

Gerald Ford Assumes the Presidency

By GAYLORD SHAW
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerald R. Ford ascends to the presidency today, a plain man who has never before held the nation's highest office. He becomes the first president ever to resign.

leadership and dedication in what's good for America and good for the world." A simple ceremony in the White House Oval Office was arranged to swear in Ford, the House Republican leader when named by Nixon last October 12 to succeed Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned as vice president and was convicted of tax evasion in a bribery and kickback scandal.

Ford's wife, three sons and one daughter, his embryonic official family and a few close friends were to join a national television audience in watching the formal transition of presidential power.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

knowledge of Watergate on political grounds caused even his staunchest supporters to demand his impeachment or resignation.

vision and radio from the Oval Office, surrounded by the trappings of the presidency he was surrendering after 2,027 days. The nation watched, too, a few minutes later when Ford spoke in the rain outside his suburban Alexandria, Va., home.

Chief among those problems is the nation's economy, beset by inflation. Ford, moving before Nixon publicly disclosed he would resign, notified top administration economists advisers to meet with him on this inauguration day.

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Driven from Presidency by Watergate Nixon Bids Sad Farewell As He Leaves Washington

By BARRY F. ROSENTHAL
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A somber Richard M. Nixon performed the final acts of his 21-month presidency today, bidding a sorrowful farewell to his Cabinet and aides, telling them that only a man in the deepest valley can know "how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain."



hopes, in good spirits and in deep humility and with very much gratefulness in our hearts. We come from many faiths, we pray perhaps to different gods but really the same God in a sense.



On Nixon Resignation Yankton Citizens Share Reactions

By JIM VAN OSDEL
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Yankton area residents express sadness for the President, Richard M. Nixon, who resigned his office with a televised speech Thursday evening but most people who were contacted in a P&D telephone interview survey Friday morning felt the government would move on to the business at hand.

himself." Yankton County Republican Party Chairman, Del Gainer, stated, "It was a sad experience to witness the President's loss of political 'face' but it had to be done. I feel strongly that we can go ahead with the business of running the country now. Locally, pre-occupation with the Watergate business caused some people to shy away from the Republican party — I think that is all behind us now."

"Therefore, I shall resign the presidency effective at noon tomorrow . . . Vice President Ford will be sworn in as president at that hour in this office . . ." Those were the words of Richard Nixon last night when he announced to the nation in a television broadcast that he was stepping down as the nation's 37th President.

Ford Will Begin Search For Vice President

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerald R. Ford plans to launch the search for a vice presidential pick today, a move that is likely to take several months.

smooth transition of power within the White House and government before turning to pick the man who will be the nation's second appointed vice president, Ford was the first.

Though Ford associates differ on his prospects, former New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller heads an initial list of 12 vice presidential possibilities.

The list is expected to grow as the new president asks the views of a broad spectrum of GOP congressmen, senators and officials.

In the annual Charles Mix County 4-H Achievement Days all-around showmanship contest — held indoors due to rain — top trophy winner was Tim Huggins of Geddes, left, and second place trophy went to Doug Beltman of Platte. The round-robin showmanship contest had top showmen in different animal categories showing not only their own, but also each others' animals.

In Charles Mix Competition Geddes 4-H'er Top All-Around Showman

LAKE ANDES — Top all-around livestock showmanship honors at the Charles Mix County 4-H Achievement Days final day's activity Thursday went to Tim Huggins of Geddes. To win the top trophy he and other first place junior and senior showmanship winners competed with each other's animals in a round-robin competition including beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine.

Pairings For Teener Tourney Competition

Pairings for the South Dakota AA Teener Tournament being held at Riverside Park Friday-Sunday are as follows:
Friday, August 9
1 p.m. — Madison vs. Huron
3:30 p.m. — Belle Fourche vs. Vermillion
6:30 p.m. — Sturgis vs. Aberdeen
8:30 p.m. — Sioux Falls GTA vs. Yankton

Ford Favors Revenue Sharing: Opposes Busing and Tax Cut

By BROOKS JACKSON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerald R. Ford enters the White House favoring revenue-sharing, a high level of military spending, national health insurance, and Nixon-style foreign policy.

is to assure a fair chance in the world's markets. Trade is essential to consolidate the great strides that we have made in the last five years toward a new world partnership." (July 6)

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resigned because he had lost support in his battle against impeachment and conviction in the Senate, and not because the President had lost power in Congress, as Nixon stated.

SD Congressional Delegation and Party Leaders Have Varied Views Over Resignation of Pres. Nixon

Thursday morning I urged the President not to resign because that course of action would deny history and the people the full truth of the issues in the case for impeachment and trial in the Senate," said Denholm. "Those that urged resignation of the President sought not the facts of guilt or the truth of innocence, but an escape to political expediency."

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Big oil: "Let me here just briefly affirm the administration's belief in the absolute
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Over Resignation of Pres. Nixon
SD Congressional Delegation and Party Leaders Have Varied Views
By The Associated Press
Members of South Dakota's congressional delegation and party officials have expressed differing views over President Nixon's resignation.
Some say the resignation was for the good of the country, while others believe the impeachment process should have been carried through so no unanswered questions remain.
"I believe it would have been better had impeachment been carried through to a final conclusion," said Democratic national committeewoman Frank Wallahan of Rapid City. "Resignation leaves too many questions unanswered."
Wallahan said he felt Nixon

In Bon Homme County Pick Dress Revue, Showman Winners

By PEGGY CURRY
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TYNDALL — Dress revue winners and sheep and dairy grand champions were named at the Bon Homme County 4-H Fair in Tyndall yesterday.
Outstanding trophies in the style show went to Beth Boone, Tyndall, junior, and Kathy Krcil, Avon, senior. Purple rosettes were awarded to Barbara Halsey, Janelle Neth, Elaine Boone, juniors; and Lori Wyma, Amy Halsey and Kathy Krcil, seniors.
Reserve purples were earned by Debra Mikolash and Bonnie Tjeerdsma, juniors, and Lori Gall, Erin Moriarty, Mary Thomas and Becki Berndt, seniors. Blue ribbons were won by Lori Herman, Lois Wyma, Mary McMillan, Carla Brewer, Julie Hebbert, Brenda Nagel and

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