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The President's Daily News Summary



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CubaCastro Threatens To Renounce Hijack Agreement

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, citing what he said was U.S. complicity in the crash of a Cuban passenger plane last week, said Friday he will renounce a 1973 U.S.-Cuban antihijacking agreement, according to a Havana broadcast monitored here.

Secretary Kissinger told reporters that the U.S. government, including the CIA, had nothing to do with the crash of the Cuban airliner, and condemned terrorism of all kinds.

Kissinger said: "We will hold the government of Cuba strictly accountable for any encouragement of hijacking and any encouragement of terrorism that may flow from its renunciation of the treaty. We consider it an unfriendly and irresponsible act." (Nets)

The U.S. government's own investigation into the crash found the Cuban airliner was sabotaged. Top State Department officials deny the U.S. had anything to do with the crash, but cannot insure that anti-Cuban exiles in the U.S. did not have a hand in it, Richard Valeriani said. (NBC)

Castro said that Cuba was giving notice that it will allow the pact to expire in six months, without making efforts to renew it. He also said he would be willing to talk with whatever administration is elected in the U.S. (NBC)

Bernard Kalb reported that Kissinger is hoping that both countries will be able to patch things up before the agreement expires. (CBS)

Castro also charged that the CIA, which plotted at least eight times to kill him in the sixties, might still be trying to assassinate him. (CBS)

Castro said a double agent working for the CIA in Cuba had been asked to obtain Castro's out-of-town travel plans. Castro asked: "Why does the CIA want to know the itinerary of the Cuban Premier?" (CBS)

Fred Francis reported that foreign observers have never seen Cuban citizens so "overwhelmed with grief and so angry." Observers also say Castro did not want to inject himself into American politics at this time, but the bombings forced his actions. (NBC)

Cuba

Barrie Dunsmore said today's developments put American-Cuban relations "back where they were in the early sixties." (ABC)

Venezuelan police Friday said they are holding 11 persons, some of Cuban origin, in connection with the airliner crash. One of those detained is the leader of an anti-Castro group based in Miami. (NBC)

The 2:35 report, which led CBS, included film of Kissinger speaking at the State Department, and ended with a standup comment by Kalb.

In its 2:19 lead story, NBC viewed film of Castro's remarks and Cubans standing watch over the coffins. Fred Francis concluded with a standup report. The HAK reaction ran 1:26 in the #3 slot and showed HAK's remarks. Richard Valeriani commented from the State Dept.

ABC's lead story ran 2:05. It included film of Secretary Kissinger speaking to reporters at the State Department. AP,UPI,NBC -- (10/15/76)

Soviet UnionSoviets "Outraged" By Foreign Policy Debate

The Soviet Union, in the sharpest criticism yet against the U.S. Presidential candidates during the current campaign, said Friday that President Ford and Jimmy Carter "outraged" the Soviet people in their foreign policy debate.

The Communist Party Daily accused both candidates of "overstepping the line" in their foreign policy statements. Pravda also said a meeting by Ford with East European emigres after the debate was an "extremely unfriendly act" and referred to the emigres as "riff-raff."

The unsigned article was carried in full by the official Tass news agency. UPI,CBS -- (10/15/76)

U.S. Soviet arms accord before election unlikely

By Daniel Sutherland
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor
Washington

The United States and the Soviet Union have gone 90 percent of the way toward a strategic arms-limitation agreement, according to an administration official.

But, the official indicated, the chances of obtaining such an agreement before the U.S.

and do not appear ready to accept the heavy losses which they would incur in an all-out war. But, he said, the Soviet Union is certainly encouraging the "radicals" to escalate their demands.

Ford Promised To Keep Government
Off The Farm

President Ford, trying to nail down the Midwestern heartland for the GOP, Friday promised farmers to keep "Government's meddling hand" out of their affairs, and said Jimmy Carter wants to return to "old discredited" farm policies.

Ford campaigned at Iowa State University where he spoke to several thousand students and townspeople in an open courtyard, in sunny, brisk weather. He visited an Iowa farm before crossing over into Illinois for an overnight stop and a whistlestop speak tour by train Saturday from Joliet in North Central Illinois to Alton in the Southwest.

Ford went to the Iowa State Veterinary School to sign a bill extending the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, saying he considered it "critically important that we continue to provide relief to the livestock industry while it is experiencing current economic adversity."

Ford's speech began with a verbal slip as he said "It's great to be in Ohio...Iowa State." Then, as the crowd roared, the President said "we Michiganders have Ohio State on our minds," a reference to the famous football rivalry. (CBS, ABC)

Ford was critical of Carter and said the Democrat "Has a strange way of changing his accent as he moves around this country." He said Carter tried to sound like farm labor leader Cesar Chavez in California, Mayor Richard Daly in Chicago, Ralph Nader in New York and AFL-CIO President George Meany in Washington. (CBS, ABC)

"Then he comes to the farm belt and he becomes a little old peanut farmer," Ford said. (CBS, ABC) The President left the campus to visit a farm near Boone, Iowa, and had lunch with the family after watching a demonstration of mechanical corn picking and shelling. He chatted with King about farm prices and export sales at a table with Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa and five members of the King family.

Bob Schieffer said the visit was arranged to permit photographers to take pictures of Ford in a farm setting. Schieffer said the President needs all the help he can get in Iowa now, a state the Republicans once considered a sure thing. (CBS)

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The ABC #10 story, which ran 1:50, included film of the President's speech and verbal slip, and Sen. McGovern campaigning at the University for local politicians.

The #6 NBC story ran :15 and was reported in an anchor report.

The 2:15 CBS spot, which ran #2, included film of Ford speaking at Iowa University, and a comment by Bob Schieffer voice over film of Ford walking through a corn field. AP,UPI,Nets -- (10/15/76)

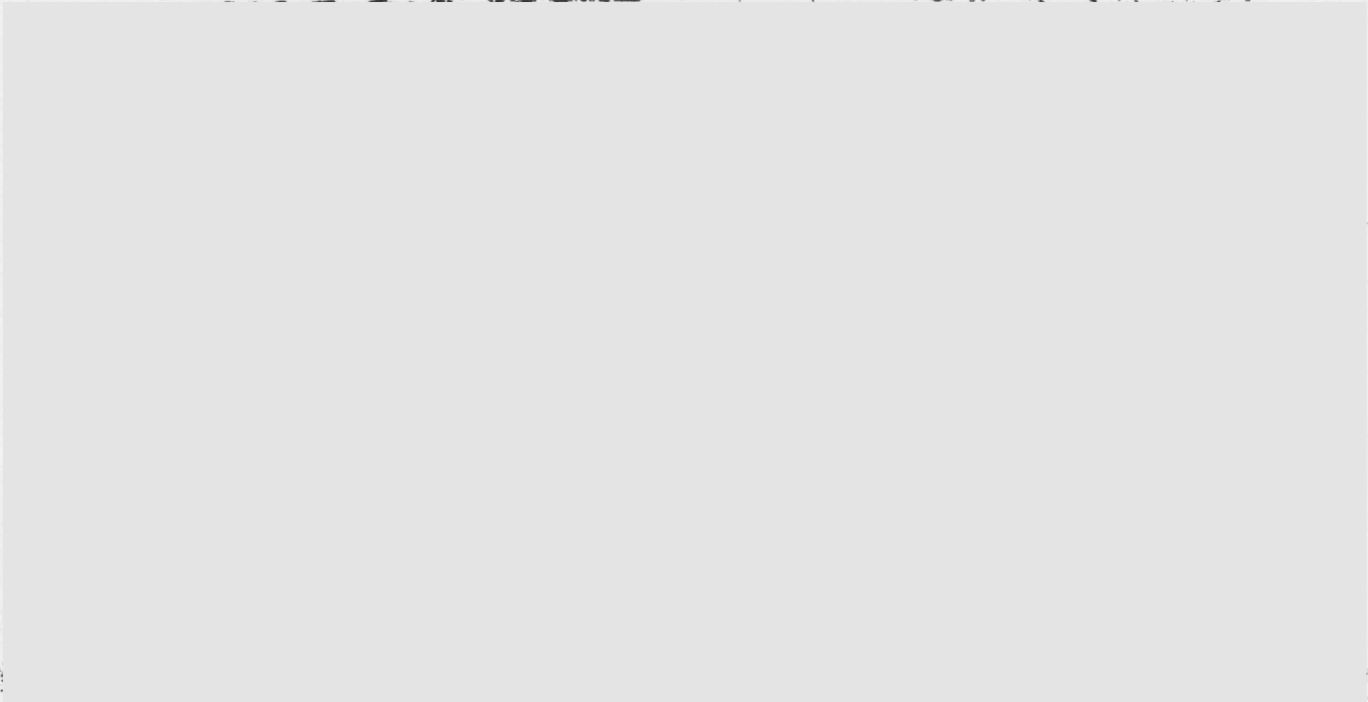
Report K Tried to Head Ford Off at the Faux Pas

By FRANK JACKMAN

Washington (News Bureau)—Secretary of State Kissinger called President Ford less than five minutes after the second Ford-Carter debate last week, but did not have the heart to tell Ford that he had blundered in describing Eastern Europe as free of Soviet domination.

going to be forever dominated — if they are — by the Soviet Union," the President told a group of California businessmen.

Finally, last Tuesday just before going to campaign in the ethnic enclaves of New York, Ford called a group of ethnic leaders to the White



MARLETTE
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER



"I DON'T BELIEVE THE YUGOSLAVIANS, RUMANIANS, OR POLES CONSIDER THEMSELVES DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET UNION—AND FOR THAT MATTER, NEITHER DO I!"

Press and the President

Jimmy Carter took a little time from his ethnic blitz of Chicago Monday to answer some of our questions. One of them concerned his plans for White House press conferences if he is elected. His answer was important.

Carter "pledged" (his word) to hold full-scale press conferences every two weeks.

Presidents can keep current on what the public is worried about. Through press conferences, the bureaucracy is kept accountable. Any reporter not getting an answer to a question from a bureaucrat can always ask the same question of the boss publicly.

Carter convinced us that he understood all

Chicago Sun-Times, 10/13/76

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"Then again, on the other foot—"



Was he wrong?

What a difference a year makes, to paraphrase the words of an old song.

In May of 1975, this nation was aghast when Cambodia, a peanut-size nation with the muscle power of a 97-pound weakling, captured the

If Carter attempts to deride the President for his swift action and uses the Mayaguez incident as a basis for discrediting President Ford and his ability to handle foreign affairs, just remember Carter will be speaking with the wisdom of hind-

FORD/DOLE CAMPAIGNFord ProbeRuff Won't Investigate Dean Charges

Special Watergate Prosecutor Charles Ruff said Friday he has decided against a full scale investigation into allegations that President Ford and officials of the Nixon White House discussed blocking the first Watergate investigations.

Ruff, however, left open the possibility that an investigation into Ford's role might be handled by the Justice Department.

In a letter to Democratic Reps. Elizabeth Holtzman (NY) and John Conyers (Calif), Ruff said neither "previously available information" nor recent statements by former White House counsel John W. Dean III are enough to justify a new investigation.

Rep. Conyers immediately sent a letter to Attorney General Levi asking for such an investigation. Rep. Holtzman asked Ruff to reconsider, saying the possibility of perjury should not go unresolved. (NBC)

Chairman Henry Reuss of the House Banking Committee accused Ford of "stonewalling", and said Ford ducked the question in his 1973 confirmation hearings. Reuss called on the Justice Dept. to review the White House tapes. (NBC)

The Justice Department said Friday it had no intention at the moment of looking into the matter. (NBC)

ABC and CBS covered the story in brief anchor reports, running #5 and #3.

NBC's 2:16 report ran #4 and showed pictures of Ruff, Conyers, Holtzmann, and a clip of Ford's press conference remark. Carl Stern had a studio comment. AP,UPI,NETS 10/15

Politics And The Prosecutor

If there was any doubt before, the danger of a permanent special prosecutor's office ought to be clear now. The office can't be kept out of politics.

We respect Watergate prosecutor Charles Ruff as a man of integrity. We don't believe he had any intention of trying to influence the presidential contest. But it is hard to escape the notion that others are attempting to use his office for political purposes.

Ford Probe

The origin of the charge that contributions made by maritime unions to President Ford's congressional campaigns were converted by Mr. Ford to personal use has not been disclosed. The maritime unions appear to have reason to try to influence the outcome of the election in favor of Gov. Jimmy Carter. Although the unions used to consider Mr. Ford a friend, they broke with him after he vetoed a tanker shipping bill that would have been highly beneficial to maritime union members but might have raised the already high price of oil.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the head of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association -- Jesse Calhoon -- obtained a letter from Mr. Carter during the primaries that, if elected president, Mr. Carter would "develop a 'national cargo policy' that would aid the Merchant Marine."

Whether the campaign fund misuse allegation against President Ford came from union or other sources, the timing was such that it could have had an impact on Mr. Ford's presidential campaign.

There is less question about the motivation behind the leak of information related to the campaign fund misuse allegation. Information from an Internal Revenue Service investigation of Mr. Ford's finances was leaked to the press by an avowed supporter of Mr. Carter.

Now Mr. Ruff has been asked to undertake another investigation of Mr. Ford. This one has to do with claims that Mr. Ford, as minority leader of the House, may have discussed blocking an early Watergate investigation with White House officials.

Three Democratic congressmen -- Reps. Henry Reuss, John Conyers and Elizabeth Holtzman -- asked Mr. Ruff to review White House tape recordings to determine if Mr. Ford told the truth during his vice presidential confirmation hearings when he denied the White House had asked him to help scuttle the Banking Committee probe.

One would have to be naive in the extreme to believe there is no political motivation in the Reuss-Conyers-Holtzman request.

The point here is not to delve into the merits of allegations against Mr. Ford but to point out that the special prosecutor's office is subject to manipulation for political purposes.

People can't be prevented from asking a special prosecutor to investigate a candidate during a campaign. Neither can a special prosecutor dismiss allegations, politically motivated or not, out of hand.

Ford Probe

A special prosecutor may not want to talk about what he's doing or has been asked to do for fear of influencing an election. But there's nothing to prevent a John Conyers, from calling a press conference to spread the word.

The post-Watergate reform atmosphere on Capitol Hill led to a strong push for creation of a permanent office of special prosecutor, despite opposition by former Watergate prosecutors Leon Jaworski and Henry Ruth, that it could lead to mischief making.

Fortunately the legislation didn't make it through the 94th Congress. If it is revived in the next Congress, we hope that members of both parties will look back at this pre-election period and remember how easy it is to misuse such an office. (editorial, excerpted Washington Star, 10/15/76)

EndorsementsGa. Business Leaders Endorse Ford

The heads of some of Georgia's most powerful banking, retailing and manufacturing firms endorsed President Ford Friday over Georgia native Jimmy Carter.

Lending their names to an endorsement news conference were the president of the Coca-Cola Co., J. Lucien Smith; president of Rich's, Inc., a major retailing firm, Joel Goldberg, and Convenience Store millionaire Dillard Munford.

Munford, an organizer of the event, declared: "I'm for Ford but I would imagine some people would wonder, 'why aren't you for Carter, who's from Georgia?' and when people ask that, the only thing to do is to tell them.

"I think he (Carter) has absolutely sold out to labor and I think he is absolutely fiscally irresponsible in the things he's saying. There's just no way he can balance the budget and do the things he says he'll do," Munford said.

Others making the endorsement were: Justice Martin, president of Robinson-Humphrey Co., Inc., stockbrokers Ernest G. Boyce, Board Chairman of Atlanta-based Colonial Stores, Inc.; A. H. "Billy" Sterne, Board Chairman of the Trust Company of Georgia Bank; Glenn Dewberry, President of Atlantic Steel Co.; Robert Redfern, President of Redfern Foods Corp.; Joseph L. Lanier, President of Westpoint Pepperell, Inc., of West Point, Ga., and Roy Richards, President of Southwire Co., Carrollton. - AP (10/15/76)

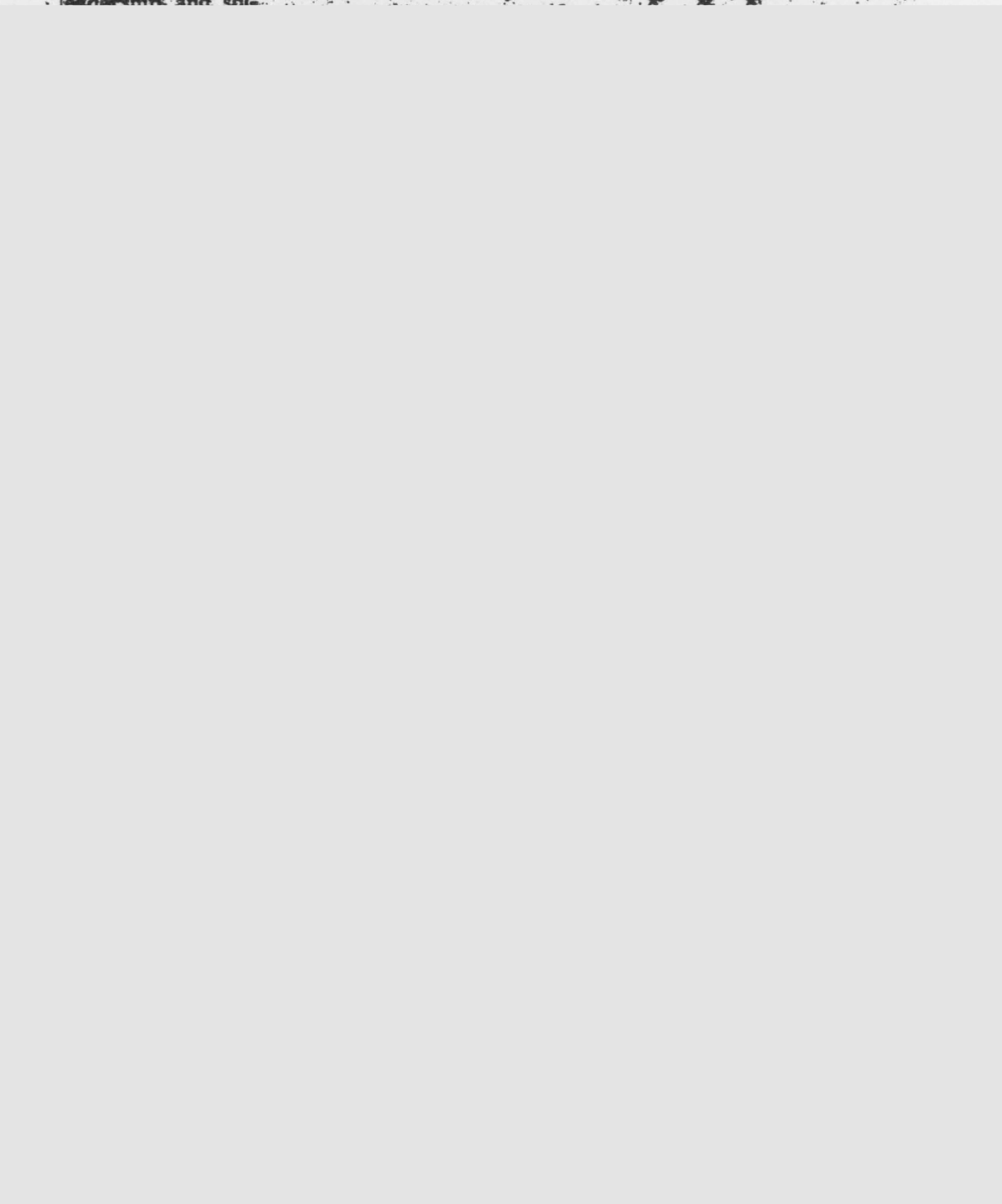
Keep U. S. on Steady Course

The News today endorses President Ford for election to a full term in the White House. We do so without disparaging Jimmy Carter's many attractive qualities as a challenger. In contrast with the Georgian's untested promises, however, Mr. Ford brings to the voters an impressive record, begun amid almost unprecedented national strains, of sound judgment, wholesome personal leadership and col-

ern Africa. And the Ford administration has established the best relationships in years with our major allies in Europe and Japan.

¶—The President himself, a man of instinctive self-restraint, eases any fears of an imperial presidency. He champions limited government, a system checked and balanced by traditionally competitive institutions and forces.

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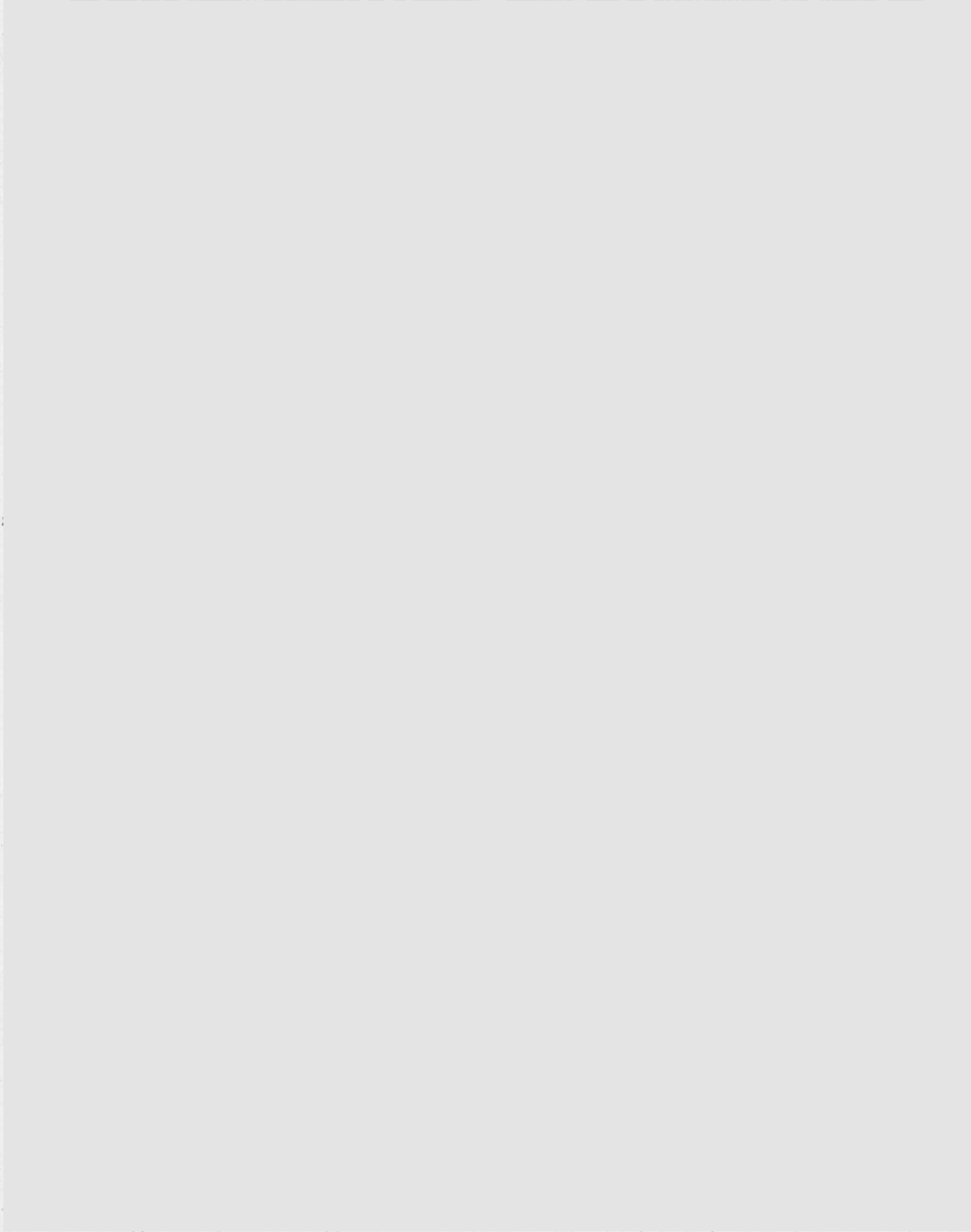
WHY THE NEWS SUPPORTS FORD—II

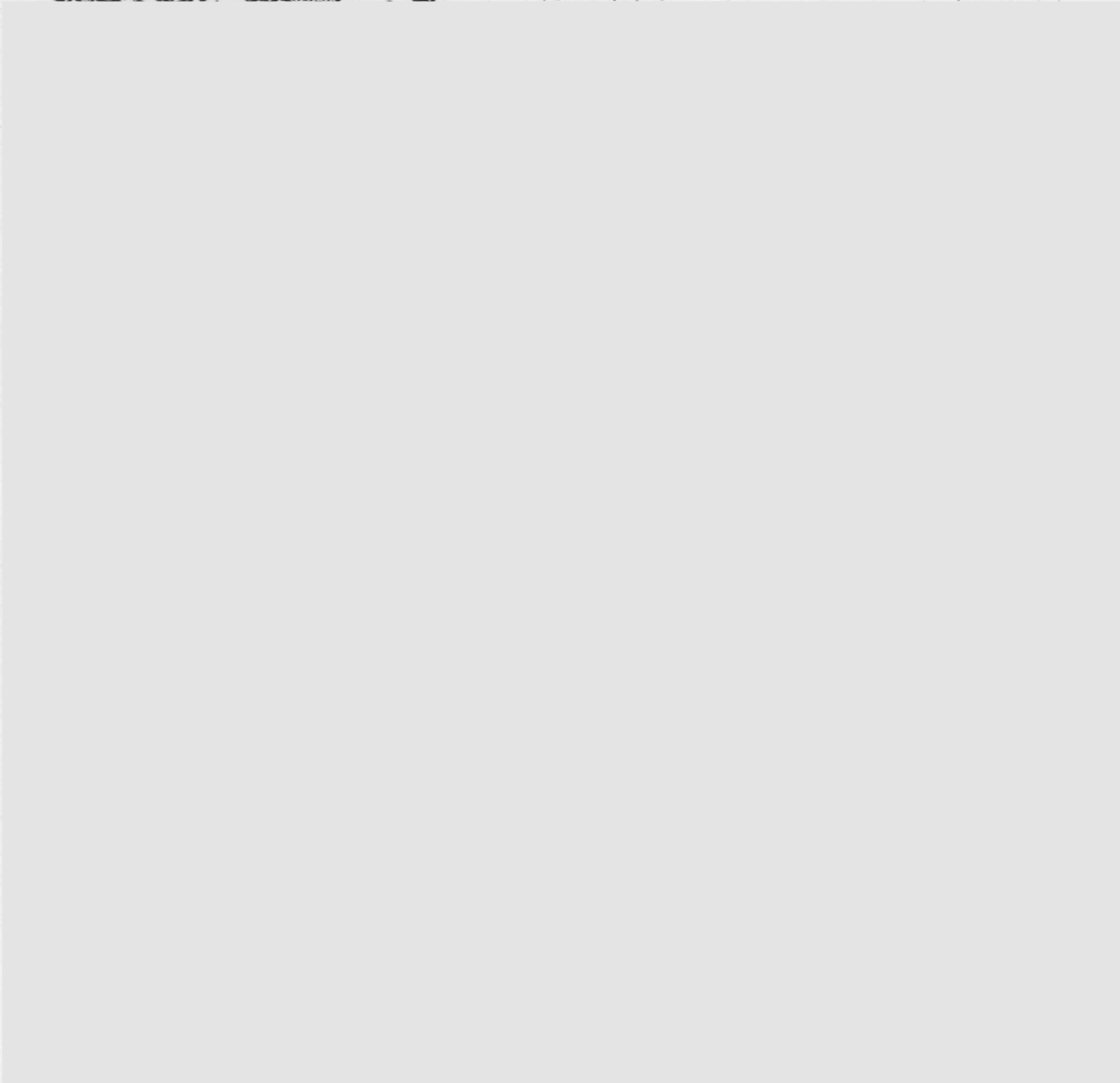
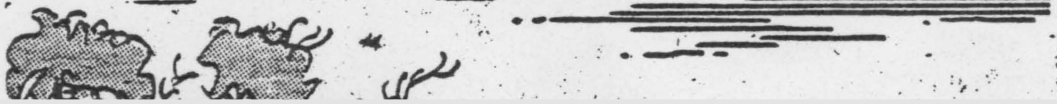
Government Is Big Enough

In the field of domestic affairs President Ford and Jimmy Carter offer voters one of the clearest choices in years between political philosophies. In the New Deal and Great Society traditions of his party, Mr. Carter champions an enlarged role for Washington. President Ford, for his part, is plainly dedicated to a nation-

dies, as well as potentially costly changes in social security benefits.

One wonders in what order he would undertake all this, and where he would get the money to finance such a plateful of new and expanded services, which have been conservatively estimated as costing \$85 to \$100 billion. He wants tax





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indeed

'He's led us safely this far — so why change?'

Carter Blasts Ford Crime Program

Jimmy Carter accused the Republicans Friday of wasting billions of dollars in Federal law enforcement funds and failing to prosecute white collar corporate criminals.

In a speech before Detroit's Economic Club, Carter twitted President Ford for his pledge at a convention of Chiefs of Police to devote the first 100 days of a new Ford administration to fighting crime.

"Listen to this," Carter said, "Mr. Ford has already been in office for 800 days. There are 100 days left before Jan. 20, 1977. He has no plan. If he wants to reduce crime, why wait until next January to start his crusade?" (CBS, ABC)

Carter said serious crime has gone up 27 percent and there has not been a single felony indictment against officials of corporations for price fixing "since Mr. Ford took office." (CBS)

Referring to John N. Mitchell and Richard G. Kleindienst, both of whom served as Attorneys General under President Nixon, Carter said, "We've had two Attorneys General convicted of serious crimes under the Ford and Nixon administrations." No Attorney General under Ford has either been accused of wrongdoing or convicted of a criminal offense.

The Democratic nominee laid down a 16-point anticrime program, which included such steps as working for swift, sure and more uniform sentences for those convicted of crime. He also proposed better street lighting and recreation areas in high crime neighborhoods.

Bill Wordham observed that Carter's criticism of Ford is "softer" now than a week ago, but the "cutting edge" is "still sharp." (ABC)

The ABC #9 story, which ran 1:15, was reported over film of Carter arriving in Detroit and talking to The Economic Club.

NBC's #7 story was covered in a :15 anchor report.

The 2:15 Carter spot, which ran \$3 on CBS, included film of him speaking in Michigan and ended with a comment by Ed Rabel. AP,UPI,Nets — (10/15/76)

IssuesCarter Jokes About Equal Time

Jimmy Carter has raised the possibility of demanding equal time to reply to the President's news conference Thursday night.

Asked again Friday if he would do so, Carter replied, "I just might do that. But I haven't decided whether I'll take it myself or let Ford have another 40 minutes." (CBS) - (10/15/76)

Carter Would Use Wife As Diplomat

Jimmy Carter says he will send his wife on diplomatic missions and use her and his sons as aides in domestic affairs if he is elected President.

In an interview published Friday in the Los Angeles Times, the Democratic Presidential nominee said he has given little thought about whom he might appoint to key positions in his administration, but indicated he is ready to use members of his family as personal representatives and advisers.

He said he would not hesitate to send his wife, Rosalynn, "to Mexico or South America or to Africa, if there was a problem there, to let folks know we care about them and to bring back to me a report on what we should do to correct a mistake or strengthen an alliance of friendship." (UPI) - (10/15/76)

Klein: Carter-run economy would get stimulation

By Ron Scherer

Business and financial correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Philadelphia

If Jimmy Carter were president today, the economy would be receiving a lot more stimulation. In fact, says Mr. Carter's chief economic adviser Lawrence R. Klein, if the economy does not start moving again soon, the country will be "vulnerable."

Mr. Klein disputed Mr. Carter's contention he could have 4-percent inflation by 1980. Rather, he said it is now clear that with the proposed plans, a 4-percent inflation rate would be attainable during the second four years of a Carter administration.

The increased government spending would have as its main aim reducing unemployment. Mr. Klein said he does not expect to see unemployment decline much between now and the end of the year. Enacting Mr. Carter's

'Carter economy' given top mark by forecasters

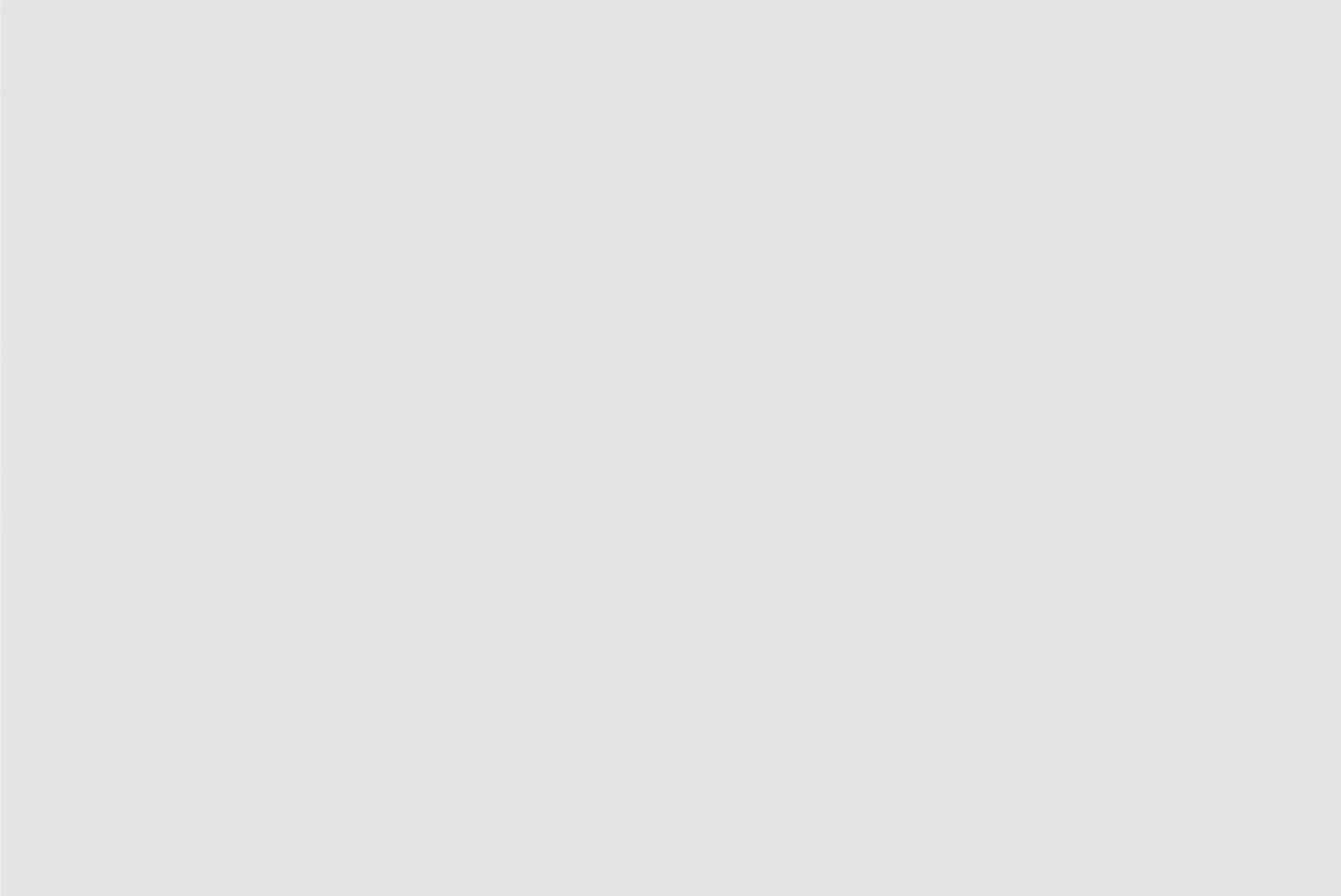
By PAUL GAINOR

News Business Writer

One of the nation's most prestigious economic forecasting institutions is predicting that the election of Gov. Jimmy Carter would increase the nation's output, employment, corporate profits, and

Adams acknowledges that the two econometric models generally represent the economic policies of the two candidates.

where they're all Republicans. The people here are of all complexions, with a fair sprinkling of Democrats. . . . If anything, our predisposition is Democratic, but it



Carter buys the Marxist line

While President Ford goofed in the second presidential debate by saying the Soviet Union does not dominate Eastern Europe, Jimmy Carter made an equally serious error and indulged in dangerous demagoguery by saying the Ford administration "overthrew" the government of Chile.

This was just one of the many Carter distortions

Johnson and Nixon — spent more than \$13 million in a 10-year undercover campaign to influence Chilean politics. It added:

"Did the threat to vital U.S. national security interests posed by the presidency of Salvador Allende justify the several major covert attempts to prevent his accession to power? Three American

Mississippi No Longer in Bag for Carter; Liberal
Tag Cited as a Cause

By GILBERT A. LEWTHWAITE
Sun Staff Correspondent

Martinville, Miss. — Ford Sullivan was sitting there in the shade of the water oak in his backyard peeling onions to be put in the salad for a weekend meeting at the local Baptist church, as unlikely a threat to anyone's political ambition as you could

most likely corner to crumble.

"I heard that Carter says one thing in one place, something different in another. That won't work," said Mr. Sullivan, a farmer all his life until he leased the land on which he grew cotton and raised cattle in 1970 due to illness. "One thing we certainly don't like, and that's his running

The Choice for President (II)

In yesterday's Gazette we endorsed the Carter-Mondale ticket in the national election, arguing that (1.) the record of the last eight years establishes a presumption against continuing the Republicans in power and (2.) the

Southerner is apparently on his way to becoming President on his own effort, in his own right, rather than acceding to the office accidentally, tragically, after the fashion of Lyndon Johnson.

On the national scene this promises

Fritz runs homespun campaign

By SAM ROBERTS

Chief Political Correspondent

When Walter Mondale quit the presidential sweepstakes late in 1974 after a year-long search for support his positive rating in the polls had reached 1%—three points behind “don’t know.”

“I challenged ‘don’t know’ to a debate,” the candidate recalls. “‘Don’t know’ never answered, so I dropped out.”

Then why devote three months to stumping for vice president, a position whose abolition, among other options, he once recommended “must be thoroughly explored?”

“The longer you serve in Congress, the more you realize the influence of the executive branch even when it’s operating within the law,” the two-term Minnesota senator says. “It’s a new challenge.”

Since he was selected last July by Jimmy Carter because of his links to liberal labor and the Washington establishment, Mondale has proven to be an impressive—though not spellbinding—campaigner, whose performance refutes early concerns that he would be a drag on the Democratic ticket or drag his heels on the hustings.

Unwinds with staff

The “grueling experience” of a campaign is “vital” to a presidential candidate, Mondale once wrote, but presumably is less important to a vice president.

“He cannot go 24 hours a day,” says a staffer. “He cannot function if he’s overscheduled. You keep him in reasonable 12-hour days and rest him every four or five days and he’s fine.” He has taken mild medication for hypertension and relaxes by unwinding with his staff, playing tennis and fishing.

“Fritz” Mondale (his nickname is a Scandinavian substitute of his more stodgy middle name, Frederick) is a small town preacher’s son who leaped up the political ladder in a state which claims a disproportionate share of presidential timber.

“When I came to Plains,” he recalls, “Jimmy said, ‘What do you think of this town?’ I said, ‘It’s pretty big.’”

He also explains that “I’m the only pea-lick inspector ever elected to the U.S. Senate—and you know, the subject has never come up!”

In his biting Minnesota accent and the bobbing head and expressive arms that define his body language, Mondale is a more subdued version of his mentor, Hubert Humphrey.

Not household name

“I don’t think he’s the most flashy, or dynamic or a big household name—that sort of brings enthusiasm out,” says his 18-year-old son, Teddy, who lugs baggage to and from the chartered campaign jet, “Minnesota Fritz”. (The jet was so named after its passengers rejected Mondale’s recommendation of “Viking I,” and he balked at such suggestions as “Why Not the Second Best?”)

“But,” Teddy continued, “my father feels at home in a crowd—he speaks best when he lifts off his speech and is just sort of talking to them.”

That the senator’s pale gold hair and beak-like nose are not household symbols was recognized when he once remarked that “I am the kind of guy who can walk through any airport in this country and not a single head will turn.”

Yet the traditional Democratic crowds in union halls, senior citizen centers and black sections of big cities—some still cool to Carter—warm to Mondale’s usually low-key campaign.

He praises the Democratic candidate as a “people’s President,” frequently refers to his Republican counterpart only as “my opponent” (He called Bob Dole to congratulate him during the GOP convention), and reserves his most vocal criticism for Ford.

“Mr. President, the smoking gun is in your hand,” he says in response to Ford’s pledge of no more grain embargoes.

So hard to swallow is the President’s sudden support of Medicare, he says, that it would be about the same as “getting that Idi Amin, that dictator, over here to lecture us on airport security.” Then he explains that “the only park the President has ever supported is the president of South Korea.”

Ford claims “he’s now for everything” he’s been against his whole career,” Mondale declares. “My dad was a minister and he used to tell me about death-bed conversions. He said the only trouble with them is that sometimes they get well.”

His homespun repertoire extends to another Republican President whom he quotes while warning that disaffected Democrats delivered the last two elections to the GOP: “Lincoln said, if you

turn your back to the fire, you’re doomed to sit on your blisters.”

His delivery is also less caustic than corny: “A working person who would vote Republican is like a chicken who would vote for Col. Sanders. A taxi driver in Warsaw said the Poles have a 50-50 deal with the Russians — ‘we send them coal and they send us snow.’”

While he and his wife, Joan, are not known as Washington jet setters and Mondale is a minister’s son, he is not a complete prude either. He recalled that during a college speech he introduced his son and a coed shouted her dorm room number — “that’s the high point of the campaign — no lust, mind you.”

On another occasion, in Houston, he declared that there are more Democrats than Republicans “because we are a healthier, sexier lot and we have more kids . . . that’s why they (Republicans) look so owly all the time.”

Despite such bravado, the same Mondale also once said that “I don’t like buttonholing and arm twisting. That’s not my style. I am uncomfortable asking people for things.”

But the Democratic nominee insists that he is not squeamish about picking the most promising fight and blames his reputation of being too quick to compromise on “the penchant of the news media to read the first story written and repeat it.”

“There are certainly people who like screamers,” the senator says. “I’m not very interested in that style. I think I sometimes disappoint people who want me to do that. They want you to jump on your chair and bang your hand or your head, and on every issue express umbrage. I’ll make my case and that’s it.”

Among those who agree that he is a productive pragmatist is Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.) who observed last week that Mondale “is a sincere man and doesn’t have the histrionics of Bob Dole — but I think he comes over in a more convincing manner.”

Since he entered the Senate, Mondale has focused on reforms in equal education opportunity, child care and open housing, curbs on domestic intelligence

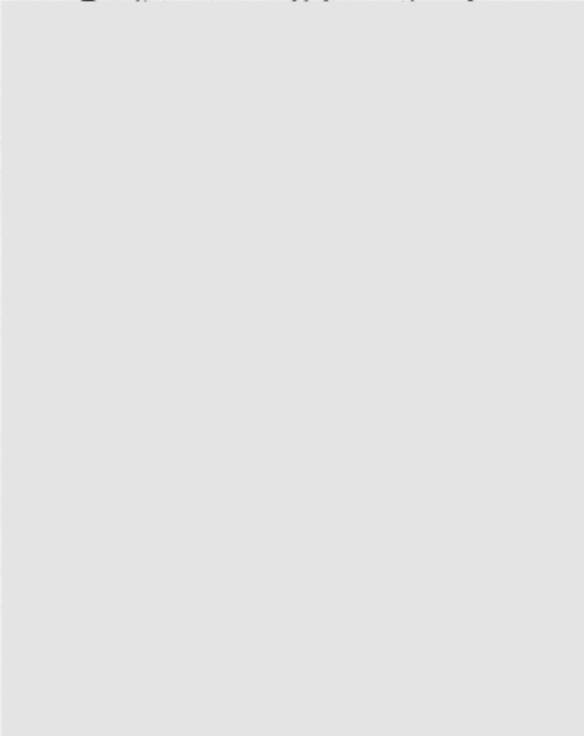
and even urban problems. (He is a friend of Deputy Mayor John Zuccotti and says that “the Republican ticket is a slap in the face for every city in this country.”)

“He’s an authentic liberal — he feels,” says John Reilly, his political pal and alumnus of Kennedy campaigns. “I don’t mean in the knee-jerk sense, but in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor tradition, with compassion.”

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Capable of Independence:

He is also capable of political independence. — publicly disputing Carter's position on capital punishment (Mondale opposes it entirely) and criticizing, despite Carter's unwillingness to do so, the Nixon pardon in a 40-minute Kansas City law school speech which was not punctuated once by applause but appeared to have sunk in.



N.Y. Daily News, 10/15/76

Dole, Mondale Prepare for Debate

Sen. Walter F. Mondale played tennis while Sen. Bob Dole nursed a cold Friday in the hours before the first nationally broadcast vice-presidential campaign debate in the nation's history.

Both men visited the Alley Theater, site of the debate, where they checked out the cameras and microphones.

Dole said he had "taken a lot of medicine for my cold," which has given him a hoarse voice. But he assured reporters he was ready for the debate.

Mondale played two sets of tennis at a local park to the accompaniment of a small band of anti-abortion demonstrators.

Mondale has promised a lively debate, but Dole has said jokingly he might go to a high school football game instead.

Dole said, "I assume the audience will be smaller but, as I said before, I think we can put them to sleep quicker than the presidential candidates did. But it could be very lively. I think we both understand the issues. We're used to standing up and giving our views in the Senate. Sometimes even when they're not solicited." (NBC)

Mondale's advisers admit that Dole can be quick-witted, and that may give Dole some advantage. But they also feel Mondale is more issues-oriented, and over the long-run that may prove in his favor, Robert Hager remarked. (NBC)

"Do vice presidential debates matter?" Bruce Morton asked. "Well, maybe. For one thing, the two men do represent the two parties -- Dole from the kind of conservative Kansas small town that has voted Republican for generations, and Mondale from Minnesota's Democratic farmer-labor party, a political child of Hubert Humphrey, who believes that government should care and can help.

"It is true that vice presidents don't do much....The number two man on the ticket doesn't get much attention and doesn't switch many votes. But often he ends up running the country," Morton said.

Frank Reynolds said the debate is sure to solve one problem for voters. A poll by Rutgers University found that one-third of New Jersey's voters could not name either of the vice presidential candidates. (ABC)

ABC's 3:10 report ran #7 in the newscast. It included a brief synopsis of the candidates' style and campaign tactics.

The VP debate on NBC was presented in separate stories on each candidate. The Mondale segment ran #8, 1:02 and showed Mondale playing tennis. Robert Hager reported. The #9 Dole story, which ran 1:10 in length, included excerpts of his remarks. Charles Quinn reported.

CBS' 2:20 report, which ran #5, included film of Mondale on his way to play tennis, Larry Speakes briefing the press, and the candidates touring the debate set. It ended with a standup comment by Morton. AP,UPI,Nets -- (10/15/76)

ELECTIONPollsABC/Harris Poll: Carter's Lead Shrinking

An ABC/Harris poll released Friday showed Jimmy Carter's lead over President Ford has shrunk since last month, and the number of undecided voters risen.

The poll, taken after the second debate between Ford and Carter, shows Carter with 47 percent of the vote, Ford with 42 percent, and 11 percent undecided.

In September, a similar poll showed Carter with 50 percent of the vote, Ford with 41 percent, and 9 percent undecided. ABC -- (10/15/76)

State poll rates Ford higher in leadership

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By DR. JOHN POLICH
Market Opinion Research

What are the qualities of mind and heart President Ford and Jimmy Carter would bring to the presidency next year?

More Michigan voters think Mr. Ford has more leadership qualities than Carter.

— but their opinions evenly match how they say they'll vote.

These sentiments are demonstrated in the latest Detroit News Poll conducted:

Qualities of the presidential candidates

(Figures shown are percentages.)

(DK - don't know)

	Ford	Carter	Both	Neither	DK
Decisive	37	29	5	9	20

Poll lists jobs, crime as top voter issues

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By FREDERICK P. CURRIER.

President, Market Opinion Research.

Economics — the government's and their own — are bigger concerns for Michigan voters who favor President Ford than for Jimmy Carter's supporters, according to the latest Detroit News Poll.

Young adults have something else to worry about: jobs. More than half of the 18-to-29-year-olds listed unemployment as a major concern, compared to a third of the middle-aged group and less than a quarter of those 60 and older.

Issues by age:

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Unemployment	33%	40%	30%
Crime	27	24	33
Cost of living-inflation	23	23	28
The economy	17	17	19

Voter polls are sharply split

BY CLARK HALLAS

Who's leading whom — and by how much — among Michigan voters in the

manager, took issue with the Currier findings. The latest poll showed Mr. Ford

southwestern Michigan, which the President represented as a congressman. In that region, Mr. Ford holds 51.7/under

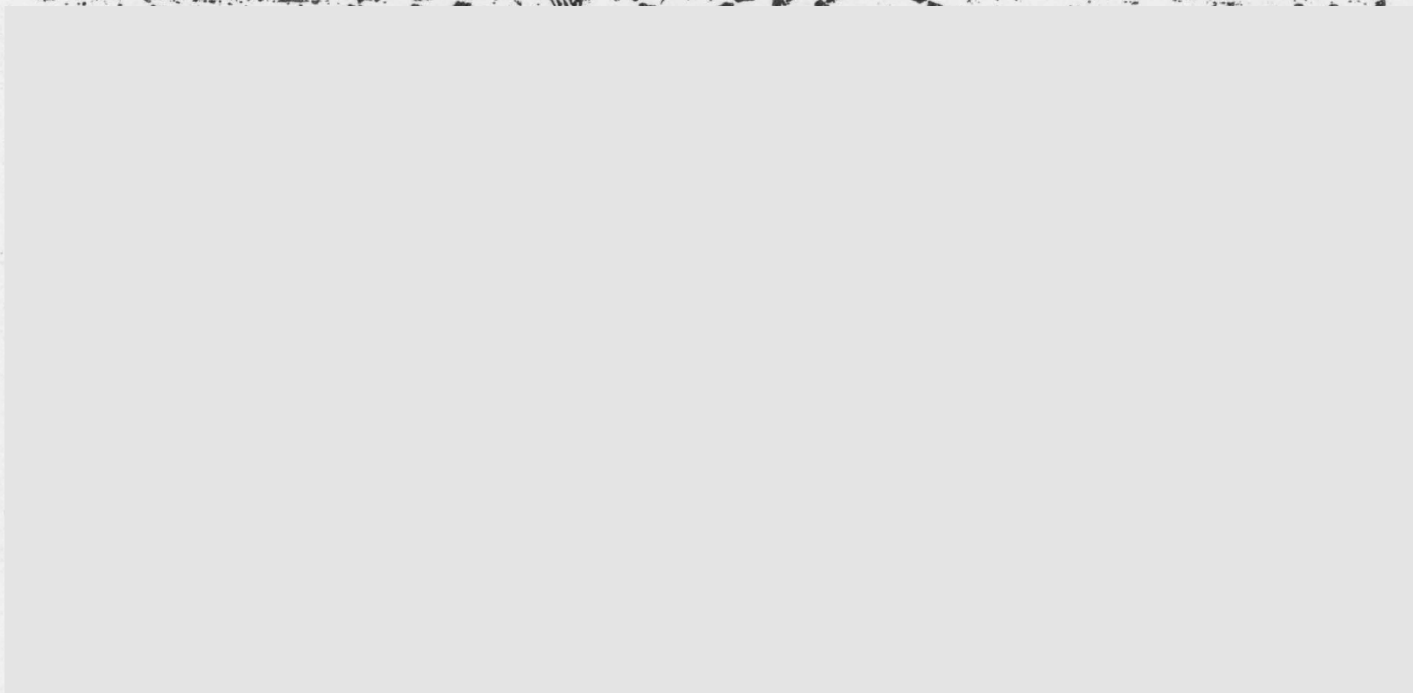
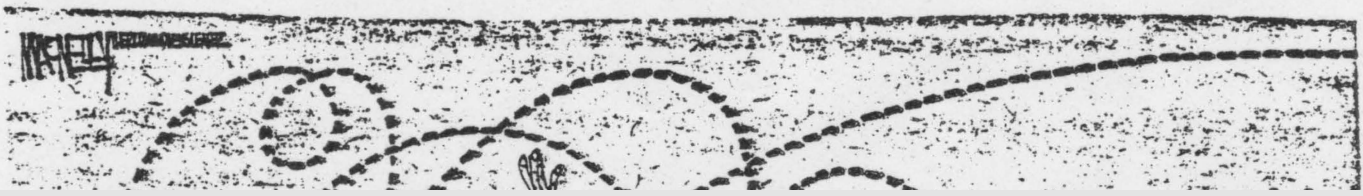
out of Carter's Atlanta campaign headquarters. The Currier samplings were published in The Detroit News-Sunday and yesterday.

"I can't account for the wide variance, but it could be the tightness of the campaign," Currier said yesterday.

"It's like a 60-day Canadian campaign: A lot is happening in a short time and public opinion can shift fast."

Douglas Dibbert, Riegle's campaign

Detroit News, 10/12/76



Swine FluConfidence Restored in Vaccine Program

The Threat to the nationwide swine flu immunization program eased Friday with announcements by three states that they would resume inoculations based on assurances by high-ranking Federal health officials that the vaccine is safe and does not cause death.

Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin, which suspended programs following the deaths of mostly elderly flue shot recipients, joined eight other states which previously announced resumption of immunizations. Only six counties in Indiana and one in Ohio were holding out.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta reported that more than one million elderly persons had received swine flu shots since the nationwide program began Oct. 1, including 35 who died within 48 hours. Of those vaccinated, 160 would have died within 24 hours with or without a vaccination program, said CDC's Dr. J. Donald Millar.

"It is clear to us that there is no basis to conclude that there is any increased mortality occurring because of the flue shot program," he said. AP,UPI,CBS,ABC -- (10/15/76)

Mortgage RatesHUD, VA To Lower Mortgage Rates
On Single Family Houses

Housing Secretary Carla A. Hills announced Friday that the maximum allowable interest rate on FHA-insured mortgage loans for single family homes will be lowered next Monday to 8 per cent.

The Veterans Administration said it would make an identical reduction in its rates.

For both the FHA and VA, the maximum rate now is 8.5 per cent for mortgages on single family units. Mrs. Hills said the move is to accommodate declines in private interest rates in both the mortgage and financial markets. AP, NBC -- (10/15/76)

Emergency Farm Loan Rules Loosened

The Agriculture Department on Friday loosened the rules for its emergency loans to farmers hit by natural disasters such as drought and floods.

Program officials said the changes have been in the works for at least six months and were not the result of election-year or other extraordinary pressure from farm groups.

However, the announcement that normally would come from the agency level was credited to Acting Secretary John A. Knebel on a day when President Ford was campaigning in the farm belt. Just two days ago, Ford raised grain price supports.

Jimmy Carter frequently has accused the Ford Administration of not doing enough to help farmers hurt by drought. AP -- (10/15/76)

ECONOMYIndustrial OutputIndustrial Output Levels Off

The nation's industrial output failed to grow in September for the first time in 18 months, primarily due to the strike in the automobile industry, the Federal Reserve Board reported Friday.

The Board said the strike against Ford Motor Co. during the month offset post-strike gains in the rubber and soft coal industries, leaving its index of production in the nation's mines, factories and utilities unchanged at 131.3 percent of its 1967 average. AP,UPI,NBC -- (10/15/76)

Personal IncomePersonal Income Expanded in September

Americans' personal income expanded at the quickened pace of one-half of one per cent in September thanks to a payroll surge in commodity producing industries, the government reported Friday.

The Commerce Department said personal income grew \$6.8 billion over the month, a rate which, seasonally adjusted, would put total annual income at \$1.39 trillion. That compared, to a \$4.6 billion expansion in August, or three-tenths of 1 percent, but was still behind the July hike of \$10.4 billion. AP,UPI -- (10/15/76)

Stocks

Stocks Up Slightly

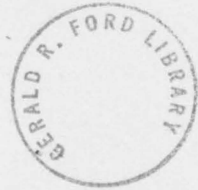
A flurry of late-session bargain hunting erased earlier losses and pushed prices slightly higher in moderate trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 1.08 to 93.00. AP,UPI,Nets -- (10/15/76)

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DEBATEPolitical ReactionBoth Candidates Claim Victory

"Humility" compelled Walter Mondale to declare himself the winner of Friday night's debate. John Connally proclaimed Bob Dole the victor -- which Dole said saved him the trouble.

Mondale, leaving the Alley Theatre afterward, told reporters he thought his 75-minute set-to showed viewers the clear difference between the Jimmy Carter-Mondale ticket and that of President Ford and Dole.

"Humility requires me to say that I won," the Democratic vice presidential candidate said.

Dole, taking a congratulatory telephone call from Ford immediately after the debate, said John Connally, the former Treasury Secretary, was with him in Houston and declared Dole the winner. "If he didn't, I would have," the Kansas Senator said.

In his telephone call, Ford told Dole, "You did great... you've done a fine job...you hit hard but hit fairly."

"Bob, you did great," said Ford, "and Betty and I are very, very grateful for this anniversary present." (CBS)

Dole thanked the President and mentioned he had a cold, "but I guess my voice held out." (CBS)

Ford told Dole he "differentiated the issues" between himself and Carter, and mentioned "your most telling point -- no American is fighting on foreign soil; we are at peace and we achieved it and we will maintain it." (CBS)

Dole laughed and said he wished he had used some of that Presidential phrasing in the debate.

Mondale also got a call from Jimmy Carter, who said his performance in the debate proved him "completely qualified to be President."

Carter, after watching the debate in his Kansas City hotel room, told Mondale: "You're a great man. I think you showed you're completely qualified to be President. I'm just glad I'm not running against you.

"You didn't get small. You didn't get mean."

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Dole, who wryly wondered aloud during the debate if anyone was "still listening," said both Ford and Rockefeller called him. "He (Ford) said I did a good job. He talked about how our chances looked and our view on taxes and spending and he thought I did a great job with all of that. The Vice President called and said about the same thing."

Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss said the performance of the two candidates boiled down to the "gut choice" by Ford and Carter as to "who should I pick to succeed me if I should need a successor." (CBS,NBC)

"I think when you look at the performance of Sen. Dole on the one hand, and Sen. Mondale on the other, you see the difference that would be made, generally, in leadership in the kind of choice that would be made by Gov. Carter," Strauss said in a statement. (CBS,NBC)

"I really think without being mean that Sen. Dole's performance tonight probably did the President and did the Republican party a great disservice." (CBS,NBC)
AP,UPI,CBS,NBC -- (10/15/76)

Media ReactionDole Breaks Solemnity of First VP Debate

The solemnity of history's first Vice Presidential debate quickly collapsed Friday as the theatre audience first laughed, then gasped at the quips of Robert Dole.

The GOP nominee amused the audience with a dozen one-liners. Mondale was serious throughout.

Mondale was visibly nervous at the start, his voice cracking several times. After his opening statement, he sank into his chair with obvious relief.

Dole quickly broke the ice with his first joke and the audience began to loosen up. He drew laughter when he remarked that he and Mondale would continue to be friends "when this election is over and he's still in the Senate."

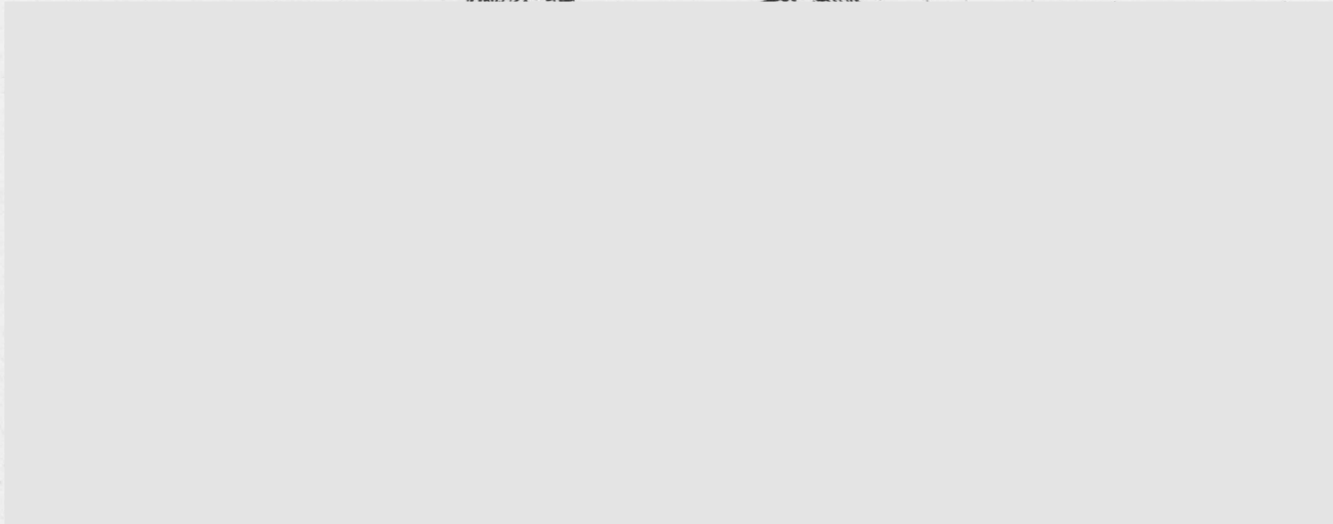
After three or four questions, Mondale also loosened up and his delivery became emphatic.

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The audience, which first had laughed at Dole's jokes, later gasped audibly on several occasions -- particularly when he questioned Mondale's Senate attendance and charged his opponent spoke well of Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn -- but had never met him.

Although the exchange between the two men grew lively and both of them exchanged smiles with their questioners, there was an obvious sense of relief on the stage when the cameras were turned off and the debate was over. UPI -- (10/15/76)

VARLEITE
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER



Journalists Divided Over Debate Performances

Journalists agreed Friday that the vice presidential candidates clearly delineated the differences between their party philosophies, but disagreed on the quality of their debate performances.

PBS commentators dubbed Sen. Mondale the winner, while the major networks declined to pick a winner.

Walter Cronkite said the debate was "considerably livelier" than the presidential debates, but added that the words were "bitter," with each candidate getting in his licks. (CBS)

Harry Reasoner said the debate was "mildly" more interesting than the presidential debates, but added that he did not consider it decisive. (ABC)

John Chancellor called the debate "low key," and "not as fiery as expected." (NBC)

Marilyn Berger, one of the debate questioners, said there was more "give and take" in the debate because they were discussing philosophies rather than issues. She added that Sen. Dole was quick with his wit, while Mondale seemed more philosophical. (NBC)

Although the debate did not focus on issues, it did dramatize the different characters of the vice presidential candidates, Bruce Morton said. Dole exhibited his "partisanship," with "biting one-liners," while Mondale was "nicer..duller...more low-key," Morton said. (CBS)

Mondale was more nervous at the outset, but he became poised and polished as the debate progressed, Haynes Johnson commented. Paul Duke said Mondale had moments of eloquence, and articulated the Democratic themes better than Jimmy Carter had. (PBS)

Dole, on the other hand, was more assured in the beginning but became bitter throughout, Johnson said. Martin Agronsky said Dole's cheap shots damaged him, and he will regret "some of his excessive positions." In fact, Agronsky added, the conclusion might be drawn that Dole led the debate downhill. (PBS)

George Will agreed accusing Mondale of engaging in silliness when he said there are no tax loopholes for the common man, and cited mortgage loans as an example. But he charged Dole with "crass stupidity" and "the height of irresponsibility" for dumping Korea and World War II in the Democrats' laps. (WTOP)

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In the same vein Cronkite noted that Dole accused Mondale of being appointed rather than elected to office, while President Ford now occupies an appointed office. (CBS)

Carl Rowan said Dole did a disservice to the President by his performance in the debates. He said he thought Mondale won because of the stupidity of Dole's one-liners. (WTOP)

But James Kilpatrick said Dole's remarks were no more irresponsible than Mondale's blaming Ford for the nation's economic woes. He added that Dole added more wit to the debates than Mondale or either of the Presidential candidates. (WTOP)

Reasoner said he "salutes" Dole for "willing to be irreverent." (ABC)

As for each candidate's best point, Duke and Agronsky said Mondale was at his best articulating the differences between the two political parties. Duke, Johnson and Lisagor said Dole had his most effective moment when noting that America was at peace. (PBC)

On a more philosophic note, Eric Sevareid commented: "If it's true that as most people think the issues are not the issue this year, but people's perception of Carter and Ford in their characters, then what these men said doesn't mean a great deal in terms of votes, with one caveat there. That is, if people see these two men, and take that as a test of the judgment of the two presidential candidates." (CBS)

Whether they do, journalists agreed, only the polls will tell. Nets (10/15/76)