

# Ford, Reagan compare philosophies

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WASHINGTON — President Ford and challenger Ronald Reagan differ on some issues. But it's a philosophical difference to depend on which of the president's statements one

the right of me philosophically." Elaborating on their differences about federal spending and Social Security, he said "it is a somewhat different philosophy."  
But a few minutes later, in response to another Reagan question, Ford said, "I don't think there are any philosophical differences... I think he is to the right of me in a pragmatic and practical way."

Nofziger challenged Ford's recitations of the former California governor's positions. Ford said Reagan has suggested from time to time that Social Security ought to be voluntary and that he has suggested Social Security funds might be invested in the stock market.

Ford said he would campaign in New Hampshire Thursday and Friday this week. The vote is next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a variety of controversies swirled at the level of the lifeblood of political campaigns — money.

The Senate Rules Committee scheduled hearings for today on proposals to reconstitute the Federal Election Commission, which will lose many of its powers after Feb. 29 unless Congress revamps the new

federal election law that was partially struck down by the Supreme Court.

Sen. James L. Buckley, R-N.Y., whose name led the lawsuit attacking the law, called Tuesday for prompt and major restructuring of the campaign finance procedure.

He said a new Justice Department unit should enforce the law, the Congress should not be allowed as at present to veto FEC regulations and the limits on campaign contributions that were upheld by the Supreme Court should be raised.

## Ambulance

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last month to the County House, the two city halls, St. Joseph's Hospital, Sherrill's office in Brazos Valley Development College Station City Manager Bardell said every complaint he checked by the intermunicipal ambulance committee said the forms will help the governments assess the ambulance company's service when Sherrill's permit comes up for renewal in April.

Nowlin, director of emergency medical services for the county, says the next step in improving emergency health care involves more sophisticated modular equipment and advanced trained EMTs.

she is looking into getting grants to train EMTs in the county BVDC area to be paramedics, who have 400-500 hours emergency medical training.

getting even closer to the technology of television's emergency," she said she hopes biotelemetry can be added to ambulance service. Biotelemetry is a system by which a person's vital signs are monitored in the ambulance but can be observed by a physician at the hospital. The physician can then help the EMT stabilize the victim via radio before arrival at the emergency room.

Before biotelemetry can be practiced a physician must be on duty at an emergency room at all times. However, no hospitals in the county offer such a service. St. Joseph's Hospital would likely be the one to do so; it has a physician in the emergency room at all hours during the day.

San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and Corpus Christi have ambulances stationed at each fire station, thereby cutting down response time to the scene of accidents.

Sherrill's ambulances operate out of one location but Bardell said that will change to take his crew about four to six minutes, on the average, to get to an accident. (Sherrill repeatedly refused to talk to Battalion reporters.)

Bardell said it would be too costly for the city to run the ambulance service from fire stations. Although firefighters are also EMTs, a person can't be both a fireman and ambulance attendant at the same time, he said. With additional attendants on duty, he said it would cost the city \$100,000 annually to pay personnel for each ambulance/fire station.

College Station City Councilmen, however, are considering a bond issue this Spring which would include building an extra fire station in the southern part of the city and adding space to the new and old fire stations for housing ambulances.

In October a group of A&M students with EMT training approached the College Station City Council offering to run their own volunteer ambulance service.

Bardell said he has not heard from these students since that time; however, they plan to present a concrete proposal to the council at its meeting next Thursday.

Several councilmen are interested in alternatives to the current service, according to Don Sweeney, chairman of a health advisory committee of the BVDC.

Sweeney said a sophisticated emergency medical system with ambulance/fire stations is more costly than these systems "are saving lives over the nation."

According to Bryan Hospital administrator David Laird, additional emergency medical services are unaffordable. (Bryan Hospital has a smaller emergency room and takes fewer emergency cases than St. Joseph's Hospital, located only two blocks away.)

Laird argued that Bryan-College Station has a low potential for accidents and Sherrill's service is "more than adequate."

He said Aggies are basically well-headed and A&M doesn't have the drug overdoses and drunken driving hazards of other college towns. In addition, there is no heavy industry which would lead to industrial accidents.

"And what can they do at A&M to get each other? Study to death?" Laird asked.

He named no other names, but on the Democratic side seemed clearly to be referring to Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

In stressing the Social Security and federal spending issues, Ford continued to hit at themes he believes will help him in the New Hampshire and Florida primaries.

But he declined two opportunities at the news conference to flatly predict victories.

"I think we will do well in both... I am encouraged in both cases," he said.

Reagan campaign manager Lyn

Ford said he disagreed with what he described as Reagan's proposal of "a \$90-billion cut in federal expenditures transferring the responsibilities and the programs to the local and state officials where they either have to abandon the programs or raise taxes to support them."

Nofziger said Reagan "has always proposed that any transfer of federal program funds back to the states must be accompanied by a transfer of tax sources."

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