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STAFF MEETING  
Wednesday, January 14, 1976  
5:30 p.m.

Situation Room

Tom —

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AGENDA

Staff Meeting  
January 14, 1976

1. A. State of the Union, 9 <sup>p</sup>.m. Monday
  - B. Budget, 10 a.m. Wednesday
  - C. Ryan: Issues Book. Summaries with quotes quickly of SOTU and Budget.
  
  2. A. Cavanaugh: Deputy Assistant to the President.
  - B. Art Fletcher: Deputy Assistant
    - (1) Assistant Secretary, Labor Management Consultant, Salesman, Teacher
    - (2) To sell President's program and the President.
    - (3) Cavanaugh to arrange for each of you to meet and brief Art next week.
  - C. Art Quern: To take over Program and Policy areas.
  - D. Steve McConahey: Intergovernmental
  - E. Judy Hope: Associate Director for Transportation
  - **Ted Mullin -**
  - F. Warren Hendriks: To White House Staff to assist Jerry Jones and Bill Nicholson in arranging Cabinet appearances in behalf of the President and his programs.
  - G. Judy Johnston: To take over much of what Warren has been doing.
  - H. Spencer Johnson: Associate Director for Health, Social Security and Public Assistance.  
  
Art to give brief background on Spencer.
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3. Daily News article (attached).





# Ford Mapping Health-Control Shift to States

By JUDITH RANDAL

Washington, Jan. 13 (News Bureau)—Under a proposal that President Ford is expected to announce in his State of the Union message next Monday, medicaid and about a dozen other federally funded health programs would be turned over entirely to the states, it was learned today.

The plan, which has not yet been worked out to the last detail, would give the states about \$10 billion in federal block grants in the next fiscal year to spend as the states see fit for almost all health programs that provide direct services to people.

These include medicaid, community mental health programs, child immunization, family planning, emergency care and programs that deal with venereal disease.

In time, the states could expect to get more than the \$10 billion that is proposed for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, and only in the field of drug abuse, excluding alcoholism, would the federal government retain even a modicum of control over how the money was spent.

The block-grant proposal is seen by most informed sources as evidence of President Ford's

*Does President Ford's proposal to shift federal programs to the state represent a plan for national action or is it aimed at cutting Ronald Reagan down to size? See Capitol Staff, Page 4.*

quire no approval from the federal government, however.

In particular, according to these sources, Ford must have something with which to counter Reagan's advocacy of a \$90 billion cut in the federal budget through the elimination of social programs at the federal level. The block-grant proposal has been designed by the Office of Management and Budget to meet this need.

### Approval Termed Unlikely

"It doesn't matter if Congress will ever approve the plan, and undoubtedly it won't," one veteran official of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare said. "Whether it's feasible or not doesn't bother the administration a bit. They just want to have something down on paper to counter Reagan, and this is it."

Nonetheless, the proposal is in the mainstream of the thinking that characterized the Nixon administration and has also characterized Ford's.

Basic to this thinking is the belief that the flow of health dollars from Washington has grown so large that, as one Nixon appointee who is still in

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## Proposed Changes

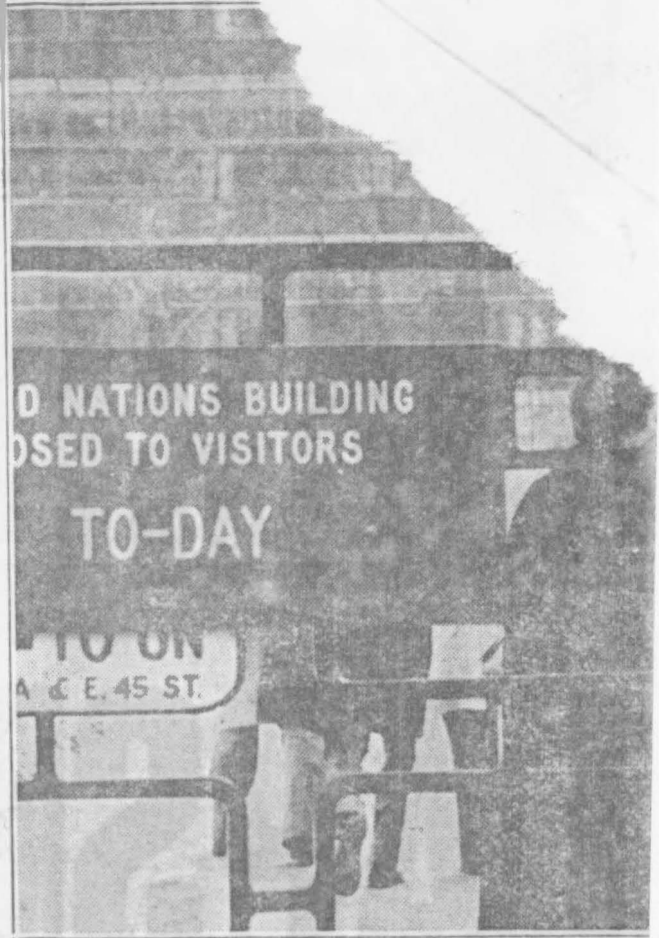
Washington, Jan. 13 (News Bureau)—Here is a provisional list of the health programs that would be turned over entirely to the states if Congress enacted President Ford's proposals:

- Medicaid
- Lead-based-paint control
- Rat-control
- Venereal disease control
- Alcoholism treatment and control
- Immunization
- Maternal and child health services
- Family planning and birth control services
- Neighborhood health centers
- Community mental health centers
- Migrant-health services
- Emergency services
- Treatment and rehabilitation of those with mental and physical birth defects
- Comprehensive health facilities planning
- Support for routine public health services

—Judith Randal

determination to beat Ronald Reagan for the Republican presidential nomination, rather than as a workable strategy for health care.

Officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare who were interviewed were somewhat sketchy as to exactly how the plan would work. But they emphasized that states would not be able immediately to drop federally funded programs already in place. Any elimination of such programs, they said, would occur only after a transition period of several years.



Security was increased and visitors were barred.

# Egyptian Ambassador Seeks Israel's Boycott

By RUSS BRALE  
Staff Correspondents of The News

United Nations, Jan. 13 — Egyptian Ambassador to the second day of the United Nations Security Council with a denunciation of what he called Israel's "defiant

With the UN closed to the public because of bombs found near the UN building and in front of the Iraqi mission, Meguid warned that Israeli's boycott of the debate would drive the Jewish state further into isolation. He also declared that Israeli's "display of contempt" for the Security Council would further erode Israeli's support in the world community.

But he sounded a note of moderation by noting that "major Israeli politicians are criticizing Israeli's going into isolation." He recalled a statement by former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban that 1975 has proved that time was not on Israeli's side and that 1976 would be even worse for Israel.

The Palestine Liberation Or-

ganization's spokesman, Fawzi Khaddoumi, was accorded treatment of a member again today, being seated at the Security Council table, while UN member nations, the Arab Emirates and Qatar seated to one side by President Salim Ahmed Saifallah of Tanzania.

### A Palestinian State

The PLO was seated at the council yesterday with a council member's privileges of a UN member. He accepted the right to vote. Israel boycotted the debate, refusing to sit down with members of the PLO group. The United States was the only council member to oppose PLO participation.

# More Tinkering in Angola Seen

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wider American and Soviet involvement in war-torn Angola was predicted by African diplomats today following the Organization of African Unity's failure to agree on a peace plan for the divided country.

In Washington, meanwhile, the White House said that President Ford will ask Congress next week to lift a ban on American assistance to two pro-Western guerrilla groups in the West African nation which gained independence from Portugal last November.

Officials of those two groups, the National Front and the National Union, and of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement vowed to continue their civil war at the conclusion of the three-day summit of African leaders here.

In a dispatch from the Angolan capital of Luanda, the

military airport of Toto, about 100 miles northwest of Luanda, capturing arms and 12 planes with Zaire markings.

The Organization of African Unity ended its emergency session here deeply split over whether to recognize the Popular Movement as the legitimate Angolan government or to commit itself to a three-sided coalition as requested by the two pro-Western groups.

### Ford's Feeling

Diplomats conceded that the failure was a humiliation for the group, the first time in 12 years that it has been unable to find a

In reporting Ford's plan to seek Congressional approval for Angolan aid, White House Secretary Ron Nessen said President still feels the solution is a series of steps previously set.

"These are ceasefire, an all foreign intervention, withdrawal of all foreign for a government of national unity in Angola," Nessen said.

He added that Ford would continue to work through diplomatic channels to give a "certain amount of assistance" to those who share those views and he will seek congressional