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Presidency: News

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NEWS

Ford Addresses Judges on Mackinac

President Ford addressed a conference of federal judges on Mackinac Island Sunday, telling them he supports legislation to hire more judges and that the caseloads of the federal courts are too heavy.

Ford said (on NBC film) "In fact we are turning too often to the federal courts for solutions to conflicts that should have been tackled by other agencies of the federal government or even the private sector. We cannot expect the judiciary to resolve and to balance all of our opposing views in our society. Neither can we rely on the courts as the sole protector of our individual liberties. I think other agencies or partners in the federal government have an equal responsibility."

Later President and Mrs. Ford went to church and took a stroll through the village. This was sort of an early birthday present for the President, John Cochran said. He's vacationed in Northern Michigan before: he first came here nearly half a century ago with the Boy Scouts. "Cars are banned on the island, Cochran said, and that's one way of saving gasoline. The President has another plan and tomorrow he'll ask Congressional leaders to remove price controls on oil gradually over 2 or 3 years. The President believes that will drive up gasoline prices about 6¢ a gallon and stop a lot of unnecessary driving." -- AP, UPI, NBC (7/13/75)

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POOL REPORT - AIR FORCE ONE
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN
FRIDAY, July 11, 1975

Wheels up at 11:50 a. m. Washington time.

Shortly after take-off, Ron Nessen came back and read us the following statement; which he said was in anticipation of questions about the Butterfield allegations:

"We have no information to substantiate the allegation that a member of the previous Administration was a secret CIA agent or indeed any kind of CIA agent, nor have we heard of such information. The questions apply to previous Administrations. Those questions could best be addressed to those who were involved in the Administrations.

"To the best of our knowledge, and we have no reason to believe otherwise, there is no employee working at the White House who has, or who has had, a CIA connection of which we are unaware. We have no reason to believe that anyone currently working at the White House, either as an employee of the White House or on detail from another agency, is surreptitiously reporting information on White House activities to any other government agency.

"I failed to make clear, in responding to questions in this area yesterday, and maybe I should have made clear, that I was speaking specifically of the present White House. I can only speak for this Administration. I don't want you to think that this qualification I am mentioning today means we have discovered that any CIA agent infiltrated the White House in the past. We have no reason to believe there ever has been such an agent, but I want to make clear that I speak only for this Administration and this President." (End of statement).

Asked to explain the discrepancies between this statement and his flat denials yesterday, Nessen said: "Nothing I said yesterday was untrue. I just want to get back to the position I've always taken -- that I speak only for this Administration."

Nessen said in reply to another question that his statement today had the knowledge and approval of the President.

Then, in response to further questions, he said he would have issued today's statement even if the allegations about Butterfield had not been made. He said again that he was making the statement because he wanted to get back to his standard position of speaking only for this White House.

When we pressed Nessen on the discrepancies -- or apparent discrepancies if you prefer -- between this statement and his remarks yesterday, he repeated what he had said yesterday -- that he had checked and had been assured that there was no reason to believe that any White House personnel had reported clandestinely to the CIA in previous Administrations.

"What I said yesterday was true," Nessen said, but he again said he wanted to get back to the position of speaking only for this White House.

Asked whether there were any plans to investigate the present White House staff to determine whether there were any covert CIA agents, Nessen said: "I'll check (to see whether any such inquiry is planned)."

(MORE)

On more routine matters, Nessen said the President brought a large amount of mail with him on the flight to Traverse City and planned to spend most of the flight signing letters.

With the President on Air Force One were Mrs. Ford, Senator Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, and the following members of the Michigan delegation in Congress, all Republicans: Representatives Elford Cederberg, Guy Vander Jagt, Philip Ruppe and Marvin Esch.

Also: James and Paul Griffin, sons of the Senator; Donald Rumsfeld, Philip Buchen, L. William Seidman, Milton Friedman, Cwen Anderson and Ron Nessen.

Nessen drew attention to the fact that the schedule shows Mrs. Ford making a tour of Mackinac Island on Sunday. Nessen said this is only tentative -- Mrs. Ford has not yet decided whether she will do it.

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The message would be, Ann Compton noted, "Music to the ears of the conservative businessmen Ford is meeting with."

In his speech in Chicago Ford said he prefers "long distance runners to short-term bandaids" in defense of his administration's economic policies, reported Tom Brokaw (NBC). The continuing unemployment problem, the President said, will be solved by changing tax laws, so private industry will have more money to expand production and create new jobs. That will take some time, "which means he is prepared to continue living with the high rate of unemployment, Brokaw reported. AP;UPI;Networks (7/11/75)

SUSAN FORD PHOTOGRAPHS WHILE BEING PHOTOGRAPHED: President Ford's daughter Susan was heavily photographed Friday by the media, as she photographed the media as they photographed her photographing an event for the Topeka Capitol Journal. The editor of the Journal said Susan's first week has been successful, and that she has curiosity, the makings of a good photo-journalist, and is about "the most low key person around here."--ABC (7/11/75)

FOREIGN POLICY

KISSINGER SAYS SALT AGREEMENT PROSPECTS IMPROVE AS RESULT OF TALKS: Secretary Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Friday their 11 hours of Geneva talks improved chances for a new pact this year limiting nuclear weapons but were more cautious in their comments on the Mideast. UPI reported a significant breakthrough in the talks was Russian agreement to accept the principle of on-site inspection in certain cases, allowing foreigners to inspect certain areas used for non-military nuclear explosions, to make sure the Russians weren't cheating on international agreements, reported Richard Valeriani (NBC).

At a joint news conference Kissinger said (on NBC film), "As a result of the discussions that have been held in recent days, the prospects of a SALT agreement have been improved."

On CBS film Kissinger said, "Progress was made in narrowing the differences and understanding each other's position. We will work earnestly and with some optimism for concluding the agreement on basis of Vladivostock principles this year."

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SUBJECT: Distribution in Chicago of "Morning Notes"

Please distribute the attached "Morning ~~Notes~~ Notes" to the following persons:

The President

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Mr. Buchen

Mr. Nessen

Mr. Swidman

Mr. Greener

Mr. Friedman

Mr. Hushen

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Mr. Mead

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Mr. Roberts

Mr. Carlson

Ms. Anderson

Dr. Kukash

MORNING NOTES

A Summary of the Morning Papers

Saturday
July 12, 1975

The Top Stories in Saturday Papers:

1. Prouty's disclosure of Butterfield's CIA relationship; Kissinger's report of progress on SALT differences; and the President in Chicago - Traverse City are Page One stories.

2. President in Chicago & T. C. :

a. R. W. Apple in the N. Y. Times (Pg. 10) led the Time's accounting saying, "President Ford counseled adherence to such traditional values as moderation, restraint, reason and steadfastness as the cure for the nation's ills in a speech that set the tone for his coming campaign." Apple says the President made no overt political appeals in either Chicago or Traverse City, but the trip "provided him, nonetheless, with an opportunity to be seen and heard in two key industrial states." Apple says like Presidents before him, Ford can be expected to schedule "many politically profitable non-political trips." The Traverse City crowds, Apple says, "gave Mr. Ford a warm but not overwhelming reception. Many... were tourists drawn (there) by the lakes and forests... and by the festival..."

b. Joel Weisman in the Post (Pg. 1) led his account by saying, "In his first trip since announcing his candidacy last Tuesday, President Ford declared to night that his Administration has put the nation 'back on the road to economic recovery.'" Weisman says the Traverse City appearance had many of the trappings of a campaign stop and the President "several times evoked screams and excitement from a crowd... estimated at 300,000." The President "clearly enjoyed his forays into the mob of humanity," Weisman says. (The Weisman story is 3-columns just below the fold, topped by a 3-column photo from Traverse City that runs up to the masthead).

c. Peter Kumpa in the Baltimore Sun (Pg. 5) led his report from Traverse City saying, "President Ford began his unofficial campaign for the White House yesterday as he started a 3-day Midwestern swing, making his first appearances since formally declaring himself a candidate for the GOP nomination." Kumpa says the President "won enthusiastic response from a crowd of about 300, 000 vacationing Midwesterners..." The President laughed off suggestions he was campaigning, Kumpa says.

"The White House billed his appearance as a presidential trip and not a political one," Kumpa writes, (but) "the difference was only in description. In mood, in form and in other trappings, it was the beginning of his quest for an elected term of office, one which he is now the favorite of the pollsters to win."

d. Knight's Robert Boyd in the Phila. Inquirer (Pg. 1) led his account from Chicago observing, "President Ford, in a preview of his '76 campaign, went to Michigan to ride in the Traverse City Cherry Festival parade and then flew to Chicago to address a blue-ribbon business group." Boyd says the President told the businessmen that government must show " 'moderation and restraint' in stimulating the economy, and he warned against 'the promise of a quick fix' to end the recession." Boyd says the President broke no new ground in his speech, "but restated in colorful language the themes he has been stressing lately--economic recovery without massive government spending."

"More than anything, though, the outing was a perfect illustration of the immense political advantage enjoyed by an incumbent President," Boyd says. Traveling at taxpayer expense with a large staff in Air Force jets and Marine choppers, Ford before returning to Washington will make two " 'non-political' " speeches deliver a college commencement address, hold a press conference, ride in a parade, play in a golf tournament, attend a concert and meet GOP leaders of two states. The jam-packed schedule "thoroughly scrambles Ford's roles as national leader and politician seeking votes," Boyd observes.

e. Jim Wieghart in the N. Y. Daily News (Pg. 8) led saying, "President Ford accused the Democrat-controlled Congress of 'playing with fire' by passing inflationary spending bills and pledged to continue using the presidential veto to keep the economic recovery on a 'firm and steady course.' " His first trip since formally announcing his candidacy laid out what will undoubtedly be the theme of his campaign, Wieghart says: (1) The free-spending Democrat Congress must shoulder a major portion of the blame for the nation's worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and (2) that the best and surest road to economic recovery is through fiscal restraint.

Wieghart says, "Ford drew resounding cheers from the businessmen by promising to propose tax changes... and to reform federal regulatory agencies..." The weekend trip had all the trappings of a political campaign, as he received an "enthusiastic welcome" in Traverse City from an estimated 300,000, Wieghart says.

2. The CIA:

The major papers are commonly reporting this morning that both Sen. Church and Rep. Nedzi have concluded that they can find no evidence to support the charge that CIA agents secretly infiltrated the White House or other agencies.

The papers also report Ron Nessen's statement aboard Air Force One, which George Lardner of the Post called "more cautious" than Thursday's "categorical" response; and which Jos. Volz of the N. Y. Daily News called "something of a modification" from his statement that "there were not, and never had been, any undercover CIA agents at the White House." The N. Y. Times, Balt. Sun, and Phila. Inquirer, although relating the two statements, do not characterize them.

However, the N. Y. Times report by John Crewsdon says "another White House spokesman acknowledged later, however, that Theodore C. Marrs... had been associated with the CIA-inspired attempt to invade Cuba in 1961." When asked to reconcile that with Nessen's statement about the present Administration, "the spokesman said he assumed that the Presidential press secretary had been aware of Dr. Marrs's CIA affiliation when he made his remarks," Crewsdon reports.

3. Editorials:

a. The N. Y. Times lead editorial is on Solzhenitsyn's concerns about detente, which the Times says ought not to be dismissed out of hand. They should instead "serve Americans as a useful and timely reminder that detente is and has to be in no sense a unilateral expression of fatuous goodwill, but rather a practical and realistic means of establishing a mutually beneficial two-way street," the paper says.

In its #3 editorial, the Times says "President Ford's strag strange effort to slip a \$1.2 billion nuclear-powered cruiser into the \$25-billion military procurement bill... is worse than the 'fiscal irresponsibility' of which he has accused Capitol Hill. It deserves a veto from Congress."

However, in its #4 editorial, the Times says the President has proposed "a modest but still useful step" toward further diluting the sacrosanctity of the massive Highway Trust Fund. "We hope he gives more than lip service to this measure...," says the Times.

b. Similarly, the Phila. Inquirer, in its lead editorial backs the move on the Highway Trust Fund. The paper says the President's argument is philosophical--federal versus state responsibilities, but the Inquirer says the "central question" is "our joint national responsibility to face up to the realities."

c. And the Washington Post in the #2 editorial says that while the President proposals for the Highway Trust Fund does not go as far as the paper would like, "it would be a substantial step for any President and is a particularly notable advance for Mr. Ford, who as a congressman from Michigan, used to maintain that the highway trust fund should be inviolate."

d. The N. Y. Daily News observes that the President has begun "a long overdue effort to get federal regulatory agencies to relax onerous restrictions," but major overhaul depends on the Congress. The News hopes that the President "keeps up the pressure on Congress" to act on this.

Ford Winds Up Midwest Trip

By Joel D. Weisman

Special to The Washington Post

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 13 — President Ford wound up a "nonpolitical" trip to the Midwest here today, wrapping up three days of speeches and campaign-style appearances.

Located between the upper and lower peninsulas of Mr. Ford's home state, Mackinac Island provided a picturesque setting for the President to assume his recently declared role as a 1976 candidate.

Mr. Ford played tennis, toured Ft. Mackinac, tasted fudge—an island specialty—and rode in horse-drawn carriages, in keeping with the ban on motor vehicles on the 4-mile-by-2-mile island. He greeted islanders and tourists after attending services in a

gathering of federal judges from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee—he backed pay raises for judges, expanding the federal judiciary and lightening caseloads.

He noted that the federal courts have had to deal with many of the nation's most controversial problems, adding: "We are turning too often to the federal courts for solutions to conflicts that should have been tackled by other agencies of the federal government or even the private sector."

On his way back to Washington, Mr. Ford said he will send his plan for decontrolling oil prices to Congress Monday or Tuesday. He said in a dis-



Associated Press

President Ford looks for the ball during an afternoon tennis match with Michigan Gov. William Milliken.

Ford Widens Lead on Kennedy in Polls

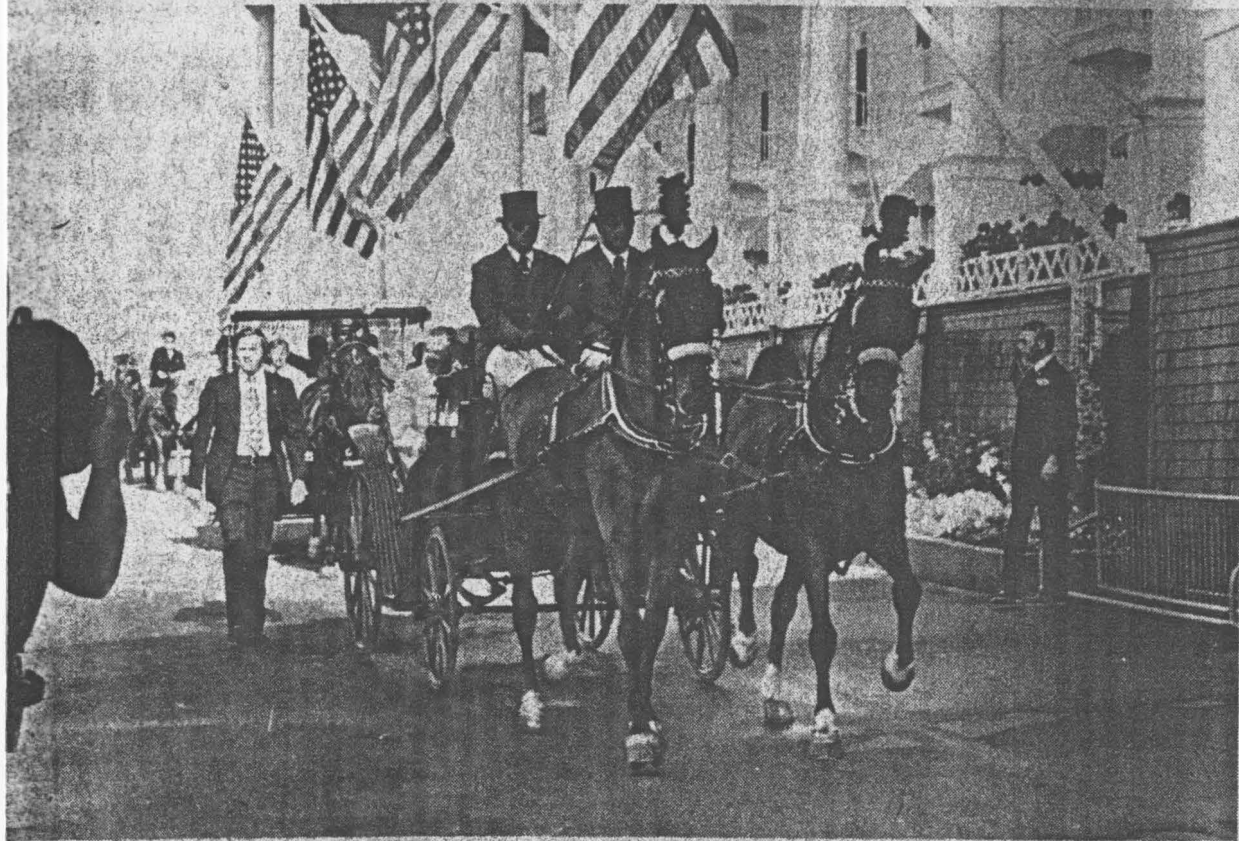
President Ford's announcement last week that he will seek the 1976 nomination

publican voters and the trend from early March: the survey reported Mr. Ford reversed an April Kennedy lead of 50-to-42 per cent and

the Republican or Kennedy the Democrat?

	Ford	Kennedy	Not Sure
Late March	50%	43%	7%
June, 1975	50%	43%	7%

TRIBUNE Camera Shows President Ford In Varied Day of Activities



President Ford and Governor Milliken arrived at the Grand Hotel at 8:45 Sunday morning to attend the 6th Circuit Court of appeals meeting. The coach and team they arrived in was valued at \$40,000.



President and Mrs. Ford walking to Trinity Episcopal Church from the Governors Mansion shown in the background. Security was tight as many secret service agents are grouped around the Presidential Party.

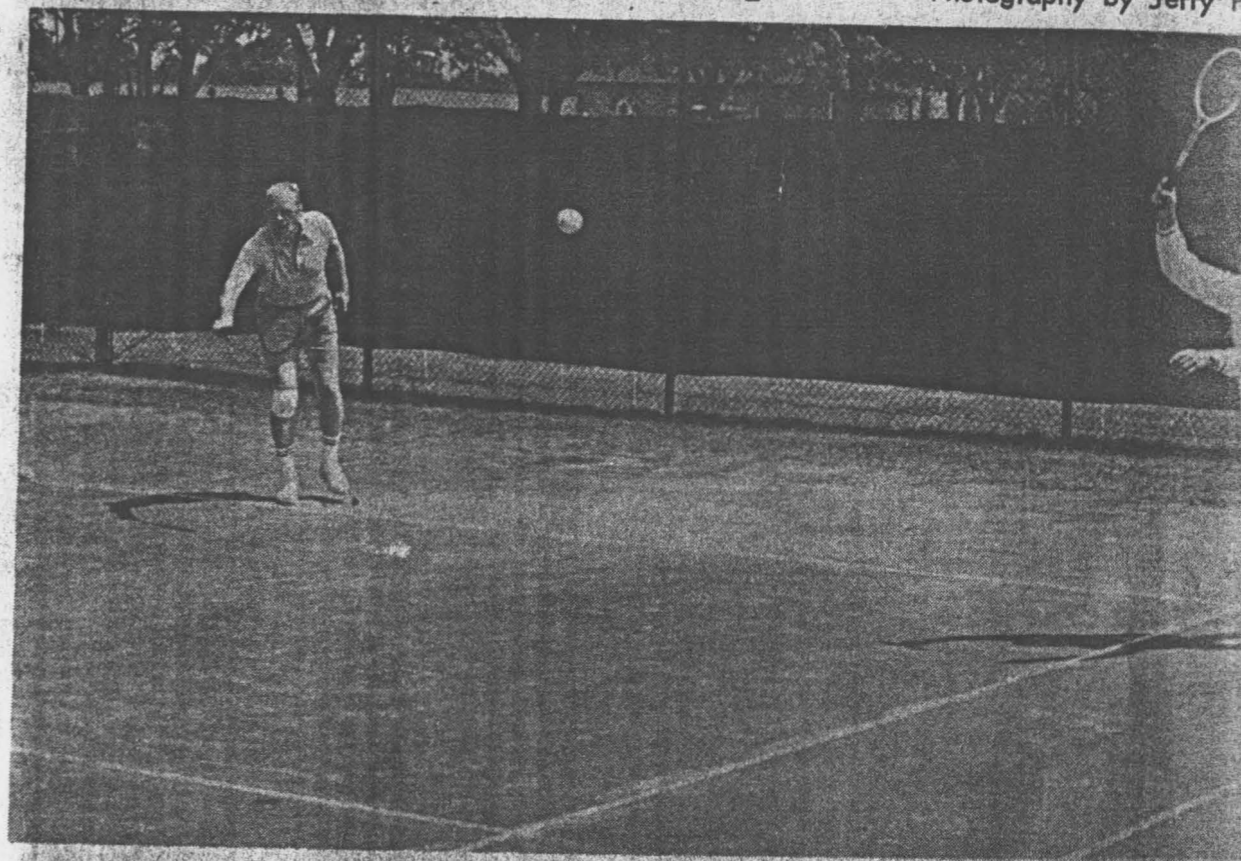


During His Visit to Mackinac Island on Saturday and Sunday

Photography by Jerry P.



After church Ford circulated shaking hands and greeting the people waiting to see him.



Ford and Milliken in action on the court.



Ford Gives a Preview of Some of His 1976 Campaign Techniques on Trip to Middle West

By R. W. APPLE Jr.

Special to The New York Times

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 13—President Ford, who formally announced last week that he planned to run in 1976, showed this weekend how he planned to go about it.

Mr. Ford spent three days in the Middle West, concluding with a sunny Sunday on this idyllic, 3.5-square-mile island at the junction of Lakes Huron and Michigan—an island where horse-drawn carriages do the

Not for him the controlled almost leisurely pace of Richard M. Nixon's 1968 and 1972 efforts; for all his pauses for relaxation, Mr. Ford moved at a headlong pace, as he always has.

Yesterday, for example, he began with a breakfast at 8:30 A.M. and arrived here for the night only a few minutes before midnight. Moving from event to event, he made one plane flight, two helicopter flights, three auto trips and two golf

based photographers.

Mr. Ford indicated that his would be a stolid campaign, devoid of flash and flights of rhetorical fancy. In speech after speech, he counseled moderation, steadiness, calm. These, he said in Chicago on Friday night, "are not exciting words."

'Simple, Straight Talk'

The President's principal theme was self-reliance.

Speaking to a group of judges this morning, he decried what

the individual is what our next century as a nation must be about. Freedom for a nation begins and ends with freedom for the individual citizen."

He made much the same point in his talk to the predominantly black graduating class at Chicago State University yesterday afternoon.

"Some people are outside the boat struggling in stormy waters," the President said. "We, the fortunate, are on the boat and can throw out a life-preser-

point during his campaign, the President also made it clear that he had found his villains: Congress, the liberal economists and, perhaps surprisingly, his predecessor.

Congress, he said as often as he could, is trying to avoid responsibility for solving the energy crisis, and is trying to spend the nation into bankruptcy. One could almost hear Harry S. Truman talking about the "do-nothing, good-for-nothing 80th Congress."

lizing everyone through inflation.

His criticisms of Mr. Nixon were indirect but unmistakable, and some of his aides went so far as to comment that Mr. Nixon was one of the President's chief campaign assets. Was Mr. Nixon devious? Mr. Ford talked about candor and honesty. Was Mr. Nixon selfish in refusing support to other Republicans in 1972? Mr. Ford would campaign hand-in-hand with the party's candidates in

City woman asked her husband: "Now can you imagine Nixon ever doing that?"

Finally, Mr. Ford demonstrated his taste for the small change of politics. At lunch today, he worried with Michigan Republicans about the problem of settling upon a candidate to run for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Philip A. Hart, a Democrat.

And on Friday, he outmaneuvered Chicago's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, also a Demo-

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Ford game plan: Stability

Property tax bills to drop for 80% in county, Tully says

By Fred Orehek

before tax rates are applied to determine actual tax bills.

EIGHTY TO 90 per cent of home owners in Cook County will have slightly

FOR THE owner of a home with actual value of \$50,000, for instance, the



President asks fiscal restraint

By Aldo Beckman

PRESIDENT FORD outlined Friday night based on moderate restraint which he said will see a stable, solid foundation for the can economy.



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PRESIDENT FORD outlined a plan Friday night based on moderation and restraint which he said will reestablish a stable, solid foundation for the American economy.

"Moderation and restraint . . . are not exciting words, but they are key words in my economic lexicon," Ford told a dinner meeting of the Mid-America Committee for International Business and Government Cooperation.

"They don't blow your mind, but neither do they blow the salary and say-

Ford tells goal: Stable economy

Continued from page one

sought to help — the poor, the elderly, the disadvantaged — are now trying to cope with the inflationary crunch of Uncle Sam's spending spree."

"The American people now realize that benefits cannot be created for some without imposing costs on all," Ford said.

He said his "first order of business" is full economic recovery, noting that all signs point to an economic recovery, with the decline in output and the increase in unemployment both brought to a standstill.

IT IS A "delicate time" in the nation's economic history, however, Ford warned,

Find Reagan camp here talks Ford

"WHATEVER sentiment there is in Illinois for Ronald Reagan for President has not jelled" accord-

cautioning against any government action aimed at "an instant fix."

Citing the need for increased production and creation of new jobs, the President said in order to accomplish those goals, "we must increase the amount of capital in our society."

Ford said much of America's productive machinery is obsolescent and inadequate to meet the demands of a dynamic economy, and warned that America runs the risk of "running out of industrial capacity before we restore all the jobs of our fellow Americans."

HE SAID that altho American industry has raised and invested \$1.5 trillion in the last decade, investments of some \$4.5 trillion might be required in the next decade.

Calling for tax changes and other measures aimed at promoting investment and capital formation, Ford said, "We must put some muscle into our productivity if the economy is going to make the steady, sure progress needed for full economic recovery."

One answer to the need for increased capital, the President said, is greater involvement of America's middle-income groups in savings and investment. "I look not only to Mid-America for progress but also to Middle Americans," he

Mayor changes mind

Daleys greet Fords

MAYOR DALEY changed his mind Friday and greeted President and Mrs. Ford at Meigs Field upon their arrival in Chicago. Earlier, Daley announced that he wouldn't be able to make it.

Daley and his wife, Eleanor, welcomed the Fords after their helicopter from O'Hare International Airport landed at Meigs shortly before 5 p. m. The Fords and the Daleys shook hands, spoke briefly, and Mrs. Daley presented a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Ford.

A banner at the airport said, Chicago Welcomes President

Sirica cuts 4 sentences in Gate case

WASHINGTON [UPI]—Federal District Judge John Sirica, following a pattern he has set for major Watergate figures, Friday reduced the sentences of four Cuban-Americans involved in bugging the Democratic Party headquarters to time already served.

The order will mean the most to Watergate conspirator Bernard L. Barker, who had been faced with returning to prison for at least five more months.

The other three Cubans — Frank A. Sturgis, Eugenio R. Martinez, and Virgilio R. Gonzalez—have been on parole for more than a year after serving their sentences. Sirica's order has the effect of erasing their probation.

THE FOUR MEN were arrested at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972, and pleaded guilty the following January to conspiracy, burglary, bugging, and wiretapping.

The fifth man arrested with them, James W. McCord Jr., then security chief for President Nixon's reelection campaign, was convicted and sentenced to prison but was released May 29 this year on Sirica's order.

The other two men involved in the Watergate bugging—G. Gordon Liddy

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FORD-POLITICS
AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS
BY CARL P. LEUBSDORF

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S HECTIC "NONPOLITICAL" THREE-DAY WEEKEND IN MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS ENABLED HIM TO SHOW THE STRENGTHS HE WILL CARRY INTO THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. IT ALSO SHOWED SOME WEAKNESSES.

ON ONE HAND, THERE WAS THE WARM AND OPEN FORD PERSONALITY PRODUCING FRIENDLY, SOMETIMES ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTIONS. ON THE OTHER, HE DISPLAYED A SOMEWHAT SIMPLISTIC OPTIMISM AND HIS GENERALLY LACKLUSTER SPEAKING STYLE.

FORD'S FIRST OUT-OF-TOWN TRIP SINCE HE FORMALLY UNVEILED HIS 1976 CANDIDACY LAST TUESDAY WAS REMINISCENT OF THE BUSY SCHEDULES HE FOLLOWED IN HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL DAYS A YEAR AGO.

FROM THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL PARADE IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., FRIDAY TO AN UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO MAY'S FUDGE SHOP IN DOWNTOWN MACKINAC ISLAND AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY, FORD WAS FOLLOWED BY CROWDS THAT EAGERLY SOUGHT TO TOUCH HIM AND SHAKE HIS HAND.

THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING CAME SUNDAY AT THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP AT INTERLOCHEN, WHERE FORD WAS CHEERED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND MUSICIANS WHO ALSO SANG "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" IN ADVANCE OF HIS 62ND BIRTHDAY TODAY.

IN TRAVERSE CITY ON FRIDAY, THE CROWDS WHILE FRIENDLY WERE MORE RESTRAINED, WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF CRITICAL BANNERS. THE PRESIDENT SHOWED HE ENJOYED IT BY DOFFING HIS COAT AND TIE AND WAVING HAPPILY AT THE QUARTER-MILLION PERSONS ON HAND.

WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM LATER THAT THE CROWDS MAY BE A GOOD SENDOFF FOR THE 1976 CAMPAIGN, FORD LAUGHED AND REPLIED, "THIS WAS JUST FRIENDSHIP."

SEN. ROBERT P. GRIFFIN, R-MICH., LATER VOLUNTEERED TO REPORTERS THAT WHILE FORD'S WEEKEND "WASN'T A POLITICAL TRIP, THE FACT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO SHOW SUCH SOLID SUPPORT IN HIS HOMESTATE WAS A GOOD OMEN. THE FELLOW'S GOT TO START SOMEWHERE."

FORD, MEANWHILE, GAVE SOME INSIGHT INTO THE WAY HE VIEWS HIS POLITICAL APPEAL AT SATURDAY'S CHICAGO NEWS CONFERENCE.

ASKED WHAT HE CONSIDERED THE MAJOR SUCCESSES AND FAILINGS OF HIS FIRST YEAR, HE ANSWERED WITH A LIST OF SUCCESSES RANGING FROM THE DROP IN THE INFLATION RATE TO DISENGAGEMENT FROM VIETNAM. WHEN ASKED AGAIN ABOUT FAILINGS, HE REPLIED, "I DON'T THINK THERE HAVE BEEN MANY."

FORD SAID FOREIGN GRAIN SALES, SUCH AS THOSE BEING CONTEMPLATED WITH RUSSIA, ARE A "BLESSING." DESPITE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE 1972 SALES, HE DIDN'T SEE MUCH DANGER TO DOMESTIC FOOD PRICES.

AND HE SAID THE OIL INDUSTRY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE UNDER THE LAW TO INCREASE DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THE OIL INDUSTRY HAS SLOWED DOMESTIC DRILLING IN EXPECTATION OF HIGHER PRICES WHEN CONTROLS ARE LIFTED.

AT THE MOMENT, EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE GOING FORD'S WAY POLITICALLY. THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT SET OFF AN INCREASE IN HIS POPULARITY, HE HAS AN OBVIOUS TARGET IN THE LEADERLESS DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS AND THE ECONOMY MAY BE READY TO TURN THE CORNER.

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Why Rocky cannot be named—yet

By Morton Kondracke
Sun-Times Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Ford and Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller have a basic understanding that Ford will not name his 1976 running mate until he has his own nomination sewn up, White House aides said today.

'After you, Mr. Mayor'

With President Ford's deferent gesture, Mayor Daley, who had said he wouldn't greet the First Family because of other commitments, enters a limousine at Meigs Field after

the welcoming Friday. The mayor's wife, Eleanor, was also on hand and presented Mrs. Ford with a bouquet of roses in an at first cool greeting. (Sun-Times Photo by Jack Lenahan)

Ford optimistic, defends vetoes

By Basil Talbott Jr.

President Ford told Chicago business leaders Friday night that the nation is on the way to economic recovery and he will continue

cheered the President as he promised to restrain government spending but work to reform regulatory agencies that threaten "to choke the life out of the private sector."

politics, and they contend that Ford has been "less Delphic than most Presidents" in indicating that Rockefeller is his choice.

Presidential counsellor Robert T. Hartmann said in an interview that the decision, "is not a foregone conclusion yet, but the President has made his position a lot less cute than most Presidents have done 13 months before the convention."

One White House aide confirmed that Ford and Rockefeller made each other fully aware of statements they were to issue on the subject of the vice-presidential nomination, especially Rockefeller's June 10 letter to New York Republicans urging that they not endorse him and Ford's June 16 statement of confidence that both he and Rockefeller could be nominated individually and as a team.

"The two statements," said one White House aide, "were really pieces of the same plot."

As described by White House aides, the only pressure for resolving the Rockefeller issue is coming from the press.

"You're writing July-before-election-year stories," said Hartmann, "and I guess we should be happy that what you have to write about is: 'Is the President going to dump the vice president?'" He said, "The Rockefeller question is unanswerable. As a practical matter, it's unanswerable until after the Democratic convention and maybe not until after the President is nominated at the Republican convention. No one

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Bubbly chitchat about



Oh, boy! Oh, wow! Ogle—It's the President

Necks crane for a look at President Ford during his reception at the Palmer House Friday night. (Sun-Times Photo by Jack Lenahan)



Our first families

Bubbly chitchat greet Fords

By Bess Winakor

The cocktail chatter of 700 business and civic leaders in the Palmer House Grand Ball

guests moved in to greet him by his first name, shake his hand and be photographed with him. He was

Ford's 3-Day Trip A 2-State Shuttle

Associated Press

President Ford, off on his first trip since declaring his candidacy for 1976, has a three-day schedule in Michigan and Illinois that is considered nonpolitical and is being paid for out of official funds, but he will attend what is billed as an "informal Republican breakfast" in Chicago tomorrow.

And today he was to be guest of honor at an informal reception at the home

the summer home of Michigan's Republican governor, William G. Milliken.

On Sunday, he is to speak at a breakfast meeting on the resort island of a conference of jurists from the 6th Federal Circuit. He and Mrs. Ford are to return to Washington Sunday night.

YESTERDAY, wielding a gilded spade and wearing a hardhat made for somebody smaller, Ford helped break ground for a new