock It

President Ford's announced support for a constitutional amendment bypassing the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion ruling may be an example of sheer opportunism — but don't knock it.

When a President of the United States commits himself publicly to opposition to the court's barbaric 1973 ruling, that's a mighty plus for the pro-life movement in the United States — whatever that President's motivation.

Ford's comments during a Tuesday interview with CBS TV indicate that he is concerned that his opponent, Ronald Reagan, has virtually monopolized the abortion issue during the GOP presidential primary campaign, and for that reason, Ford's motives are somewhat suspect.

But weighed against an issue of such importance, one that involves life and death considerations and the value our society will place on human life in the years ahead, who REALLY cares about Ford's motivation?



PRESIDENT FORD

# Ford and Reagan Campaign Visits Spread Staff Time

By STEWART POWELL  
CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) —

John Michels leaned back, cast a saucer-eyed gaze toward the ceiling and spread his arms in mock disbelief.

"I just can't believe it," the 31-year-old chief of President Ford's opening primary campaign said. "They're stealing my people."

It was several days before the President arrived in New Hampshire to launch a personal campaign against challenger Ronald Reagan in the leadoff New Hampshire presidential primary.

White House advance men spent more than a week smoothing details for Ford's 36-hour visit, but as the President's Saturday arrival neared, demands for personnel intensified.

First reports of a raid on state volunteers by the national Ford staff reached his campaign headquarters by phone.

A Nashua organizer said the White House advance team had stripped volunteers from the Ford telephone canvassing operation in the state's second largest city, shifting them to duties in preparation for Ford's weekend trip.

Manning 75 phones at 10 locations 12 hours-a-day was problem enough, but a loss of hard-won volunteers to other tasks threatened the goal of contacting the state's 155,000 registered Republicans by Feb. 24.

Michels declared. "Get me that guy on the phone."

The incident highlights a difficulty facing most presidential campaigns regardless of party. When the candidate comes to town, companion political duties often suffer.

In some cases, the depth of a candidate's organization can be measured by the extent of disruption his arrival causes. Most of the five Democrats in the primary have been at it long enough to maintain activities independent of the candidate's schedule.

But the publicity surrounding the GOP contest here has put a premium on smooth advance work, which requires scores of volunteers to resolve last minute headaches.

Hugh Gregg, the ex-governor heading Reagan's first primary battle, says orchestrating 15 days of campaign appearances for the candidate has siphoned valuable staff time away from other details.

"It conflicts with other

responsibilities," said Gregg. "it definitely does."

He added, "If you get Reagan coming to your town, you have to work a couple of weeks to make sure it works well. You can't be out soliciting votes."

The Reagan campaign relies on extensive personal appearances to ignite victory. Some of Reagan's 236 local chairman say organizational

details have been incomplete.

Reagan and his wife dined with local organizers last week for three hours. The local chairman received a pep talk and details on how to get out the Reagan vote election day.

Gregg said chairmen were reminded logistical headaches accompany each Reagan trip, requiring staff effort at the expense of guidance to local

chairman.

GOP voter canvassing has been left to a professional firm, so local Reagan organizers have responsibility merely for delivering crowds at Reagan appearances and getting out the vote election day.

"I feel they were satisfied," Gregg said. "At least they now know what our problems are."

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## Betty Ford Ready For Nashua Visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Ford, joining the President on his first primary campaign in New Hampshire this weekend, will visit a public school in Salem and a Nashua Ford Committee headquarters.

Press Secretary Sheila Weidenfeld said Mrs. Ford will have a brief separate schedule from the President on Saturday.

She will drive to Salem, N.H., to visit Lancaster School and its workshop for handicapped children.

After the early afternoon visit at the school, the first lady will drive to Nashua to visit a President Ford Committee telephone center and make some campaign telephone calls herself to promote her husband's election campaign.

Meanwhile, Susan Ford, the President's 18-year old daughter, will be on a separate swing, too. She'll visit the Mt. Cranmore ski area in North Conway Saturday afternoon to award the New Hampshire state ski championship.

Mrs. Weidenfeld said Susan may attend some other local events during her overnight stay in North Conway. On Sunday, Susan will do some skiing of her own and open a grand

slalom racing event by being the first to ski down the mountain as the 10 a.m. racing contest gets under way.

The President's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle, plan to join their parents, driving to New Hampshire from their Massachusetts home. Mrs. Weidenfeld said they will have no separate schedule but will be with their parents Saturday evening and go to church with them Sunday in New Hampshire.

### First Lady to Aid Campaign Here

First Lady Betty Ford will be in Nashua Saturday afternoon to telephone area residents on behalf of President Ford's candidacy. The calls are to be made from Ford's Nashua campaign headquarters on Temple Street, sources said.

Mrs. Ford will attend the 50th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night when he will deliver the main address. The event will be held in the Nashua High gymnasium.

Sources have indicated the First Couple will spend Saturday night in a Swart Street residence that was the home of the late Muriel Thurber.



## Olympic Skier to Escort Susan Ford While in N.H.

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — Susan Ford will go out on the town in this White Mountain ski mecca Saturday night with a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski team, who came home from Europe last month when he broke a leg.

David Currier, 23, of nearby Madison, N.H., was picked to escort the President's daughter on her campaign visit to New Hampshire because "he's helped us a lot here in the valley...and he's clean cut, clean-shaven — an all-American boy, hard to find these days," said David Ingemie of the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The help was the skiing success of Currier, a home-grown product of this resort

area. Currier trained through the racing program at the Eastern Slopes Ski Club, located at Mt. Cranmore. Miss Ford will hand out trophies there and ski the North Conway Trail before the giant slalom Sunday in the state high school ski championships.

Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitzbuhel, Austria, couldn't get a ski boot on for two weeks, and now is home building up his leg again by ice skating. For a change of pace he shovels his grandfather's sidewalk.

Currier skied in the 1972 Olympics and that year won the senior national ski championship, run at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Mt. Rose, Nevada.

As of Wednesday night the White House hadn't told him what sort of entertainment would be on the agenda, and he was hoping Susan wouldn't be disappointed with what this village of 3,000 persons has to offer. "They kind of roll up the sidewalks up here at night," Currier said.

The answer to that, Ingemie said, is hop in a car and tour the Valley. The Mount Washington Valley is eight villages spread along 20 miles of the Saco River as it winds north from Conway to Pinkham Notch on the eastern side of Mt. Washington; highest peak in New England at 6,288 feet.

The Valley has a base population of 20,000 persons, swells to 70,000 on a ski weekend, and has 84 lounges and restaurants, "most of them with entertainment in one form or another," Ingemie said.

The scenic valley booms even more in the summer, when 90,000 persons pass through on a peak day. The annual cash flow in the three banks in the valley is \$200 million, Ingemie said.

Currier has two brothers and a sister, all roughly college age, all of whom ski. "It's kind of hard not to ski growing up in the Mount Washington Valley," he said.

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president ford - yes!

The Nashua Telegraph extends to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford the warmest and most cordial of welcomes and on the occasion of the President's address to the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce we formally and enthusiastically endorse Gerald R. Ford for nomination and election to the presidency.

The Telegraph's sentiments long have been plain and positive, but we wish, at this happy and honored meeting point, to make an unmistakable and wholehearted declaration that we endorse and recommend urgently to our readers the candidacy of President Ford in the New Hampshire presidential primary on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1976.

New Hampshire Republicans and independents who decide to vote in the Republican presidential primary will exert an influence on presidential politics in this Bicentennial year far beyond their mere numerical significance.

We earnestly hope that New Hampshire's influence will be positive and thoughtful; that it will render a vote of confidence in demonstrated presidential leadership and accountability; that it will reject what is superficial and suave and support what is sound, dignified and diligent; that it will, in short, lead the nation in the presidential cavalcade for Gerald R. Ford.

President Ford - Yes!

President Ford's capabilities and accomplishments have been lauded in these columns before -- and, when the issue called for it, we have expressed our disagreement with certain decisions of the Ford administration.

Neither President Ford nor his administration is perfect. If we expect perfection from any administration we would expect what never was and never will be.

But though President Ford has not been a perfect President, he has been a perfectly good President, and espousing what is good is twice preferable to subjecting the nation, after 200 years, to partisan risks and needless uncertainties.

The Telegraph has been fortunate to have had several opportunities to meet and to interview Gerald R. Ford, opportunities we found both an honor and a pleasure. Gerry Ford is a warm, intelligent, decent, easy-going human being. We think he's the best. We like him.

Nice guys should finish first.

Welcome to Nashua, Mr. President.

Bill Dougherty

## Presidential Family to Arrive on Air Force 1

President Gerald R. Ford, wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, will arrive at Grenier Field (Ammon Terminal), Manchester, on Saturday at 10:45 a.m., aboard Air Force 1. The President's two-day visit will feature his address

before the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night. He will spend the night in a Nashua private home. At Grenier Field, a special viewing area for the public has been reserved and free parking is available.

## Cotton Praises Reagan During Lebanon Visit

LEBANON (AP) — Retired Sen. Norris Cotton, who is honorary chairman of President Ford's New Hampshire campaign, made a surprise appearance at the Lebanon fire station yesterday and gave high praise to Ronald Reagan.

"I'm in a peculiar position," Cotton said as he introduced Reagan to about 30 people. He said he had 26 years of close association with Ford and was "committed to the President."

But he added he has great admiration for Reagan whom he described as "not only a great tower of strength in the party to which I belong" but also "my kind of a fellow."

"I can do anything for you in the world except vote for you in the primary. I can't do that. I'm committed," Cotton, who retired from the Senate a year ago after serving nearly three decades in Congress, told Reagan.

Reagan called Cotton a statesman and said he seldom had been so honored.

Cotton said he did not know how his appearance with Reagan, who is challenging Ford in the state's Feb. 24 primary, would be interpreted, in view of his commitment to the President.

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"I'm now nearly 76 years old and I'm a has been," he said, "You can't vote for me and you can't vote against me, so I don't give a damn."

He also said if Reagan should become the nominee he would be a man whom "I could support with enthusiasm." He said he admires Reagan and admires Reagan's campaign style of not seeking to divide the party.

Cotton said later he thinks Reagan will get a very respectable vote in the primary and that he "wouldn't bet on the outcome."

"If you put a gun to my head, I'd say the President should carry this state. But I wouldn't be too surprised if it came out otherwise," Cotton later said outside the fire station.

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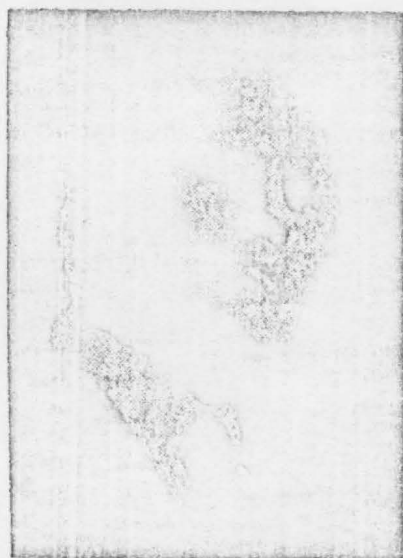
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The President Ford Committee, Howard H. Callaway, Chairman; Robert C. Moot, Treasurer. A copy of our Report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C. 20463.



## President, Mrs. Ford, Susan Coming to N.H.

President Gerald Ford will visit New Hampshire for two days this weekend in his bid for the Republican nomination in the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

Most pollsters see a close race between Ford and his Republican challenger, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

By the time of the primaries Feb. 24, Reagan will have been in the state some 15 days, while Ford's Saturday and Sunday visit is expected to be his only trip here.

The President will arrive at Grenier Field, Manchester, on Saturday, at about 10:45 a.m., accompanied by his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan.

Ford will go from the airport to the Rundlett Junior High School, Concord, for a briefing at noon.

Mrs. Ford will break away

and motor to Salem where she will visit the Lancaster Public School Workshop for Handicapped Children.

Susan will head up north to the ski slopes of Mount Cranmore in North Conway where she will present the N.H. Ski Championship  
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awards. Remaining there overnight, the 18-year-old daughter will open the Grand Slalom event Sunday morning, leading the parade down the slopes.

Mrs. Ford, meanwhile, will leave the Salem school and journey to Nashua to drum up votes by visiting a "phone bank," where she will put in a few telephone calls to potential voters.

Saturday evening, Mrs. Ford will join her husband at a banquet sponsored by the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in the Gate City's new high school, beginning at 7 p.m.

It is expected that Ford's eldest son, Michael, 25, and his wife, Gayle, will fly in from their Massachusetts home Saturday night to join his parents in Nashua.

They will attend church services at the Bedford Presbyterian Church Sunday morning before returning home.

At noon, the President will go again to the Rundlett Junior High School in Concord.

A news conference will be held at 4 p.m., at the Student Union Building of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, at 4 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by a speech and a question-answer period at the UNH field house.

The President is expected to

Grenier Field in Manchester sometime around 9 or 9:30 o'clock Sunday night.  
leave New Hampshire from

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## Reagan Cool at Hostile Hanover College Students Hiss and Boo

By KATHY SLATTERY  
and CAROL CARTER  
Union Leader Correspondents

HANOVER — Former California governor Ronald Reagan tangled with Dartmouth College students and the Peabody Bicentennial Commission last night in Thompson Arena on issues ranging from marijuana to nuclear energy.

Quizzed by both a student panel and members of the audience, Reagan said he supports nuclear energy development because it is the only way to meet this country's energy needs over the next decade or two.

At one point, with his moments drawing hisses and boos, the Republican presidential hopeful stated, "There is no point in my trying to reason with people who believe in the mythology of the Rasmussen Report" that he said shows a nuclear power plant cannot become a nuclear bomb.

At times, Reagan appeared amused by some of the questions and remarks of

students participating in the "citizens' press conference" format.

One young man asked Reagan about the freedom of the individual in relationship to REAGAN Page 16

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governmental control of marijuana.

Reagan replied that medical reports show the possibility of birth deformities and brain damage and stressed that a user can pose a threat to non-users.

"If an airline pilot comes aboard stoned, and no one knows it," added Reagan, "I don't want to be at 30,000 feet when he starts to fly by himself."

In response to a question from the student panel about support from William Loeb, president and publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader, Reagan said "By supporting me, he supports my policies. I don't support and adopt his."

Despite the antagonistic atmosphere, Reagan remained composed throughout the event, which drew some 1,700 people. He said he sees nothing in gun-control legislation to make it possible for citizens to bear arms while keeping them out-of-the-hands of criminals.

Laws in California, he continued, add five to 15 years to a criminal's prison term if he is caught with a gun.

Asked about the national economic situation, Reagan said that because unemployment is not uniform throughout the country, he supports a job-data bank as well as a review of business tax structures to offer incentives.

Teenagers, he added, have been priced out of the job market by the minimum wage, while the biggest problem remains the "involuntarily unemployed head of the household."

Asked if he has a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Reagan replied, "I think this country is hungry for a spiritual revival."

He continued that it is inconceivable to seek the presidency or have held the office of governor in California and "not do it with God's help."

### In Lebanon

Reagan earlier in the day appeared before 35 residents in the Lebanon Fire Station before traveling to Hanover for a private reception at the Hanover Inn.

Prior to his appearance in Thompson Arena, some 300 demonstrators gathered near the facility protesting Reagan's candidacy.

Throughout the "citizens' press conference," numerous signs and banners declaring, "Reagan—Big Business Candidate" and "Ronald Reagan for president means Death Valley days for U.S." appeared throughout the audience.

Reagan seemed unperturbed by the events, but was visibly tired after the question-and-answer period.

Earlier in the day, Reagan received a standing ovation from students, faculty, and citizens when he spoke at Stevens High School in Claremont, and met with applause from the gathering when he answered earlier questions on the legalization of marijuana and gun-control legislation.

Reagan told his audience of 1,000 that he hopes young people will decide they don't need any kind of crutch including what he termed

"extremely harmful" marijuana. He said there is already sufficient scientific evidence to indicate that marijuana causes brain damage, and noted that he had vetoed legislation designed to legalize the marijuana in California.

On gun control, the presidential hopeful stressed that so-called gun control laws will only make it possible for criminals to obtain weapons, leaving law abiding citizens unarmed.

Answering questions, Reagan said that busing has created more bitterness and interferes with education; that government should do something about the high cost of malpractice insurance for doctors that is "totally out of hand"; and that the administrative overhead in Washington should be eliminated, with a percentage of the federal income tax money returning to each state without strings attached.

He said that the Defense Department should be carefully scrutinized to assure that dollars are being spent wisely to buy the best possible equipment and keep the United States first. He called for officials to "level" with the people regarding the threat to national security from Russian involvement in Angola. He feels the public should be given the facts so the people can decide proper action.

Reagan called for the return of Medicaid programs to state jurisdiction, and said common sense rules should be applied to health care.

Reagan was introduced by Stevens High School student, Beth Connors in a program arranged by John Scranton's Social Studies Department. Students from 10 area high schools were invited to attend the assembly. Several members of the school board, the city council and interested citizens were also on hand.

He was accompanied to Claremont by a force of Secret Service agents and two buses filled with the news-men. At least 80 members of the press armed with television cameras, lights, recorders, and tripods jammed a

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RONALD REAGAN, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, at left addresses students and area residents at Colby-Sawyer College, yesterday in New London. At right is a view of the packed house of

students and faculty at Kearsarge Regional High School where the former California governor addressed students participating in a model political convention.

(Photos by Edith L. Costa)

## Reagan To Tour Tri-City Area Next Week

ROCHESTER -- Ronald Reagan will bring his campaign to the Tri-City area Monday and Tuesday according to Mrs. Joseph Kane, Rochester chairman of Citizens for Reagan.

Mrs. Kane said that Reagan will be in Dover from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday. At 3:15 he will travel to Somersworth and is expected in Rochester at 3:45 p.m.

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On Tuesday, a "citizens' press conference" will be held at 8 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Mrs. Kane announced that Rochester area residents interested in hearing Reagan are welcome to take a free bus provided by Rochester Citizens for Reagan from Dan's Star Market in Rochester to UNH. The bus will leave at 6:30 p.m.



**PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL** Ronald Reagan shows his delight on being handed a birthday cake inscribed "Happy Birthday President Reagan," at the Mt. Sunapee State Park Ski Area where he had lunch yesterday. The former California governor will be 65 today, having been born in Tampico, Ill., in 1911. He is making his fourth swing through the Granite State.

(UPI Telephoto)



## Shriver Says People 'Getting a Shafing'

By WALT HEALY  
Staff Reporter

"Prices of oil since 1972 have gone up about 100 per cent, electric power rates increased about 28 per cent and food prices are running about 30 per cent higher. The people of New Hampshire and this section of the country are getting a shafing," Sargent Shriver, Democratic presidential hopeful told a press conference at Bobby's Lunch on Tarrytown Road, East Manchester, Wednesday afternoon.

Newsmen representing all media participated in the session.

Bobby Johnston, restaurant owner, introduced Shriver to diners, many of whom also questioned the candidate.

### Ex-Boxer

Johnston, formerly a middle-weight state boxing champion fighting under the name of "Bobby Conway," showed Shriver his "gallery of champions" in a section of the restaurant where the walls are covered with pictures of boxers and baseball scenes. The restaurateur said that the candidate showed a "sporting interest in the pictures."

Two diners, Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, who are employed at the nearby Manchester Rehabilitation Center, asked Shriver about federal funding for the handicapped and human services. They said that Shriver indicated he would improve the present funding act and realign the services for spending where he feels it is needed.

At the press conference, Shriver said he is depending heavily on volunteers to get out the vote in his favor. He admitted "the going is tough" but said he will win Illinois.

In response to a question, he said, "I doubt I would take the vice presidency."

### Abortion

Shriver, whose stand consistently has been against abortion, said he would not approve any amendment to the Constitution. "Any legislative proposal on abortion must be clearly defined before I even would give it consideration," he added.

On the matter of the "Kennedy connection," Shriver said he would not back a Ted Kennedy draft movement. He claimed that Kennedy doesn't want and would not accept a draft.

At first, he declared, many people thought he was a "stalking horse" for Kennedy, but are becoming terrified of his running on his own experience and qualifications for the presidency.

### Russian Oil

Asked why no pact for the purchase of oil has been negotiated with Russia, Shriver reported that the Soviets have indicated they would sell oil to the United States on a commercial basis. He said, "No aggressive effort has been made to do oil business with the Russians," who, he said, will deal in the world commercial market and pay in gold or cash.

Shriver lunched with E. Leo Kanteres of Manchester, a pledged delegate candidate, before taking off for a tour of the New Hampshire Insurance Co.

Shriver left last night for New Hampshire expects to be back in New Hampshire on the weekend.



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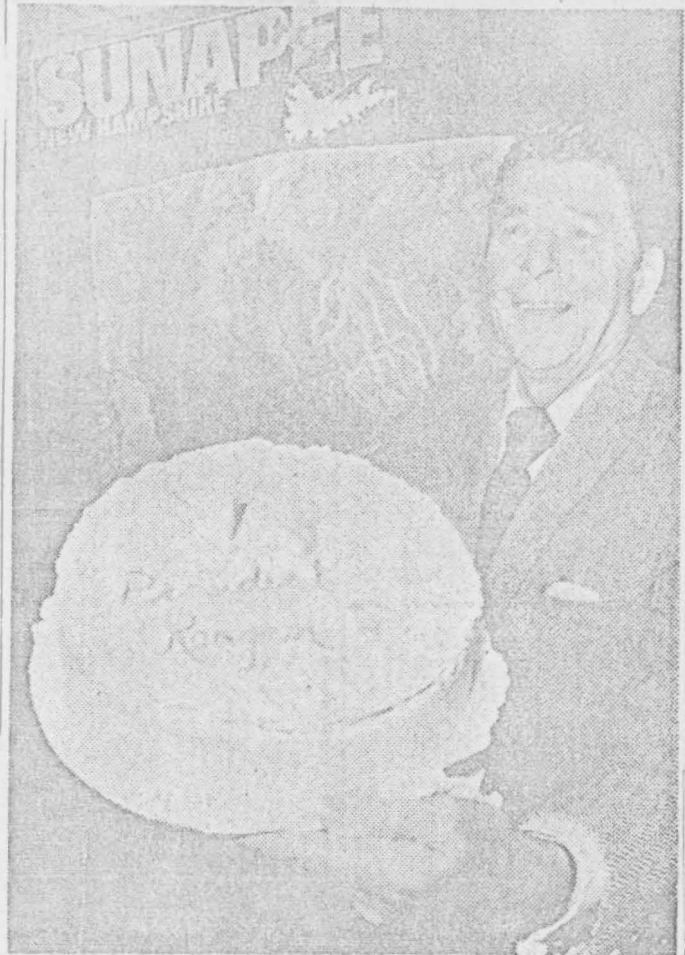
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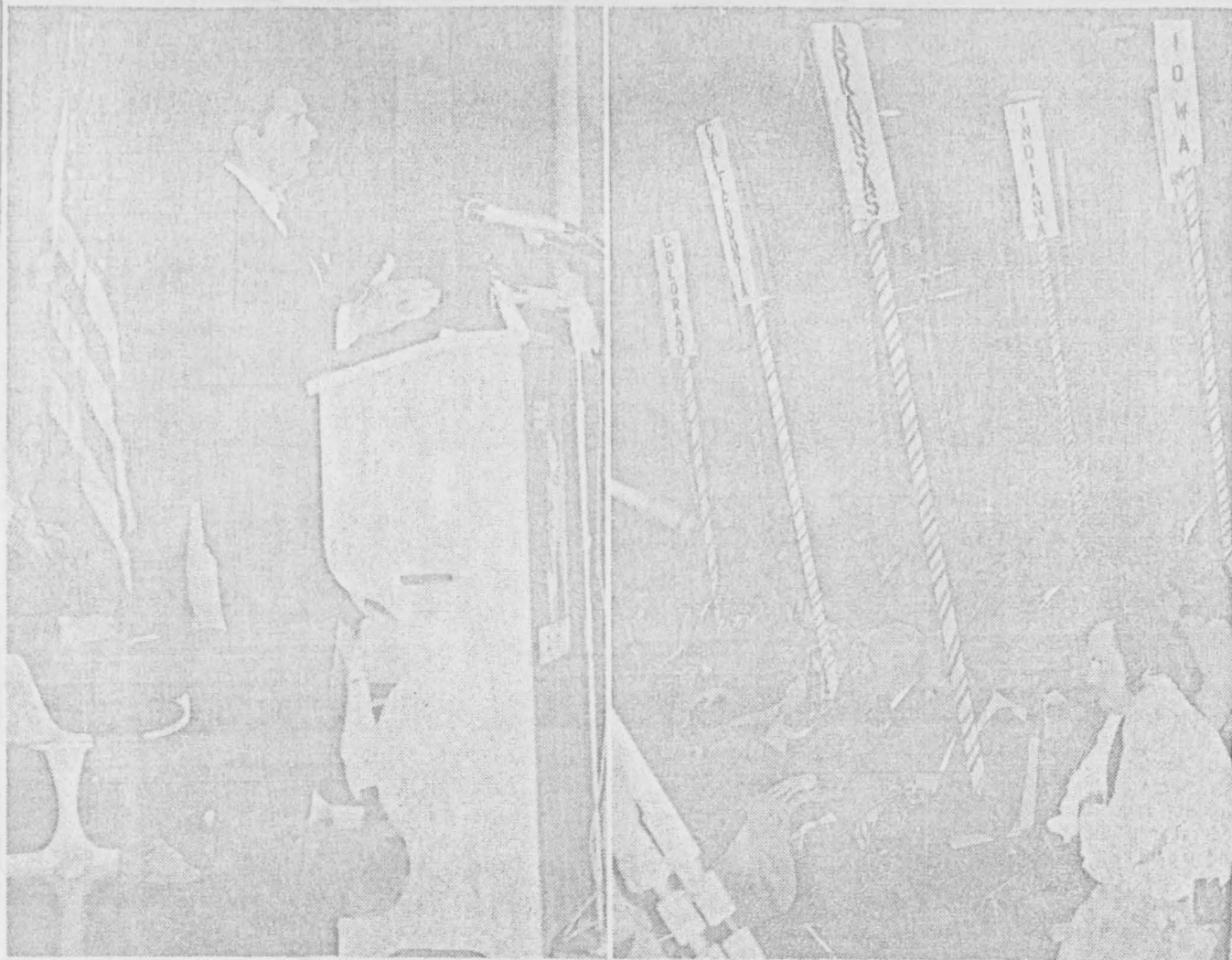
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RONALD REAGAN, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, at left addresses students and area residents at Colby-Sawyer College, yesterday in New London. At right is a view of the packed house of

students and faculty at Kearsarge Regional High School where the former California governor addressed students participating in a model political convention.

(Photos by Edith L. Costa)



## President, Mrs. Ford, Susan Coming to N.H.

President Gerald Ford will visit New Hampshire for two days this weekend in his bid for the Republican nomination in the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

Most pollsters see a close race between Ford and his Republican challenger, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

By the time of the primaries Feb. 24, Reagan will have been in the state some 15 days, while Ford's Saturday and Sunday visit is expected to be his only trip here.

The President will arrive at Grenier Field, Manchester, on Saturday, at about 10:45 a.m., accompanied by his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan.

Ford will go from the airport to the Rundlett Junior High School, Concord, for a briefing at noon.

Mrs. Ford will break away

and motor to Salem where she will visit the Lancaster Public School Workshop for Handicapped Children.

Susan will head up north to the ski slopes of Mount Cranmore in North Conway where she will present the N.H. Ski Championship  
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awards. Remaining there overnight, the 18-year-old daughter will open the Grand Slalom event Sunday morning, leading the parade down the slopes.

Mrs. Ford, meanwhile, will leave the Salem school and journey to Nashua to drum up votes by visiting a "phone bank," where she will put in a few telephone calls to potential voters.

Saturday evening, Mrs. Ford will join her husband at a banquet sponsored by the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in the Gate City's new high school, beginning at 7 p.m.

It is expected that Ford's eldest son, Michael, 25, and his wife, Gayle, will fly in from their Massachusetts home Saturday night to join his parents in Nashua.

They will attend church services at the Bedford Presbyterian Church Sunday morning before returning home.

At noon, the President will go again to the Rundlett Junior High School in Concord.

A news conference will be held at 4 p.m., at the Student Union Building of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, at 4 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by a speech and a question-answer period at the UNH field house.

The President is expected to

Grenier Field in Manchester sometime around 9 or 9:30 o'clock Sunday night.  
leave New Hampshire from

## Reagan Cool at Hostile Hanover As College Students Hiss and Boo

By KATHY SLATTERY  
and CAROL CARTER  
Union Leader Correspondents

HANOVER — Former California governor Ronald Reagan tangled with Dartmouth College students and the Peoples' Bicentennial Commission last night in Thompson Arena on issues ranging from marijuana to nuclear energy.

Quizzed by both a student panel and members of the audience, Reagan said he supports nuclear energy development because it is the only way to meet this country's energy needs over the next decade or two.

At one point, with his comments drawing hisses and boos, the Republican presidential hopeful stated, "There is no point in my trying to reason with people who believe in the mythology of this." He cited a 3,000-page "Rasmussen Report" that he said shows a nuclear power plant cannot become a nuclear bomb.

At times, Reagan appeared amused by some of the questions and remarks of

students participating in the "citizens' press conference" format.

One young man asked Reagan about the freedom of the individual in relationship to REAGAN Page 16

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governmental control of marijuana.

Reagan replied that medical reports show the possibility of birth deformities and brain damage and stressed that a user can pose a threat to non-users.

"If an airline pilot comes aboard stoned, and no one knows it," added Reagan, "I don't want to be at 30,000 feet when he starts to fly by himself."

In response to a question from the student panel about support from William Loeb, president and publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader, Reagan said "By supporting me, he supports my policies. I don't support and adopt his."

Despite the antagonistic atmosphere, Reagan remained composed throughout the event, which drew some 1,700 people. He said he sees nothing in gun-control legislation to make it possible for citizens to bear arms while keeping them out-of-the-hands of criminals.

Laws in California, he continued, add five to 15 years to a criminal's prison term if he is caught with a gun.

Asked about the national economic situation, Reagan said that because unemployment is not uniform throughout the country, he supports a job-data bank as well as a review of business tax structures to offer incentives.

Teenagers, he added, have been priced out of the job market by the minimum wage, while the biggest problem remains the "involuntarily unemployed head of the household."

Asked if he has a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Reagan replied, "I think this country is hungry for a spiritual revival."

He continued that it is inconceivable to seek the presidency or have held the office of governor in California and "not do it with God's help."

In Lebanon

Reagan earlier in the day appeared before 35 residents in the Lebanon Fire Station before traveling to Hanover for a private reception at the Hanover Inn.

Prior to his appearance in Thompson Arena, some 300 demonstrators gathered near the facility protesting Reagan's candidacy.

Throughout the "citizens' press conference," numerous signs and banners declaring, "Reagan—Big Business Candidate" and "Ronald Reagan for president means Death Valley days for U.S." appeared throughout the audience.

Reagan seemed unperturbed by the events, but was visibly tired after the question-and-answer period.

Earlier in the day, Reagan received a standing ovation from students, faculty, and citizens when he spoke at Stevens High School in Claremont, and met with applause from the gathering when he answered earlier questions on the legalization of marijuana and gun-control legislation.

Reagan told his audience of 1,000 that he hopes young people will decide they don't need any kind of crutch including what he termed

"extremely harmful" marijuana. He said there is already sufficient scientific evidence to indicate that marijuana causes brain damage, and noted that he had vetoed legislation designed to legalize the marijuana in California.

On gun control, the presidential hopeful stressed that so-called gun control laws will only make it possible for criminals to obtain weapons, leaving law abiding citizens unarmed.

Answering questions, Reagan said that busing has created more bitterness and interferes with education; that government should do something about the high cost of malpractice insurance for doctors that is "totally out of hand"; and that the administrative overhead in Washington should be eliminated, with a percentage of the federal income tax money returning to each state without strings attached.

He said that the Defense Department should be carefully scrutinized to assure that dollars are being spent wisely to buy the best possible equipment, and keep the United States first. He called for officials to "level" with the people regarding the threat to national security from Russian involvement in Angola. He feels the public should be given the facts so the people can decide proper action.

Reagan called for the return of Medicaid programs to state jurisdiction, and said common sense rules should be applied to health care.

Reagan was introduced by Stevens High School student, Beth Connors in a program arranged by John Scranton's Social Studies Department. Students from 10 area high schools were invited to attend the assembly. Several members of the school board, the city council and interested citizens were also on hand.

He was accompanied to Claremont by a force of Secret Service agents and two buses filled with the newsmen. At least 80 members of the press armed with television cameras, lights, recorders and tripods jammed a corner of the high school auditorium during Reagan's appearance.



## Shriver Says People 'Getting a Shafing'

By WALT HEALY  
Staff Reporter

"Prices of oil since 1972 have gone up about 100 per cent, electric power rates increased about 28 per cent and food prices are running about 30 per cent higher. The people of New Hampshire and this section of the country are getting a shafing," Sargent Shriver, Democratic presidential hopeful told a press conference at Bobby's Lunch on Tarrytown Road, East Manchester, Wednesday afternoon.

News men representing all media participated in the session.

Bobby Johnston, restaurant owner, introduced Shriver to diners, many of whom also questioned the candidate.

### Ex-Boxer

Johnston, formerly a middle-weight state boxing champion fighting under the name of "Bobby Conway," showed Shriver his "gallery of champions" in a section of the restaurant where the walls are covered with pictures of boxers and baseball scenes. The restaurateur said that the candidate showed a "sporting interest in the pictures."

Two diners, Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, who are employed at the nearby Manchester Rehabilitation Center, asked Shriver about federal funding for the handicapped and human services. They said that Shriver indicated he would improve the present funding act and realign the services for spending where he feels it is needed.

At the press conference, Shriver said he is depending heavily on volunteers to get out the vote in his favor. He admitted "the going is tough" but said he will win Illinois.

In response to a question, he said, "I doubt I would take the vice presidency."

### Abortion

Shriver, whose stand consistently has been against abortion, said he would not approve any amendment to the Constitution. "Any legislative proposal on abortion must be clearly defined before I even would give it consideration," he added.

On the matter of the "Kennedy connection," Shriver said he would not back a Ted Kennedy draft movement. He claimed that Kennedy doesn't want and would not accept a draft.

At first, he declared, many people thought he was a "stalking horse" for Kennedy, but are becoming convinced of his running on his "own experience and qualifications for the presidency."

### Russian Oil

Asked why no pact for the purchase of oil has been negotiated with Russia, Shriver reported that the Soviets have indicated they would sell oil to the United States on a commercial basis. He said, "No aggressive effort has been made to do oil business with the Russians," who, he said, will deal in the world commercial market and pay in gold or cash.

Shriver lunched with E. Leo Kanteres of Manchester, a pledged delegate candidate, before taking off for a tour of the New Hampshire Insurance Co.

Shriver left last night for Shriver expects to be back in New Hampshire on the weekend.

## Cotton Praises Reagan During Lebanon Visit

LEBANON (AP) — Retired Sen. Norris Cotton, who is honorary chairman of President Ford's New Hampshire campaign, made a surprise appearance at the Lebanon fire station yesterday and gave high praise to Ronald Reagan.

"I'm in a peculiar position," Cotton said as he introduced Reagan to about 30 people. He said he had 26 years of close association with Ford and was "committed to the President."

But he added he has great admiration for Reagan whom he described as "not only a great tower of strength in the party to which I belong" but also "my kind of a fellow."

"I can do anything for you in the world except vote for you in the primary. I can't do that; I'm committed," Cotton, who retired from the Senate a year ago after serving nearly three decades in Congress, told Reagan.

Reagan called Cotton a statesman and said he seldom had been so honored.

Cotton said he did not know how his appearance with Reagan, who is challenging Ford in the state's Feb. 24 primary, would be interpreted, in view of his commitment to the President.

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"I'm now nearly 76 years old and I'm a has been," he said, "You can't vote for me and you can't vote against me, so I don't give a damn."

He also said if Reagan should become the nominee he would be a man whom "I could support with enthusiasm." He said he admires Reagan and admires Reagan's campaign style of not seeking to divide the party.

Cotton said later he thinks Reagan will get a very respectable vote in the primary and that he "wouldn't bet on the outcome."

"If you put a gun to my head, I'd say the President should carry this state. But I wouldn't be too surprised if it came out otherwise," Cotton later said outside the fire station.

## Dave Currier Tapped To Escort Susan Ford

NORTH CONWAY (UPI) — Susan Ford will go out on the town in this White Mountain ski mecca Saturday night with a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski team, who came home from Europe last month when he broke a leg.

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Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitzbuhel, Austria.

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## The Ford Honesty

By IRENE CORBALLY KUHN

Doesn't President Ford know what everybody else knows — that marijuana is an illegal substance in this country? He is the third member of the Ford family to give approval by indirection to marijuana. Shouldn't someone in the official



MRS. KUHN

family tell the President, his wife, and their 23-year-old son, Jack, a confessed pot-smoker, that what they're sounding off about in interviews is a grave disservice to the country? It is especially hard on parents of teenagers who are being pressured by other teenagers to smoke pot.

The President ought to know the law. After all, he is the so-called leader of the country.

Ford, a plain Midwesterner, with long but undistinguished experience in Congress, was hailed as a plain Joe, "honest" and open.

About that much-louted descriptive adjective "honest," hung as an ornament on Mr. Ford's personality. Next to love, the word honest is the most misused in the English language as we hear it misspoken around us today. Nudity is excused on the grounds it's "honest." Sexual promiscuity by teenagers is no longer regarded as alley cat behavior because it's "honest." And now "pot" is "honest" because young Mr. Ford has confessed, and his father calls his public confession "honorable."

"If . . . not abused, smoking pot might be compared to the use of beer or wine in moderation," Jack said.

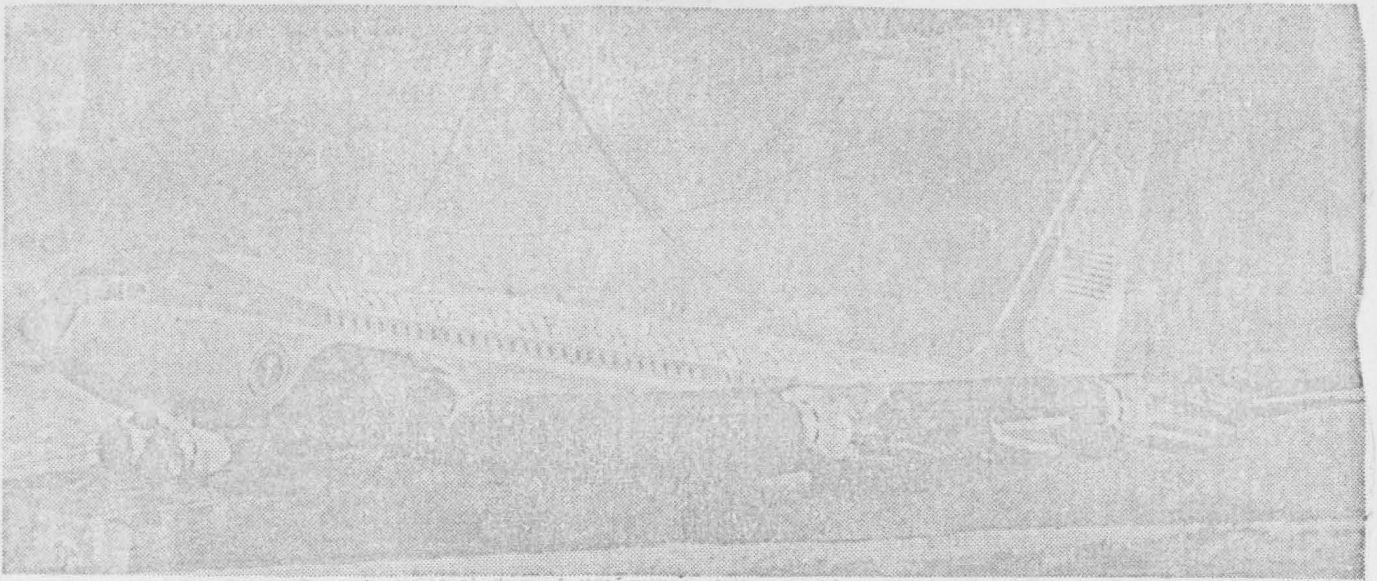
How does he know whether the substance is destructive or not? The scientists who have been studying marijuana for years have not yet come up with a definitive answer.

After his son sounded off in Portland, Oregon, Mr. Ford in two statements made his views known. "The Ford family believes in being totally honest," his press secretary read from a prepared statement.

Honest, Schmonest, doesn't Mr. Ford realize real honesty would be for him to condemn his son's pot-smoking, as an illegal act, not just deplore it so sanctimoniously.

The Fords are all compulsive talkers, apparently. Does anyone remember an earlier president, one Calvin Coolidge who was called "Silent Cal," because he limited his responses to the shortest distance between question and answer. What the Republican party and the country need is a reasonable facsimile of Coolidge to offset the garrulous, gushing Fords.

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## Presidential Family to Arrive on Air Force I

President Gerald R. Ford, wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, will arrive at Grenier Field (Ammon Terminal), Manchester, on Saturday at 10:45 a.m., aboard Air Force I. The President's two-day visit will feature his address

before the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night. He will spend the night in a Nashua private home. At Grenier Field, a special viewing area for the public has been reserved and free parking is available.



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president ford - yes!

The Nashua Telegraph extends to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford the warmest and most cordial of welcomes and on the occasion of the President's address to the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce we formally and enthusiastically endorse Gerald R. Ford for nomination and election to the presidency.

The Telegraph's sentiments long have been plain and positive, but we wish, at this happy and honored meeting point, to make an unmistakable and wholehearted declaration that we endorse and recommend urgently to our readers the candidacy of President Ford in the New Hampshire presidential primary on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1976.

New Hampshire Republicans and independents who decide to vote in the Republican presidential primary will exert an influence on presidential politics in this Bicentennial year far beyond their mere numerical significance.

We earnestly hope that New Hampshire's influence will be positive and thoughtful; that it will render a vote of confidence in demonstrated presidential leadership and accountability; that it will reject what is superficial and suave and support what is sound, dignified and diligent; that it will, in short, lead the nation in the presidential cavalcade for Gerald R. Ford.

President Ford -- Yes!

President Ford's capabilities and accomplishments have been lauded in these columns before — and, when the issue called for it, we have expressed our disagreement with certain decisions of the Ford administration.

Neither President Ford nor his administration is perfect. If we expect perfection from any administration we would expect what never was and never will be.

But though President Ford has not been a perfect President, he has been a perfectly good President, and espousing what is good is twice preferable to subjecting the nation, after 200 years, to partisan risks and needless uncertainties.

The Telegraph has been fortunate to have had several opportunities to meet and to interview Gerald R. Ford, opportunities we found both an honor and a pleasure. Gerry Ford is a warm, intelligent, decent, easy-going human being. We think he's the best. We like him.

Nice guys should finish first.

Welcome to Nashua, Mr. President.

Bill Dougherty



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Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitzbuhel, Austria, couldn't get a ski boot on for two weeks, and now is home building up his leg again by ice skating. For a change of pace he shovels his grandfather's sidewalk.

Currier skied in the 1972 Olympics and that year won the senior national ski championship, run at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Mt. Rose, Nevada.

As of Wednesday night the White House hadn't told him what sort of entertainment would be on the agenda, and he was hoping Susan wouldn't be disappointed with what this village of 3,000 persons has to offer. "They kind of roll up the sidewalks up here at night," Currier said.

The answer to that, Ingemie said, is hop in a car and tour the Valley. The Mount Washington Valley is eight villages spread along 20 miles of the Saco River as it winds north from Conway to Pinkham Notch on the eastern side of Mt. Washington, highest peak in New England at 6,288 feet.

The Valley has a base population of 20,000 persons, swells to 70,000 on a ski weekend, and has 84 lounges and restaurants, "most of them with entertainment in one form or another," Ingemie said.

The scenic valley booms even more in the summer, when 90,000 persons pass through on a peak day. The annual cash flow in the three banks in the valley is \$200 million, Ingemie said.

Currier has two brothers and a sister, all roughly college age, all of whom ski. "It's kind of hard not to ski growing up in the Mount Washington Valley," he said.

# Ford and Reagan Campaign Visits Spread Staff Time

By STEWART POWELL  
CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) — John Michels leaned back, cast a saucer-eyed gaze toward the ceiling and spread his arms in mock disbelief.

"I just can't believe it," the 31-year-old chief of President Ford's opening primary campaign said. "They're stealing my people."

It was several days before the President arrived in New Hampshire to launch a personal campaign against challenger Ronald Reagan in the leadoff New Hampshire presidential primary.

White House advance men spent more than a week smoothing details for Ford's 35-hour visit, but as the President's Saturday arrival neared, demands for personnel intensified.

First reports of a raid on state volunteers by the national Ford staff reached his campaign headquarters by phone.

A Nashua organizer said the White House advance team had stripped volunteers from the Ford telephone canvassing operation in the state's second largest city, shifting them to duties in preparation for Ford's weekend trip.

Manning 75 phones at 10 locations 12 hours-a-day was problem enough, but a loss of hard-won volunteers to other tasks threatened the goal of contacting the state's 165,000 registered Republicans by Feb. 24.

"They can't do that,"

Michels declared. "Get me that guy on the phone."

The incident highlights a difficulty facing most presidential campaigns regardless of party. When the candidate comes to town, companion political duties often suffer.

In some cases, the depth of a candidate's organization can be measured by the extent of disruption his arrival causes. Most of the five Democrats in the primary have been at it long enough to maintain activities independent of the candidate's schedule.

But the publicity surrounding the GOP contest here has put a premium on smooth advance work, which requires scores of volunteers to resolve last minute headaches.

Hugh Gregg, the ex-governor heading Reagan's first primary battle, says orchestrating 15 days of campaign appearances for the candidate has siphoned valuable staff time away from other details.

"It conflicts with other

responsibilities," said Gregg, "it definitely does."

He added, "If you get Reagan coming to your town, you have to work a couple of weeks to make sure it works well. You can't be out soliciting votes."

The Reagan campaign relies on extensive personal appearances to ignite victory. Some of Reagan's 236 local chairman say organizational

details have been incomplete.

Reagan and his wife dined with local organizers last week for three hours. The local chairman received a pep talk and details on how to get out the Reagan vote election day.

Gregg said chairmen were reminded logistical headaches accompany each Reagan trip, requiring staff effort at the expense of guidance to local

chairman.

GOP voter canvassing has been left to a professional firm, so local Reagan organizers have responsibility merely for delivering crowds at Reagan appearances and getting out the vote election day.

"I feel they were satisfied," Gregg said. "At least they now know what our problems are."

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## Betty Ford Ready For Nashua Visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Ford, joining the President on his first primary campaign in New Hampshire this weekend, will visit a public school in Salem and a Nashua Ford Committee headquarters.

Press Secretary Sheila Weidenfeld said Mrs. Ford will have a brief separate schedule from the President on Saturday.

She will drive to Salem, N.H., to visit Lancaster School and its workshop for handicapped children.

After the early afternoon visit at the school, the first lady will drive to Nashua to visit a President Ford Committee telephone center and make some campaign telephone calls herself to promote her husband's election campaign.

Meanwhile, Susan Ford, the President's 18-year-old daughter, will be on a separate swing, too. She'll visit the Mt. Cranmore ski area in North Conway Saturday afternoon to award the New Hampshire state ski championship.

Mrs. Weidenfeld said Susan may attend some other local events during her overnight stay in North Conway. On Sunday, Susan will do some skiing of her own and open a grand

slalom racing event by being the first to ski down the mountain as the 10 a.m. racing contest gets under way.

The President's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle, plan to join their parents, driving to New Hampshire from their Massachusetts home. Mrs. Weidenfeld said they will have no separate schedule but will be with their parents Saturday evening and go to church with them Sunday in New Hampshire.

### First Lady to Aid Campaign Here

First Lady Betty Ford will be in Nashua Saturday afternoon to telephone area residents on behalf of President Ford's candidacy. The calls are to be made from Ford's Nashua campaign headquarters on Temple Street, sources said.

Mrs. Ford will attend the 50th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night when he will deliver the main address. The event will be held in the Nashua High gymnasium.

Sources have indicated the First Couple will spend Saturday night in a Swart Street residence that was the home of the late Muriel Thurber.



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## Abortion Seen As Key

By DON McLEOD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion is emerging as a key presidential campaign issue, although the winner in November, whoever he may be, will have little to say about its resolution.

The emotional tenor of the controversy has led most candidates to stake out carefully worded positions, some of which tend to straddle the issue by embracing positions on both sides.

President Ford became the latest presidential candidate to address the issue, saying in a recorded CBS television interview Tuesday that he wants the abortion question thrown back to the states. By contrast, Ronald Reagan, his opponent for the GOP presidential nomination, wants a constitutional amendment to establish a national ban on abortion.

Ford indicated he was sym-

pathetic to a constitutional amendment, without calling for one.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, called Ford's views "inconsistent and disappointing" but said it would be "unfair to be any more critical of Mr. Ford than of some other prominent political leaders, whose views on the abortion issue appear to be equally confused."

The Supreme Court ruled three years ago that states may not prohibit abortion in the first three months of pregnancy although they retain some regulatory authority thereafter.

Pro- and anti-abortion groups since then have been lobbying, demonstrating and pressuring presidential candidates. Most authorities concede, however, that the only avenue to change is a constitutional amendment, which is the province of Congress and the states.

There already are at least a dozen amendments pending in Congress which would, as Ford suggests, assign responsibility over abortion to the states and let them decide whether to allow or ban it.

Other proposed amendments, the kind supported by Reagan and Democrat George Wallace, would have the effect of restoring the bans generally in effect in the states before the Supreme Court ruling. Those amendments would permit abortions in exceptional cases, such as for rape victims or mothers whose lives are in danger.

Wallace is the only Democratic presidential contender calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Most say they oppose abortion in principle but support the Supreme Court ruling.

Sargent Shriver, another of

the Democratic contenders, has said he finds all of the currently proposed amendments unacceptable but leaves the door open for possibly finding one he could approve.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., has generally opposed amending the Constitution, but says he opposes abortion on principle. He has hinted at returning regulation to the states but has not called for an amendment to accomplish it.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter also says abortion is wrong but opposes any constitutional amendment to prohibit it. "I think the government ought to do everything possible to minimize abortion," Carter said last month, mentioning governmental assistance to prevent pregnancy, including education and birth control aid.

Both Shriver and Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., also have suggested alternative solutions,

such as providing more birth control information, child-care programs and health care for young mothers.

While Bayh also has said he morally opposes abortion, he has fought the amendment drive. The Constitution, he says, "must not be used as an instrument for moral preference."

Gov. Milton Shapp, D-Pa., also is among those who say they personally dislike abortion but support the Supreme Court's decision. But he goes beyond most other candidates to defend the right of a woman to decide the question without governmental interference.

Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex., too, has said he supports the court's decision, but he adds the belief that "the rights of those medical personnel and hospital administrators who have objections to abortion as a matter of conscience must also be observed."

Bentsen, however, has said he does not support an amendment and has proposed no other means of carving out exceptions to the court ruling.

Former Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okla., and Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., both say they support the court ruling and

oppose antiabortion amendments.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., the latest Democratic candidate, says he opposes abortion on demand but would permit it in cases of rape or where the woman's life was endangered by pregnancy.

## Susan Ford Plans to Ski Mt. Cranmore

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — President Ford has no announced plans to ski in New Hampshire this weekend, but his daughter Susan will slide down Mt. Cranmore, and hand out trophies to winners of the state championships, as well.

Miss Ford is due here Saturday afternoon to present trophies to winners of the day's competition. Local officials say she'll attend a reception for racers, then go out on the town Saturday night with David Currier of nearby Madison, N.H.

He is a member of the U.S. national ski team who broke a bone in his leg while preparing for the Winter Olympics.

Sunday Miss Ford plans to ski the competition course on the mountain before heading south to join her parents.

Her ski jaunt appears to be an effort by the Ford campaign to blunt criticism which erupted over the Christmas holiday when the President took his family skiing in Colorado.



# MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER

*"There is nothing so powerful as truth"*  
—DANIEL WEBSTER

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## Ford's Elitist Campaign

**Elitist** —that's the adjective that perhaps best describes President Ford's itinerary during his one campaign visit to the Granite State this weekend.

Whereas Ronald Reagan is taking his campaign directly to the people in extensive campaign tours through every area of the state, the President to a briefing session on federal funding (that's with a briefing session on federal funding (that's your money, folks) with state, county and local elected officials, a dinner speech before the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, a conference

with supporters at Concord, and a news conference (for professional newsmen only) and speech at UNH.

No one should fault the elected officials, journalists or Chamber of Commerce types, but neither should anyone be rash enough to contend that they can adequately represent the concerns of the citizenry as a whole.

The comparison is obvious: Reagan is taking his campaign to the people, Ford is taking his campaign solely to those whom he regards as the most influential people.

## Opportunism — But Don't Knock It

President Ford's announced support for a constitutional amendment bypassing the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion ruling may be an example of sheer opportunism — but don't knock it.

When a President of the United States commits himself publicly to opposition to the court's barbaric 1973 ruling, that's a mighty plus for the pro-life movement in the United States —whatever that President's motivation.

Ford's comments during a Tuesday interview with CBS-TV indicate that he is concerned that his opponent, Ronald Reagan, has virtually monopolized the abortion issue during the GOP presidential primary campaign, and for that reason, Ford's motives are somewhat suspect.

But weighed against an issue of such importance, one that involves life and death considerations and the value our society will place on human life in the years ahead, who **REALLY** cares about Ford's motivation?



PRESIDENT FORD

Boston Herald American—Thursday, February 5, 1976—

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# CANDIDATE FORD'S <sup>Managed</sup> NEWS & VIEWS CONFERENCE

I CAN'T ANSWER  
YOUR QUESTION, SIR.  
... YOU WEREN'T  
PRE-SELECTED.





## Loeb Editors Spurn White House 'Pre-Selection'

# Our Reporters Won't Perform

By JAY HANLON  
Staff Reporter

President Gerald R. Ford has scheduled a press conference for New Hampshire news media Sunday at 4 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. But questions may only be asked by "pre-selected" newsmen, according to White House aides.

Editors of the Loeb newspapers, informed of the pre-selection, refused to have their reporters take part in questioning the President, who is a candidate in the Feb. 24 presidential primary.

Paul Tracy, managing editor of the Manchester Union Leader, said, "This has all the earmarks of managed news. This is not a free-wheeling news conference."

Joseph McQuaid, managing editor of the New Hampshire Sunday News, said, "It's the most absurd attempt yet by the Ford campaign to orchestrate the New Hampshire primary for its own gain."

Tracy added, "We will have representation at the event for coverage purposes but we reject any conditions laid down by the White House under which the state's largest newspaper might, and I emphasize the word might, be allowed to put a question to a candidate for president."

White House spokesman John Carlson, who is deputy press secretary to Ron Nessen, defended the pre-selection as a means of preventing a small handful of reporters

from dominating the questioning.

The names of reporters seeking to question the President, he said, would be drawn by chance from a hat immediately before the conference.

This latest controversy involving President Ford's New Hampshire primary campaign developed yesterday when the Concord Bureau of the Associated Press issued an advisory notice to newspapers and radio stations.

The advisory informed editors of the Sunday news "only for New Hampshire media and will involve pre-selected persons to ask questions."

The advisory added that Dorrance Smith of the White House advance team said

Tuesday that New Hampshire newsmen who wish to ask a question during the conference must submit their names to him before Friday.

The AP reported that Smith said the submitted names would be drawn at random to determine the line-up for asking questions. Those chosen will be notified of their slot Friday, the advisory said.

Smith also was reported in the advisory as saying all photographers will be restricted to the camera platform provided for television coverage of the event in the Strafford Room of UNH's Memorial Union building.

It was at this point that the editors of the Loeb papers decided they wanted none of it.

Tracy said, "The Loeb newspapers refuse to participate in a news conference where the questioners have been predetermined 'at random.'"

Tracy added, "We have in the offing a so-called news conference where media representatives are asked to act like trained seals. They may or may not be permitted to stand up on cue to ask the present occupant of the White House a question. What a farce!"

McQuaid offered similar sentiments. "It's a joke. . . . And it's also the third blatantly obvious bid to blunt the objectivity of the New Hampshire news media by 'favoring' them with these

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exclusive, state-only, news interviews and conferences.

"Fortunately, I'm more amused than angered by this 'pre-selected persons' tactic, but if other objective newsmen care to compare it with an authoritarian government's control of its press I could easily understand their concern."

"Mr. Ford, our unelected President, is a candidate like any other and as far as the Sunday News is concerned that is how he will be treated in New Hampshire," the editor said.

### Denies Management

Carlson, the White House deputy press spokesman, denied this was an attempt to manage the news conference or that it favored certain newsmen.

"It's not managed news," he told the Union Leader late yesterday afternoon. "You sign up your people and have them there and you'll get your questions asked. . . . As far as we are concerned, this is done strictly by lot or chance."

Carlson said, "No one has complained about it. It works out very well. He added, "It just seems to be the best system and everybody seems happy. We always make sure we draw the names out of the hat in front of the whole crowd."

## Mr. Ford vs. Mrs. Ford

President Ford would be a better man and a better leader if he paid more heed to his wife, Betty, who is consistently demonstrating that she has more sense, honesty and moral courage than the man she married.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with her views on the abortion question, for example, one is left with no doubt that she stands squarely behind the US Supreme Court decision of 1973.

Her statement that the decision took abortion "out of the backwoods and into the hospitals where it belongs" reflected the kind of person many Americans prayed her husband would prove to be when he became President—a person plain-speaking and candid and self-possessed if not self-assured.

Contrast her statement with the contradictory twisting and turning declarations of a President who would be all things to all people—abortion advocates and right-to-life advocates.

Mr. Ford says the Supreme Court went too far in its abortion decision, but in the same breath he says he does not favor a constitutional amendment that would nullify the

court's decision. It should be up to the states to write their own abortion laws, he says. Apparently he would favor a constitutional amendment to accomplish that.

What the President intended to do, one of his aides said, was "pick his way through the thicket" of political risks posed by the abortion issue. Instead, with his inimitable deftness, Mr. Ford managed to get snagged on every bramble. If we understand the President's latest statement, he is suggesting that the Federal government pass the buck to the states on a question fundamental to the rights of women and their unborn children.

Not only is that a further abdication of what is left of Mr. Ford's leadership, it is bad policy and bad law. The rights of women and the unborn in one state would be less than their rights in another. Women with money and mobility would be able to obtain legal abortions. Women without money and mobility would not.

Tragically, we would be taking a backward step, bringing us closer to when desperate women fled—in Betty Ford's phrase—into the backwoods or wherever else abortions—licit or illicit—were obtainable.



## Ex-Atty. Gen. Rudman to be nominated

# Ford picks NH man as ICC chief

President Ford revealed yesterday he is nominating former New Hampshire Atty. Gen. Warren B. Rudman of Nashua as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Ford said he will nominate Rudman to succeed Kenneth H. Tuggle, who has resigned from the ICC. Upon confirmation by the Senate, Rudman will be designated ICC chairman, Ford said.

Rudman, 45, is being

nominated for a seven-year term, expiring Dec. 31, 1982.

As head of the ICC, Rudman will replace George M. Stafford, who was appointed chairman by former President Nixon. Stafford is expected to remain on the commission.

In New Hampshire yesterday, Rudman said he is aware of general criticism of regulatory agencies and he intends to "do a lot of listening and reading" to determine what criticisms of the ICC may be justified.

He said an ICC staff report, critical of the agency, has recently been completed and he intends to study it intensively.

"Generally, there certainly has been enough criticism of the regulatory agencies, that they are too cumbersome, their priorities are not in the right direction, they end to be slow to reset.

"I obviously don't know if it is true, but I intend to do a lot of listening and reading. If I agree with those charges, that's the kind of thing I would be prepared to deal with," Rudman said.

Rudman stepped down as attorney general in January after six years in the office. He did not seek re-appointment, but expressed a desire to remain in public life.



ATTY. GEN. RUDMAN

## Senate backs Ford's veto of milk price support hike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday voted overwhelmingly to uphold President Ford's veto of a bill increasing milk price supports by about five percent.

Ford's rejection of the bill, which he estimated would raise government spending by \$530 million and consumer milk bills by \$1.38 billion over two years, was sustained by 51 senators with only 37 in favor of overriding.

Sens. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), and Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.), chairman and top GOP member of the Senate's Budget Committee, called for defeat of the bill because it would boost potential federal spending beyond the 1977 fiscal year ceiling Congress adopted last December.

The vetoed bill would have raised the federal milk supports from 80 percent of the parity level set last October

to a maximum of 85 percent of parity. It also would have required quarterly adjustments of the dollars-and-cents rate to keep pace with changes in farm costs.

Farm bloc forces led by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey failed to get even a simple majority and were 22 votes short of the two-thirds margin needed to override.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kans.), one of a number of Republican farm bloc lawmakers who joined in supporting Ford, said Agriculture Sec. Earl L. Butz had promised to set milk supports for the next marketing year, which begins April 1 at 80 percent of parity.

Humphrey echoed complaints from dairy farm groups that Butz's estimates of \$530 million in added government support costs under the vetoed bill were "cockeyed." Dairy leaders had said the extra costs would not exceed \$73 million.

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# Reagan, Ford Due in N.H.

CONCORD — With President Gerald Ford due to arrive Saturday for a two-day New Hampshire Primary campaign visit, his challenger, Ronald Reagan, will return for a fourth visit today to the

Granite State in his attempt to unseat the incumbent Republican.

Reagan is expected to arrive at Manchester's Grenier Field at about 2:30 p.m. today

from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He'll appear at Colby-Sawyer College in New London at 4 p.m. Tonight at 8 o'clock, the former California governor will participate in "Politics

76" program at the Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton.

Former Gov. Hugh Gregg, Reagan's New Hampshire campaign chairman, said the three-day "Politics 76" is conducted by the high school with students from all over New England participating "in a mock national convention."

After spending the night in CAMPAIGN Page 12

## Ford-Reagan Poll Shows Little Edge

NEW YORK (UPI) — A "razor thin" margin now separates Ronald Reagan from President Ford with the momentum shifting to Reagan while Ford is in the "fight of his life" to hold office according to the latest Louis Harris poll.

Harris asked 1,710 Republicans and Independents between Jan. 5 and 14 which man they prefer, Reagan or Ford, for the Republican nomination for president. The answers gave Ford a 46-44 per cent edge over the former California governor, down from 46-40 per cent in a November-December poll.

"On a national basis," Harris said, "there is no doubt now that the momentum in this race for the Republican nomination rests squarely with Ronald Reagan, and not with Gerald Ford."

And while Ford is still ahead, Harris said, "the margin is razor thin, and it is now clear that Gerald Ford is in the fight of his life to win nomination to the office he now holds."

Reagan's gain came from the undecided vote which is now 10 per cent.

Harris concluded from the size of the difference that "the outcome of the key primaries could depend upon who has superior campaigning ability and organization."

Ford has a lead in the East, site of the New Hampshire primary, of 46-40 per cent, "scarcely changed from the 46-38 per cent edge" Ford had in November-December.

In the South, however, where the important Florida primary is, Reagan leads 50-44 per cent.

Ford, Harris said, "has now assumed the mantle of the moderate in the race" while Reagan is the favored of conservatives. Ford is preferred in urban and suburban areas while Reagan draws strength from rural areas.

## Reagan Tops Ford In New N. C. Poll

Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan leads President Ford (31.8 per cent to 26.2 per cent) in the Republican presidential sweepstakes, according to a poll conducted by Long Marketing Inc. of North Carolina.

The poll also revealed three Democrats, Hubert Humphrey (9.8 per cent), George Wallace (4.9 per cent) and Edward Kennedy (3.5 per cent), trailed badly, with Humphrey outpolling Kennedy and Wallace combined.

Long Marketing Inc. took its poll among 989 households in 83 North Carolina counties. Respondents ranged in age from 18 to 84. Among the respondents, 66 per cent were male and 34 per cent female.

The question asked was: "1976 is an election year. If right now you could choose the next President of the United States, please tell us the person you would vote for."

Slightly under seven per cent of those polled was not interested in any of the five candidates named and less than one per cent refused to answer the question.

Additionally, respondents named five other major candidates with Jimmy Carter leading them.

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Hanover, Reagan will begin his campaign day at Cornish at 9:30 a.m., move to Claremont at 10:15 to appear at Stevens High School and then continue on to Newport High School at 10:45 a.m.

At 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, Reagan will be at Sunapee State Park to meet the skiers and have lunch. At 2 p.m. he'll be in the Town of Sunapee at the high school gym. At 3 p.m. he stops at the Lebanon fire station, while at 4:15 a public reception is scheduled for the Hanover Inn.

Tomorrow night at 8, Reagan will conduct another Citizens Press Conference at the Thompson Arena on the Dartmouth College campus.

After overnight in Hanover Thursday, Reagan will breakfast with supporters and will fly out of Lebanon Airport for Greensboro, N.C.

President Ford will arrive in Manchester at about 11 a.m. Saturday and after a briefing session on federal funding with state, county and local elected officials at Concord, will depart for Nashua where Saturday night he will be the featured speaker at the annual Nashua Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Ford will attend church Sunday, meet with supporters at Concord and then move on to Durham for a news conference and a major speech at the University of New Hampshire field House before departing Sunday night from Pease Air Force Base.



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## D'Amours Sees Elderly Paying More

## Ford Health Plan Scored

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Norm D'Amours yesterday called President Ford's proposed "catastrophic illness" revisions of the Medicare program and "ill-conceived attempt to make drastic and damaging changes in the Medicare system changes—which will mean higher medical costs for 99.5 per cent of America's senior citizens."

"When the President introduced this hastily devised proposal in his recent State of the Union Address, he said that it would protect older citizens from the extraordinary cost of 'catastrophic illness' by setting a \$500 maximum on the amount senior citizens would have to pay for health services in one year," D'Amours pointed out.

"While this sounds excellent, the fact of the matter is that only about one Medicare beneficiary out of 200 would benefit from the President's plan, while all the others would end up paying drastically higher health care costs.

"The protection that Medicare now offers our senior citizens is limited at best," D'Amours continued. "I certainly won't go

along with this hazardous, imprudent plan to tinker with the program, while leaving our senior citizens unprotected from the ravages of spiraling health care costs."

D'Amours quoted Social Security Administration figures which show that the average Medicare patient stays in the hospital 11 days and pays only the initial \$104 deductible payment. Under Ford's plan, D'Amours said, his bill would be about \$250 for the same 11 day hospital stay.

D'Amours said that every Medicare beneficiary would pay more for a hospital stay under

the President's plan, except the one-half of one per cent who stay in the hospital more than 75 days and run up bills of more than \$500.

"Not only will hospital costs be increased under the President's plan," D'Amours said, "but the present deductible payment for out-of-hospital doctor's bills would increase from the present \$60 up to \$77."

"Our mothers and fathers, the people who worked to build this country, have a right to a decent life in their old age... a life which includes high quality, affordable health care services," D'Amours asserted.

## Citizens' Press Conferences

(Reagan Resists News Media Arrogance)

Ronald Reagan has expressed surprise that some New Hampshire newspapers are critical of his citizens' press conferences on the grounds that the people "are not sophisticated enough or knowledgeable enough to ask sharp questions."

Experience, Reagan says, shows this "sort of contempt for the people" to be unjustified. In fact, the former California governor declared in an interview with Union Leader political reporter Donn Tibbetts, "I've found their questions to be probing and well informed."

Reagan has raised an interesting and important point. It's one thing for the news media to feel that they have some expertise in the area of political discourse with the presidential candidates. We should have; it's our job.

But it is quite another matter for some of the state's newspapers to adopt the attitude that Reagan should not seek direct contact with the people through his citizens' press conferences because, so these arrogant editors have convinced themselves, the people can only comprehend what they are first spoon-fed by the news media and are incapable of asking probing questions.

Where did these editors get this arrogant and absurd notion? Well, one does not have to look far for the answer. President Ford's major tub-thumper, Howard "Bo" Callaway, spoon-fed the anti-democratic idea to them two months ago.

Few New Hampshire citizens will soon forget

that December 16th, 1975 news conference attack on Reagan's citizens' press conferences in which "Wrong Way" Callaway contended that the people are not sufficiently intelligent to ask tough questions and that only the news media are knowledgeable.



MR. REAGAN

# Only One Political Appearance Listed on Ford's N.H. Agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford will make only one avowedly political appearance as things now stand during a two-day trip to New Hampshire next weekend, Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Monday.

Nessen said Ford's campaign committee will pay the expenses of the President and his political aides for the entire trip to the first primary battleground. But, he said, the only political event on the

schedule is an appearance Sunday in Concord before campaign workers and their families.

The President has a bipartisan meeting on his visit to the state where he will face Ronald Reagan in the Feb. 24 primary.

Nessen reported Ford will fly to Manchester, N.H., Saturday morning, then drive to Concord for a meeting with state and local officials of both parties to discuss legislative proposals in the federal budget.

After the session at Concord's Randelett Junior High School, Ford will drive to Nashua where he will address the 50th anniversary dinner of the local chamber of com-

merce in the evening, then spend the night at an undisclosed private home there.

On Sunday, Nessen said, Ford may attend morning church services and then drive back to Concord for a mid-day meeting at the same junior high school with about 700 campaign workers and their families.

In early afternoon, Ford will drive to the University of New Hampshire campus in Durham where he will hold a 4 p.m. news conference for New Hampshire reporters.

In the evening he will make a speech in the university gymnasium, drive to Pease Air Force Base near Ports-

mouth and fly back to Washington.

Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan will make the trip. The Ford's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle, will join the President in New Hampshire, going from their Massachusetts home, according to Mrs. Ford's press secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld.

Susan will drive to the North Conway skiing area at Mt. Cranmore, Saturday afternoon to present the award for the New Hampshire state ski racing championship. She will stay overnight there and go skiing herself on Sunday.

Asked if Ford would return to New Hampshire before the primary, the White House spokesman said there were no plans "but it's always possible."

Nessen also said Ford is preparing a statement of his views on abortion.

Ford has a view of the controversial subject that has been coming up in questioning of other presidential candidates and he will make it public fairly soon, Nessen told reporters, who raised the question at a White House news briefing.

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## Governor To Boost Reagan in Florida

CONCORD — Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. will make a series of appearances today in Palm Beach, Fla. in support of former Gov. Ronald Reagan's bid in the Florida Primary.

Arriving at noon, the governor will speak to a gathering of city and county Republican chairmen at a luncheon sponsored by the Palm Beach Republican organization.

Afterwards, he will hold a news conference at the Four Arts Cultural Center.

After the news conference, the governor will speak at a meeting sponsored by the cultural center.

Gov. Thomson will join Reagan after the speech at a reception at the home of former Ambassador Earl E. T. Smith, mayor of Palm Beach.

## Brickabats at Reagan Trigger a Response

Addressed to William Loeb: Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan seems to be trying to unsuccessfully twist his way out of his blundering comments about cutting \$90 billion from the federal budget by taxing the states and local governments instead.

No matter how he may try to twist his statements, his tax record in California has made that state second in the nation for the highest taxes. Only New York has higher taxes than California.

While he is in the only state in the nation that has no sales tax you might think he would consult Gov. Meldrim Thomson to see how tax programs ought to be administered. The methods that this state uses to provide a surplus in the budget, along with no sales taxes, should be of interest to a potential President. On the basis of Governor Thomson's tax record I would think Governor Reagan would strongly consider Governor Thomson as a running mate.

LENNY KULIKOWSKI JR.

70 Amherst St., Nashua

P.S. Why don't you have a daily feature in your paper pointing out wasteful and foolish government spending and naming those responsible, like federal energy czar Frank Zarb wasting 19,000 gallons of fuel traveling around this nation telling people to conserve all forms of energy (as pointed out by U.S. Congressman Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y.) I wonder how sincere and well thought out Mr. Zarb's energy savings programs are, especially when he is oblivious to the energy he wastes.

How many New Hampshire residents do you know who are living in houses with reduced heat, who are straining their eyes because of low wattage light bulbs and who are staying home under these conditions to keep from using gas in their cars.

FEA Administrator Zarb should be as diligent in his energy savings efforts as most New Hampshire people, or does Mr. Zarb know that this "energy crisis" is a put-on to rip off the ordinary person.

Mr. Lenny Kulikowsky Jr.

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Dear Mr. Kulikowski:

Your letter of January 16 will be published in line with our well known policy of giving those who disagree with us an opportunity to have their say.

Governor Thomson has pointed out that he is not a bit worried about Ronald Reagan's position. What you are trying to do is just spread the "big lie" as was done against Barry Goldwater when many New Hampshire newspapers said he was against social security. But I don't think people are going to fall for your nonsense this time.

Thank you for writing.

Very sincerely,  
WILLIAM LOEB  
President

Adheres to 11th Commandment

# Point Made by Reagan

By DONN TIBBETTS

Union Leader Political Reporter

**CONCORD**—When Ronald Reagan accused Ford campaign lieutenants last week of using prepared, "fill-in the blank with a local official's name," news releases designed to "distort" Reagan's proposed reform of Social Security, he made his point.

Reagan was careful not to attribute the tactic, which he termed "comes under the heading of dirty tricks," directly to Pres. Ford. The conservative Republican challenger continued to adhere to his self-imposed "11th commandment" not to directly attack the man from whom he seeks to grab the 1976 GOP Presidential nomination.

Aboard his campaign bus touring the Granite State, in a private interview with the Manchester Union Leader, Reagan was asked if he really believed that Pres. Ford didn't know what his lieuten-



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ants were doing and wasn't that a claim made during Watergate that Pres. Nixon didn't know what his lieutenants were up to.

"Well I think it's now up to

him to indicate whether this is true. I've known him. I had his assurance that he would do nothing divisive. I'm doing my best to observe the 11th commandment and intend to continue," replied Reagan.

"I don't care what anyone else does. I believe it's the only salvation for our party and the things we believe in. I do know that these tactics are being used by some of his aides and the things that they are saying. They claim they may be violating the 11th, but they are not violating the first ten commandments. I'll settle if they'll just obey the first ten," declared the former Calif. Governor, adding, "You know, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness."

Over the weekend President Ford told newsmen "Any allegation as to dirty tricks is completely without foundation." The Associated Press insisted that such a news release, including a **REAGAN** Page 12

blank for insertion of the name of a local supporter who could be quoted as attacking Reagan in language prepared by the Ford campaign, was mailed to an AP reporter on Jan. 21.

## Seconds Proposal

During the same interview aboard the Reagan campaign bus the candidate agreed with a proposal by State Republican Committee chairman Gerald Carmen of Manchester that limits on campaign spending should be lifted. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court decision last Friday threw out its ceiling on spending of privately raised funds.

"He and I agree on that," said Reagan. "I think the ability of a candidate to raise money is part of the democratic process," he said.

Reagan said he "was not sure" that he could agree with Carmen's proposal that independent voters be permitted to cast either a Democrat or Republican ballot in future primaries and immediately regain their independent status without having to reregister at city or town hall.

"If an independent is disgusted with the way the party system has worked, you don't change by not looking at it and walking away. You change it by getting in. You pick the party that seems to have the philosophy nearest to what you want and you join and do your best to influence the philosophy from the inside," asserted Reagan.

As to how Reagan's in-state campaign tours are going with his Citizen's Press conference format, he said "you have to run scared, but the reaction has been great from the people I've talked with."

The former long time film star noted he was "a firm believer in word-of-mouth" and that he learned in the picture business, that was the most effective kind of advertising."

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Reagan was surprised that some N.H. newspapers have been critical of the citizens press conferences on the basis the people "are not sophisticated enough or knowledgeable to ask sharp questions." He said that was "a sort of contempt for the people." He added, "I've found their questions to be probing and well-informed."

As to how he's been treated by the press, Reagan replied, "on the whole, good." He determined that the press corps "as we've gone along, for the most part, have been pretty fair."

"Once in a great while something will pop up and you'll really boil when you look at it. Here and there a guy will take advantage or distorts with no justification," he said.

The conservative GOP challenger said "there's nothing much you can do about it, but it has always seemed to me a strange way" New Hampshire has of not assuring that the popular choice for President in the primary is also assured election of delegates to the national conventions. In California, for example, if a voter selects a Presidential choice he also is voting for that hopeful's slate of delegates, Reagan pointed out.



# Primary Includes Six Amendments

By DONN TIBBETTS

**Union Leader Political Reporter**  
**CONCORD** — Although the New Hampshire primary, less than three weeks away, is a big political event for both Republicans and Democrats there are some important questions to be resolved by all the voters, including independents, that are not related to any candidate or party.

Six proposed non-partisan amendments to the State Constitution will be considered and require ratification by two-thirds of those who vote Feb. 24 as to whether they go into effect.

The 1974 Constitutional Convention has proposed altering a governor's veto power; raising the salary of the legislature; giving the General Court authority to call itself back into special session by a majority instead of two-thirds vote; permitting the senior member of the Executive Council to take over if there is a vacancy in the governor's office; and stripping the Governor and Council of the authority to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 90-day period.

The sole Con Con question proposed by the 1975 legislature on the upcoming referendum would make the district court system more flexible.

Question one dealing with veto after the legislature has would give a governor 10 days, instead of the present five days, to decide whether to approve or to veto bills. It would eliminate the so-called "pocket veto." Unless a governor actually vetoes a bill during the 10-day period, it would become law.

If the governor exercises a veto after the legislature has adjourned, he would be required to recall the members for the sole purpose of

deciding whether or not to override his veto. Under the proposed amendment, the legislators would receive the same pay and mileage for attending such a session as they would for attending a special session.

Voter approval of question two would permit the legislature to call itself into special session with customary pay and mileage by a majority vote of the House and Senate rather than the present two-thirds vote requirement. Obviously, this would make it easier for the members to move into special session independent of a governor.

Question three, dealing with clarification of recess procedure, would, if approved, repeal the power of Governor and Council to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 90-day period. Removal of the governor's authority to prorogue (that is, to extend) the recess of the General Court for up to 90 days is advocated by those who seek stronger authority for the legislative branch and further independence from the Executive branch.

Question four, dealing with legislative compensation, if approved would erase the current 1889 vintage, \$200 per two-year term salary and current mileage formula for legislators.

The legislators would be paid at the same rate that the lowest paid state employee receives per day (about \$22) for each day they attend a regular session (90-day limit) or a special session (15-day limit). A 90-day regular session would see a legislator paid up to \$1,980 plus mileage.

The legislators would also receive mileage payments at the same rate paid to state employees, 12 cents per mile for each day he attended a legislative session or works on legislative business when the legislature is not in session.

The 1975 legislature has enacted, effective Jan. 1, 1977, a mileage rate of 30 cents per mile for the first 45 miles and 15 cents per mile for all mileage over 45 miles per round trip with a ceiling of \$40 per day.

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Currently the legislators are paid 25 cents per mile for the first 45 miles, eight cents for the next 25 miles and six cents per mile for all mileage over 70 miles per round trip to Concord.

Question number five posed to the voters, if ratified, would empower the senior member of the Executive Council to exercise all the powers and duties during a vacancy in the chief executive's chair, or if a governor determined that he was unable or unwilling to carry on his gubernatorial duties.

A majority of the governor's council could also decide if a governor is unfit and so inform the Secretary of State who would refer the matter to the State Supreme Court. The Court would conduct a hearing and if it determined a governor was unable to discharge his duties, the senior executive councilor would take over "until such time as the Supreme Court returns the governor to his office."

The final proposition, question six, deals with District Courts, and if ratified by the voters would permit District Courts to try persons for minor nature crimes committed in a county other than the county where the Court is located. It would permit District Courts greater flexibility by having jurisdiction of cases occurring in nearby towns and cities whether or not they are

in the same county as the Court.

A committee of the 1974 Constitutional Convention, as authorized by the Con Con, has prepared and circulated a voter's guide explaining in detail each question the voters will face primary day.

All the voters, including independents, are urged by all to take part in the Con Con referendum primary day.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LARGEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Monday, February 2, 1976

# Thomson Appeals to Ford

CONCORD — Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. has called on President Ford to cut through the red tape of the federal bureaucracy and overturn the unjust decision by the Coast Guard to assume jurisdiction of lakes and waterways in New Hampshire's interior.

"Now that the members of the New Hampshire House have formally added their voice of outrage to the all-out

efforts of the Governor and Executive Council and other state officials, it is appropriate that the citizens of the state demand an answer from the President.

"No time would be more appropriate than the President's planned trip to New Hampshire on Feb. 7-8.

"President Ford should be asked to explain why the governor of New Hampshire

has received no answer to his Dec. 9, 1975 letter to William T. Coleman, Jr., secretary of the Department of Transportation?

"Why has the President's cabinet member given no answer to the request in that letter that the Coast Guard's unilateral decision without consultation, public hearing or advance notice be delayed for two years to allow the state to

seek legal relief and to provide for potential lost revenue from boat registrations?

"The House resolution describing the action as an 'unwarranted usurpation of sovereign states' rights' is yet another expression of the indignation of the state, its officials and its citizens.

"The House also has made

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it clear that its membership supports our announced plans to fight this tyrannical action through other avenues, including legal redress in the courts, if necessary.

"The attorney general's staff, acting on the governor's directive issued early in December, already is preparing for the eventuality of legal action.

"After numerous meetings and correspondence with state officials, our objections were brushed aside by the Coast Guard which is attempting to confiscate Lakes Winnepesaukee and Winnisquam along with the Merrimack River.

"The governor, Atty. Gen. David Souter, Deputy Safety Commissioner Robert Whalen and Safety Services Director Alton Stone have met and talked with Coast Guard officials, seeking to work out the problems. No effort has been spared on the part of the state.

"Meanwhile, we sought administrative action through Mr. Coleman to postpone the verdict and allow time for an orderly settlement of this federal-state conflict.

"But Mr. Coleman, who as a cabinet member should have the ear of President Ford, has yet to do the state the courtesy of a response.

"President Ford should be called on during his New Hampshire visit to explain the bureaucratic cold shoulder his administration has given the Granite State.

"Therefore, I urge New Hampshire citizens to greet the President with the question 'Why this federal invasion of our state?' and demand that he respond to their objections.

"We should settle for no hints or promises which might be good only through Feb. 24."



## Ford's Campaign Aides Drop Door-to-Door Canvass Idea

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford's New Hampshire campaign has dropped its plans for a statewide door-to-door canvass before the state's Feb. 24 primary, according to campaign manager John Michels.

"Republicans in New Hampshire have never done a major door-to-door effort," Michels said during the

weekend. "Therefore we've decided to make a major grass-roots effort through telephones.

Michels said the switch was not prompted by any fears that the campaign was losing ground to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, the President's lone challenger in the primary.

"We decided it would just take too long to prepare the amount of supervision and control you need for a door-to-door effort," he said. "We'll be doing what the Reagan campaign is doing, the difference being that they are doing it with five people and we're doing it with 1,200 volunteers."

Reagan has visited New Hampshire three times in the past month, spending a total of nine days touring the state to meet with small groups of voters and hold nightly question and answer sessions with state residents.

Ford is scheduled to visit the state for two days next weekend. During that visit the President is scheduled to hold a press conference, brief local officials on federal programs and attend a chamber of commerce dinner.

Michels said the trip will attempt to emphasize that Ford is the incumbent.

"He's the President, not one of 15 different candidates.

He's the one people have to judge everyone else against," Michels said. "If he's doing his job right we'll be in great shape, if not we'll be in real trouble."

Michels said the Reagan campaign is using five paid workers to canvass the state by telephone. "That isn't a grassroots effort and bringing the candidate into town isn't a grass-roots effort.

"What we're doing is harder and we'll see on election day whether our way is more effective."

Michels said that from his vantage atop the Ford campaign things are looking better and better.

"Reagan has gone down in my view since the first of the year. You'd think from the way they (Reagan workers) talk that he's been rising, but we've been rising," Michels said.

"Over the next three weeks you'll see all the efforts of our campaign."

## Cotton Praises Reagan During Lebanon Visit

LEBANON (AP) — Retired Sen. Norris Cotton, who is honorary chairman of President Ford's New Hampshire campaign, made a surprise appearance at the Lebanon fire station yesterday and gave high praise to Ronald Reagan.

"I'm in a peculiar position," Cotton said as he introduced Reagan to about 30 people. He said he had 26 years of close association with Ford and was "committed to the President."

But he added he has great admiration for Reagan whom he described as "not only a great tower of strength in the party to which I belong" but also "my kind of a fellow."

"I can do anything for you in the world except vote for you in the primary. I can't do that. I'm committed," Cotton, who retired from the Senate a year ago after serving nearly three decades in Congress, told Reagan.

Reagan called Cotton a statesman and said he seldom had been so honored.

Cotton said he did not know how his appearance with Reagan, who is challenging Ford in the state's Feb. 24 primary, would be interpreted, in view of his commitment to the President.

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"I'm now nearly 76 years old and I'm a has been," he said, "You can't vote for me and you can't vote against me, so I don't give a damn."

He also said if Reagan should become the nominee he would be a man whom "I could support with enthusiasm." He said he admires Reagan and admires Reagan's campaign style of not seeking to divide the party.

Cotton said later he thinks Reagan will get a very respectable vote in the primary and that he "wouldn't bet on the outcome."

"If you put a gun to my head, I'd say the President should carry this state. But I wouldn't be too surprised if it came out otherwise," Cotton later said outside the fire station.

## Dave Currier Tapped To Escort Susan Ford

NORTH CONWAY (UPI) — Susan Ford will go out on the town in this White Mountain ski mecca Saturday night with a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski team, who came home from Europe last month when he broke a leg.

David Currier, 23, of nearby Madison, N.H., was picked to escort the President's daughter on her campaign visit to New Hampshire because "he's helped us a lot here in the valley...and he's clean cut, clean-shaven — an all-American boy, hard to find these

days," said David Ingemie of the Mt. Washington, Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The help was the skiing success of Currier, a home-grown product of this resort area. Currier trained through the racing program at the Eastern Slopes Ski Club, located at Mt. Cranmore. Miss Ford will hand out trophies there and ski the North Conway Trail before the giant slalom Sunday in the state high school ski championships.

Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitzbuhel, Austria.

# Welcome President and Mrs. Ford



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## President, Mrs. Ford, Susan Coming to N.H.

President Gerald Ford will visit New Hampshire for two days this weekend in his bid for the Republican nomination in the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

Most pollsters see a close race between Ford and his Republican challenger, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

By the time of the primaries Feb. 24, Reagan will have been in the state some 15 days, while Ford's Saturday and Sunday visit is expected to be his only trip here.

The President will arrive at Grenier Field, Manchester, on Saturday, at about 10:45 a.m., accompanied by his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan.

Ford will go from the airport to the Rundlett Junior High School, Concord, for a briefing at noon.

Mrs. Ford will break away

and motor to Salem where she will visit the Lancaster Public School Workshop for Handicapped Children.

Susan will head up north to the ski slopes of Mount Cranmore in North Conway where she will present the N.H. Ski Championship  
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awards. Remaining there overnight, the 18-year-old daughter will open the Grand Slalom event Sunday morning, leading the parade down the slopes.

Mrs. Ford, meanwhile, will leave the Salem school and journey to Nashua to drum up votes by visiting a "phone bank," where she will put in a few telephone calls to potential voters.

Saturday evening, Mrs. Ford will join her husband at a banquet sponsored by the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in the Gate City's new high school, beginning at 7 p.m.

It is expected that Ford's eldest son, Michael, 25, and his wife, Gayle, will fly in from their Massachusetts home Saturday night to join his parents in Nashua.

They will attend church services at the Bedford Presbyterian Church Sunday morning before returning home.

At noon, the President will go again to the Rundlett Junior High School in Concord.

A news conference will be held at 4 p.m., at the Student Union Building of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, at 4 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by a speech and a question-answer period at the UNH field house.

The President is expected to

Grenier Field in Manchester sometime around 9 or 9:30 o'clock Sunday night. leave New Hampshire from





RONALD REAGAN, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, at left addresses students and area residents at Colby-Sawyer College, yesterday in New London. At right is a view of the packed house of



students and faculty at Kearsarge Regional High School where the former California governor addressed students participating in a model political convention.

(Photos by Edith L. Costa)

# Ford Stand On Abortion Is Applauded

LIVERMORE FALLS, Maine (AP) — The president of the Maine Right to Life Committee says she was "extremely pleased" to hear that President Ford opposes abortion on demand and that he believes the Supreme Court went too far in giving women the absolute right to abortion.

Patricia DeGrinney this week said Ford's position is "considered the moderate approach to the abortion dilemma."

Her statement was made in reaction to Ford's remarks Tuesday in a CBS interview. Ford also said he did not favor a constitutional amendment barring abortion but rather believed states should have the right to make their own laws concerning abortion.

## Reagan To Tour Tri-City Area Next Week

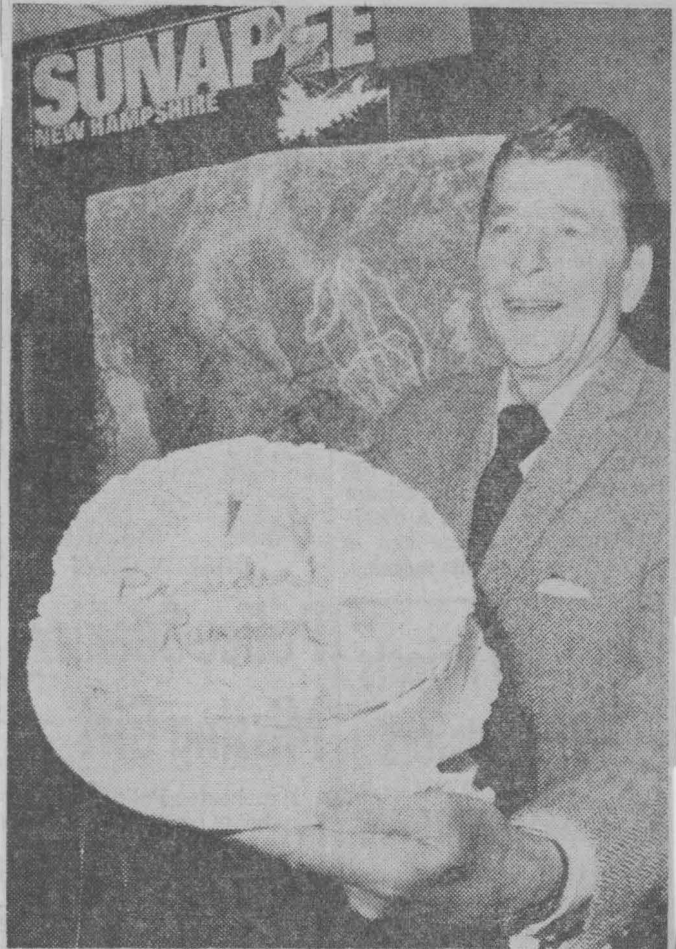
ROCHESTER — Ronald Reagan will bring his campaign to the Tri-City area Monday and Tuesday according to Mrs. Joseph Kane, Rochester chairman of Citizens for Reagan.

Mrs. Kane said that Reagan will be in Dover from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday. At 3:15 he will travel to Somersworth and is expected in Rochester at 3:45 p.m.

Monday at 8 p.m. he will hold a "citizens' press conference" at the Portsmouth High School. The conference will give voters an opportunity to hear and question Reagan directly.

On Tuesday, a "citizens' press conference" will be held at 8 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Mrs. Kane announced that Rochester area residents interested in hearing Reagan are welcome to take a free bus provided by Rochester Citizens for Reagan from Dan's Star Market in Rochester to UNH. The bus will leave at 6:30 p.m.



**PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL** Ronald Reagan shows his delight on being handed a birthday cake inscribed "Happy Birthday President Reagan," at the Mt. Sunapee State Park Ski Area where he had lunch yesterday. The former California governor will be 65 today, having been born in Tampico, Ill., in 1911. He is making his fourth swing through the Granite State.

(UPI Telephoto)

## Shriver Says People 'Getting a Shaffing'

By WALT HEALY  
Staff Reporter

"Prices of oil since 1972 have gone up about 100 per cent, electric power rates increased about 28 per cent and food prices are running about 30 per cent higher. The people of New Hampshire and this section of the country are getting a shaffing," Sargent Shriver, Democratic presidential hopeful told a press conference at Bobby's Lunch on Tarrytown Road, East Manchester, Wednesday afternoon.

Newsmen representing all media participated in the session.

Bobby Johnston, restaurant owner, introduced Shriver to diners, many of whom also questioned the candidate.

### Ex-Boxer

Johnston, formerly a middle-weight state boxing champion fighting under the name of "Bobby Conway," showed Shriver his "gallery of champions" in a section of the restaurant where the walls are covered with pictures of boxers and baseball scenes. The restaurateur said that the candidate showed a "sporting interest in the pictures."

Two diners, Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, who are employed at the nearby Manchester Rehabilitation Center, asked Shriver about federal funding for the handicapped and human services. They said that Shriver indicated he would improve the present funding act and realign the services for spending where he feels it is needed.

At the press conference, Shriver said he is depending heavily on volunteers to get out the vote in his favor. He admitted "the going is tough" but said he will win Illinois.

In response to a question, he said, "I doubt I would take the vice presidency."

### Abortion

Shriver, whose stand consistently has been against abortion, said he would not approve any amendment to the Constitution. "Any legislative proposal on abortion must be clearly defined before I even would give it consideration," he added.

On the matter of the "Kennedy connection," Shriver said he would not back a Ted Kennedy draft movement. He claimed that Kennedy doesn't want and would not accept a draft.

At first, he declared, many people thought he was a "stalking horse" for Kennedy, but becoming convinced of his own experience and qualifications for the presidency.

### Russian Oil

Asked why no pact for the purchase of oil has been negotiated with Russia, Shriver reported that the Soviets have indicated they would sell oil to the United States on a commercial basis. He said, "No aggressive effort has been made to do oil business with the Russians," who, he said, will deal in the world commercial market and pay in gold or cash.

Shriver lunched with E. Leo Kanteres of Manchester, a pledged delegate candidate, before taking off for a tour of the New Hampshire Insurance Co.

Shriver left last night for New Hampshire on the weekend.



## Susan Ford Plans to Ski Mt. Cranmore

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. (UPI) — President Ford has no announced plans to ski in New Hampshire this weekend, but his daughter Susan will slide down Mt. Cranmore, and hand out trophies to winners of the state championships, as well.

Miss Ford is due here Saturday afternoon to present trophies to winners of the day's competition. Local officials say she'll attend a reception for racers, then go out on the town Saturday night with David Currier of nearby Madison, N.H.

He is a member of the U.S. national ski team who broke a bone in his leg while preparing for the Winter Olympics.

Sunday Miss Ford plans to ski the competition course on the mountain before heading south to join her parents.

Her ski jaunt appears to be an effort by the Ford campaign to blunt criticism which erupted over the Christmas holiday when the President took his family skiing in Colorado.

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president ford - yes!

The Nashua Telegraph extends to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford the warmest and most cordial of welcomes and on the occasion of the President's address to the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce we formally and enthusiastically endorse Gerald R. Ford for nomination and election to the presidency.

The Telegraph's sentiments long have been plain and positive, but we wish, at this happy and honored meeting point, to make an unmistakable and wholehearted declaration that we endorse and recommend urgently to our readers the candidacy of President Ford in the New Hampshire presidential primary on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1976.

New Hampshire Republicans and independents who decide to vote in the Republican presidential primary will exert an influence on presidential politics in this Bicentennial year far beyond their mere numerical significance.

We earnestly hope that New Hampshire's influence will be positive and thoughtful; that it will render a vote of confidence in demonstrated presidential leadership and accountability; that it will reject what is superficial and suave and support what is sound, dignified and diligent; that it will, in short, lead the nation in the presidential cavalcade for Gerald R. Ford.

## President Ford -- Yes!

President Ford's capabilities and accomplishments have been lauded in these columns before — and, when the issue called for it, we have expressed our disagreement with certain decisions of the Ford administration.

Neither President Ford nor his administration is perfect. If we expect perfection from any administration we would expect what never was and never will be.

But though President Ford has not been a perfect President, he has been a perfectly good President, and espousing what is good is twice preferable to subjecting the nation, after 200 years, to partisan risks and needless uncertainties.

The Telegraph has been fortunate to have had several opportunities to meet and to interview Gerald R. Ford, opportunities we found both an honor and a pleasure. Gerry Ford is a warm, intelligent, decent, easy-going human being. We think he's the best. We like him.

Nice guys should finish first.

Welcome to Nashua, Mr. President.

Bill Dougherty

# Ford's Delegates: Leading N.H. Republicans Listed

By MERRILL LOCKHARD  
(Last in a Series)

While the list of convention delegate candidates in New Hampshire's Republican presidential preference primary on the side of former California Gov. Ronald R. Reagan reflects a strong allegiance to Gov. Meldrim Thomson, the ranks of supporters of President Gerald R. Ford appears like the who's who in the state GOP.

Heading up the list is New Hampshire's senior

Congressman James C. Cleveland of New London. His wife, Hilary, is an alternate candidate in the First District.

Retired U.S. Sen. Norris Cotton of Lebanon is aligned behind Ford, along with the president of the state Senate, Alf E. Jacobson of New London; the Speaker of the House, George B. Roberts Jr., Gilmanton Iron Works; the former president of the Senate, David L. Nixon of New Boston; former Gov. Walter Peterson of Peter-

borough; the House Majority Leader Marshall French of Meredith; three from the all Republican Executive Council, Bernard A. Streeter Jr. of Nashua, Leon G. Yeaton of Dover and Louis D'Allesandro of Manchester.

There is a clear division in many instances of those on the side of Thomson and those opposed. Many of those pledging allegiance to Ford have regularly opposed Thomson either as campaign opponents or as legislative adversaries.

Nixon was defeated in the

1974 Republican gubernatorial primary by Thomson. While president of the Senate he and Thomson waged many battles both public and private.

"I think President Ford is a decent, honest man," says Nixon, who does not like to be confused with the former President, "I think he's the better candidate on the Republican side. He steers a middle course between the left and the right."

New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary is the most important, as Nixon sees it,

particularly for Reagan forces.

"This is the only state where he has strong support," he said, "if they can't bloody his (Ford's) nose here they can't do it anywhere."

One of the most interesting of Ford's New Hampshire allies is Councilor Streeter, who has frequently been cast as a "rubber stamp" for the governor in governor and council actions. Streeter doesn't see it that way. He says charges that he is in Thomson's "pocket" are unfounded, that he is his own man. Yet, this is one of the few times the two have gone separate ways.

"The governor goes his way and I go mine," said the Fifth District councilor. "I think I

am more conservative than a lot of the other delegates are and perhaps I've been put in the conservative camp many times in the past few years. I think the Republican party is basically a moderate to conservative party.

"I think it's a fair assessment that the delegates pledged to Reagan are or could be considered Thomson supporters... practically all of them are. And conversely the Ford delegates would appear

to be the moderate to liberal wing of the party and people who have not been favorable to the governor.

"I don't look upon my support of President Ford as being anti-Thomson or pro liberal.

"It is just my personal feeling that the man has done a good job and if the Republican party is going to win in '76 we are going to win with Gerry

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Ford, we are not going to win with anybody else."

Running at large pledged to Ford is state Rep. Susan N. McLane of Concord, frequently dubbed by Thomsonites as an ultra liberal or broad-based taxer. New Hampshire has neither a sales nor an income tax, and anti-Thomson Republicans are consistently cast in the role of being in favor of additional taxes when they advocate progress or voice opposition to the governor.

Her husband, former Concord Mayor Malcolm McLane, is running as an alternate at large pledged to Ford. He ran as an independent gubernatorial candidate in 1972, after his close friend, Gov.

Peterson, was upset by Thomson in the primary.

In 1974, McLane could not bring himself to support Thomson in the general election and organized a move by Republicans to support the Democrat nominee, Nashua Atty. Richard W. Leonard.

There is also Virginia M. Wyman of Manchester, wife of the former U.S. Rep. Louis C. Wyman who lost out to Democrat John A. Durkin in the race for Cotton's U.S. Senate seat.

Wyman received some support from Thomson in his bid for the Senate, but President Ford came to New Hampshire and went on a motorcade that stretched from Keene to Portsmouth, over 100 miles, stopping in nearly every communi-

ty along the way to speak on the Manchester lawyer's behalf. They had served several years together in the U.S. House.

It is no surprise that Cleveland is heading up Ford's drive in New Hampshire. The pair shared a long friendship in the House. And it is not surprising that Frederick A. Porter of Amherst, a former state senator, is on the Ford bandwagon.

Porter's wife, Geraldine, is on Cleveland's staff, in the congressman's Nashua office.

It is even less surprising that Peterson is in a different camp than that occupied by the present governor. But he says he is not supporting Ford simply because Thomson is supporting Reagan.

"It's not what motivates me," he said. "I wouldn't support or not support somebody because of who somebody else is supporting."

"I think Reagan has a very winning way, an effective charismatic personality and a name that has been built up through the years in Hollywood."

"But if you study the record of the two men...you see that Reagan talks a great deal about controlling expenditures, but didn't do as well with a more amenable legislative body as Ford did with a much more difficult legislative situation."

"Ford comes across to me as a better performer."

Other Republican stalwarts on Ford's list include state Sen. Stephen W. Smith of Plymouth, former House Majority Leader Kimon S. Zachos of Manchester, Senate Finance Chairman C. Robertson Trowbridge of Dublin and Perkins Bass of Peterborough.

Conspicuous by his absence from the list of Ford supporters is Samuel A. Tamposi of Nashua. He has been named finance chief of the Reagan effort.

Tamposi was chief fundraiser for Peterson in his campaigns for governor, and is highly regarded throughout the state for his fund-raising expertise.

Whether Peterson or anyone else wants to admit it, the Ford vs. Reagan campaign has every earmark of being a major test for Gov. Thomson in this election year; it could well tell the story of whether or not he will seek re-election for a third term.



# N.H. Visit Aimed At Giving Ford Maximum Exposure

By H. JOSEF HEBERT

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford with a weekend blitz through New Hampshire hopes to perk up a campaign which some observers say still lags behind Ronald Reagan in both organization and momentum.

The visit, which also will bring Mrs. Ford and two of their four children into the state with the nation's first primary, is aimed at giving the President maximum exposure in a limited time period. Aides concede they will try to emphasize his incumbency.

Although Ford strategists insist the President's voter appeal will stem from "the job he's doing in Washington," they said the visit will be crucial in the tight race against Reagan in the Feb. 24 primary here.

The state's election in past

years has been a barometer of candidates' strengths and weaknesses. Reagan hopes to combine strong showings in New Hampshire and Florida on March 9 to build momentum in his drive for the Republican nomination.

Ford's first — and perhaps only — hunt for New Hampshire voters comes as national polls show Reagan gaining ground among Republicans and independents, and amid continuing reports that Ford's grass roots effort in New Hampshire is sputtering.

Even Ford's honorary state chairman, retired New Hampshire Sen. Norris Cotton, indicated Thursday he preferred Reagan to Ford.

Cotton, 76, introduced Reagan at the Lebanon fire station Thursday, calling him "my kind of fellow."

"I can do anything for you in the world except vote for you in the primary. I can't do that. I'm committed" to Ford, Cotton told Reagan.

Ford organizers have tried to counter Reagan's numerous trip into the state by bringing several surrogates here from both within and outside the Administration. But their impact, observers note, has been minimal.

Although saying the campaign is "going quite well," one key worker admitted the other day the candidates'

absence has posed a problem. "I've never been involved in a campaign for someone that isn't there," the workers said.

Only in the last two weeks has Ford's organizers launched an intensive telephone canvass from 10 telephone banks around the state. Reagan's forces have been conducting a similar canvass using a dozen workers in Laconia since October.

Knowledgeable sources said the Ford campaign had given up an attempt to conduct a door-to-door canvass because they found not enough time nor qualified manpower. Reagan strategists have not attempted the door-to-door technique.

John Michels, Ford's state

director, insisted in an interview Thursday that no such canvass had ever been seriously envisioned, apparently backing off from an earlier statement that he had "shifted" emphasis from door-to-door work to the telephones.

Michels, a 31-year-old former state legislator, said the Ford operation is on schedule and that, if anything, the President has "blunted Reagan's momentum... because every time he (Reagan) has been here he's changed his position" on his proposal to transfer various social programs to the state.

Reagan aides say the transfer proposal has been met with widespread voter support.

No surveys were cited to support Michels claim that Reagan was slipping. A Lou Harris poll of Republicans and independents in January showed Ford holding 46 per cent of those surveyed nationally, but also showed Reagan climbing from 40 to 44 per cent since an earlier poll in November-December.

Reagan has already spent 11 days in the state since the first of the year, wrapping up his latest campaign tour just 24 hours before Ford's scheduled arrival at Manchester airport Saturday morning.

The former California governor has been met by friendly crowds almost everywhere he has gone. Aides to Reagan cite a widely publicized list of local Reagan campaign representatives which showed a chairman in each of the state's communities as evidence of "grass roots Reagan support."

One knowledgeable Republi-

can acquainted with both the Reagan and Ford campaigns characterized Reagan's strength as having established strategy early and "never deviated from it." In contrast, the source said, the Ford campaign was slow in starting and has undergone a variety of changes and directions.

Michels denies the campaign has been hampered by misdirection and declared: "We're right on the mark."

Both sides continue to stick to earlier predictions of a close race with Michels saying he would consider the smallest winning margin a victory. Gregg said if Reagan receives 40 per cent he has reached his goal.

Ford has never campaigned for himself in New Hampshire but was greeted by enthusiastic crowds during a campaign swing in behalf of Republican Louis C. Wyman in a special Senate election last September. Wyman lost by more than 27,000 votes.

This weekend the President's schedule includes an address at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in Nashua, a meeting with state and local officials in Concord, the capital, and a news conference and speech at the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

# *Weekend Activities*

The following is a list of special events and activities taking place in the Nashua area this weekend.

Saturday — 50th Annual Dinner Meeting, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce; highlights will be the main address by President Gerald Ford, and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year award; Nashua High School gymnasium, 7.

Bicentennial Ball, sponsored by the Hollis Bicentennial Committee, Alpine Gove, Hollis, 6:30.

Second Annual Greek Night, sponsored by the Nashua Lions Club, St. Philip parish hall, 8.

Annual Boy Scout Jamboree, Nashua Mall.

Wine and Cheese Tasting Social, sponsored by the Newcomers Club of Nashua and Hudson, St. Stanislaus Hall at Pulaski Park, 8.

Concert, Apple Hill Chamber Players to present third and final concert in a series at the Nashua Arts and Science Center, 2.

Class Level Ball, Hell and Toe Square Dance Club of Merrimack, Reeds Ferry Elementary School 8.

Sunday — Youth Concert by the Nashua Symphony Orchestra, assisted by the Lowell (Mass.) University Percussion Ensemble, Nashua High School auditorium, 3.

Concert featuring Gospel Music, First Baptist Church of Hudson, 7:30.



## President to Spend Night Here

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, sources have indicated, may spend Saturday night in this Swart Street residence after his address at the 50th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce.

The property was the home of the late Mrs. Muriel Thurber. Secret Servicemen are expected to occupy homes in the immediate vicinity of the Fords' temporary residence. (Telegraphphoto — Dillaby)

## Betty Ford Ready For Nashua Visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Ford, joining the President on his first primary campaign in New Hampshire this weekend, will visit a public school in Salem and a Nashua Ford Committee headquarters.

Press Secretary Sheila Weidenfeld said Mrs. Ford will have a brief separate schedule from the President on Saturday.

She will drive to Salem, N.H., to visit Lancaster School and its workshop for handicapped children.

After the early afternoon visit at the school, the first lady will drive to Nashua to visit a President Ford Committee telephone center and make some campaign telephone calls herself to promote her husband's election campaign.

Meanwhile, Susan Ford, the President's 18-year-old daughter, will be on a separate swing, too. She'll visit the Mt. Cranmore ski area in North Conway Saturday afternoon to award the New Hampshire state ski championship.

Mrs. Weidenfeld said Susan may attend some other local events during her overnight stay in North Conway. On Sunday, Susan will do some skiing of her own and open a grand

slalom racing event by being the first to ski down the mountain as the 10 a.m. racing contest gets under way.

The President's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle, plan to join their parents, driving to New Hampshire from their Massachusetts home. Mrs. Weidenfeld said they will have no separate schedule but will be with their parents Saturday evening and go to church with them Sunday in New Hampshire.

## First Lady to Aid Campaign Here

First Lady Betty Ford will be in Nashua Saturday afternoon to telephone area residents on behalf of President Ford's candidacy. The calls are to be made from Ford's Nashua campaign headquarters on Temple Street, sources said.

Mrs. Ford will attend the 50th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night when he will deliver the main address. The event will be held in the Nashua High gymnasium.

Sources have indicated the First Couple will spend Saturday night in a Swart Street residence that was the home of the late Muriel Thurber.



# Ford and Reagan Campaign Visits Spread Staff Time

By STEWART POWELL

CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) — John Michels leaned back, cast a saucer-eyed gaze toward the ceiling and spread his arms in mock disbelief.

"I just can't believe it," the 31-year-old chief of President Ford's opening primary campaign said. "They're stealing my people."

It was several days before the President arrived in New Hampshire to launch a personal campaign against challenger Ronald Reagan in the leadoff New Hampshire presidential primary.

White House advance men spent more than a week smoothing details for Ford's 35-hour visit, but as the President's Saturday arrival neared, demands for personnel intensified.

First reports of a raid on state volunteers by the national Ford staff reached his campaign headquarters by phone.

A Nashua organizer said the White House advance team had stripped volunteers from the Ford telephone canvassing operation in the state's second largest city, shifting them to duties in preparation for Ford's weekend trip.

Manning 75 phones at 10 locations 12 hours-a-day was problem enough, but a loss of hard-won volunteers to other tasks threatened the goal of contacting the state's 165,000 registered Republicans by Feb. 24.

"They can't do that,"

Michels declared. "Get me that guy on the phone."

The incident highlights a difficulty facing most presidential campaigns regardless of party. When the candidate comes to town, companion political duties often suffer.

In some cases, the depth of a candidate's organization can be measured by the extent of disruption his arrival causes. Most of the five Democrats in the primary have been at it long enough to maintain activities independent of the candidate's schedule.

But the publicity surrounding the GOP contest here has put a premium on smooth advance work, which requires scores of volunteers to resolve last minute headaches.

Hugh Gregg, the ex-governor heading Reagan's first primary battle, says orchestrating 15 days of campaign appearances for the candidate has siphoned valuable staff time away from other details.

"It conflicts with other

responsibilities," said Gregg, "it definitely does."

He added, "If you get Reagan coming to your town, you have to work a couple of weeks to make sure it works well. You can't be out soliciting votes."

The Reagan campaign relies on extensive personal appearances to ignite victory. Some of Reagan's 236 local chairman say organizational

details have been incomplete.

Reagan and his wife dined with local organizers last week for three hours. The local chairman received a pep talk and details on how to get out the Reagan vote election day.

Gregg said chairmen were reminded logistical headaches accompany each Reagan trip, requiring staff effort at the expense of guidance to local

chairman.

GOP voter canvassing has been left to a professional firm, so local Reagan organizers have responsibility merely for delivering crowds at Reagan appearances and getting out the vote election day.

"I feel they were satisfied," Gregg said. "At least they now know what our problems are."

Nashua Telegraph, Thursday, February 5, 1976

## Olympic Skier to Escort Susan Ford While in N.H.

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David Currier, 23, of nearby Madison, N.H., was picked to escort the President's daughter on her campaign visit to New Hampshire because "he's helped us a lot here in the valley...and he's clean cut, clean-shaven — an all-American boy, hard to find these days," said David Ingemie of the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The help was the skiing success of Currier, a home-grown product of this resort

area. Currier trained through the racing program at the Eastern Slopes Ski Club, located at Mt. Cranmore. Miss Ford will hand out trophies there and ski the North Conway Trail before the giant slalom Sunday in the state high school ski championships.

Currier broke a fibula in a fall at Kitzbuhel, Austria, couldn't get a ski boot on for two weeks, and now is home building up his leg again by ice skating. For a change of pace he shovels his grandfather's sidewalk.

Currier skied in the 1972 Olympics and that year won the senior national ski championship, run at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Mt. Rose, Nevada.

As of Wednesday night the White House hadn't told him what sort of entertainment would be on the agenda, and he was hoping Susan wouldn't be disappointed with what this village of 3,000 persons has to offer. "They kind of roll up the sidewalks up here at night," Currier said.

The answer to that, Ingemie said, is hop in a car and tour the Valley. The Mount Washington Valley is eight villages spread along 20 miles of the Saco River as it winds north from Conway to Pinkham Notch on the eastern side of Mt. Washington, highest peak in New England at 6,288 feet.

The Valley has a base population of 20,000 persons, swells to 70,000 on a ski weekend, and has 84 lounges and restaurants, "most of them with entertainment in one form or another," Ingemie said.

The scenic valley booms even more in the summer, when 90,000 persons pass through on a peak day. The annual cash flow in the three banks in the valley is \$200 million, Ingemie said.

Currier has two brothers and a sister, all roughly college age, all of whom ski. "It's kind of hard not to ski growing up in the Mount Washington Valley," he said.

# Presidential Campaign Issue

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Nashua Telegraph, Wednesday, February 4, 1976

## Abortion Seen As Key

By DON McLEOD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion is emerging as a key presidential campaign issue, although the winner in November, whoever he may be, will have little to say about its resolution.

The emotional tenor of the controversy has led most candidates to stake out carefully worded positions, some of which tend to straddle the issue by embracing positions on both sides.

President Ford became the latest presidential candidate to address the issue, saying in a recorded CBS television interview Tuesday that he wants the abortion question thrown back to the states. By contrast, Ronald Reagan, his opponent for the GOP presidential nomination, wants a constitutional amendment to establish a national ban on abortion.

Ford indicated he was sym-

pathetic to a constitutional amendment, without calling for one.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, called Ford's views "inconsistent and disappointing" but said it would be "unfair to be any more critical of Mr. Ford than of some other prominent political leaders, whose views on the abortion issue appear to be equally confused."

The Supreme Court ruled three years ago that states may not prohibit abortion in the first three months of pregnancy although they retain some regulatory authority thereafter.

Pro-and anti-abortion groups since then have been lobbying, demonstrating and pressuring presidential candidates. Most authorities concede, however, that the only avenue to change is a constitutional amendment, which is the province of Congress and the states.

There already are at least a dozen amendments pending in Congress which would, as Ford suggests, assign responsibility over abortion to the states and let them decide whether to allow or ban it.

Other proposed amendments, the kind supported by Reagan and Democrat George Wallace, would have the effect of restoring the bans generally in effect in the states before the Supreme Court ruling. Those amendments would permit abortions in exceptional cases, such as for rape victims or mothers whose lives are in danger.

Wallace is the only Democratic presidential contender calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Most say they oppose abortion in principle but support the Supreme Court ruling.

Sargent Shriver, another of

the Democratic contenders, has said he finds all of the currently proposed amendments unacceptable but leaves the door open for possibly finding one he could approve.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., has generally opposed amending the Constitution, but says he opposes abortion on principle. He has hinted at returning regulation to the states but has not called for an amendment to accomplish it.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter also says abortion is wrong but opposes any constitutional amendment to prohibit it. "I think the government ought to do everything possible to minimize abortion," Carter said last month, mentioning governmental assistance to prevent pregnancy, including education and birth control aid.

Both Shriver and Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., also have suggested alternative solutions,

such as providing more birth control information, child-care programs and health care for young mothers.

While Bayh also has said he morally opposes abortion, he has fought the amendment drive. The Constitution, he says, "must not be used as an instrument for moral preference."

Gov. Milton Shapp, D-Pa., also is among those who say they personally dislike abortion but support the Supreme Court's decision. But he goes beyond most other candidates to defend the right of a woman to decide the question without governmental interference.

Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex., too, has said he supports the court's decision, but he adds the belief that "the rights of those medical personnel and hospital administrators who have objections to abortion as a matter of conscience must also be observed."

Bentsen, however, has said he does not support an amendment and has proposed no other means of carving out exceptions to the court ruling.

Former Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okla., and Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., both say they support the court ruling and

oppose antiabortion amendments.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., the latest Democratic candidate, says he opposes abortion on demand but would permit it in cases of rape or where the woman's life was endangered by pregnancy.

Boston Herald American—Thursday, February 5, 1976—

★  
Betty Ford, feeling better after a bout with her chronic arthritic neck ailment, will take her first plunge into solo campaigning for her husband this weekend in New Hampshire.

The First Lady will fly to Concord on Saturday with the President and their daughter Susan, 18, who is winding up her vacation stay at Vail, Col.

Mrs. Ford will break away at the airport and motor to Salem, 18 miles away, where she will visit the Lancaster Workshop for Handicapped Children. She also will visit a "phone bank" in Nashua where she will put in a few telephone calls to potential voters.



# MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER

"There is nothing so powerful as truth"  
—DANIEL WEBSTER

Thursday, February 5, 1976

## Ford's Elitist Campaign

Elitist —that's the adjective that perhaps best describes President Ford's itinerary during his one campaign visit to the Granite State this weekend.

Whereas Ronald Reagan is taking his campaign directly to the people in extensive campaign tours through every area of the state, the President to a briefing session on federal funding (that's with a briefing session on federal funding (that's your money, folks) with state, county and local elected officials, a dinner speech before the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, a conference

with supporters at Concord, and a news conference (for professional newsmen only) and speech at UNH.

No one should fault the elected officials, journalists or Chamber of Commerce types, but neither should anyone be rash enough to contend that they can adequately represent the concerns of the citizenry as a whole.

The comparison is obvious: Reagan is taking his campaign to the people. Ford is taking his campaign solely to those whom he regards as the most influential people.

## Opportunism — But Don't Knock It

President Ford's announced support for a constitutional amendment bypassing the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion ruling may be an example of sheer opportunism — but don't knock it.

When a President of the United States commits himself publicly to opposition to the court's barbaric 1973 ruling, that's a mighty plus for the pro-life movement in the United States —whatever that President's motivation.

Ford's comments during a Tuesday interview with CBS-TV indicate that he is concerned that his opponent, Ronald Reagan, has virtually monopolized the abortion issue during the GOP presidential primary campaign, and for that reason, Ford's motives are somewhat suspect.

But weighed against an issue of such importance, one that involves life and death considerations and the value our society will place on human life in the years ahead, who REALLY cares about Ford's motivation?



PRESIDENT FORD

## Loeb Editors Spurn White House 'Pre-Selection'

# Our Reporters Won't Perform

By JAY HANLON  
Staff Reporter

President Gerald R. Ford has scheduled a press conference for New Hampshire news media Sunday at 4 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. But questions may only be asked by "pre-selected" newsmen, according to White House aides.

Editors of the Loeb newspapers, informed of the pre-selection, refused to have their reporters take part in questioning the President, who is a candidate in the Feb. 24 presidential primary.

Paul Tracy, managing editor of the Manchester Union Leader, said, "This has all the earmarks of managed news. This is not a free-wheeling news conference."

Joseph McQuaid, managing editor of the New Hampshire Sunday News, said, "It's the most absurd attempt yet by the Ford campaign to orchestrate the New Hampshire primary for its own gain."

Tracy added, "We will have representation at the event for coverage purposes but we reject any conditions laid down by the White House under which the state's largest newspaper might, and I emphasize the word might, be allowed to put a question to a candidate for president."

White House spokesman John Carlson, who is deputy press secretary to Ron Nesen, defended the pre-selection as a means of preventing a small handful of reporters

from dominating the questioning.

The names of reporters seeking to question the President, he said, would be drawn by chance from a hat immediately before the conference.

This latest controversy involving President Ford's New Hampshire primary campaign developed yesterday when the Concord Bureau of the Associated Press issued an advisory notice to newspapers and radio stations.

The advisory informed editors of the Sunday news conference "only for New Hampshire media and will involve pre-selected persons to ask questions."

The advisory added that Dorrance Smith of the White House advance team said

Tuesday that New Hampshire newsmen who wish to ask a question during the conference must submit their names to him before Friday.

The AP reported that Smith said the submitted names would be drawn at random to determine the line-up for asking questions. Those chosen will be notified of their slot Friday, the advisory said.

Smith also was reported in the advisory as saying all photographers will be restricted to the camera platform provided for television coverage of the event in the Strafford Room of UNH's Memorial Union building.

It was at this point that the editors of the Loeb papers decided they wanted none of it.

Tracy said, "The Loeb newspapers refuse to participate in a news conference where the questioners have been predetermined 'at random.'"

Tracy added, "We have in the offing a so-called news conference where media representatives are asked to act like trained seals. They may or may not be permitted to stand up on cue to ask the present occupant of the White House a question. What a farce!"

McQuaid offered similar sentiments. "It's a joke. . . . And it's also the third blatantly obvious bid to blunt the objectivity of the New Hampshire news media by 'favoring' them with these

## CONFERENCE

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exclusive, state-only, news interviews and conferences.

"Fortunately, I'm more amused than angered by this 'pre-selected persons' tactic, but if other objective newsmen care to compare it with an authoritarian government's control of its press I could easily understand their concern.

"Mr. Ford, our unelected President, is a candidate like any other and as far as the Sunday News is concerned that is how he will be treated in New Hampshire," the editor said.

### Denies Management

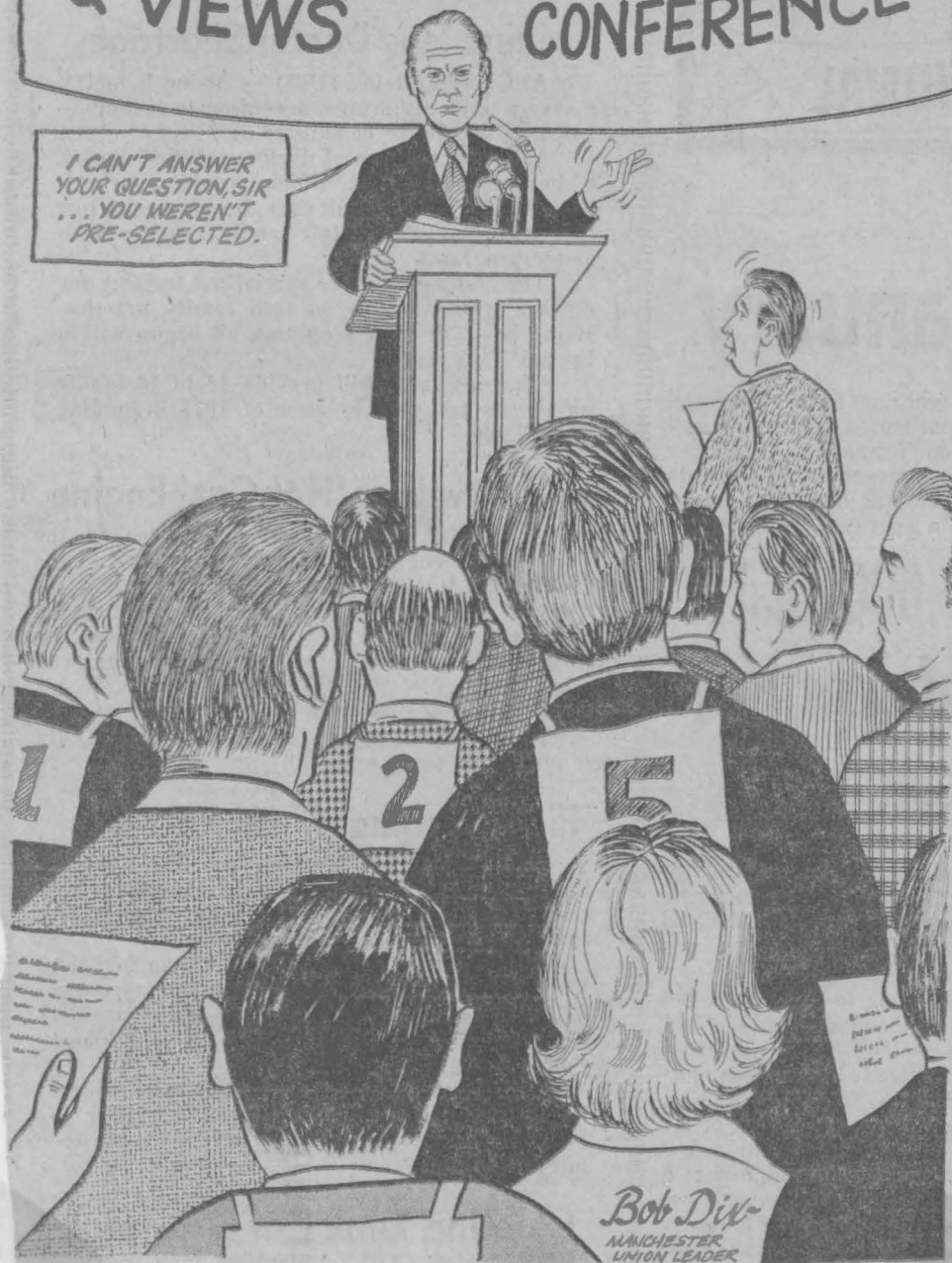
Carlson, the White House deputy press spokesman, denied this was an attempt to manage the news conference or that it favored certain newsmen.

"It's not managed news," he told the Union Leader late yesterday afternoon. "You sign up your people and have them there and you'll get your questions asked. . . . As far as we are concerned, this is done strictly by lot or chance."

Carlson said, "No one has complained about it. It works out very well. He added, "It just seems to be the best system and everybody seems happy. We always make sure we draw the names out of the hat in front of the whole crowd."

# CANDIDATE FORD'S <sup>Managed</sup> NEWS & VIEWS CONFERENCE

I CAN'T ANSWER  
YOUR QUESTION, SIR  
... YOU WEREN'T  
PRE-SELECTED.





## Ex-Atty. Gen. Rudman to be nominated

# Ford picks NH man as ICC chief

President Ford revealed yesterday he is nominating former New Hampshire Atty. Gen. Warren B. Rudman of Nashua as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Ford said he will nominate Rudman to succeed Kenneth H. Tuggle, who has resigned from the ICC. Upon confirmation by the Senate, Rudman will be designated ICC chairman, Ford said.

Rudman, 45, is being

nominated for a seven-year term, expiring Dec. 31, 1982.

As head of the ICC, Rudman will replace George M. Stafford, who was appointed chairman by former President Nixon. Stafford is expected to remain on the commission.

In New Hampshire yesterday, Rudman said he is aware of general criticism of regulatory agencies and he intends to "do a lot of listening and reading" to determine what criticisms of the ICC may be justified.

He said an ICC staff report, critical of the agency, has recently been completed and he intends to study it intensively.

"Generally, there certainly has been enough criticism of the regulatory agencies, that they are too cumbersome, their priorities are not in the right direction, they end to be slow to reset.

"I obviously don't know if it is true, but I intend to do a lot of listening and reading. If I agree with those charges, that's the kind of thing I would be prepared to deal with," Rudman said.

Rudman stepped down as attorney general in January after six years in the office. He did not seek re-appointment, but expressed a desire to remain in public life.



ATTY. GEN. RUDMAN

## Senate backs Ford's veto of milk price support hike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday voted overwhelmingly to uphold President Ford's veto of a bill increasing milk price supports by about five percent.

Ford's rejection of the bill, which he estimated would raise government spending by \$530 million and consumer milk bills by \$1.38 billion over two years, was sustained by 51 senators with only 37 in favor of overriding.

Sens. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), and Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.), chairman and top GOP member of the Senate's Budget Committee, called for defeat of the bill because it would boost potential federal spending beyond the 1977 fiscal year ceiling Congress adopted last December.

The vetoed bill would have raised the federal milk supports from 80 percent of the parity level set last October

to a maximum of 85 percent of parity. It also would have required quarterly adjustments of the dollars-and-cents rate to keep pace with changes in farm costs.

Farm bloc forces led by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey failed to get even a simple majority and were 22 votes short of the two-thirds margin needed to override.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kans.), one of a number of Republican farm bloc lawmakers who joined in supporting Ford, said Agriculture Sec. Earl L. Butz had promised to set milk supports for the next marketing year which begins April 1 at 80 percent of parity.

Humphrey echoed complaints from dairy farm groups that Butz's estimates of \$530 million in added government support costs under the vetoed bill were "cockeyed." Dairy leaders had said the extra costs would not exceed \$73 million.



## Mr. Ford vs. Mrs. Ford

President Ford would be a better man and a better leader if he paid more heed to his wife, Betty, who is consistently demonstrating that she has more sense, honesty and moral courage than the man she married.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with her views on the abortion question, for example, one is left with no doubt that she stands squarely behind the US Supreme Court decision of 1973.

Her statement that the decision took abortion "out of the backwoods and into the hospitals where it belongs" reflected the kind of person many Americans prayed her husband would prove to be when he became President—a person plain-speaking and candid and self-possessed if not self-assured.

Contrast her statement with the contradictory twisting and turning declarations of a President who would be all things to all people—abortion advocates and right-to-life advocates.

Mr. Ford says the Supreme Court went too far in its abortion decision, but in the same breath he says he does not favor a constitutional amendment that would nullify the

court's decision. It should be up to the states to write their own abortion laws, he says. Apparently he would favor a constitutional amendment to accomplish that.

What the President intended to do, one of his aides said, was "pick his way through the thicket" of political risks posed by the abortion issue. Instead, with his inimitable deftness, Mr. Ford managed to get snagged on every bramble. If we understand the President's latest statement, he is suggesting that the Federal government pass the buck to the states on a question fundamental to the rights of women and their unborn children.

Not only is that a further abdication of what is left of Mr. Ford's leadership, it is bad policy and bad law. The rights of women and the unborn in one state would be less than their rights in another. Women with money and mobility would be able to obtain legal abortions. Women without money and mobility would not.

Tragically, we would be taking a backward step, bringing us closer to when desperate women fled—in Betty Ford's phrase—into the backwoods or, wherever else abortions—licit or illicit—were obtainable.

## D'Amours Sees Elderly Paying More

# Ford Health Plan Scored

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Norm D'Amours yesterday called President Ford's proposed "catastrophic illness" revisions of the Medicare program and "ill-conceived attempt to make drastic and damaging changes in the Medicare system changes—which will mean higher medical costs for 99.5 per cent of America's senior citizens."

"When the President introduced this hastily devised proposal in his recent State of the Union Address, he said that it would protect older citizens from the extraordinary cost of 'catastrophic illness' by setting a \$500 maximum on the amount senior citizens would have to pay for health services in one year," D'Amours pointed out.

"While this sounds excellent, the fact of the matter is that only about one Medicare beneficiary out of 200 would benefit from the President's plan, while all the others would end up paying drastically higher health care costs.

"The protection that Medicare now offers our senior citizens is limited at best," D'Amours continued. "I certainly won't go

along with this hazardous, imprudent plan to tinker with the program, while leaving our senior citizens unprotected from the ravages of spiraling health care costs."

D'Amours quoted Social Security Administration figures which show that the average Medicare patient stays in the hospital 11 days and pays only the initial \$104 deductible payment. Under Ford's plan, D'Amours said, his bill would be about \$250 for the same 11 day hospital stay.

D'Amours said that every Medicare beneficiary would pay more for a hospital stay under

the President's plan, except the one-half of one per cent who stay in the hospital more than 75 days and run up bills of more than \$500.

"Not only will hospital costs be increased under the President's plan," D'Amours said, "but the present deductible payment for out-of-hospital doctor's bills would increase from the present \$60 up to \$77."

"Our mothers and fathers, the people who worked to build this country, have a right to a decent life in their old age . . . a life which includes high-quality, affordable health care services," D'Amours asserted.

## Citizens' Press Conferences

(Reagan Resists News Media Arrogance)

Ronald Reagan has expressed surprise that some New Hampshire newspapers are critical of his citizens' press conferences on the grounds that the people "are not sophisticated enough or knowledgeable enough to ask sharp questions."

Experience, Reagan says, shows this "sort of contempt for the people" to be unjustified. In fact, the former California governor declared in an interview with Union Leader political reporter Donn Tibbetts, "I've found their questions to be probing and well informed."

Reagan has raised an interesting and important point. It's one thing for the news media to feel that they have some expertise in the area of political discourse with the presidential candidates. We should have; it's our job.

But it is quite another matter for some of the state's newspapers to adopt the attitude that Reagan should not seek direct contact with the people through his citizens' press conferences because, so these arrogant editors have convinced themselves, the people can only comprehend what they are first spoon-fed by the news media and are incapable of asking probing questions.

Where did these editors get this arrogant and absurd notion? Well, one does not have to look far for the answer. President Ford's major tub-thumper, Howard "Bo" Callaway, spoon-fed the anti-democratic idea to them two months ago.

Few New Hampshire citizens will soon forget



MR. REAGAN

that December 16th, 1975 news conference attack on Reagan's citizens' press conferences in which "Wrong Way" Callaway contended that the people are not sufficiently intelligent to ask tough questions and that only the news media are knowledgeable.

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# Reagan, Ford Due in N.H.

CONCORD — With President Gerald Ford due to arrive Saturday for a two-day New Hampshire Primary campaign visit, his challenger, Ronald Reagan, will return for a fourth visit today to the

Granite State in his attempt to unseat the incumbent Republican.

Reagan is expected to arrive at Manchester's Grenier Field at about 2:30 p.m. today

from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He'll appear at Colby-Sawyer College in New London at 4 p.m. Tonight at 8 o'clock, the former California governor will participate in "Politics

76" program at the Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton.

Former Gov. Hugh Gregg, Reagan's New Hampshire campaign chairman, said the three-day "Politics 76" in conducted by the high school with students from all over New England participating "in a mock national convention."

After spending the night in CAMPAIGN Page 12

## Ford-Reagan Poll Shows Little Edge

NEW YORK (UPI) — A "razor thin" margin now separates Ronald Reagan from President Ford with the momentum shifting to Reagan while Ford is in the "fight of his life" to hold office according to the latest Louis Harris poll.

Harris asked 1,710 Republicans and Independents between Jan. 5 and 14 which man they prefer, Reagan or Ford, for the Republican nomination for president. The answers gave Ford a 46-44 per cent edge over the former California governor, down from 46-40 per cent in a November-December poll.

"On a national basis," Harris said, "there is no doubt now that the momentum in this race for the Republican nomination...rests squarely with Ronald Reagan, and not with Gerald Ford."

And while Ford is still ahead, Harris said, "the margin is razor thin, and it is now clear that Gerald Ford is in the fight of his life to win nomination to the office he now holds."

Reagan's gain came from the undecided vote which is now 10 per cent.

Harris concluded from the size of the difference that "the outcome of the key primaries could depend upon who has superior campaigning ability and organization."

Ford has a lead in the East, site of the New Hampshire primary, of 46-40 per cent, "scarcely changed from the 46-38 per cent edge" Ford had in November-December.

In the South, however, where the important Florida primary is, Reagan leads 50-44 per cent.

Ford, Harris said, "has now assumed the mantle of the moderate in the race" while Reagan is the favored of conservatives. Ford is preferred in urban and suburban areas while Reagan draws strength from rural areas.

## Reagan Tops Ford In New N. C. Poll

Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan leads President Ford (31.8 per cent to 26.2 per cent) in the Republican presidential sweepstakes, according to a poll conducted by Long Marketing Inc. of North Carolina.

The poll also revealed three Democrats, Hubert Humphrey (9.8 per cent), George Wallace (4.9 per cent) and Edward Kennedy (3.5 per cent), trailed badly, with Humphrey outpolling Kennedy and Wallace combined.

Long Marketing Inc. took its poll among 989 households in 83 North Carolina counties. Respondents ranged in age from 18 to 84. Among the respondents, 66 per cent were male and 34 per cent female.

The question asked was: "1976 is an election year. If right now you could choose the next President of the United States, please tell us the person you would vote for."

Slightly under seven per cent of those polled was not interested in any of the five candidates named and less than one per cent refused to answer the question.

Additionally, respondents named five other major candidates with Jimmy Carter leading them.

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Hanover, Reagan will begin his campaign day at Cornish at 9:30 a.m., move to Claremont at 10:15 to appear at Stevens High School and then continue on to Newport High School at 10:45 a.m.

At 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, Reagan will be at Sunapee State Park to meet the skiers and have lunch. At 2 p.m. he'll be in the Town of Sunapee at the high school gym. At 3 p.m. he stops at the Lebanon fire station, while at 4:15 a public reception is scheduled for the Hanover Inn.

Tomorrow night at 8, Reagan will conduct another Citizens Press Conference at the Thompson Arena on the Dartmouth College campus.

After overnight in Hanover Thursday, Reagan will breakfast with supporters and will fly out of Lebanon Airport for Greensboro, N.C.

President Ford will arrive in Manchester at about 11 a.m. Saturday and after a briefing session on federal funding with state, county and local elected officials at Concord, will depart for Nashua where Saturday night he will be the featured speaker at the annual Nashua Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Ford will attend church Sunday, meet with supporters at Concord and then move on to Durham for a news conference and a major speech at the University of New Hampshire field House before departing Sunday night from Pease Air Force Base.



# Only One Political Appearance Listed on Ford's N.H. Agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford will make only one avowedly political appearance as things now stand during a two-day trip to New Hampshire next weekend, Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Monday.

Nessen said Ford's campaign committee will pay the expenses of the President and his political aides for the entire trip to the first primary battleground. But, he said, the only political event on the

schedule is an appearance Sunday in Concord before campaign workers and their families.

The President has a bipartisan meeting on his visit to the state where he will face Ronald Reagan in the Feb. 24 primary.

Nessen reported Ford will fly to Manchester, N.H., Saturday morning, then drive to Concord for a meeting with state and local officials of both parties to discuss legislative proposals in the federal budget.

After the session at Concord's Rundlett Junior High School, Ford will drive to Nashua where he will address the 50th anniversary dinner of the local chamber of com-

merce in the evening, then spend the night at an undisclosed private home there.

On Sunday, Nessen said, Ford may attend morning church services and then drive back to Concord for a mid-day meeting at the same junior high school with about 700 campaign workers and their families.

In early afternoon, Ford will drive to the University of New Hampshire campus in Durham where he will hold a 4 p.m. news conference for New Hampshire reporters.

In the evening he will make a speech in the university gymnasium, drive to Pease Air Force Base near Portsmouth and fly back to Washington.

Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan will make the trip. The Ford's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Gayle, will join the President in New Hampshire, going from their Massachusetts home, according to Mrs. Ford's press secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld.

Susan will drive to the North Conway skiing area at Mt. Cranmore, Saturday afternoon to present the award for the New Hampshire state ski racing championship. She will stay overnight there and go skiing herself on Sunday.

Asked if Ford would return to New Hampshire before the primary, the White House spokesman said there were no plans "but it's always possible."

Nessen also said Ford is preparing a statement of his views on abortion.

Ford has a view of the controversial subject that has been coming up in questioning of other presidential candidates and he will make it public fairly soon, Nessen told reporters, who raised the question at a White House news briefing.

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# Primary Includes Six Amendments

By DONN TIBBETTS

Union Leader Political Reporter

CONCORD — Although the New Hampshire primary, less than three weeks away, is a big political event for both Republicans and Democrats there are some important questions to be resolved by all the voters, including independents, that are not related to any candidate or party.

Six proposed non-partisan amendments to the State Constitution will be considered and require ratification by two-thirds of those who vote Feb. 24 as to whether they go into effect.

The 1974 Constitutional Convention has proposed altering a governor's veto power; raising the salary of the legislature; giving the General Court authority to call itself back into special session by a majority instead of two-thirds vote; permitting the senior member of the Executive Council to take over if there is a vacancy in the governor's office; and stripping the Governor and Council of the authority to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 90-day period.

The sole Con Con question proposed by the 1975 legislature on the upcoming referendum would make the district court system more flexible.

Question one dealing with veto after the legislature has would give a governor 10 days, instead of the present five days, to decide whether to approve or to veto bills. It would eliminate the so-called "pocket veto." Unless a governor actually vetoes a bill during the 10-day period, it would become law.

If the governor exercises a veto after the legislature has adjourned, he would be required to recall the members for the sole purpose of

deciding whether or not to override his veto. Under the proposed amendment, the legislators would receive the same pay and mileage for attending such a session as they would for attending a special session.

Voter approval of question two would permit the legislature to call itself into special session with customary pay and mileage by a majority vote of the House and Senate rather than the present two-thirds vote requirement. Obviously, this would make it easier for the members to move into special session independent of a governor.

Question three, dealing with clarification of recess procedure, would, if approved, repeal the power of Governor and Council to bar the legislature from meeting in special session for a 90-day period. Removal of the governor's authority to prorogue (that is, to extend) the recess of the General Court for up to 90 days is advocated by those who seek stronger authority for the legislative branch and further independence from the Executive branch.

Question four, dealing with legislative compensation, if approved would erase the current 1889 vintage, \$200 per two-year term salary and current mileage formula for legislators.

The legislators would be paid at the same rate that the lowest paid state employee receives per day (about \$22) for each day they attend a regular session (90-day limit) or a special session (15-day limit). A 90-day regular session would see a legislator paid up to \$1,980 plus mileage.

The legislators would also receive mileage payments at the same rate paid to state employees, 12 cents per mile for each day he attended a legislative session or works on legislative business when the legislature is not in session.

The 1975 legislature has enacted, effective Jan. 1, 1977, a mileage rate of 30 cents per mile for the first 45 miles and 15-cents per mile for all mileage over 45 miles per round trip with a ceiling of \$40 per day.

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Currently the legislators are paid 25 cents per mile for the first 45 miles, eight cents for the next 25 miles and six cents per mile for all mileage over 70 miles per round trip to Concord.

Question number five posed to the voters, if ratified, would empower the senior member of the Executive Council to exercise all the powers and duties during a vacancy in the chief executive's chair, or if a governor determined that he was unable or unwilling to carry on his gubernatorial duties.

A majority of the governor's council could also decide if a governor is unfit and so inform the Secretary of State who would refer the matter to the State Supreme Court. The Court would conduct a hearing and if it determined a governor was unable to discharge his duties, the senior executive councilor would take over "until such time as the Supreme Court returns the governor to his office."

The final proposition, question six, deals with District Courts, and if ratified by the voters would permit District Courts to try persons for minor nature crimes committed in a county other than the county where the Court is located. It would permit District Courts greater flexibility by having jurisdiction of cases occurring in nearby towns and cities whether or not they are

in the same county as the Court.

A committee of the 1974 Constitutional Convention, as authorized by the Con Con, has prepared and circulated a voter's guide explaining in detail each question the voters will face primary day.

All the voters, including independents, are urged by all to take part in the Con Con referendum primary day.

Adheres to 11th Commandment

# Point Made by Reagan

By DONN TIBBETTS

Union Leader Political Reporter

CONCORD—When Ronald

Reagan accused Ford campaign lieutenants last week of using prepared, "fill-in the blank with a local official's name," news releases designed to "distort" Reagan's proposed reform of Social Security, he made his point.

Reagan was careful not to attribute the tactic, which he termed "comes under the heading of dirty tricks," directly to Pres. Ford. The conservative Republican challenger continued to adhere to his self-imposed "11th commandment" not to directly attack the man from whom he seeks to grab the 1976 GOP Presidential nomination.

Aboard his campaign bus touring the Granite State, in a private interview with the Manchester Union Leader, Reagan was asked if he really believed that Pres. Ford didn't know what his lieuten-



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ants were doing and wasn't that a claim made during Watergate that Pres. Nixon didn't know what his lieutenants were up to.

"Well I think it's now up to

him to indicate whether this is true. I've known him. I had his assurance that he would do nothing divisive. I'm doing my best to observe the 11th commandment and intend to continue," replied Reagan.

"I don't care what anyone else does. I believe it's the only salvation for our party and the things we believe in. I do know that these tactics are being used by some of his aides and the things that they are saying. They claim they may be violating the 11th, but they are not violating the first ten commandments. I'll settle if they'll just obey the first ten," declared the former Calif. Governor, adding, "You know, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness."

Over the weekend President Ford told newsmen "Any allegation as to dirty tricks is completely without foundation." The Associated Press insisted that such a news release, including a  
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blank for insertion of the name of a local supporter who could be quoted as attacking Reagan in language prepared by the Ford campaign, was mailed to an AP reporter on Jan. 21.

## Seconds Proposal

During the same interview aboard the Reagan campaign bus the candidate agreed with a proposal by State Republican Committee chairman Gerald Carmen of Manchester that limits on campaign spending should be lifted. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court decision last Friday threw out its ceiling on spending of privately raised funds.

"He and I agree on that," said Reagan. "I think the ability of a candidate to raise money is part of the democratic process," he said.

Reagan said he "was not sure" that he could agree with Carmen's proposal that independent voters be permitted to cast either a Democrat or Republican ballot in future primaries and immediately regain their independent status without having to reregister at city or town hall.

"If an independent is disgusted with the way the party system has worked, you don't change by not looking at it and walking away. You change it by getting in. You pick the party that seems to have the philosophy nearest to what you want and you join and do your best to influence the philosophy from the inside," asserted Reagan.

As to how Reagan's in-state campaign tours are going with his Citizen's Press conference format, he said "you have to run scared, but the reaction has been great from the people I've talked with."

The former long time film star noted he was "a firm believer in word-of-mouth" and that he learned in the picture business, that was the most effective kind of advertising.

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Reagan was surprised that some N.H. newspapers have been critical of the citizens press conferences on the basis the people "are not sophisticated enough or knowledgeable to ask sharp questions." He said that was "a sort of contempt for the people." He added, "I've found their questions to be probing and well-informed."

As to how he's been treated by the press, Reagan replied, "on the whole, good." He determined that the press corps "as we've gone along, for the most part, have been pretty fair."

"Once in a great while something will pop up and you'll really boil when you look at it. Here and there a guy will take advantage or distorts with no justification," he said.

The conservative GOP challenger said "there's nothing much you can do about it, but it has always seemed to me a strange way" New Hampshire has of not assuring that the popular choice for President in the primary is also assured election of delegates to the national conventions. In California, for example, if a voter selects a Presidential choice he also is voting for that hopeful's slate of delegates, Reagan pointed out.

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# Thomson Appeals to Ford

CONCORD — Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. has called on President Ford to cut through the red tape of the federal bureaucracy and overturn the unjust decision by the Coast Guard to assume jurisdiction of lakes and waterways in New Hampshire's interior.

"Now that the members of the New Hampshire House have formally added their voice of outrage to the all-out

efforts of the Governor and Executive Council and other state officials, it is appropriate that the citizens of the state demand an answer from the President.

"No time would be more appropriate than the President's planned trip to New Hampshire on Feb. 7-8.

"President Ford should be asked to explain why the governor of New Hampshire

has received no answer to his Dec. 9, 1975 letter to William T. Coleman, Jr., secretary of the Department of Transportation?

"Why has the President's cabinet member given no answer to the request in that letter that the Coast Guard's unilateral decision without consultation, public hearing or advance notice be delayed for two years to allow the state to

seek legal relief and to provide for potential lost revenue from boat registrations?

"The House resolution describing the action as an 'unwarranted usurpation of sovereign states' rights' is yet another expression of the indignation of the state, its officials and its citizens.

"The House also has made  
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it clear that its membership supports our announced plans to fight this tyrannical action through other avenues, including legal redress in the courts, if necessary.

"The attorney general's staff, acting on the governor's directive issued early in December, already is preparing for the eventuality of legal action.

"After numerous meetings and correspondence with state officials, our objections were brushed aside by the Coast Guard which is attempting to confiscate Lakes Winnepesaukee and Winnisquam along with the Merrimack River.

"The governor, Atty. Gen. David Souter, Deputy Safety Commissioner Robert Whalen and Safety Services Director Alton Stone have met and talked with Coast Guard officials, seeking to work out the problems. No effort has been spared on the part of the state.

"Meanwhile, we sought administrative action through Mr. Coleman to postpone the verdict and allow time for an orderly settlement of this federal-state conflict.

"But Mr. Coleman, who as a cabinet member should have the ear of President Ford, has yet to do the state the courtesy of a response.

"President Ford should be called on during his New Hampshire visit to explain the bureaucratic cold shoulder his administration has given the Granite State.

"Therefore, I urge New Hampshire citizens to greet the President with the question 'Why this federal invasion of our state?' and demand that he respond to their objections.

"We should settle for no hints or promises which might be good only through Feb. 24."

## Ford's Campaign Aides Drop Door-to-Door Canvass Idea

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford's New Hampshire campaign has dropped its plans for a statewide door-to-door canvass before the state's Feb. 24 primary, according to campaign manager John Michels.

"Republicans in New Hampshire have never done a major door-to-door effort," Michels said during the

weekend. "Therefore we've decided to make a major grass-roots effort through telephones.

Michels said the switch was not prompted by any fears that the campaign was losing ground to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, the President's lone challenger in the primary.

"We decided it would just take too long to prepare the amount of supervision and control you need for a door-to-door effort," he said. "We'll be doing what the Reagan campaign is doing, the difference being that they are doing it with five people and we're doing it with 1,200 volunteers."

Reagan has visited New Hampshire three times in the past month, spending a total of nine days touring the state to meet with small groups of voters and hold nightly question and answer sessions with state residents.

Ford is scheduled to visit the state for two days next weekend. During that visit the President is scheduled to hold a press conference, brief local officials on federal programs and attend a chamber of commerce dinner.

Michels said the trip will attempt to emphasize that Ford is the incumbent.

"He's the President, not one of 15 different candidates.

He's the one people have to judge everyone else against," Michels said. "If he's doing his job right we'll be in great shape, if not we'll be in real trouble."

Michels said the Reagan campaign is using five paid workers to canvass the state by telephone. "That isn't a grassroots effort and bringing the candidate into town isn't a grass-roots effort.

"What we're doing is harder and we'll see on election day whether our way is more effective."

Michels said that from his vantage atop the Ford campaign things are looking better and better.

"Reagan has gone down in my view since the first of the year. You'd think from the way they (Reagan workers) talk that he's been rising, but we've been rising," Michels said.

"Over the next three weeks you'll see all the efforts of our campaign."

**IMPORTANT**

## The Ford Honesty

By IRENE CORBALLY KUHN

Doesn't President Ford know what everybody else knows — that marijuana is an illegal substance in this country? He is the third member of the Ford family to give approval by indirection to marijuana. Shouldn't someone in the official



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family tell the President, his wife, and their 23-year-old son, Jack, a confessed pot-smoker, that what they're sounding off about in interviews is a grave disservice to the country? It is especially hard on parents of teenagers who are being pressured by other teenagers to smoke pot.

The President ought to know the law. After all, he is the so-called leader of the country.

Ford, a plain Midwesterner, with long but undistinguished experience in Congress, was hailed as a plain Joe, "honest" and open.

About that much-touted descriptive adjective "honest," hung as an ornament on Mr. Ford's personality. Next to love, the word honest is the most misused in the English language as we hear it misspoken around us today. Nudity is excused on the grounds it's "honest." Sexual promiscuity by teenagers is no longer regarded as alley cat behavior because it's "honest." And now "pot" is "honest" because young Mr. Ford has confessed, and his father calls his public confession "honorable."

"If . . . not abused, smoking pot might be compared to the use of beer or wine in moderation," Jack said.

How does he know whether the substance is destructive or not? The scientists who have been studying marijuana for years have not yet come up with a definitive answer.

After his son sounded off in Portland, Oregon, Mr. Ford in two statements made his views known. "The Ford family believes in being totally honest," his press secretary read from a prepared statement.

Honest, Schmonest, doesn't Mr. Ford realize real honesty would be for him to condemn his son's pot-smoking, as an illegal act, not just deplore it so sanctimoniously.

The Fords are all compulsive talkers, apparently. Does anyone remember an earlier president, one Calvin Coolidge who was called "Silent Cal," because he limited his responses to the shortest distance between question and answer. What the Republican party and the country need is a reasonable facsimile of Coolidge to offset the garrulous, gushing Fords.



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What are you doing this Saturday night? Lifting a few beers? Watching Mary Tyler Moore re-runs? Twiddling your thumbs?

The President of the United States, Gerald Ford, doesn't give a damn what you do this Saturday night. As long as you stay home.

He hopes you'll stay home because he's going to be right down the road in Nashua kicking off his Presidential campaign. And the last thing he wants is for you to give him a piece of your mind.

If you're sick and tired of hearing Ford weasle on the issues, side step the major questions and propose bankrupt solutions to the economic crisis that grips the nation, then join us at New Nashua High School for a massive demonstration. We plan on gathering with patriots from all over New England to tell the President and the national news media that the citizens of this part of the country are fed up with elected officials like Ford who serve only the interests of Big Business and the Super Rich.

It's time for us to quit complaining and do something. Take a few hours out this Saturday. Forget Mary Tyler Moore and join us in sending a message to the President and his Big Business pals. Let the rest of the country know that there are people here in the Granite State who are capable of doing more than just hanging out on a Saturday night.

Have the guts to stand up against the giant corporations and their hand picked politicians. Send A Message to Wall Street c/o Gerald Ford. It may be the only opportunity you get this year.

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