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PRESS SECRETARY TERHORST AND PRESIDENT FORD  
'I can't change my nature after 61 years'

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# Talks of Ford

### Detroit

"President Ford will govern the country with a gavel, not a club," newly appointed White House press secretary Jerald F. terHorst said yesterday in his final dispatch from Washington as a reporter for the Detroit News.

"The Ford administration will be an open one, much as the man himself during his years in government, hiding neither his successes nor his warts," wrote terHorst, until Thursday the newspaper's Washington bureau chief.

"His intention as President is to be more than ever what he promised Congress — to be a 'peacemaker' for the nation and a 'calm communicator' between the White House and Capitol Hill."

The former Grand Rapids

Press reporter, who covered Ford's first congressional campaign for the paper 25 years ago, said, "Mr. Ford will not usher in a new era of Camelot or the big ranch scene.

"Few will probably acclaim Ford as the brightest intellectual ever to sit behind the desk in the Oval Office, but it may be possible that some will acclaim him as the most decent."

TerHorst concluded of the Ford Presidency, "It may be the kind of thing that will cause the Georgetown circuit to sniff with disdain from time to time, but for the rest of the country it will probably be a comfort to know that a Midwesterner of sound mind and sound instincts is at the helm of the nation.

"A man who takes his job seriously, but not himself."

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