

FORD SAYS YOUTHS ADMIRE PRESIDENT

Finds Young People Like His
Handling of Foreign Policy

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Vice President Ford, here to be honored as the National Father of the Year, said yesterday that young people had "a great admiration for the President's skill in handling of foreign policy—after all they've been the beneficiaries.

He told reporters that he also found young people "disillusioned with other aspects as far as Watergate is concerned." But they were not alienated, he added, saying: "what they are looking for is people in political life with a reputation for candor and frankness." He said they realized "most" politicians were honest.

At the 39th annual luncheon of the National Father's Day Committee at the Americana Hotel, Mr. Ford told 1,000 people present that President Nixon had "experienced the joy and reward of fatherhood when his younger daughter met with some friendly reporters in the East Garden of the White House" to defend him.

Expressing pride in his own three sons and one daughter, Mr. Ford reported that his oldest, Michael, was training for the ministry.

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"He intends to devote his life to God and humanity," Mr. Ford went on, and quipped, "I might add he's probably making up for all his father's sins."

At a news conference, Mr. Ford reaffirmed hope that the White House would reach "some compromise" with Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, if the latter needed any more evidence "related to criminal action."

Mr. Ford said he planned to "talk to the White House about the content" of more taped Watergate conversations sought by the House Judiciary Committee.

"I hope that when the committee gets through the present vast amount of evidence, if it needs any additional evidence relating to impeachment, the White House would cooperate," he said.

Mr. Ford said at the luncheon that he was moved more by human than political relationships, and the family should be "a central element in our national life." A father should give, as well as receive, respect, he said.

"Accordingly," he went on, "I have tried to equip our children to make their own decisions. To have children, one must be very, very willing to accord freedom and self-determination to young people when they reach the age of adulthood. Then a voluntary and free-given love grows."

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