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**Ford Tours the South and Talks
On 'What Is Right in America'**

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 13—Vice President Ford made another tour today stressing the positive in current American affairs, this time touching base with the Deep South and some of its powerful conservative Democrats.

He struck his theme in a speech to the Louisiana Legislature in Baton Rouge.

"Some are saying today that we in America are overindulging ourselves in exaggeration—particularly the overexaggeration of some of our current problems — while at the same time we are failing to put into perspective our accomplishment and what is right in America," Mr. Ford said. He added:

"I do not come before you today as the Vice President of a nation suffering from the plagues of slavery, pestilence, famine, revolution or war. That we have seen problems in our time is without question. We have had riots, assassinations, embargoes and wars and have in large measure dealt with those occurrences fairly and creditably."

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He pointed to the nation's recent actions in ending wars, fighting starvation, protecting civil rights and other areas, and said: "If you were to inventory everything today that is right in the world, I say with pride that America's contributions would lead the list." The legislators, all but five of them Democrats, applauded.

Mr. Ford dedicated a new port facility in New Orleans before flying to Baton Rouge. From there he flew here to address the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce.

In Louisiana, he was surrounded by some of that state's leading Democrats, most of the conservative members of Congress.

One was Representative F. Edward Hebert, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, who has been outspoken in

defending President Nixon during the Watergate scandal.

Others included Representatives Joe D. Waggoner Jr., John R. Rarick and David C. Treen, all conservatives. Mr. Treen is the state's only Republican member of Congress.

The welcoming committee also included middle-of-the-road officeholders, such as Senator J. Bennett Johnston Jr. and Go Edwin Edwards. Mr. Edwards, a former member of the House of Representatives, introduced Mr. Ford to the Legislature.

Mr. Ford drew enthusiastic applause from the legislators by noting that the Nixon Administration was trying to deregulate natural gas, which would probably cause the price to rise. Louisiana is a major producer of natural gas.

He said his home state of Michigan and other Northern states should be willing to pay for "this great resource" from Louisiana and Texas if they were going to use it.