

Carter counterattacks... Ford to discuss policies

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President Ford is making his first campaign trip outside Washington, a jaunt for a speech at his alma mater that will take him within a few miles of where Jimmy Carter is to make a major address.
Ford, who has been under fire from Carter for staying in the White House instead of meeting voters, says there will be "some surprises" in his speech tonight on domestic and foreign policy at the University of Michigan.
At the same time Ford is to speak in Ann Arbor, Democratic nominee Carter is to deliver what aides called a "major speech" to a state AFL-CIO convention about 30 miles away in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Mich.
Ford is to depart immediately after his speech and his aides say he will not leave Washington again all

month except to fly to Philadelphia for the first of his debates with Carter on Sept. 23.
Carter started out in Arizona on Tuesday and worked his way to Montana and the Dakotas. Both he and his running mate, Sen. Walter Mondale, accused the Ford administration of poor management that has turned the Medicare program into a "national disgrace."
Mondale and Carter were to join forces today for appearances in Minnesota.
Ford spent the day at the White House, but his running mate, Sen. Bob Dole, was campaigning in the West.
In Phoenix, Ariz., Carter said, "I'd like to know why, after eight years of a Republican administration, we're still losing 25 to 50 per cent of all the Medicaid money that's supposed to be for good health care."

A Senate subcommittee recently documented instances of unneeded and duplicated health exams and laboratory work paid for by the government, and Senate investigators estimated that perhaps as much as half of the money spent annually on Medicare is wasted.
The Democratic nominee said he wanted to know why Ford, as a congressman, had voted against Medicare, adding: "When an administration opposes the basic concepts of helping with public funds to provide good health care for our people, it is almost inevitable that health care programs will not be operated properly."
Turning to his plan for a national health care system, Carter said: "Our country's ready for it, you're ready for it, I'm ready for it, and we're going to have it."

He later said he had no firm figure on how much the program would cost, but said he has received estimates ranging up to \$15 billion.
Carter said \$60 billion a year in new money for such a health care program would be available to the government by 1981 if the unemployment rate is cut to 5 or 5.5 per cent and if the national economic growth rate is 4 or 5 per cent.
Carter also rapped Ford's economic and farm policies, saying, "Our farmers are going broke, producing food that consumers cannot afford to buy. That's got to be changed. We need a predictable agriculture policy."
He said a new basic farm policy law must be written and he said Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz should be replaced with someone who would worry more about small farmers than agricultural corporations. "Almost anybody would be an improvement," Carter said.
Mondale, speaking to retirees in

Florida, agreed with Carter on Medicare, saying scandals in the program are caused by "government that is not in charge and rich folks ripping off senior citizens."
In Illinois, later Tuesday, Mondale admitted a "difference in emphasis" with Carter on the decisions of the Supreme Court.
Carter had praise Monday for the decisions of the Burger court, dominated by appointees of Ford and resigned President Richard M. Nixon. Carter said the court under the late Earl Warren went "too far... and obviously guilty people were released unpunished."
Mondale, in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., said he backs unpunishment "under terms of law," but "at the same time, I have always supported those decisions which protect the constitutional rights of defendants."
As for the Burger court, Mondale said, "I've had trouble accepting some of the recent decisions of the court." Neigher candidate specified any court decisions.
Dole told a San Francisco business group that Democratic programs would lead to raging inflation and could cost \$100 billion.
Dole noted Carter has said he might have to delay some of his programs, but suggested Carter "will be hard-pressed to indicate what he's going to abandon, or to actually abandon anything, because a very substantial part of his hard-core constituency favors those spending programs. I just don't believe he will be able to divorce himself from the basic program and platform which he campaigns on and upon which he has been nominated."

Powell refuses to stay McCarthy ballot order

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WASHINGTON—Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell refused late Tuesday to stay an order by a three-judge federal court panel in Austin, Tex., that denied former Sen. Eugene McCarthy a place on the Texas Ballot as an independent candidate for president.
Powell said he consulted with six of his eight fellow justices and all said they would concur with his decision not to stay the order.
He said the Supreme Court does

not have jurisdiction in McCarthy's suit, but the candidate could go to a circuit court of appeals to seek relief.
The federal judges in Texas had agreed with McCarthy that a portion of the Texas Election Code which does not allow independent candidates to run for president and vice president is unconstitutional.
But the panel said McCarthy had waited too long to get on the ballot by gathering signatures on petitions, and could only run a write-in campaign in Texas.

Advisory group wants specificity

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EL PASO, Tex. — A member of the Latino Affairs National Advisory Committee said yesterday she will tell Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter that his campaign is "standing still" among Texas Mexican-Americans.
Alicia Chacon said she will meet with Carter today in Detroit.
Mrs. Chacon, a member of the Democratic National Executive Committee, said she hopes her advisory committee can persuade Carter to "be more specific" in his promises to help Latin Americans as president.
She said Latin-American leaders in other parts of the Southwest are also concerned with what she called the "stagnation" of Carter's campaign.
Other members of the advisory committee include Gov. Paul Castro of Arizona; Mario Obledo, California secretary of the state Department of Housing, Education and Welfare; Ruben Valdez, Colorado House speaker; and Henry Lozano, an

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