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STEVE FORD

Tuesday, October 5

Hamlin, Texas

Town meeting at High School
(gave remarks and took Q&A)
Reception at local church

Abeline

Lions Club Luncheon
Press Conference
High School Rally
PFC Headquarters
Shopping Center
Food Tasting Festival (38 restaurants cooked specialties)

Wednesday, October 6

Fly to Austin, Texas

Rally at University of Texas
Press Conference
PFC Headquarters
Shopping Center
LBJ Library

4:45 pm Arrive Dallas--Texas International #920

Press conference at gate

7:00 Visit Dallas Republican Headquarters
5010 Greenville Ave.

8:40 Photo opportunity in Suite at Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport
Marina Hotel

Thursday, October 7

10:05 Arrive St. Louis
Press Conference at Airport (Lambert)
(May be on a noon news show)

6:30 RNC Dinner -- Belair Hilton

Friday, October 8

6:40 am Quincy, Illinois
7:15 Local farm for breakfast with farmers
8:30 Downtown to processing plant
9:00 Interviews
to 9:45
10:00 am Departs Quincy
11:00 Arrive Pittsfield, Illinois

Steve Ford
Friday, October 8th (Continued)

(Pittsfield)

Go to local farm
Take a tour on horseback
Lunch at private home

12:20 pm Public rally on Courthouse Lawn
12:40 Depart Pittsfield
1:10 Arrive Winchester
2:00 Arrive Jacksonville
3:15 Arrive Waverly
3:45 Arrive Auburn
4:30 Arrive Pawnee
5:00 Arrive Kincaid
5:45 Arrive Taylorville
6:30 Arrive Stonington
7:00 Arrive Blue Mound
7:45 Decatur

RON in Decatur, Illinois

Saturday, October 9

8:00 am Arrive Cerro Gordo
8:30 Arrive Bennett
9:00 Arrive Montecillo
10:00 Arrive Champagne
12:00 Arrive Rantoul
1:15 Arrive Bloomington
3:30 Arrive Pekin
5:30 Arrive Lincoln
8:00 Attend Boy Scout Jamboree in Lincoln
9:05 Arrive Springfield en route New York City

Sunday, October 10

Attend Peter Frampton Concert

Monday, October 11


Columbus Day Parade, New York City

Sept. 30, 1976

Sally -

This is it -

If I can do
anything let
me know
X Sally



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May 27, 1976

Mr. William W. Nicholson
Director, Scheduling Office
The White House
Washington, D.C.

RE: "Spirit of Seventy-Six Camp-O-Ree"
Your Letter dated 4-23-76

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you for your response dated April 23, 1976, with reference to our invitation to President Gerald Ford to attend the "Spirit of Seventy-Six Camp-O-Ree" sponsored by the W.D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, in observance of our nation's two hundredth anniversary and honoring W.D. Boyce, the founder of the Boy Scouts of America and a resident of the great State of Illinois, which will be held at the Lincoln Developmental Center (Annex) and the Rail-splitter State Park at Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, on October 8, 9, and 10, 1976.

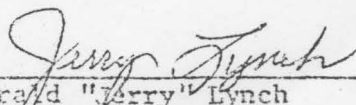
*Preserve
for*
Since President Ford will not be able to attend, perhaps he could send one of the Cabinet Members with an Eagle Scout background as his representative such as Defense Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, to appear on our program Saturday evening, October 8, 1976, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

We would be most pleased to have the Cabinet Member as our guest at dinner that evening at the Camp-O-Ree Headquarters.

We would be able to provide transportation from the Springfield Airport unless arrangements were made to travel via Air Force and use a helicopter either from Springfield or Chanute Air Base to the Camp-O-Ree site.

Your early response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

I told him close to the event will be in town
maybe as chairman

Gerald "Jerry" Lynch
General Chairman
Spirit of Seventy-Six Camp-O-Ree
Lincoln Developmental Center

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Oct. 9th Spirit 76
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Jack Horton # 433-2141 - NAVY - 7
 John Kelly
 Frank Reagan
 713-526-4591 Sandra Feldman

→ W.D. Boyce Council < 4 B.S. organ.
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 fireworks largest in Logan Co.'s history

Andy Lindstrom, Ill. St. Journal & Register
 800-252-8506 (morn + even paper)
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8:pm Program

Kathy McLoake

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+ parents { 11-16 BS
16-22 Explorers

w/like Steve to tour camp + have dinner

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Paul

Logan Co. Chmn of Bic Cmte

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Tabloid on Boyce - B Scouting

Mayor of Lincoln

Edward Spellman, V. Chmn of Prog.

Steve Ford

former Mayor of Lincoln

Awards by Jerry Lynch

→ plaque to Steve + to Pres.

Scout badge imbedded into plaque

- 2000 build day

- Boyce

Spirit of '76

- 1st Council Camped O-ree

since 73
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Lynch
(hmn)

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Message Clear

President's Bronco-Busting Son Rides Herd On Potential Votes

By SHELLEY EPSTEIN

PEKIN — Under an ivory, 10-gallon cowboy hat strolled the tall, blond youth.

In America's West, he'd be just another cowpoke, among the horses and cattle.

But in Pekin, heartland of corn and soybeans instead of the wide open range, the youth looked out of place . . . especially when he mingled with the "Establishment" clad in suits and ties.

"Illinois is a state we can win," Steve says to a questioner. "The polls show we're moving."

On to the Tazewell County Republican headquarters, where, in a two-minute stay, he again shakes most of the hands, this time of those seeking local office.

This has been the pace in his three weeks of campaigning in the Rocky Mountain states. Aides

lying his position on Eastern Europe," the animal science major at California Polytechnical University said. "What he meant was that even though there's military dominance by the Russians, the people's own beliefs are that they have a free spirit and a nationalism."

When asked when his father might next be coming to Illinois, Steve said, "I have enough



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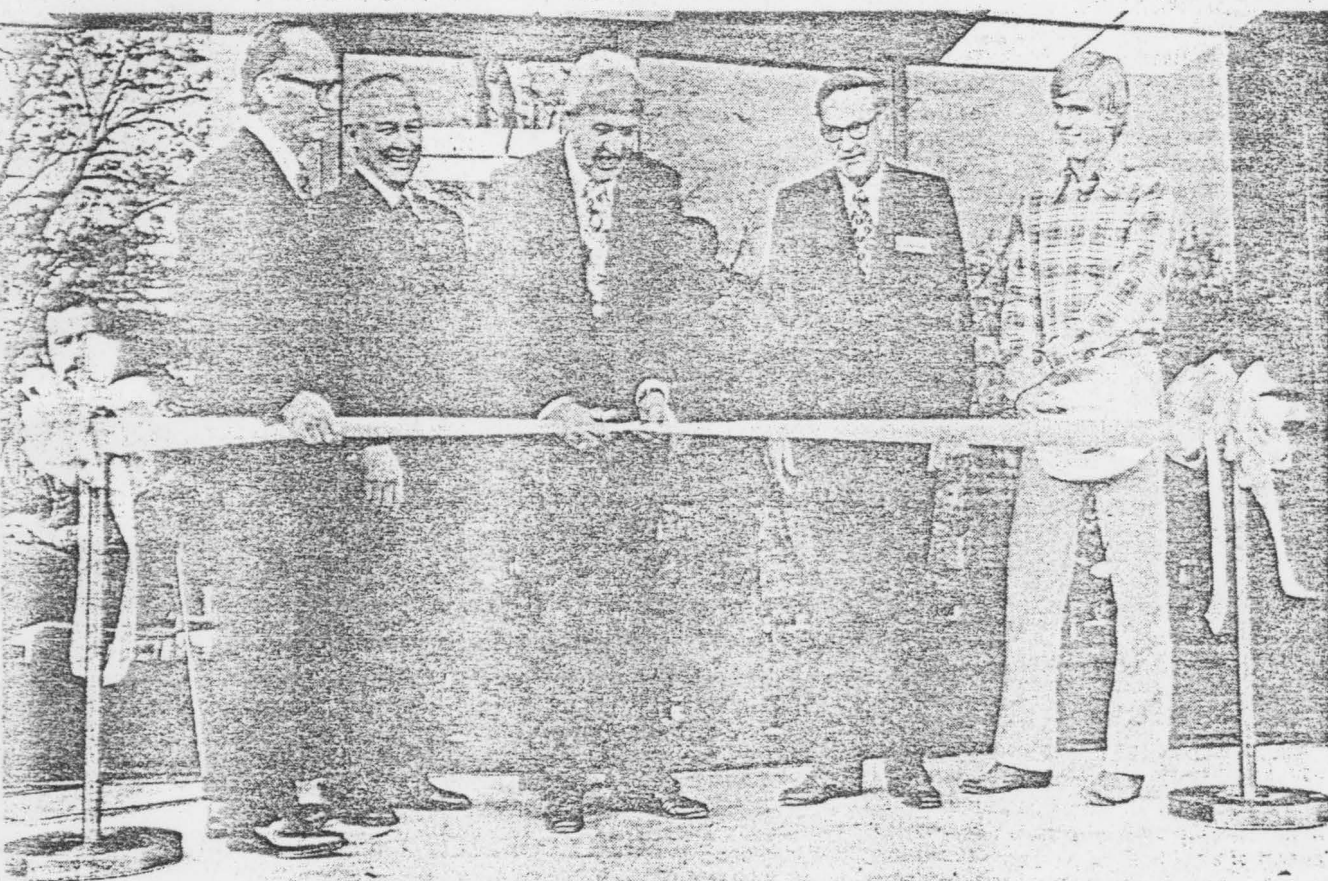
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Terrorists Seize



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Dixsen center by a small band of reporters, curious adults, autograph-seeking teenagers and excited little children. He was generally unhurried and obliged about everyone.

Reporters asked him about his father's Eastern Europe

Busty

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BY SHIRLEY COFFEY

New home of First National Bank and Trust Company of Pekin, which occupies the square block bounded by N. Sixth, N. Fifth, Margaret and Ann Eliza streets in downtown Pekin, was dedicated at 4 p.m.

president of the bank from 1923 until 1940, and William Harris, GOP candidate for Illinois Secretary of State.

Master of ceremonies for the event was James Unland, a member of the bank's board of directors. He introduced young

directors and noted that the bank was founded as the German-American National Bank nearly 90 years ago—on Aug. 10, 1887—by a small group of businessmen. The bank's name was changed to the American National Bank in

Troutman, who noted that a bank is not just a facility for lending and safeguarding money, but an establishment which contributes greatly to community and business development, said that the new bank building will be a catalyst



STEVE FORD, at center, son of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, attended dedication ceremonies for the new First National Bank building Saturday afternoon. He is shown with Charles Gagnier, at left, president of First National, and Gagnier's brother, Wally Gagnier, at right, who came from Kankakee for the event. They stand in front of a huge bronze bust of the late Senator

Cowboy Steve Ford Rides Campaign Trail Into Peoria

By GREG DENT

Steve Ford looked about as relaxed as a 20-year-old could be expected to look under the circumstances.

Because his father was running for president, young Ford was sitting in a row of adult men at the dedication of the

new First National Bank and Trust Co. at Pekin.

The other men were bank directors and politicians and wore blue or gray suits.

Ford was a college student and cowboy and wore a plaid shirt and two-tone boots, propping a big white Stetson hat on

his knee. Ford smiled and listened attentively.

"I campaign in ways that I don't wear a coat and tie and I'm pretty relaxed and have a good time," Ford explained at a press conference later.

"The reason I'm out campaigning is for my father. It's a chance for me to pay him back

de *refuse*
"On the Eastern European
question, I think my father
made a mistake in not clarifying
his whole stand on it, and he
did later on. What he was trying
to say was, even tho there is

Steve Ford Proves Firm In Support For His Father

By ED BORMAN
Of The News-Gazette

Rugged, blond 20-year-old Steve Ford came to Urbana Saturday and proved to be a modest but firm young man who is decisive in explaining

their own countries. Military suppression can't hold those feelings down."

Taxes

He said, "I think taxes are the biggest thing in this campaign." He explained:

pared for it." He changed his mind after he went to the national convention in Kansas City.

"I saw in Kansas City how involved he was and how much it meant to him. And it

and I are both working on that, and I think we're making some headway. My father is in a position where he can't be pro-environment and he can't be pro-industry. He's got to find a fine line that will help

VE FORD HERE FOR FATHER. Steve Ford, youngest of President and Mrs. Ford's children, pins a campaign button on Janis Ford, a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Illinois, during a campaign stop

here. Watching approvingly is Dennis Graff, who ran as a Ronald Reagan delegate to the Republican convention, but now is campaigning for the President.

Rusty