
'Domestic Impasse' Decried by Ford

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 20 (AP)—Vice President Gerald R. Ford said today that the Watergate affair has caused a "domestic impasse which has this nation spinning its wheels."

Ford called for "new initiatives and new energies" to resolve the affair because "there is too much deadlock here at home—too much acrimony and animosity, frustration and faint-heartedness."

The Vice President's remarks were in a speech for the U.S. Jaycees convention.

If the fighting in the Middle East can be resolved, Ford said, there can be a disengagement on the American scene.

"We must go on living together. We must rebuild our economy, overcome inflation, tap new energy, provide new housing, improve health care, preserve the environment, and otherwise regenerate our lifestyle.

"We must renew our sense of morality from the highest levels of government to the most remote corners of inner city streets.

"If people shooting at each other can disengage, so can people who are shouting at each other."

Ford's speech was made on the first stop of a six-day trip to California, Minneapolis and Chicago. He will spend several of those days relaxing and playing golf.