

Links Republican economic policies to Nixon

Mondale: Inflation, unemployment big issues

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Democratic vice presidential nominee Walter Mondale said Monday that what he calls "Nixon-Ford" inflation and high joblessness will be a central issue in his campaign.

Mondale said in an interview that he and Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter would achieve full employment, meaning a job for everyone who can work, by 1980.

He said full employment would mean an additional \$55 billion in taxes and said the rest of the economy would fall in line.

Mondale said it was no accident that he started linking President Ford's policies to former President Richard M. Nixon's last week, at a time when the Republican National Convention was not mentioning Nixon.

"The last President they could

remember in most of the speeches was Abraham Lincoln," he said. "I thought they'd forgotten, that was all. I was trying to help them out."

Mondale sidestepped the question of whether his repeated references to Nixon and Republican vice presidential nominee Robert Dole's reputation as a gut fighter will mean a bloody campaign.

"I want a constructive campaign," Mondale replied. "I've never taken a low road in my life. We're going to talk about issues and not personalities."

Mondale said Ford's economic policies are the same as Nixon's and blamed them for the current 7.8 per cent joblessness, 6 per cent inflation rate, interest rates around 9 per cent and last year's \$70 billion deficit.

He said he'll be arguing in New York City Thursday in the first major speech of a nine-day campaign swing that those policies are also wiping

out Republican businessmen. "The Republicans always do better when the Democrats are in," he said he'll say. "If you want to live like a Republican, vote Democratic."

Ford's answer to Mondale charges is likely to be the one he gave in his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention last week.

Ford said then that he inherited

runaway inflation and has led "an incredible comeback" in spite of what he called the free-spending Democratic Congress.

Mondale accused Nixon and Ford of "the most inconsistent, botched management of the economy perhaps that we've ever had."

The Democrat said the worst Re-

publican practice has been inconsistent tight money raising interest rates so high that businesses and industry cannot expand and put more people to work.

Mondale said reversal of that money policy will be the key to his and Carter's programs for full employment.

Jaworski says greed kept Nixon from destroying tapes

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Former special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski says he believes former President Richard Nixon would have "survived and remained in office" if he had destroyed his tapes.

Jaworski speculates in his new book scheduled to be released today that one reason Nixon refused to destroy the tapes was because they were worth money.

"He hoped to realize a fortune from them," Jaworski writes, "and his background showed him to be a man greedy for both money and power."

The book, entitled "The Right and the Power" had been scheduled for release in September but officials at Gulf Publishing Co. said it would be released today in Houston. The Houston Post obtained a copy of the book Tuesday.

Jaworski says little in the book about the pardon of Nixon by President Ford but offers some conclusions about the former president.

"I often wondered," Jaworski writes, "how Nixon was able to concentrate even briefly on the matters of state that begged for his attention."

There he was in the Oval office, day after day, night after night, scheming, plotting and finally sacrificing his staff and others one by one so as to save himself."

Jaworski also relates an incident in which Sen. James Eastland, D-Miss., describes a sobbing Nixon pleading with the senator to save Nixon from criminal prosecution.

Jaworski said Eastland told him Nixon had called from San Clemente, Calif., a short time after the resignation.

"He was crying," Jaworski quoted Eastland as saying. "He said, 'Jim, don't let Jaworski put me in that trial with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. I can't take any more.'"

Jaworski also writes that former Nixon aide H. R. "Bob" Haldeman once offered to plead guilty to a single Watergate felony charge and testify against John Ehrlichman,

another former Nixon aide, "in all other matters known to him" if the government would dismiss other charges against Haldeman.

But the deal fell through, Jaworski writes, when U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica refused to assure Haldeman's attorney what sort of sentence Haldeman might face.

Inmate says jail death a joke

Associated Press
DALLAS — One of six prisoners charged in the torture slaying of a Dallas County Jail inmate testified Tuesday that the choking and stabbing death started as "a big joke."

The testimony from Steven Clyde Valentine, 19, came in a deposition to be used in a \$5 million lawsuit filed earlier this month against Dallas County Sheriff Clarence Jones and probation officer Waylon D. Vernon by the family of Kenneth Nile Coppinger Jr.

Coppinger, 20, was found dead in his cell less than three hours after he was arrested because of what later was determined a mixup in identity. He had been arrested for possible revocation of probation on a statutory rape conviction after officials believed he had been arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. It was later learned that he had not been arrested on the DWI charge.

Valentine testified Tuesday that some of his fellow prisoners in the cell had been talking for about a week about killing someone.

"It was a big joke at first, that's all it was... they started talking about

Niagara Falls ride only six-foot drop

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — A self-styled daredevil, sealed in a six-foot long converted propane gas tank, slipped into the upper Niagara River in an attempt to go over Niagara Falls.

Several hours later Tuesday — with his ill-fated metal craft snagged on rocks and stalled in shallow water about 200 yards short of the brink of Horseshoe Falls — a Canadian military helicopter arrived on the scene. A crewman opened the hatch and

Tibor Hetenyi, 26, of Edison, N.J., climbed aboard the hovering craft. "Did I go over her?" was the first thing he asked. Just before the rider became stalled, it went through a six-foot drop in the rapids and hit the rocks.

"I thought I had gone over," Hetenyi said. "I felt a thud when hit the rocks."

Hetenyi, examined for chest bruises at a hospital and then released, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Sophomore class treasurer election

A run-off election will be held September 14 for the class of '79 treasurer according to Susan Price, executive director of Student Government.

The election is due to an error on the first ballot in last spring's campus elections. The run-off is between Michelle Marti and Mark Hryhorchuk.

Price said that there will be one polling place, the Menzies Student Center, for the election. Election regulations normally require at least three polling places; the student senate waived the rule last spring. Price said this was because of the limited scope of the election and the additional cost of personnel needed to staff the polling places.

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The Commission approved Tuesday the application of Metroplex Helicopter Airways Inc. to provide air passenger and cargo service to six airports and five heliports in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The airline will fly five-place jet helicopters between major airports and downtown areas of Dallas and Fort Worth at fares ranging from \$9.75 to \$19.50.

In other action Tuesday, the commission approved issuance of a \$50,000 grant to Beeville for reconstruction of a runway and connecting taxiway and apron.

A grant of \$40,000 was made to Cleburne to strengthen a runway and connecting taxiway and apron.

The commission reinstated the authority of Purolator Courier Corp. to serve Tyler as a terminal point on a route to Dallas Love Field.

The certificate of Mid-Continent Airlines to provide a scheduled air service between Dallas-Fort Worth and Palestine was cancelled. Mid-Continent discontinued the service last June.

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