

## White House, Congress Peacemaker

# How Gerald Ford Sizes

Portland, Ore.

Seeking to establish himself as a peacemaker between the White House and Congress, Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford said yesterday he will try to "solve the problems of the future" without concern for difficulties of the past.

Ford, nominated by President Nixon to replace Spiro T. Agnew in the nation's No. 2 elected office, was in Portland to address a druggists'

convention.

Agnew, who resigned last week and pleaded no contest to one count of income tax evasion, made frequent attacks against critics of the Nixon administration and spent little time working with members of Congress during his 4½ years in office.

### ATTITUDE

"My whole attitude is that every day is a day that we can start anew in seeking a solution to whatever the

problem may be in the next 24 hours," Ford said. "And that is the attitude I think we as Americans must have."

Without referring specifically to either the Agnew case or Watergate, Ford conceded that there has been a lot of bad news out of Washington and said "no one is sadder about it than I."

"Those who have been guilty of the misdeeds certainly ought to be penal-

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ized," he said. "But I don't think we should let those sad days hamper or hinder our efforts to work on what we have ahead."

### TALKS

Ford spoke to the American Association of Retail Druggists.

Both there and at a Portland Republican Century Club breakfast he expanded on what has become his recurring theme: That President Nixon wants him to

help end the present conflict between Congress and the White House.

Ford said that; although he and Mr. Nixon have not discussed precisely what his role as vice president will be, the President has suggested guidelines "for a greater and greater emphasis to bridge the gap between the majority party in Congress and the executive." Both houses of Congress are controlled by the Democrats.

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