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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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TELEGRAM

COLUMBUS, NEB.

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Warm Omaha reception for relaxed President

OMAHA (UPI) — If he had the time, President Ford said Wednesday he wouldn't mind

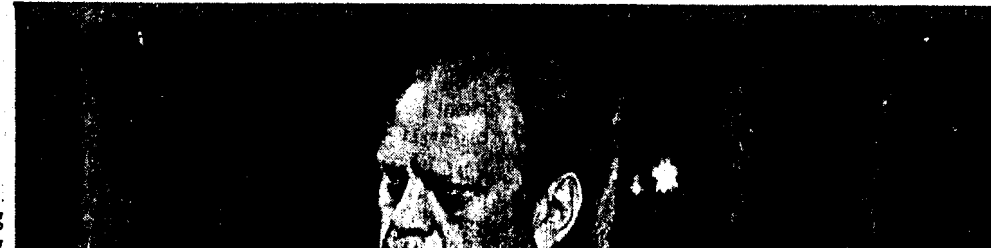


To 'learn, listen' aim of Ford's Omaha visit

By Lori Demo

Omaha—President Gerald Ford returned

The "claim by some procrastinating members of Congress" that they are trying



—World-Herald Photos.

The first question ... Kenefick, Ford.

The Midlands Asks, And Ford Answers

The following is a condensation of the question-and-answer session that followed President John N. ... Productivity ... Council ...

Omaha World-Herald, Wednesday, October 1, 1975

Ford Won't Get Truman Greeting

By Larry Parrott

Nebraskans sure knew how to greet a president 25 years ago. With a message that began

In its newspaper advertisement, the Republican committee called attention to the state's \$10 million "artistically constitutional restrictions, still leans toward a pay-as-you-go policy. But the state has a \$20-million bonded debt for high-

Praises farmer Ford promises fair crop price

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A relaxed and smiling President Ford returned to the city of his birth Wednesday, defending his farm policies and as- pointing at the farmer, Ford said food prices held steady last month. Noting that the inflation rate has dropped substan-

Ford Backs Secretary Butz

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—President Ford strongly defended Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz Wednesday.

"I can assure you that Secretary Butz is an affirmative

concerning foreign grain sales.

"If anybody wants to buy sizeable amounts of grain in the future, they'll have to come to us," Ford said.

Ford asked farmers to be

current sales total some 399 million bushels.

He said he had asked Butz to stay on as agriculture secretary and that Butz agreed to do so at least until the end of Ford's

members advise against a 1976 campaign, Ford said, "My wife thinks that I should be a little more careful and cautious." Ford said he is being more cautious in his foreign policy.

Ford defends his energy policy, moratorium on grain imports

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—In his first visit to the city of his birth since becoming chief executive, President Gerald Ford presented a defense of his energy policy and the moratorium on grain exports to add to federal spending and make American tobacco less competitive in the world market. Later, in a television interview in Omaha, Ford said he may support an achieve energy independence and stop shipping is wealth overseas. Ford said the current embargo of further exports of grain to Russia and Poland was a necessary effort to foreign exchange. While some countries have petro-power, Butz said the United States has agri-power. When asked whether long term grain purchase agreement with foreign

Ford Chides Congress; Has Praise For Farmers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A relaxed and smiling President Ford returned to the city of his birth Wednesday, defending his farm policies and assuring farmers that their crops will be sold at fair prices.

Ford also took the opportunity to criticize the Con-

Ford defended the current embargo of further exports of grain to Russia and Poland by saying an effort must be made to stabilize the sales.

He said the United States is seeking to fix minimum grain purchases by the Soviet Union over a five-year

Enthusiastic reception in Omaha

Farmers hear Ford promise

representative was Butz's dinner guest Tuesday evening.

During his conference remarks, Ford said the embargo on further exports of grain to Russia and Poland was a necessary move to stabilize sales and that the United States is seeking guaranteed minimum purchases over a five-year period.

He declined to name a time for ending the embargo, but he insisted it hinges on the grain deals now being negotiated.

Secretary of Agriculture Butz, however, revealed that State and Agriculture Department negotiators are hopeful of concluding a long-term grain agreement by mid-October.

"When this is announced, you're going

security regulations because of two earlier assassination attempts, was the highlight of a full day's program Wednesday.

He fielded questions and answers from representatives of each of the 17 sponsoring organizations, including the Iowa Manufacturers Assn. and the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

James Wengert, secretary of the union group, asked Ford if he favors making the government "the employer of the last resort" and Ford explained he hopes the solution to jobs will be found in the private sector.

Charles Wilson of Red Oak, chairman of the Iowa Manufacturers Assn., phrased his question around the need for

President says he's open to tax cut renewal

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—In his first visit to the city of his birth since becoming chief executive, President Gerald Ford presented a defense of his energy policy and the

At the regional conference, Ford repeated the need for the nation's energy self-sufficiency. He criticized both a 10 per cent price increase by oil-producing

we need is the legislative base to point in the right direction," he said.

On the nation's economic health, L. William Seidman, the President's

districts desegregate voluntarily.

Environmental Protection Agency Director Russell Train called for a national commitment to the nation's soil.

Ford defends farm policy

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fix minimum grain purchases by the Soviet Union over a five-year period, the grain selling at the going market price.

"Most importantly, these agreements will be in the long term best interests of

"I am not yet convinced that we should split it up (from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare)," said Ford, adding, "We will take a look at it" if the responsibilities of handling education in the country continue to expand.

New York City, and one man raised his hand.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said State and Agriculture Department negotiators in Moscow are hopeful

Ford Wants 2nd Tax Cut; Optimistic On Grain Sale

OMAHA — President Gerald Ford said Wednesday he expects to ask Congress for additional tax cuts, although his advisors are still working on a recommendation during his four hours in the hotel. Uniformed Omaha police officers 50 to 100 strong and an undetermined number of plainclothesmen were str-

question the President and that is why he continues to meet with the public.

Ford also touched on the question of American MIAs in

The President also highly praised Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, calling him an "affirmative spokesman for agriculture."

Ford promises to stop grain roller coaster, says sales will climb

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by Richard Knowles

More than 1,100 Iowans and Nebraskans in Omaha Wednesday heard President Gerald Ford promise to sell grain to

called White House Conferences.

Butz started the conference off on the right foot by extolling the benefits of administration's policy of "plenty" which he



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ATLANTIC NEWS-TELEGRAPH

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Release Ford's Omaha Tour Program

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—White House staffers Monday released the tentative schedule of events for President Ford's Wednesday visit to Omaha.

The Presidential jet will leave Chicago about noon Wednesday, arriving at Offutt Air Force Base at approximately 1 p.m.

Forty minutes later, a motorcade will take Ford to the Hilton Hotel in downtown Omaha, where he will participate in a regional White House Conference on Economics and Domestic Affairs.

However, before the President addresses the conference at 4:30, he will be interviewed by local reporters. Representatives of the Iowa and Nebraska Educational Television Networks will also be included in the interview schedule, accord-

Ford's Omaha schedule is released

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Nebraska Educational Television Networks will also be included in the interview schedule, according to Dave

LINCOLN STAR

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White House Staffers Set Ford's Omaha Schedule

Omaha (AP) — White House works will also be included in

Omaha World-Herald, Tuesday, September 30, 1975

'Working the Fence'

President Learns From Meeting the People

By Helen Thomas

UPI White House Reporter

Washington.

President Ford feels he learns a lot in his forays around the country, despite the security risk.

Ford told a news conference recently that "you'd be amazed" at how much you

these forays there rarely is time for any dialogue or expression of new ideas.

But sometimes Ford does hear the concerns of the people expressed. He is more likely to gain his insights on the road when he holds a question and answer session with delegates to the White House Conferences on Domestic Policy.

seem to mind a bit. In fact he enjoys the question and answer sessions more than making a speech, and handles the quizzing with ease. That format gives him a greater opportunity to shine as a personality.

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Grange Chief Says Ford Broke Pledge

By DOMINICK COSTELLO
Farm Editor

"The president broke his promise to farmers when he vetoed the farm bill last spring. He said that he wouldn't impose

they have gotten the word that they must present better scientific evidence of their positions before banning a product," he said.

"The real problem is the



give some thought to promoting meat exports. "We need to follow Japan's example by selling the finished product instead of raw materials, in this case grain," he suggested.

"We favor a state-federal grain inspection system which is another hot issue in Congress. You can't have a good system when it is controlled by the

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Ford's Stop In Omaha To Be Brief

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President Cites Crowds In Nebraska 1B

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The President said he had a "special affinity" for the people of Nebraska.

And it was obvious that the people of Nebraska had a special affinity for Gerald Ford.

Great Welcome

The chief executive was given a rousing welcome by some 4,500 people at Offutt Air Force

GRAND ISLAND

INDEPENDENT - 9/30/75

**Ford Affirms Plans
To Come to Omaha**

President Ford Defends Butz's Farm Policy 1B

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—President Ford strongly defended Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz Wednesday.

"I can assure you that Secretary Butz is an affirmative spokesman for agriculture. I think most farmers support him and I back him fully," the President said.

Backing

He said "I happen to believe that Earl Butz has done an excellent job of defending agriculture. . . ."

Ford said Soviet grain purchases from the United States will hopefully be stabilized in the future.

his plans to run for a full term next year.

Asked if the two recent attempts on his life in California had made any of his family members advise against a 1976 campaign, Ford said, "My wife thinks that I should be a little more careful and cautious." Ford said he is being more cautious in his trips nationwide

and that he will not let any "unusual circumstances" deter him from his travels.

He said he could foresee no circumstances that would prevent him from seeking a full term as President.

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Omaha Interview—

Ford Supports Butz

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—President Ford strongly defended

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Ford Signs 'Face on Barroom Floor'

President Ford autographs a caricature of himself for the "face on the barroom floor" at the Omaha Press Club Wednesday during a trip to the city where he was born. Looking on as the President autographs the

drawing are past presidents of the Omaha Press Club, left to right, Steve Murphy, Terry Forsberg and Howard Silber. (AP Photofax.)



Ford Comes 'Home' to Praise Farmers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—President Ford returned Wednesday to the city of his birth to praise the American farmer while defending his administration's farm policy and repeating his call for

Economic and Domestic Affairs.

After his formal address to the conference, the President fielded questions from 17 conference participants. In all, he spent about 75 minutes before the

said food prices held steady last month.

"But let me emphasize this: the good news of one month does not mean that the battle against inflation has been won," the President said, adding that vic-

*'FAIR PRICES PROMISED*281 **Farm policies defended**

By JOHN M. WILLIS
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A relaxed and smiling President Ford returned to the city of his birth Wednesday, defending his farm policies and assuring farmers that they

on Economic and Domestic Affairs.

In all, Ford spent about 75 minutes, about 15 minutes longer than scheduled, at the podium, giving a formal address and answering 17 questions

ten is.

Contrary to the finger-pointing at the farmer, Ford said food prices held steady last month.

Noting that the inflation rate has dropped substantially over

ket price.

"Most importantly, these agreements will be in the long term best interests of the farmer and the consumer," Ford said.

Appearance still under consideration

Ford's possible visit is kept at low key

OMAHA (UPI) — White House staff members in Omaha preparing for Nebraska-Iowa White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs are intentionally attempting to low-key whether President Ford will attend, it was learned late Tuesday.

confirmation from Vern Loen, assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The source noted there was some "jealousy" between various offices in the White House and "each one wants to be the one to announce the President is coming."

The Nebraska-Iowa conference is the 10th in a series this year, which Baroody said were designed to "encourage genuine two-way dialogue between citizens and their government."

The conference will be cosponsored by 17 Omaha area and regional organizations

Commerce in cosponsoring the event are the American Association of University Women, Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, Creighton University, Iowa Federation of Labor-AFL-CIO, Iowa Manufacturers Association, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, Lincoln Chamber of

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²⁸ *Ford To Attend Omaha Meeting?*

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Six of President Ford's top advisors will be in Omaha next Wednesday for the Nebraska-Iowa White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs with his position that neither the President or other public officials should curtail their appearances because of threats or attempts on their lives.

²⁴ *Ford may skip trip to Omaha*

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Six of President Ford's top advisors will be in Omaha next Wednesday for the Nebraska-Iowa White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs, but the question of President will attend the conference here, Baroody said. "I am not prepared to make an announcement at this time." However, Baroody added, an announcement on Ford's plans will be forthcoming.

Ford Road Map Cut, But Omaha Still on It

Washington (UPI) — President Ford will change his travel itinerary, Sen. Ron Nessen said Thursday.

As late as Wednesday, Nessen denied a statement by Sen. ...

DAILY HUB

Kearney, Neb.

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President Gerald Ford's visit to Omaha brings to mind how quickly the fortunes of politics can bring changes. Then-Congressman Ford was in Kearney in April of 1973, to address a Republican gathering, and at a press conference referred to Watergate as a "Keystone Cop operation".

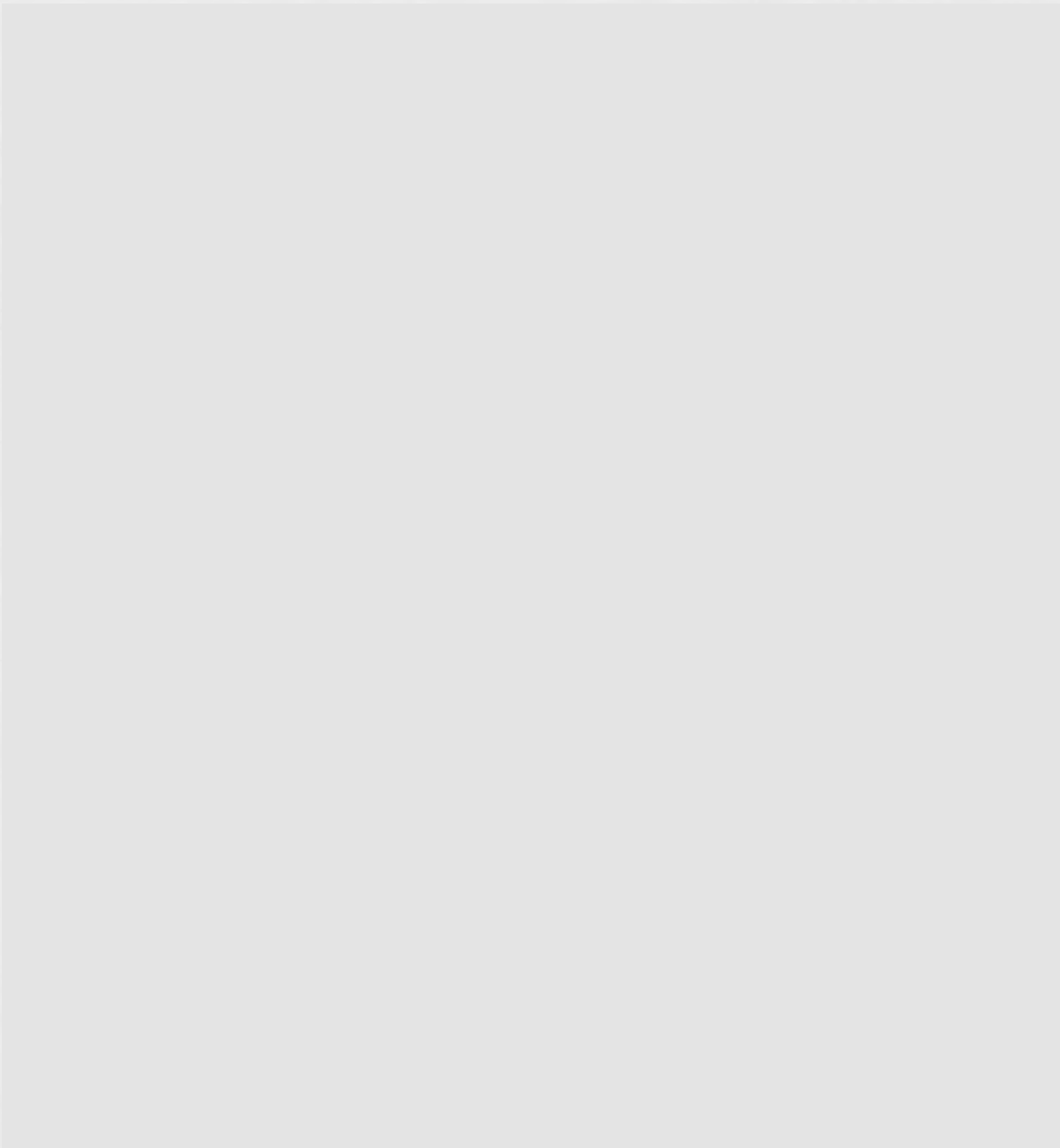
GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT

Grand Island, Neb.

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Nebraska Welcome President Feels at Home

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The Air Force Base when he ...



FRANK MILLER
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Here comes the President of the United States.

16. The Lincoln Star Wednesday, Sep 24, 1975

Need For Contact Outweighs Risks

... Presidential Aide Says

By DON WALTON
Star Staff Writer

Omaha — The need for continued presidential contact with

Seventeen Nebraska and Iowa organizations, including education, business, farm and labor associations, are co-sponsoring

10. The Lincoln Star Friday, Sept 26, 1975

Ford's Omaha Visit Schedule Revealed

Omaha (AP) — President Ford, who last visited Nebraska one year ago, will return to the city of his birth next Wednesday, the first such visit to Omaha since he became President more and welfare, Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb, William T. Coleman, secretary of transportation, Russell Train, administrator of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Special protection 281 arranged for Ford

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Secret Service put special protection arrangements into action today for President Ford's trip to Chicago and Omaha, and Chicago police said they would "experiment"

"We are going to experiment to see if they will work," said a police spokesman. "We are going to dial the sensitivity down so it won't pick up small wrist watches or keys only

All of Ford's scheduled appearances in Chicago and Omaha will be indoors and with the names of all guests and others on Secret Service lists.

In the past month two

Presidential security tight but you still can shake hands

An Analysis

***By Robert K. Beck
Iowegian Editor-Publisher***

"I'll be glad when he (Ford) is safely in and out of town," he replied.

Over 100 Omaha police had been assigned along with scores of state patrol officials "to assist the Secret Service."

All this, of course, is a combination of two things. 1) The usual security that surrounds a President, and 2) the extra precautions taken as a result of recent events.

The President was in good humor and obviously at ease. He quipped he understood an ad was in the Omaha World-Herald saying someone was willing to trade eight tickets at the White House Conference for a ticket at the upcoming Nebraska-Miami game. Nebraska is a rabid football state. The President said, "If I had time, I'd like to take up that offer."

He wore a well-tailored gray suit, gray shirt, blue tie with splashes of red, and looked very vigorous.

He's no spellbinder, but he conveys sincerity. He wheeled through such complicated subjects as energy and grain exports and received 17 questions from the floor.

When he was asked about New York City the President wanted to know how many in the audience wanted the Federal government to "bail out New York City."

About a thousand people were in the audience. One hand was raised.

'Ford's Security Was Tight

28 Policeman Glad Visit Is Over

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—"It's all over," said a retreating reporter to a policeman watching the President of the United States speed away from the Hilton Hotel in downtown Omaha late

He was outside no more than 15 seconds.

He was encircled by a protective ring of Secret Service agents, who seemed to be subtly urging the President into

A helicopter circled noisily overhead as Ford arrived and departed.

As the President emerged from the hotel to join a motorcade back to Offutt Air Force Base shortly before 6 p.m.,

Reports show the man, who has a long history of mental illness, allegedly told officers he came to warn President Ford that he would be shot during his Omaha stay.

Security Tight in Omaha, Chicago

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford flies to the Midwest late today on an overnight trip tailored to limit his exposure to the general public and ease the job of protecting him.

heavy travel in October were being reviewed.

The President had planned for some time to make the trip to Chicago and Omaha but there were indications that

Omaha police officers will be assigned to President Ford's Wednesday visit, Omaha Police Chief Richard Andersen said Monday.

Andersen said coordination is being

2 Friday, October 3, 1975, McCook, Neb. Daily Gazette

VIEWPOINT

Omaha Meet Was Type That Builds Confidence

The White House Conference on Domestic and Economic affairs held this week in Omaha was im-

"Dedicated to the People of Nebraska, and to the Development of the Resources of the State"—Sept. 7, 1867.



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JOURNAL EDITORIALS

Advantage, Mr. Ford

President Ford was said jubilant about the results of the well-planned domestic and economic conference in Omaha Wednesday.

ticipants was the understanding simplistic remedies are fine for simpletons, but not for the problems which ail America.

KEMPER'S KOMMENTS

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The tingle you feel inside with the playing of the National Anthem, the lump you get in the throat when saying goodbye to a loved one leaving on a trip, the emotion surrounding and the rededication enjoyed with the Lord's Prayer, the deep sense of pride received when the American Flag passes during a parade, and the thoughts we enjoy while singing America are all lumped together when the program moderator walks to the podium and announces, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States."

Even viewing such an event on television makes chills run up our back but to be within 10 feet of our

Butz concluded his hour-long remarks by asking the farmers to give the administration just a few more weeks and the embargo problems will be solved and "you'll be glad you waited," said Butz.

Second on the program was Russell E. Train, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and he remarked that the future prospects in environmental protection will be with smaller cars equipped with a lower top speed with controls refined to the point that better mileage will be present.

William T. Coleman, Secretary of Transportation followed Train on the program and answered questions mostly concerning bussing problems compared to

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Editorials

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Unsigned articles below are the opinion of The World-Herald

The Ford Team's Visit

President Ford and his associates have come and gone, leaving the area better informed about the administration's intentions and aspirations and having heard the viewpoints and concerns of people who live here.

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capable of solving a lot of the problems that politicians have said they can solve and which people had believed they could solve.

Disenchantment with Big Government is real and people like to be told that Washington will cut back.

But there is a curious contradiction,

'Round The Community

By Harold E. Roberts

Wednesday we made the trip to Omaha for the White House conference on domestic and economic affairs which was highlighted by a late afternoon appearance by President Ford. It was a

replied, "it's like a greasy pig, there's no place to grab it" - or "the welfare system competes too successfully with work" - "welfare contributes to family break-ups" - "there's nothing closer to

And as the time drew near for the appearance of the President, the electricity of excitement and expanded efforts by the secret service was in evidence. We feel the work of the group is tremendous and with all the national publicity of late reporting the many threats on the President's life, their work is of extreme importance. Practically all of those "odd

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An interesting side note to the day. As the conference ended we went directly to our car a couple of blocks from the Hilton Hotel and drove directly to Creston and we arrived in Creston no more than a few minutes before the President was back in Washington. The miracle of flight is a marvel of our age.

Omaha World-Herald Editorials

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Seen — and Safe

Omaha policemen and others who have experience in such matters say the security arrangements for Ford

the fact that Ford didn't ride in an open car or shake hands outside the hotel or visit anywhere else in Oma

OPINION AND COMMENTARY

Joseph C. Harsch

Mr. Ford's 'case of oversell'

When a second apparent attempt to injure the President of the United States follows the last previous such apparent attempt by a mere 17 days — a lot of people ought to do a lot of thinking. Something is wrong somewhere.

Watergate affair. Mr. Ford has shed the imperial purple, descended from the obscurity of the throne room, and rejoined the citizenry.

But in trying to be just another citizen

panacea for some newly perceived problem.

Actually, of course, no one man can produce even a modest new idea as often as that. Mr. Ford presides in fact over one of the great brain factories of all time. He is surrounded by thousands of highly paid experts working

get out in front on the controversial subjects. He pushed them, rather than held them back. He wasn't jealous of them.

Mr. Ford's staff is known to be jealous of others in the Ford administration. They war



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KEMPER'S KOMMENTS

Memos from the Desk of
Times-Herald Publisher Keith D. Kemper

Komments is traveling again
this week with Highway 2 to
Grand Island and the Interstate

registration at 7:30 a.m. and
includes a noon luncheon.

are scheduled throughout the day
with time permitting.

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Youth gets message

The attendance of high school and college young people at the White House Conference in Omaha was encouraging and could be helpful. Asking questions of President Ford and high ranking members of his official family were members of the Future Farmers of

An official of the Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry told the President the biggest concern of businessmen in Nebraska is inflation. The consensus, he said, is that the cause of this inflation is excessive spending at the federal level. He asked President Ford what he and his administra-

When President Ford visits Omaha

Ag, economic issues seen to top the agenda

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OMAHA (UPI) — Issues on the agriculture and the economy will probably emerge at the top of the discussion list Wednesday during the 10th White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs this year, the conference coor-

right at the top" along with the economy, specifically the Administration's import and export policy as it relates to agriculture.

BRIEFING PREPARED

Baroody said that a briefing paper 20 to

conference with a "brief address" and a question and answer session.

Ford's schedule released Monday showed a news conference with Omaha area media as the only other topic on his agenda during his four-hour stay in

"I would expect the common subject to be the economy," Baroody said, "as it reflects back towards the agricultural equation."

Although then President Nixon appointed Charles Colson to begin such a

White House Meet To Draw Big Crowd

By DOMINICK COSTELLO
Farm Editor

Omaha — The White House
Conference here is literally an

tal Protection Agency, and
Secretary Butz surfaced during a
discussion over which agency
should have final control over
the use of agricultural

Ford Aide: No Visit Confirmation

Conferences Molding Policy

By David Beeder

History might have been different if there had been White House conferences over the last 20 years like the one scheduled



ule will be completed by Friday, Baroody said, but confirmation of the President's plans may not be made until just before the conference be-

HOLDREGE (Neb.) CITIZEN

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1975—3B

Restoring confidence is major objective of regional confabs

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — William J. Baroody Jr., the President's Assistant for Public Liaison, says a major objective of regional conferences on

and Vietnam, although it existed before both.

At least 60 per cent of the conference time will be devoted to question and

American economy may have heightened the interest in the conferences, but he said the nation is faced with "such a full plate of tough

more than 100 Omaha police officers will assist federal agents in the security efforts.

"We want to be aware as much as

Conference Called 'New' Town Hall

By Al Frisbie

What William J. Baroody Jr. describes as "a modern adaptation of the old town hall meeting" will open a one-day stand



16 The Lincoln Star Wednesday, Sep 24, 1975

Need For Contact Outweighs Risks

. . . Presidential Aide Says

By DON WALTON
Star Staff Writer

Omaha — The need for continued presidential contact with

Seventeen Nebraska and Iowa organizations, including education, business, farm and labor associations, are co-sponsoring

Ford And Company 10/3 'Tell It As It Is'

President Ford's self-styled "Town Hall" meetings, designed to return federal government to the local level through a series of "White House conferences" across the country, seem to be winning public approval — if attendance at the 10th such meeting in Omaha this week is a fair sample —

Besides the President, Butz and Zarb were outstanding stars of the show, and Mathews also drew considerable favorable comment from his audience. Each gave a brief opening statement — except Mathews, who said he lost his en route — and then fielded questions from the audience forthrightly with a minimum of governmental "double talk."

Secretary Butz in particular was expectedly frank. Facing a somewhat hostile audience of Nebraska and Iowa farmers, who resent the

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- That and similar comments by his aides to other tough questions, may not be politically expedient for the 1976 presidential sweepstakes, but it represents a "tell it like it is" attitude that has long been absent from Potomac pronouncements. — PGN.

Ford appearance to climax Omaha's domestic and economic conference

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A task that began last Monday will be climaxed Wednesday when President Ford attends the Omaha White House Conference on domestic and

"A conference like this is a very sophisticated event," said Jeffrey Eves, who is in charge of the conference. "There will be more than 100 functions taking place in

The staff began using walkie-talkies, as with "hundreds of different details to handle, I don't have the luxury of getting hold of people when it's convenient."

At White House conference

Officials respond to questions

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Cabinet officers and other federal officials responded to questions from civic leaders, farmers and government officials Wednesday at the 10th in a series of 20 regional White House Conferences on Domestic and Economic Affairs.

Some 1,100 invited participants attended the session which was to end Wednesday afternoon with a question and answer session with President Ford.

TO FINISH INTERSTATE

Transportation Secretary William Coleman said the Ford Administration will continue efforts to complete rural portions of the Interstate highway system.

He said President Ford is determined that the nation's highway system will not fall into disrepair as have some of the nation's railways.

Coleman suggested that the federal gasoline tax be decreased by one cent in states which have their state gasoline tax

amazed that the key question hasn't been asked here today. Can we expect you this morning or the President this afternoon to announce an end to the embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union and Poland.

Butz said the United States would get a guaranteed minimum purchase from the Soviets, thus avoiding high impact on the market caused by sporadic sales.

Butz was the first of six high government officials to address the regional conference before President Ford's address later Wednesday.

The agriculture secretary opened by asking the audience how many believed food prices are too high. Only a few of the some 1,100 persons attending the session raised their hands.

Butz said agriculture today is one of the best "inflation fighters we have."

"If you can describe any sector with the one word, plenty, you have identified it as an inflation fighter," Butz said.

Butz delivered a 21-minute speech and then opened the floor to questions from participants.

EARL L. BUTZ

Secretary of Agriculture

"There are two kinds of power in the world today...Petro Power and Agra Power. We have the latter thanks to the American farmer and it's the most important power today..." quoting Gandhi, "even God can't speak to a hungry

Conference Objective: To Restore Confidence

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — William J. Baroody Jr., the Pres-

a loss of confidence not just in government, but also in other

said, "Setting aside any comparison between Richard Nixon

Bluffs Working For Its Share Of Ford Conference

Council Bluffs officials would like to have one of the key participants of the Oct. 1 White

At noon, other Bluffs officials including Council members and City Manager Don Harmon will

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Omaha visit billed as not political

By JAMES FLANSBURG
Register Staff Writer

OMAHA, NEB. — President Ford's road show comes to Omaha today with what is billed as the Nebraska-Iowa

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porters have sought accreditation to cover the day-long event.

Reporters from area newspapers, radio and television stations have been solicited to interview the three cabinet members and two agency heads accompanying Mr. Ford.

The result will be a big

The conference is at the Hilton Hotel here, and since it is not open to the public, the conferees will not necessarily represent a cross-section of the two states.

The sponsoring organizations submitted names for invitations to the affair; 1,250 persons invited with about 900 accepting.

Only two Iowa organizations were listed among the sponsors: Council Bluffs Chamber

Mr. Ford's appearance will be the last on the day's program.

Others on the schedule are Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary F. David Mathews, Transportation Secretary William Coleman, Federal Energy Director Frank Zarb, Environmental Protection Agency Director Russell Train and L. William Seid-

Positive Results Are Seen From White House Meeting

By DAVE DECKER

Assistant City Editor

The White House Conferences of Domestic and Economic affairs are just the "tip of the iceberg" in President Gerald Ford's program to take the government to the people.

"But there is a different order of magnitude when the president is scheduled to address the group."

Baroody said the president has been extensively briefed on the regional concerns of the Council Bluffs-Omaha area.

He is Rod Phipps, former city planning director who has since taken a post as planner with the Omaha Office of Housing and Urban Development.

PHIPPS WAS involved in drafting a 20-page briefing paper

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^{LB}Favorable Soviet Grain Deal Sought

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said Wednesday State and Agriculture Department negotiators in Moscow are hopeful of concluding a long-term grain

Butz had harsh words for school nutrition programs. He told a news conference that the expenses of school lunch programs were caused by the "tremendously powerful school

gram to HEW to get rid of what he views as an overbalance of welfare programs in the Agriculture Department's budget.

GERALD R. FORD
President of the United States

"Five per cent of our population not only feeds the other 95 per cent but also was responsible for 22-billion dollars in exports...that's a pretty good track record."

"Despite the demands of the underdeveloped nations, the United States will not be part of a 'new world economic order' - instead we will work with each nation on an individual

L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN
Assistant to the President
for Economic Affairs

"There are six economic recovery guidelines which we are attempting to follow: to be reasonable and moderate in economic expectations, to exercise fiscal restraint, to increase

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN JR.
Secretary of Transportation

"When local communities and States don't do the job, go to Congress or government to do the job for them, there are going to be regulations tacked on (example: the helmet bill)...you can't have it both ways."

WILLIAM J. BAROODY JR.
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

"This is one in a series of White House Conferences held in various cities around the country...a sort of 'town meeting' approach."

RUSSEL E. TRAIN
Administrator, Environmental
Protection Agency

"A longer life span, the easing of pain from illness, the conservation of the beauty of our land, air and water...we can only use our best judgment in assigning dollar values to these

DAVID MATHEWS
Secretary of Health,
Education and Welfare

"There are interdepartmental agencies in HEW that are handling the same problems."

"The guaranteed income philosophy was thought of a few

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NU officials, Omaha mayor 'pleased'

By Rex Seline

Omaha—An informal Daily Nebraskan check of three University officials and Omaha Mayor Ed Zorinsky indicated they were pleased with Wednesday's White

ing federal officials to the people.

"It was an arena where federal officials could express their views on local issues and the area citizenry could probe and offer comments to the government people."

"The major thing they're trying to accomplish is to make the administration aware of some problems," Say continued. "But it's a public relations campaign and it's political too."

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UNO Is Still Baffled By HEW Bias Probe

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has been notified by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that it is in grading and wants to know the specifics of the charge so it can investigate and correct the problem if necessary.

Most Toss Bouquets At Ford Conference

But Brickbat From Labor Flies at Butz

By David Beeder

President Ford and his Nebraska-Iowa White House Conference received high

'Cheap Shot Artist'

Labor leaders were angered by Butz's reference to AFL-CIO longshoremen who last month refused to load ships with grain for export, saying they feared U.S. food prices would rise.

At the conference, Butz said: "If the longshoremen are really concerned about the cost of food, they should cut out featherbedding costs which

sion, based on what they sell," McFarland said.

Gov. Exon, who tried unsuccessfully to pin down Butz on when the export moratorium will end, was reported by an aide to be too busy Thursday to comment on the conference.

Beermann: Excellent

After questioning Butz at the conference, Exon said Wednesday he was not satisfied with

Ricky Salisbury, a staff member of the Omaha Housing Authority, said she found the chance to talk to Health Education and Welfare Secretary David Mathews valuable.

Mrs. Salisbury said they discussed what housing authorities can do to provide social services to residents.

"I got a better idea of the direction HEW is going," she said.

Marcia Hakala, executive coordinator of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, said she was pleased to learn that President Ford had considered naming a woman his vice president.

Zorinsky: A Step

Mayor Zorinsky said the conference represented a step toward increasing confidence in government.

"Presently there is a lack of confidence among the people in

we better be investing the money in America instead of the Middle Eastern oil countries," Warner said.

make the money."

As for most bread truck drivers, they are paid a commis-

conference," he said. "After listening to the President, his wisdom sounds feasible for the long haul."

Women's groups were among the 17 organizations sponsoring the conference.

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Coleman, Butz Address Midwest Conference

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Cabinet officers and other federal officials responded to questions from civic leaders, farmers and government officials Wednesday at the 10th in a series of 20 regional White House Confer-

nation's railways.

Coleman suggested that the federal gasoline tax be decreased by one cent in states which boost their state gasoline tax by a like amount. That way, he said, the money raised would

ments to the Soviet Union and Poland.

Butz said the United States would get a guaranteed minimum purchase from the Soviets, thus avoiding high impact on the market caused by

flation fighter," Butz said.

Butz delivered a 21-minute speech and then opened the floor to questions from participants.

In response to a question about the grain inspection scan-

Cabinet heads 281 answer queries at conference

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Butz: 'Instant experts' meddling in USDA policy

By CHUCK OFFENBURGER
Register Staff Writer

OMAHA, NEB. — Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said here Wednesday that "Washington is too full of instant

is nothing' to reports that the voice of the State Department has become more influential than that of the Agriculture Department in on-going negotiations with the Soviet Union

jerk people in the United States."

Butz did say the negotiations on a long-term agreement with the Soviets are progressing in a way that

Gov. Exon, left, waits in line to question Butz . . . Others, from left, are Omahans Mark Nelson of the Future Farmers of America, Bill Jones of the National Livestock Feeders Association, and Willard Waldo of DeWitt.

Agriculture:

Butz Admits to Frustration

By Don Ringler

World-Herald Farm Writer

Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz Wednesday discounted reports that he might resign because of differences with the State Department and the

lion tons for this year's crop of wheat and corn plus an additional 400,000 tons sold last year for delivery this year.

"Sure, I argued against the Poland embargo," Butz said. "You win some and lose some.

sales.

Butz refused to be specific on how much more the Russians might buy. "All I know is what I read in the press which pegs it at 5 million tons."

Butz stuck to his depart-

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'You'll like grain result', Butz tells Nebraska's Exxon

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz told Nebraska Gov. J. J. Exon Wednesday, "You're going to like the agreement that's going to come out of the current negotiations with the U.S.S.R."

Butz responded at a White House Conference in Omaha after Exon said, "I'm amazed that the key question hasn't been asked here today. Can we expect you this morning or the President this afternoon to announce an end to the embargo" on grain shipments to the Soviet Union and Poland.

Butz said the United States would get a guaranteed minimum purchase from the Soviets, thus avoiding high impact on the market caused by sporadic sales.

Butz was the first of six high government officials to address the regional conference before President Ford's address later Wednesday.

The agriculture secretary opened by asking the audi-

assistant to the President for economic affairs, Frank C. Zarb, administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, and Russell E. Train, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

William J. Baroody Jr., the President's assistant for public liason, said there has been growing skepticism on the part of American citizens leading to a loss of confidence not just in government, but

Local officers help in Omaha

Six off-duty Fremont police officers voluntarily helped guard President Gerald Ford in his Omaha visit today. Police Chief Fred Whitt said the officers volunteered in response to a call

Agreement with Russia is hopeful, Butz says

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said Wednesday State and Agriculture Department negotiators in Moscow are hopeful of concluding a long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union by mid-October.

Butz said talk of the State Department overruling the Agriculture Department in these negotiations "is not true."

The secretary promised a favorable agreement.

"When this is announced, you're going to like it out here in the grain belt. It will be a good one," Butz said.

Butz did not specify how much grain the Soviet Union might be required to purchase

each year. But, in a separate

interview, President Ford said he hoped the United States would end up with a "five-year program of 5 million tons a

year."

The secretary denied that food prices would be driven higher by conclusion of the Soviet grain agreement. He cited figures showing that grains are now selling at a lower price than highs reached a year ago.

Butz also renewed a call for farmers to continue full production next year. In answer to a question of whether promises could be made that no embargoes or moratoriums would be imposed if they do so, Butz refused to be specific.

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Press Club members Steve Murphy, left, and Terry Forberg... watch as Ford signs drawing of self.

New 'Face on Floor' Gets Autograph, Grin

The Omaha Press Club has a new "Face on the Bar Room Floor."

The caricature of President Ford painted by World

Ford and Butz assure farmers of "good deal"

By VIRGINIA TYSON

Associated Press Writer
OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—In his first visit to the city of his birth since becoming chief executive, President Gerald Ford presented a defense of

At the regional conference, Ford repeated the need for the nation's energy self-sufficiency. He criticized both a 10 per cent price increase by oil-producing countries and efforts by the

Butz said full agricultural production has triggered an upswing, not only in farm income but also has made farm exports the nation's major source of foreign exchange. While some countries have petro-power, Butz said the United States has agri-power.

When asked whether long-term grain purchase agreement with foreign countries would put the government back in the grain-storing business, Butz replied, "not as long as Earl Butz is secretary of

Mathews also said his department needs to put more stress on helping school districts desegregate voluntarily.

Environmental Protection Agency Director Russell Train called for a national commitment to the nation's soil and an end to the nation's "throwaway mentality."

Train outlined a blueprint for improving the environment, including driving smaller cars, giving up throwaway beverage containers, eliminating excessive use of pesticides and

Butz Conference

Favorable Agreement Assured

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lunch lobby," which he called

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include Nebraska Gov. J.
James Exon among food issue

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Butz: 'Meany More Powerful Than The President' Of U.S.

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In Omaha speech

Butz blasts food policy critics

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—"Agriculture today is one of the strongest inflation fighters we have in America," Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz told a White House Conference in Omaha

The secretary said the government's policy now has farmers working "at full production" and that the United States is spending only a tiny sum to store surpluses that previously were stored at

India and China and those sales did not draw criticism.

He said it is important that grain producers be able to make money in their work. He said the nation could use "agriculture" in its foreign policy.

dropped the bread several times while talking about it.

He said the cost of hauling bread from a bakery to a store sometimes exceeds the cost of producing the bread.

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Butz Calls Agriculture 'Strong Inflation Fighter'

By MIKE SCHILLING

OMAHA — Agriculture is one of the strongest inflation fighters in

"Farmers haven't learned to punch a clock or put two drivers in that tractor seat like you see on locomotives, he said. "Until they do

the country will have a \$12 billion surplus of farm exports over imports in the coming year.

Butz did his now famous demon-

Agriculture Gets Boost As Inflation Fighter

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Exon Not Satisfied With Butz's Responses

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Gov. J. J. Exon said Wednesday he was “not satisfied at all” with responses from Secretary of

chases in the future so that the domestic market would not be shaken with sudden purchases. “That should have been done

AG SECRETARY IN OMAHA

Butz's food policy in one word-plenty

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz told Nebraska Gov. J. J. Exon Wednesday, "You're going to like the agreement that's going to come out of the

Butz said agriculture today is one of the best "inflation fighters we have."

"If you can describe any sector with the one word, plenty, you have identified it as an inflation fighter," Butz

said, "and agriculture almost paid for it."

Butz said some consumers have a "knee-jerk emotional reaction" when we sell anything to Russia," but said

Holding up a 49 cent loaf of bread, Butz said only about six cents of the cost was for wheat. He drew laughter as he dropped the bread several times while talking about it.

genuinely concerned they could "cut out some of the featherbedding practices that jack the cost of living up."

"Farmers sell in an up and down market, but they can't

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Butz tears into Meany

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—AFL-CIO President George Meany in many ways "is more powerful than the President of the United States" in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

In Omaha for Wednesday's economic and domestic affairs conference, Butz, ran into criticism of President Ford's moratorium on grain exports. He criticized members of Congress elected with the support of la-

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Meany Is 'More Powerful In Some Ways Than Ford

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Grain Is Theme As Ford Visits Omaha

By VIRGINIA TYSON
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train said Wednesday that the

the some 1,100 persons attending the session raised their hands.

Butz said agriculture today is one of the best "inflation fighters we have."

"If you can describe any sector with

drive up the cost of living then complain about the cost of food.

Butz said he agreed with Exon's statement that consumers and food producers have identical problems, but

Security Tight For Ford In Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—President Gerald Ford arrived at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Omaha protected by

posite side of Capitol Street, waved briefly, and immediately entered the Hilton Hotel. He was surrounded by

Social Programs:

HEW Chief Urges Look At Alternatives to Busing

By Eileen Wirth

The secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Wednesday said his department needs to put more stress on helping school districts desegregate voluntarily.

Dr. David Mathews told a press conference at the White

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Economy:

Fast, Fast, Fast Relief Not in Ford RX

By Roger Lewis

The Ford administration isn't prescribing any immediate cure-alls for the nation's ailing economy because that would only keep the economy on a "fast



added.

Seidman said the administration chose a tax cut to stimulate the economy rather than proposing massive government programs to get the unemployed back to

Ford Aide: 'Don't Bury ^{1/B} Every Nickel'

By Larry Fruhling
(Tribune Staff Writer)

OMAHA, NEB. — The

But Seidman, who served as director of that conference, defended himself

A family now making do on a modest income, Seidman said, should have faith.

"I think they can undertake reasonable borrowing as they would have in the past (before the recession began)," he said.

"They shouldn't feel the economy is so likely to go into decline that they won't

Transportation:

Highways to Lose Priority Status

The Department of Transportation is trying to shift from a policy of building only highways to one in which mass transit plays an increasing role, Secretary of Transportation William Coleman Jr. said



roads to their proper place in society."

He said the proposed Railroad Revitalization Act is an attempt to eliminate obsolete regulations and give the railroads financial assistance.

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4 The Lincoln Star, Saturday, October 4, 1975

It's Only A Law

The Ford administration sure made a grandstand play to the motorcyclist voting bloc this week. Add states righters to the audience, too.

In Omaha Wednesday, Transportation Secretary William Coleman declared that the administration has no plans to implement a provision in federal law that would cut off federal highway funds to a state which doesn't have a motorcycle helmet safety law.

"The proposal to cut off funds for states that don't have a motorcycle helmet law was never a part of administration policy. It was put into the law by the Democratic-controlled Congress," Coleman told an audience attending a session of the White House Conference on Economic and Domestic Affairs. "I don't

only because one or another minor part of a federal model has not been enacted by a state. That is cutting off the nose to spite the face, so to speak. It certainly defeats the desired safety goal.

We also believe that government steps too far over the line in controlling the day-to-day living of people. Motorcycle helmet legislation intrudes into the area, we think, of personal responsibility. But it is the law, apparently. In Nebraska, a helmet statute is on the books but is not being enforced pending a court ruling. Still, the federal provision that funds are to be withheld if a state does not comply with federal demands, even if it does not make much sense, is still the law — passed by Congress and whether Congress is controlled by Democrats or not, does not make any

Feds Won't Enforce Helmet Requirement

Omaha — The federal government has no plans to implement a provision in the law

"I don't think the law makes much sense and I am most reluctant to enforce it. I haven't im-

The Tribune, Hastings, Nebraska
October 2, 1975

Funds cutoff said 'last possibility'

OMAHA (UPI) — Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. Wednesday reassured Nebraska and Iowa

Train Urges Commitment To The Soil

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train said Wednesday that the nation's major water quality problems are agricultural runoff and sedimentation and that "the only cure for them is good farm practices."

Butz was the first of six high government officials to address the regional conference before President Ford's address later Wednesday.

The agriculture secretary opened by asking the audience how many believed food prices are too high. Only a few of the some 1,100 persons attending the

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Environment chief swats at DDT critics

By Dick Piersol

Omaha—As administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Russell Train is responsible for the largest public works program in the nation's history—granting federal money to finance municipal waste treatment in cities across the nation.

Train said the total cost probably would be about \$60 billion, although the total of

"That is just not true," Train said. "When the ban on DDT was made, the EPA made it clear that it could be used in health emergencies. There is not one application for its use on file in Washington or any of the regional offices."

Other insecticides

Train said mosquitoes are practically

conditions.

"The total costs of cleaning up the environment are going to be about one per cent of the gross national product—maybe a little higher. But there is a net profit in that effort," he said.

"Aside from the citizens' health, consider the advantages of clean water for recreation and the aesthetic value of it all. It's damned hard to quantify what it's really

Environment:

Train: Tips for Better Lives

By Fred Thomas

The nation's top environmental officer gave a blueprint Wednesday of steps citizens may take to improve their surroundings.

It includes driving smaller

ducing litter and saving energy, and they haven't cut into beverage sales or reduced jobs, he said. "Quite the opposite, they have increased employment."

Requiring deposits is one of many steps citizens can make

the United States has requested to use it, Train said.

Only 3

On Butz's contention that EPA's ban on some pesticides hinders farmers, Train said

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Energy:

Zarb: Another Oil Embargo Would Cost 1 Million Jobs

By John Taylor

Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb warned Wednesday that the United States has become so dependent on foreign oil that another

OPEC because it raises by \$2 billion a year the American payment to those countries.

From \$3 billion in 1971, the United States payment to OPEC has reached \$27 billion, he said.

He said that if controls on domestic oil were removed gradually the ultimate result would be a 3-cent-a-gallon increase in the price of gasoline.

Efforts are also being made to eliminate some of the repair