

# Mich. Paper Chides Ford For Speech

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.,  
Jan. 21 (AP) — Vice President  
Ford's hometown newspaper  
urged him today "to put some  
distance between himself and  
Mr. Nixon on Watergate. . ."

In an editorial, The Grand  
Rapids Press said it was mak-  
ing its appeal to Ford because  
the Watergate scandal "is  
wrong. All that it symbolizes  
is an affront to the American  
people and their constitution."

The editorial referred to a  
speech Ford made last Mon-  
day in Atlantic City, N.J., in  
which the Vice President said,  
"A few extreme partisans  
seem bent on stretching out  
the ordeal of Watergate for  
their own purposes."

Ford mentioned Americans  
for Democratic Action and the  
AFL-CIO.

Today's Press editorial con-  
tended that "contrary to Mr.  
Ford's remarks . . . it is the  
halftruths and outright deceit  
of the White House—not insid-  
ious plots by the AFL-CIO or  
ADA—which have prolonged  
the Watergate agony."