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I don't want to be a Commentator, I want to Run

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h GOOD EVENING MY FELLOW AMERICANS -- THIS...IS...THE
NEWS!

h Isn't that terrific? *almost as good as "I am the President"* THAT'S HOW THE TV COMMENTATORS

DO IT -- A FEW SOLEMN PAUSES AND NOTHING, SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING!

COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S HOW THE ADMINISTRATION DOES IT,

TOO.

h I GO BACK A LONG WAY IN THIS TOWN WHEN I ARRIVED IN

WASHINGTON 28 YEARS AGO, LIVING DANGEROUSLY WAS A MATTER OF

PERSONAL CHOICE, NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY!

h BACK IN THOSE DAYS WE BELIEVED THAT AMERICA WAS THE

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY -- THAT ANYONE COULD GROW UP TO BECOME

A TAXPAYER.

WE ALSO BELIEVED THAT TO ERR IS HUMAN -- TO BLAME IT
ON SOMEONE ELSE IS POLITICS.

IN THOSE DAYS POLITICAL POLLING WAS A SIMPLE TASK, YOU
MERELY ASKED A CAB DRIVER.

IN THOSE DAYS, TELEVISION WAS IN ITS INFANCY. IF WE
WANTED TO SEE ANY ACTION ON A LITTLE ROUND SCREEN IN THOSE
DAYS, WE HAD TO GO DOWN TO THE LAUNDERETTE AND WATCH THE
CLOTHES SPIN IN THE BENDIX.

BUT MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN! MANY MILLIONS
OF WORDS HAVE BEEN HEARD IN THIS TOWN AND MOST OF THEM *would you believe it, were mine*

THIS TOWN, WHICH HAS HEARD MORE SLOGANS THAN IT CAN
COUNT, IS NOW GETTING READY TO GREET GERALD FORD'S NEW

REALISM.

L NEW REALISM -- THAT'S JERRY FORD TELLING US HE'S A
FORD, NOT A LINCOLN -- BUT FORGETTING TO MENTION HOW EASILY
A FORD SLIPS INTO REVERSE!

L NEW REALISM -- THAT'S THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE
UNION MESSAGE TELLING US 1975 WASN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL!

THAT'S LIKE WATCHING THE HINDENBURG CRASH IN FLAMES AND THEN
SAYING, "WELL, SHE GOT THERE ON TIME!"

~~THE ADMINISTRATION, IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, IS EVEN
THINKING OF ISSUING TURTLE NECK SWEATERS TO ARTHUR BURNS,
ALAN GREENSPAN AND THE ENTIRE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
-- SO THEY WON'T STICK THEIR NECKS OUT!~~

NEW REALISM -- THAT'S HOW JERRY FORD TRANSFORMED THE
WORD "VETO" FROM A DEODORANT TO A CAMPAIGN PLATFORM.

WE ALL REMEMBER CALVIN COOLIDGE AND HIS PRONOUNCEMENT
ON HARD TIMES. HE SAID, "WHEN PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK,
UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTS." ^{But,} THIS WAS TOPPED THE OTHER DAY

~~WASHINGTON~~ WHEN PRESIDENT FORD'S ECONOMIC ADVISORS TOLD HIM, *Mr*
President, this
"INFLATION COMES AT THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME! JUST WHEN
EVERYTHING IS SO EXPENSIVE!"

JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW INFLATION HAS HIT THE
WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT FORD HAS HAD HARRY TRUMAN'S DESK SIGN
UPDATED. IT NOW READS, "THE BUCK NINETY-EIGHT STOPS HERE!"

~~BUT IT'S MORE LIKE THE SLOGAN OF HERBERT HOOVER, "THE
BUCK DIED HERE!"~~

WE'VE SIMPLY GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ECONOMY.

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO BAD THAT THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IS

SENDING OUT THIS YEAR'S CALENDAR ONE MONTH AT A TIME!

Land THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED US NOT TO EXPECT AS MUCH

FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT *L* TO THE ~~UNEMPLOYED~~ UNEMPLOYED

THAT WILL BE AS ATTRACTIVE AS OPENING A FORTUNE COOKIE AND

FINDING A SUMMONS.

But WHEN PEOPLE COMPLAIN TO ME ABOUT OUR HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

but RATES, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO QUIET THEIR FEARS SOMEWHAT, I *but*

TELL THEM THAT I HAVE CONSULTED WITH ROGERS MORTON AND

JOAN BRADEN AND THEY SAY THE SITUATION IS IMPROVING TREMEND-

OUSLY.

L ACTUALLY THOUGH, EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A CONSTITUENT

AS NICE AS JERRY FORD. AND THAT'S WHAT DEMOCRATS ARE GOING

TO DO IN 1976, MAKE JERRY FORD SOMEBODY'S CONSTITUENT.

Now a word about the Republicans

The Republicans will meet in Kansas
city July 12 to nominate one of
2 ~~presidents~~ ex-Football players
the Skipper or the Tripper.

As for the President, I guess you
know he's fallen in the Polls -
why not? Since Ford took
office he's fallen all over
the place. ~~ⓧ~~

If his luck keeps going the
way it has been, they'll
change the name of that
Plane to Air force 13

I'm not here to take cheap shots at the
President's so called clumsiness. -6-

~~happens to be more than one way~~

~~BUT LET'S NOT QUIBBLE ABOUT THE SIDELIGHTS OF POLITICAL
TO COME DOWN A FLEET OF STARS, AND IF
LIFE IN WASHINGTON. CONGRESS IS BACK FOR ITS SECOND SESSION~~

~~that makes him happy, small for it.
AND IS HARD AT WORK ON NEW LEGISLATION TO BE VETOED I'M~~

~~GLAD TO SEE YOU CANDIDATES STOPPING BY THE NATION'S CAPITAL~~

~~now a word about~~

GOVERNOR REAGAN (ISN'T HERE TONIGHT, ~~HOWEVER.~~ / HE'S OUT

LOOKING FOR THE CAB DRIVER WHO GAVE HIM THE \$90 BILLION BUDGET

CUT IDEA WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE

SHOE-SHINE BOY WHO GAVE GEORGE MCGOVERN THE THOUSAND DOLLAR

GIFT IDEA FOUR YEARS AGO

I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT THERE IS GREAT VITALITY IN

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THIS YEAR. / EVERY MOTHER'S SON THAT

HAS EVER WANTED TO BE PRESIDENT IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE. ~~After~~

~~more candid~~

and

IT'S ALL FORD'S FAULT, HE MADE THE JOB SO ATTRACTIVE --

ASPEN, CAMP DAVID, PEKING, MOSCOW AND AN OCCASIONAL VISIT TO
THE WHITE HOUSE. NOW THAT'S LIVING.

AND AFTER ALL, THE WHITE HOUSE IS A WONDERFUL HOUSE --
A GOOD ADDRESS IN A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PLUMBING WORKS,
THE GARBAGE IS COLLECTED REGULARLY AND WHEN IT'S COLD YOU
CAN COUNT ON A HOT BLAST FROM CAPITOL HILL.

IT'S ANYONE'S GUESS WHO IS GOING TO OCCUPY THAT HOUSE.
~~SHRIVER~~. IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL SCRAMBLE IN THE PRIMARIES.

BUT ALL OF THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES ARE OUT THERE ADDRESSING
THEMSELVES FRANKLY TO THE ISSUES.

now take Sarg.
Shriver - Can you or Does that bother you, too.
OF COURSE, SARGENT SHRIVER WILL MAKE HIS SECRET PLAN

TO END THE WAR IN ANGOLA KNOWN AFTER THE CAMPAIGN, ALONG

~~But let me say to Bush - I know there is a~~
~~widespread feeling that Saturday night specials~~
~~should be cut back - but I'm against that - I feel~~
~~that we should be able to make a living anyway, and~~
WITH HIS SECRET SOLUTION TO FORCED BUSING. (BIRCH BAYH

SAYS HE HAS A SECRET PLAN TO SOLVE THE GUN CONTROL QUESTION,

BUT HE ALSO WILL REVEAL IT AFTER THE ELECTION.!

L AND ^{now} ON ABORTION, I AM SURE THE OTHER CANDIDATES WILL

GO ALONG WITH JIMMY CARTER'S NUMEROUS STANDS

and as for Hco. Wallace, it's a thrill to see him take off in
that plane of his, with 2 night wings.!

AS FOR ME, I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT I AM NOT A CANDIDATE.

THE FACT THAT I MADE 31 APPEARANCES IN CALIFORNIA ONE WEEKEND

THIS MONTH IS BECAUSE I ^{only} LIKE DISNEYLAND.!

L YES, I AM A SENATOR FIRST AND A CANDIDATE LAST. } I AM

SO PRIVATE A PERSON THESE DAYS THAT I EVEN HAVE AN UNLISTED

ZIP CODE.

NOW, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS EVENING

IS TOTALLY OFF THE RECORD -- WHICH DOESN'T THRILL ME.

BECAUSE IF I HAPPEN TO GO OVER WELL HERE TONIGHT, I WOULDN'T

^{leaked}
MIND HAVING IT ~~KNOW~~ ALL OVER TOWN TOMORROW -- SO YOU'LL

UNDERSTAND HOW HAPPY I AM TO SEE SOME MEMBERS OF ^(Chancellor) THE PIKE ^{committee}
~~committee~~ ^{Ints mandale, member}
COMMITTEE WITH US. ~~the Congress~~ of the CIA Committee

AND BEFORE LEAVING THE ROOM TONIGHT, WILL WALTER CRONKITE
~~Chancellor~~

AND JOHN CHANCELLOR PLEASE CHECK WITH GEORGE BUSH ON YOUR
~~note~~
NEW ASSIGNMENTS. ^{That's the news from}

GOOD NIGHT, HOWARD.
[Signature]

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According to the New York Times this morning, in a report on the health of candidates, Scoop Jackson is fine -- except for allergies to adhesive tape, strawberries, eggs, plated gold, wool and detente.

Robert Byrd takes four teaspoons of Maalox for an inactive ulcer and an inactive campaign.

And Fred Harris has only two medical problems. He is overweight and underfinanced.

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It's a thrill to watch George Wallace try to take off in a heavy wind in that plane of his with two right wings.

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But I'm not here to take cheap shots at the President's so called clumsiness. There happens to be more than one way to come down a flight of stairs, and if that makes him happy -- I'm all for it.

Although I must say if his luck keeps going the way it has been, they'll have to change the name of that plane to Air Force Thirteen.

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I know there is widespread feeling that Saturday Night Specials should be outlawed, but I'm against that. I feel a girl has a right to make a living any way she wants to.

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Before we go on with the news, let me say that our setting this evening does remind one of a political convention. The press out number the politicians ten to one and have it engineered so that the politicians do all the work. (Bob Meek)

*Series of 2 minute speeches —
with the savings history about 15M. each*

Some suggest Reagan may enlarge the scope of Federal responsibilities to be returned to the states. John Sears, Reagan's campaign manager is reported to be studying the Articles of Confederation. (Bob Meek)

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*Bill Miller, has proven
that Running for V.P.
is no fun for the candidate
but in hell
is a bore, but being
an ex V.P. Candidate can be fun!*



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