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Dan Rather:

President Ford and challenger Ronald Reagan are on the campaign trail today but working the voters in different states.

I'm Dan Rather, reporting on the CBS Radio Network.

Ronald Reagan continued his push for votes in next Tuesday's Florida primary, taking off the gloves in a speech at Fort Meyer with sharp criticism of the nation's current foreign policy.

Reagan [voice]: Under Ford and Kissinger the United States has failed to uphold its end of the bargain, as the senior partner and superior super-power in relationship to China. In place of a determined and confident America the Chinese bargained with four years ago, they see in Washington today a timid, vacillating, divided leadership attempting to sweet-talk the Russians out of their belligerent behavior. Is it surprising, then, that the Chinese, in frustration, sent a jet for Mr. Nixon?

Rather: But Mr. Reagan technically stuck to his so-called 11th commandment; he did not criticize President Ford by name.

Mr. Ford meanwhile, continued to woo the farm vote ....