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ELDERLY/INFLATION

"We've got a group of senior citizens here from the Williams Nursing Home Golden Age Manor and they've come to express their confidence in me and I appreciate it. For quite often they live on a fixed income and when they can't have control of inflation what they live on has to be spent on , stretched a little further. Their food is not quite as good. Sometimes they have to leave their own homes because of high property taxes and increased costs for electricity and heating and telephone services. The cost of our country's health care has gone up 250 percent in the last 8 years and when they have had small savings and when they take their money out of a savings account at the end of 10 years they find their money is not as worth as much as when they put it in there. That hurts. And when they give gifts to their grandchildren at Christmas, the gift is not quite as nice as they would like for it to be."

Houston, Texas, rally
September 24, 1976



SENIOR CITIZENS/PROMISES

"And I have promised the retired citizens in Florida, during the primary there last March, that when I'm elected President, in the White House on my top staff, always at my shoulder there will be someone who has only one responsibility -- to the senior citizens of our nation. And everytime I make a decision about housing or transportation or welfare or Social Security or health care or taxation, I want to be sure that the senior citizens are always remembered when those decisions are made."

Phoenix, Arizona
September 14, 1976



SENIOR CITIZENS/Mondale

Speaking to an elderly group here the other day, Mondale reeled off a long list of supposedly anti-elderly votes cast by President Ford and Senator Dole during their years in Congress.

"They must believe you don't listen. They must believe that you don't read, or they must believe that you don't care, to think they'll get your vote after the record they have established."

Wall Street Journal
August 31, 1976



SENIOR CITIZENS

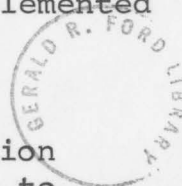
I have proposed that the Social Security system be strengthened through an increase in the maximum earnings base and an increase in benefits in proportion to earnings before retirement. I likewise favor strengthening and broadening the laws against age discrimination and discouraging the trend by employers toward early forced retirement.

I support a comprehensive, universal national health care program, with interim relief until the system is fully implemented through expansion of Medicare coverage.

Expand housing construction for the elderly under Section 202 of the Housing Act, and we must strengthen the protection the elderly need against displacement by landlords seeking to convert rental housing into condominiums and cooperatives.

We should encourage public transportation systems receiving federal funds to provide reduced fare programs for the elderly.

We should consider establishment of a national senior citizen's service corps and broaden the use by senior citizens of senior multi-purpose centers.



SENIOR CITIZENS (cont.)

We need to protect American workers against the uncertainties presented by existing pension laws.

CARTER'S PLATFORM

SENIOR CITIZENS

"The idea that they are protected by Medicare is false."

"The federal government must adopt an active and aggressive policy to eradicate employment discrimination against older people and to encourage those who wish to continue working to do so. Our health care delivery system must be restructured to hold down the cost of services, to make care available to those who do not find it available because of geography or income and to improve the quality of medical care. In this last area, a major investment in research and implementation of preventive medicine can begin immediately."

Carter campaign release
January 26, 1976

