## Jobs and taxes, top debate issues

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that of White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen, who said, "We compared notes on the President's staff and came to the conclusion that he had won - and that he had

won . . . by a wide margin."

Reynolds asked the opening question, directed to Carter:

'You have said you are committed to a drastic reduction in unemployment. Can you say now, Governor, in specific terms, what your first step would be next January, if you are elected, to achieve that?'

"Yes," Carter began. "First of all is to recognize the tremendous economic strength of this country, and putting back to work of our people as a top priority. This is an effort that ought to be done primarily by strong leadership in the White House.

Carter said unless unemployment was reduced "we'll never have an end to the inflationary spiral, and we'll never have a

He called for tax reform, incentives to private industry to create jobs and special programs geared to central cities where

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unemployment rates are far higher than

the national average.

Carter had three minutes for his initial answer and another two minutes to answer a follow-up question. Then Ford got his first chance to speak in the two minutes alloted for comment after an opponent has

answered a question.
"I don't believe that Mr. Carter has been any more specific in this case than he has been in many other instances," said the President, echoing a familiar Republican

charge against Carter.
Ford said Democratic jobs programs would add \$10 billion to \$30 billion each year in additional expenditures

The second question dealt with taxes and was directed to Ford, who replied that he probably would sign the tax bill recently passed by Congress. Carter rebutted, linking the Republicans to a tax structure he

called "a welfare program for the rich. Carter was asked where he'd find the money to pay for the programs he was promising voters. With reduced unemployment and a steady economic growth, there would be \$60 billion in extra money

in four years, he said.

Ford questioned whether such a di-vidend would be found. If it was, he added, "I think the American taxpayer ought to get an additional tax break, a tax reduction of that magnitude.

Later, the subject of taxes came up again and Carter said he wanted to do away with the kind of deductions he said were used by the wealthy but were not available to the average working person. He cited "first-class travel and the \$5 martini lunch."

Ford then renewed charges that Carter had indicated in an interview that he planned to ask for a tax increase "on about 50 per cent of the working people of this country." The President also said that the tax laws which Carter claims contain gross inequities were written by congresses controlled by the Democrats

Carter has repeatedly said that he has no intention of asking for a tax increase for low or middle income families. He has said he only intends to do away with provisions that give extra advantages to high income

One of the most acrimonious exchanges occurred when Ford was asked to comment on the anti-Washington feeling often mentioned during the campaign.

Ford said he thought any anti-Washington feeling "ought to be focused on the Congress . . . . I don't think the American people are getting their money's worth from the majority party that runs this

They spend too much money on themselves; they have too many employes; there's some question about their morali-

Ford concluded saying "I think the American people want a Republican presi-dent to check on any excesses that come out

of the next Congress."

Carter retorted that "it's not a matter of Republican and Democrat, it's a matter of eadership or no leadership.

He said Ford "quite often puts forward a program just as a public relations stunt and never tries to put it through the Congress by working with the Congress . . . . The point is that a president ought to lead this country. Mr. Ford, so far as I know, except for avoiding another Watergate, has not accomplished one single major program for

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WASHINGTON - Four members of a five-member panel of college debate coaches gave a slight edge to President Ford in his debate with Jimmy Carter. The fifth gave

Carter a narrow edge.

The Ford four said they leaned toward him principally because he did a better job of rebutting some of the Democratic nominee's argu-

The five coaches from around the country scored the nationally televised event for The Associated Press using a point system similar to that used in collegiate debate competi-

Evaluating the candidates for their analysis, reasoning, evidence, organization, refutation and presentation, the coaches voted this way: Dr. Barbara O'Connor, California State University at Sacramento,

22-19 for Ford. Dr. Donn Parson, University of

Kansas, 24-23 for Ford. Prof. William Southworth, University of Redlands, Calif., 27-24 for

James K. Prof. Georgetown University, Washing-

ton, D.C., 15-13 for Ford. Prof. Melissa Maxcy Wade, Emory University, Atlanta, 22-20 for

In the first 1960 presidential de-

bate, then-Sen. John F. Kenne was generally perceived as the w ner over then-Vice Preside Richard M. Nixon because of pearance and image. However, n of the five judges last night gave ter or Ford a point advantage in presentation category, the ability create an image of competence

leadership.
The four panelists who though Ford won particularly gave him a edge on handling the tax and h

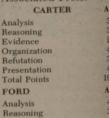
reaucracy questions. Southworth particularly ga Ford credit for his remark at thee of the tax discussion that the structure objected to by Carter enacted by a primarily Democra Congress.

Parson thought Ford partie scored with his argument that ( can't complain both about F vetoes of spending bills and and the budget deficit.

Wade gave Carter the edge ont basis that he was more respo than the President in more are scored well on the inflation-j ic, and because Ford ofter sponded on the basis of propos rather than his record.

The judges all found the card dates somewhat nervous at the or

Here are the scorecards of the the first Ford-Carter debate for Associated Press.



A-Dr. Barbara O'Connor, Calif. State at Sacramento.
D-Dr. Donn Parson, Univ. of Kanss
C-Prof. William Southworth, Univ. of lands, Calif.

D-Prof. James J. Unger, Georgetown Washington, D.C. E-Prof. Melissa Maxcy Wade, Emory

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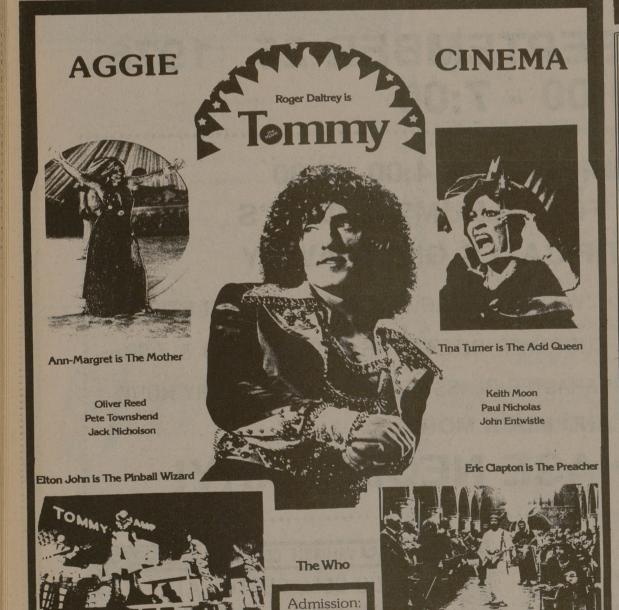
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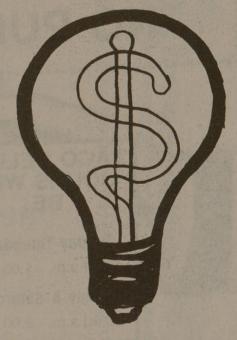
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