

Mich. Paper Chides Ford For Speech

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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."