

# Demos Accuse Ford of Evading Vital Questions

Washington

President Ford's Democratic opposition charged him yesterday with avoiding the essential questions raised in the administration's investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Several Democrats said they saw a short-term shrewdness in the President's decision to break off the Rockefeller commission's inquiry into assassination planning at the agency.

But they also professed to welcome the responsibility that Mr. Ford handed Democrats in Congress to dig deeper and to tell the public more about the secret workings of the nation's intelligence apparatus.

"He took a powder on it, he ducked it," said Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, a Democratic candidate for President. He said he felt that Mr. Ford should have reported evidence and rendered judgment on the assassination question.

"The buck will stop with the Senate Committee," said Senator Frank Church of Idaho, chairman of a select panel looking broadly into official intelligence.

Church, still thought to be contemplating a presidential race himself next year, cited the contrast with a President whom Mr. Ford admires, the late Harry Truman, who had a sign on his desk declaring, "The buck stops here."

## The Fines Of Paris

Paris

Parking in a bus-only lane will cost Parisians the equivalent of \$150 under new parking fines effective tomorrow.

Fines for all parking offenses in Paris will be heavily increased — some by as much as tenfold.

The least serious parking infringements, such as an expired meter, will now cost \$16.

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Representative Morris Udall of Arizona, another Democratic candidate for the presidency, said he considered Mr. Ford's approach "clever." But he added:

"The Democrats ought to handle this as we did Watergate: Hold the hearings, get the facts out, make some legislative changes. I don't think we can run away from it. He's laid it at our door-

step. Let's show him how responsible we can be."

Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem-Mass.), who earlier had declared it inconceivable to him that his brothers had planned official murder, had no comment on the Rockefeller commission report yesterday.

Mr. Ford, at his news conference Monday night, said that indications of wrong doing by the CIA dated back to the Eisenhower administration. He said he and Congress ought to reserve judgment. He specifically cautioned House and Senate investigators to use "utmost prudence" in their treatment of the assassination inquiry.

Democratic leaders in Congress, however, were outwardly determined not to shrink from the evidence, even if the trail leads back to Democratic presidents.

Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Democratic leader, said, "It looks to me like he has tossed the ball from his court to our court. But I don't care as long as it's all laid out — all of it."

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