

Political Scene Erupts Across the Nation

With the resignation of Richard Nixon from the Presidency, Vice-President Gerald Ford rose to the highest political office in America. Shortly after his inauguration, President Ford shocked Republicans and Democrats by pardoning Richard Nixon before Nixon had even been formally charged. Vice-Presidential hopeful Nelson Rockefeller faced many obstacles in the nomination hearing. Cash contributions to political officials and the backing of a book defaming a former opponent constituted the main threats to his nomination's approval.

Congressman Wilbur Mills created a stir in Washington circles with his behavior at the Washington Tidal Basin with an Argentine stripper Fanny Foxe. Due to his increasingly odd behavior with the "Argentine Firecracker" Congressman Mills lost his powerful authority on the House Ways and Means Committee. He was later hospitalized for exhaustion in Bethesda

Naval Hospital.

State elections yielded several surprises last fall. For the first time in almost 100 years South Carolina had a Republican governor. An additional twist, was the election of a Democratic Lieutenant Governor. A Charleston oral surgeon, Jim Edwards, captured the governorship in a run-away race from Democratic candidate Bryan Dorn. Democrat Brantley Harvey from Beaufort received the most votes for Lieutenant Governor.

Charles "Pug" Ravenel won the Democratic nomination in the primary but lost his chances when a suit was filed contending that he did not meet state residency requirements. Carried all the way to the State Supreme Court, the case was decided against Ravenel and, therefore, the Democratic nomination was given to Bryan Dorn. The mix-up was an important factor in Jim Edwards' victory.



Senator Fritz Hollings discusses campaign strategy for the fall election.



President Gerald Ford has made news since his inauguration with the Nixon Pardon, his WIN buttons, and a desire for a swimming pool.

Former President Richard Nixon, before the Watergate Affair, exudes happiness and confidence to the American public.