

POOL REPORT

Akron-Canton - Motel to rally and to AFI
November 1, 1976

At 10 am out of motel, cold morning air with double breasted suit, no topcoat; shook hands with staff secretaries and Ex Sen. Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Navarre, Ohio. About 100 spectators along side parking lot. When one shouted, "We're going to make peanut butter tomorrow," he walked over to work the crowd; as he shook hands...encouraging comments: "Go get 'em, Mr. President" and a lot of "good luck". Signed autographs.

He sprinted off to his car and it was off to the airport. 10:04 am; after turn of I-77 to airport ramp, more crowds along road. 2-3-4 deep, stopped limo to pop hatch. Talking car greetings to rally hangar. As he stepped from car outside hangar, Thomas asked, "Are you going to win the election?" and he replied, "We are very optimistic." Created by Ohio GOP Chairman Kent McCough, Taft, Ray C. Bliss, Ohio GOP National Committeeman; Mayors Stanley Cmich, Canton and John Ballard, Akron; all Republicans; entered Firestone Hangar 10:18 am. Full press coverage.

After leaving building stood through open hatch of limo, driving slowly by crowds shouting "That old Buckeye Spirit... We'll win... That old Buckeye spirit... it works". At end of crowd, he climbed out of hatch and stood briefly as the car rolled very slowly, an agent grabbed his belt and steadied him as he told the crowd, "That old Buckeye spirit... we'll win tomorrow tomorrow." More crowds, 2-3-4 deep at fence as he waved and entered AF One.

Tom Jarriel and George Embrey

Ft. Hayes Career Center opened September, second of four vocational education-magnet school, of Columbus Public Schools. Sort of a swords to plowshares thing; old Ft. Hayes was longtime Armed Forces draft induction center, most of property declared surplus and eventually signed over to Columbus Public Schools. Designed to attract a mix of students, vocational types headed for hairdresser, grocery clerk type jobs; gifted pupils headed for college and talented kids training for careers in dance, music, television, etc. Located on border between one of Columbus' major Negro neighborhoods (City Black population about 125,000). Columbus is in U.S. District court on school desegregation case.

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