

Debate topics are major issues of candidate negotiators

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President Ford and Jimmy Carter are sending their rival negotiators back to work to draft ground rules for the presidential campaign debates with candidates seek.

The major issue to be settled as negotiators return to work today apparently is the question of what the candidates will debate.

Republican Ford and Democrat Carter both have proposed that their personal campaign specialties be made out as topics for the first debate, likely to be conducted during the third week of September.

Those proposals, like the issues of the number, duration and timing of the debates, may yield to compromise in order to get the show on before the national television audience.

Ford spoke to the conference of the National Guard Association today, praising increases in the defense budget. He didn't mention Carter, but the Democratic nominee said that "improved management techniques" could cut \$5 billion to \$8 billion from Ford's record

defense budget of more than \$100 billion.

Ford also told the military audience he opposes efforts to cut U.S. troop strength abroad. Again he did not mention Carter, but Carter has said NATO member nations should take more responsibility for the defense of Europe and has suggested that most U.S. troops now in Korea, Thailand and the Philippines could be withdrawn.

He said that when he took office "a decade of congresses had chopped away at America's defense budgets. . . I knew that dangerous trend had to be reversed and I reversed it. I will not lead the American people down the road to needless danger or senseless destruction."

Ford summoned his two chief negotiators on debate arrangements to a Tuesday night White House meeting to give them final instructions.

He met with Dean Burch, a Washington lawyer and former White House aide, and former Deputy Atty. Gen. William Ruckelshaus, on the debate situation, but his

spokesman would not discuss their plans.

Carter already has said that the initial negotiating session last Thursday produced a tentative plan for a series of three debates, each 75 minutes long, beginning the third week in this month.

Each candidate has three representatives in the debate talks, being conducted by officials of the League of Women Voters, the group that has offered to sponsor the joint appearances.

All sides agreed after the first meeting that they would not disclose the terms under discussion until there was a final agreement on debates and the rules to be followed.

"We intend to keep our part of the bargain," said White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen, noting pointedly that Carter disclosed what he said were tentative terms. Nessen insisted no agreement had been reached, but said there had been progress in the talks.

The League of Women Voters got clearance on Monday from the Federal Election Commission to sponsor and finance the debates, which could cost \$150,000.

But there remained a possibility that independent candidate Eugene

J. McCarthy or former Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, candidate of the American Independent party, might go to court in an effort to block televised debates matching only Ford and Carter.

Under current law, television and radio networks could broadcast campaign debates between the major party candidates, without being required to provide equal time to minor candidates, so long as the debates were independently staged and were covered as news events.

While the debate talks were resumed, Carter returned to Plains, Ga., after a day of campaigning in Washington and New York.

In Washington, the presidents of 109 AFL-CIO unions promised a massive voter registration and turnout campaign in behalf of the Democratic ticket. Carter also met Tuesday with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who said he would actively campaign for the Carter ticket.

Carter met privately with the National Council of Catholic Bishops, and got a cooler reception there because he has declined to support a constitutional amendment to forbid abortion.

Carter also renewed his proposal that the terms of chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board coincide

with those of presidents. The board governs the nation's money supply, and its members are appointed to 14-year terms, with one member designated chairman.

While the proposal is one Carter made repeatedly during the presidential primary campaign, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon issued a quick rebuttal to Carter's renewed suggestions.

Simon's statement, issued through the Ford campaign committee, said, "While Mr. Carter's words are typically vague and general, they represent nothing less than a thinly disguised plan to politicize the nation's monetary system."

Both candidates for vice president were campaigning Tuesday, with Sen. Walter Mondale meeting Democratic officials in California and Sen. Bob Dole arguing in Delaware that the Republican party was not involved in Watergate.

Mondale, Carter's running mate, met Tuesday with California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. and Brown renewed his promise to campaign for the Democratic ticket in the nation's most populous state.

Mondale met with Brown for three minutes in the governor's office, emerging to say he was "very,

very heartened by the fact we have the most unified campaign in many years here in California under Gov. Brown's leadership."

Brown, the last of the Democratic presidential contenders to drop his campaign and endorse Carter, praised the nominee in a brief news conference with Mondale, saying, "I think that Jimmy Carter has a very good understanding of the environment. I think he has a strong sense that government has got to keep its spending down. He has the ability to commit this country to full employment. All these things are very, very necessary."

Meanwhile, Dole said the Watergate scandal cannot be used as a legitimate campaign issue against the Ford-Dole ticket because neither man had any role in it.

"It's a fact — the Republican party was not involved, Gerald Ford was not involved," Dole said in Wilmington, Del.

Dole said that even though he was

party chairman in 1972 at the time of the Watergate break-in and initial cover-up, he did not feel that association would taint his current campaign.

"I'm not going to try to live it down, I wasn't involved in Watergate," Dole said.

Dole criticized the AFL-CIO endorsement of Carter and union president George Meany's criticism of the Republican platform, saying Meany does not speak for rank and file laborers.

Meanwhile, the Ford campaign in Washington announced that Lynn Nofziger, a key Ronald Reagan aide, is joining the President's staff.

Reagan, who narrowly lost his bid to become the GOP's nominee instead of Ford, has agreed to take part in a Republican National Committee closed circuit television fundraiser Oct. 7, a party spokesman said. But Ford campaign officials say they have had no indication that Reagan plans to campaign for Ford.

Attorney says police may have framed trio

Associated Press
EL PASO, Tex. — Defense attorneys for three Mexican-Americans charged with firebombing an El Paso department store said Tuesday they might try to prove their clients were framed.

"That could develop," said Brady Coleman, one of the defense lawyers.

Jury selection was scheduled to continue today after defense attorneys asked prospective jurors if they "think it was possible the police would plant evidence on a defendant in order to obtain a conviction."

The three defendants are Alfredo Espinosa, 31, Ruben Orgazm, 24, and Ramon Arroyos, 15.

Rio Grande Valley upset over devaluation of peso

Associated Press
The Mexican government's decision to float its currency in the money market, thus allowing it to settle down to about 20 to 60 per cent less than the fixed rate, will affect South Texas sales to Mexico border towns.

But it could be a big boost to Mexican exports, the chairman of the Frost National Bank of San Antonio said today.

Tom Frost Jr. said sales at the annual Mexican Trade Fair in San Antonio next week may benefit from the government's action.

Frost said San Antonio banks would continue to exchange pesos for dollars at the current market rate today.

Mexican government officials said yesterday they expected the peso to drop eventually from its current fixed rate of 12.50 to a dollar, set more than 2 years ago, to about 20 to

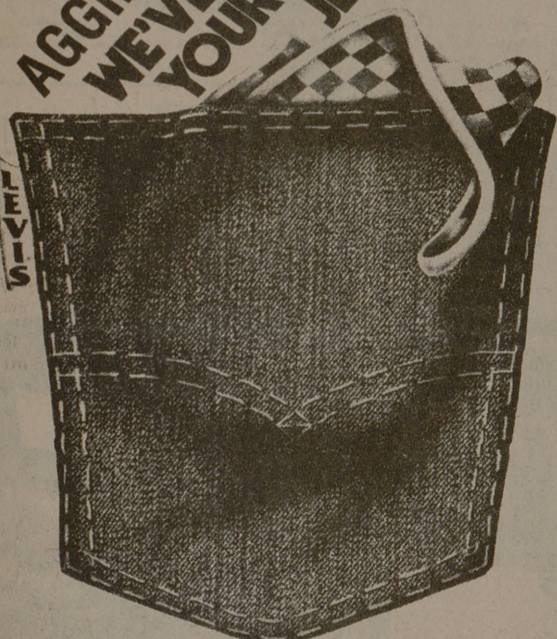
a dollar.

"The news wasn't a surprise," said Jim Spellings, executive vice president for Dallas' 1st National Bank. "I doubt it will have much effect on the


U.S. economy," Spellings said.

But in the Valley, where Mexico often is only a river width away, the news spurred hurried meetings and some quickly-taken action.

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