

Ford warns against 'Democrat extremists'

by Gene Carlson
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OKLAHOMA CITY—President Ford warned Tuesday against election of Democratic extremists to Congress and said a legislative branch overwhelmingly controlled by Democrats could jeopardize world peace.

He said he was "concerned about a breach between the Republican President and the Democratic Congress" in the foreign policy area because "unfortunately this Congress, dominated by the opposition, doesn't seem to understand" the need for policymaking unity.

In a speech at a downtown rally, Ford said:

"I'm concerned that we may get a Congress that is veto-proof, a Congress that has the wrong philosophy both domestically and internationally—a possibility for the next two years when our country faces challenges in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and Latin America and the Pacific as we try to broaden detente, as we try to continue normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China.

"If we get the wrong kind of Congress, peace could be in jeopardy."

He said he was "pleading for the election of a Congress that would be farsighted, visionary, imaginative and cooperative so that we can have peace abroad and so that we can work on our problems at home."

In remarks to a crowd estimated at 9,500 persons, Ford called 1974 "the year of decision, as I see it, for the survival of the two-party system in our great country."

A Democratic landslide in the election two weeks from now "could resurrect the wild spending programs of the years 1965

and 1966," Ford said. This was the period when Lyndon B. Johnson pushed through many of his Great Society programs.

Ford left Oklahoma City for Cleveland to aide Ohio Republicans James Rhodes, locked in a tight race against Democratic Gov. John Gilligan, and Cleveland Mayor Ralph Perk, trailing former astronaut John

Glenn badly in a struggle for a Senate seat.

In his visit here, Ford hoped to breathe new life into the sagging re-election effort of Republican Sen. Henry Bellmon, a cattleman, wheat farmer and former governor seeking a second term in the U.S. Senate. He is facing a stiff challenge from Democratic Rep. Ed Edmondson.



President Ford and Senator Henry Bellmon wave to crowds in Oklahoma City who came to hear Ford speak

Kissinger embarks on peace tour

by Nicholas Daniloff
United Press International

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger embarks today on an extended diplomatic mission to Moscow, South Asia, and possibly the Middle East, to promote peace and draw attention to the world's long-range food problems.

Kissinger, who visited Mexico Monday with President Ford, was flying first to Moscow for talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev Oct. 23-27 on the next stage in Soviet-American strategic arms negotiations.

From the Soviet capital he will fly to India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to discuss political, economic and food problems in South

Asia before delivering a major address to the World Food Conference in Rome, Nov. 5.

Kissinger plans to stop also in Iran, Romania and Yugoslavia on the way to Italy, and aides reported he may squeeze in a visit to Ankara to encourage a peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem. This could be followed by another whirlwind peace-seeking tour of the Middle East, officials said.

On his return to Washington, sometime before mid-November, Kissinger will prepare for another overseas journey—this time to Japan, and South Korea with Ford beginning Nov. 19. Ford may add a visit to Vladivostok, U.S.S.R., for a brief get-together with Brezhnev Nov. 23-24, according to diplomatic sources.

Such a visit is made more urgent by

the requirement, forced upon Ford by Congress last week, to end military aid to Turkey by Dec. 1.

Kissinger would also like to make a three or four-day trip through the Middle East, officials report, to promote further movement in Middle East peace negotiations.

However, such a trip depends in part on the outcome of the Arab summit meeting which begins in Rabat, Morocco, Oct. 26.

Ray contests plea

by Jim Ballentine
United Press International

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Attorneys for James Earl Ray contended in Federal Court Tuesday that Ray's previous lawyer, Percy Foreman, told Ray he would "barbecue" in the electric chair unless he pleaded guilty to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray is trying to win a new trial on grounds he was pressured into saying he killed the famed civil rights leader, an act he now denies.

Bernard Fensterwald hit hard at Foreman, the noted Houston, Tex., attorney, in his opening statement, but then moved on to the question of whether the conditions of Ray's confinement in the Shelby County Jail prior to trial rendered him incapable of making a logical decision.

Ray is asking U.S. District Judge Robert M. McRae Jr. to set aside his guilty plea negotiated by Foreman on March 10, 1969, and order a new trial.

\$4 million heist probed

by Gene Bludeau
United Press International

CHICAGO—Investigators worked Tuesday on the assumption that a vault burglary estimated at \$4 million or more, believed to be the biggest cash looting in American criminal history, was masterminded by an insider who knew the lock's combination and how to bypass a sensitive alarm system.

The investigation has turned up two definite suspects, but neither has been arrested, police said late Tuesday. They refused to identify them, other than to say one was an employee of the company.

A police estimate put the weekend haul at nearly \$4 million. A vice president of

Purolator Security Inc. said the company still was trying to determine the amount of cash taken from its Armored Express Division vault during the weekend.

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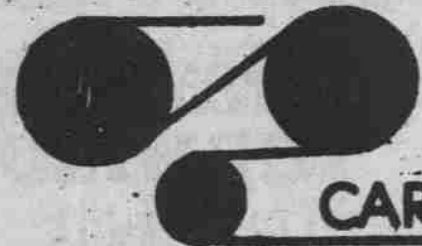
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Nixon asks transcripts to prepare testimony

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WASHINGTON—Attorneys for Richard M. Nixon asked U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica Tuesday to order that the former president be provided transcripts of all tapes introduced at the Watergate cover-up trial so that Nixon can be preparing "for any testimony he may be called upon to give."

"Mr. Nixon seeks no more than to be placed in the position of being able to refresh his recollection concerning long-past, even long-forgotten conversations concerning a lengthy and complex series of events before any possible testimony," Nixon's lawyers said in a motion filed with the court.

They had informally asked Sirica for such an order last week, but he had

asked them to submit it formally in writing.

Nixon has been subpoenaed as a trial witness and is seeking to be excused on grounds of ill health, though his lawyers indicated last week he is improving rapidly and may be able to testify after all.

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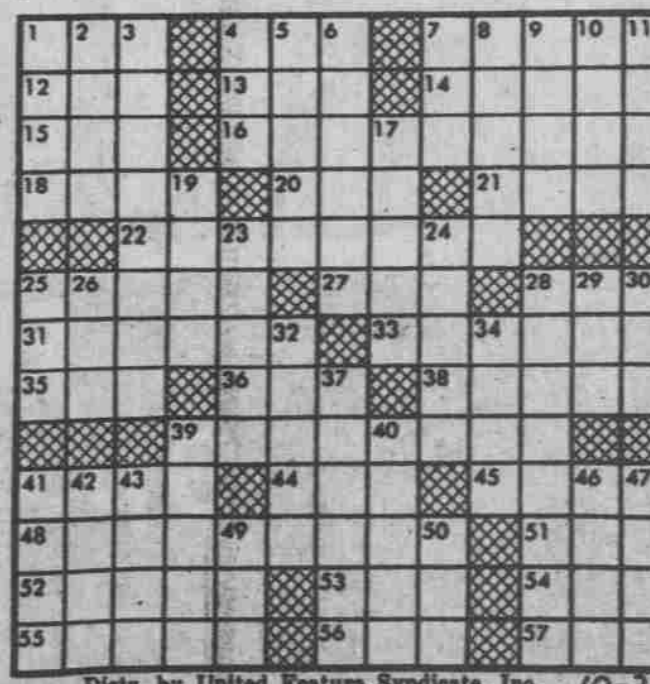
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| ACROSS | 2 Father | 31 River in Germany |
| 1 Snake | 3 Sweat | 32 Chemical compound |
| 4 Bitter vetch | 4 Worm | 33 Poker stake |
| 7 Sun-dried brick | 5 Ceremonies | 34 Masonic doorkeepers |
| 12 Expire | 6 Declares | 35 Choose |
| 13 Pose for portrait | 7 Reverence | 36 Excessive enthusiasm |
| 14 Female | 8 Cupolas | 37 Solar disk |
| 15 Be mistaken | 9 Hebrew measure | 38 Joint |
| 16 Declaration | 10 Prohibits | 39 Cook slowly |
| 18 Bird's home | 11 Heraldry: grafted | 40 Rights (abbr.) |
| 20 Greek letter | 12 Cisterns | 41 Small child |
| 21 Gaelic | 13 Cisterns | |
| 22 Gifts | 14 Woody plant | |
| 23 Slaves | 15 Ringworm | |
| 24 Works at one's trade | 16 Greek letter | |
| 25 Snow runner | 17 Permit | |
| 26 Hindu cymbals | 18 Land overflowed during flood tide | |
| 27 Calm | 19 Beverage | |
| 28 Gastropod mollusks | 20 Hallucinogenic drug (init.) | |
| 29 Suffix: follower of | 21 Superlative ending | |
| 30 Finished | 22 Appraise | |
| 31 Semi-precious stone | 23 Guido's high note | |
| 32 Antlered animals | 24 Hindrance | |
| 33 Emmet | 25 Build | |
| 34 Spanish for "river" | 26 Spanish for "river" | |
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