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Carter: I Won't Be Pushed Out or Retired

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President Carter yesterday aimed to blunt the growing Kennedy juggernaut, declaring he does not intend to retire from the White House "at any time soon."

And Carter reportedly told his cabinet Monday — and apparently sent word privately to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy — that he is in the 1980 Democratic Presidential nomination race for keeps, and will not be "moved out" by the threat of a Kennedy challenge — no matter how low he sinks in the polls.

ABC NEWS REPORTED last night that most Democratic leaders who had backed Carter now are uncommitted or will throw their support to the Massachusetts senator if he runs. The survey found no support for California Gov. Jerry Brown.

"As much as I admire you," Carter told two groups of retirees in Hartford, Conn., yesterday, "I'm not yet tempted to join your ranks at any time soon. I feel confident."

recalled that President John F. Kennedy once said, "I have never been better received and gotten fewer votes than in Ohio."

In Washington, House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill rejected Democratic National Chairman John White's suggestion that a Carter-Kennedy nomination fight would hand the 1980 election to the GOP.

AND THE POLITICIANS' wives became highly visible. Joan Kennedy, Teddy's estranged wife, told the Quincy, Mass., Patriot that she would feel at ease being the First Lady: "After all, I've been in the

political world for years."

Said Rosalynn Carter in New York: "I'll take Sen. Kennedy at his word that he's not running." Then she added, "If he changes his mind, I'll take him at his changed word."

But she believes her husband "is going to be President for a long time."

In New Hampshire earlier, she repeated the theme of uniting behind an incumbent President.

Former First Lady Betty Ford told a Chicago TV audience that she does not want her husband to run again for GOP Presidential nomination but

would support him if he did.

✓ Stopping in Pittsburgh en route to Steubenville, Carter didn't make any friends when his caravan of limousines sped by more than 100 sixth-grade students waiting behind a fence and holding a hand-painted banner saying, "Stop and say hi."

✓ The Los Angeles Times reported today that Brown's chief fund-raiser, Richard T. Silberman of San Diego, is facing a Federal Revenue Service charge that he and his former wife Roberta owe \$278,982 in back income taxes.



Nixon Airs His Views

Former President Richard Nixon waves before boarding a jet in Los Angeles yesterday to start his trip to China. After arriving in Honolulu for a two-day rest in preparation for his visit to Peking,

Nixon told reporters he expected competitive campaigns for the Republican and Democratic Presidential nominations, but said he will not participate. He's expected to leave Peking Sept. 22.

SEPTA Pleads for Funding Base

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maintain and replace buses, trolleys and railcars.

SEPTA has reached a crisis point, Girard-diCarlo said, and a predictable funding base for SEPTA is more important than ever.

Such a base would be supplied by earmarking SEPTA for specific tax revenues in order to run the system, he said. He claimed that transit systems in other areas already have such funding.

GIRARD-DICARLO SAID the problem of deteriorating equipment has gotten so bad that if the energy crisis forced an additional 5 percent increase in ridership on SEPTA's lines, it couldn't handle it.

"A very small shift of auto passengers is an extremely large percentage for us," he said. "Our system would stop. We don't have the equipment."

He said SEPTA isn't in as good shape now as it was during the gasoline crisis of 1974.

"I'm scared. I don't know what we're going to do if there's a shift to the transit system. I'm afraid they'll see the dirty equipment, the breakdowns, the crowded vehicles they can't even get on and will never come back to the system."

Girard-diCarlo said SEPTA's problems started with misconceptions on which it was founded in the early 1960s. The founders felt incorrectly, he said, that regionalization of the area's transit lines would in itself cure the system's woes.

They GAVE no thought, he said, to the industry's already mounting financial and equipment problems.

And, he added, they made no provision for funding SEPTA.

Girard-diCarlo said transportation companies such as the old Philadelphia Transportation Co. and Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Co. (Red Arrow Lines) had been hit by declining ridership during the 1950s, and had responded by reducing work forces and cutting services.

Girard-diCarlo said the transportation industry requires "working capital" to maintain and replace the large quantities of heavy equipment it needs. SEPTA, he said, has no working capital.

"It is impossible to run a good transit system without the ability to plan for and regularly fund the maintenance and replacement activities which must be carried out."

"We have proven that it is impossible to run a good transit system without predictability in funding. SEPTA is that proof."

Brinkley Charged In Coed Slaying

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Brinkley and abandoned in Upper Darby, where they found her sister's wallet and some of her clothing. Sheila, also a Girls' High student, was found murdered Aug. 9, off Township Line, the Delaware County extension of City Ave., in Haverford Township.

Estelle was quoted in the same article as saying she and Brinkley had been engaged, though they hadn't set a wedding date, and that she still did not know what course to take regarding him. "I'm in the middle," she said.

Like everyone else reached, she gave a glowing description of Brinkley, who did not drink or take drugs. Brinkley's mother, who lives on Chestnut St. near 57th, declined to talk, standing in the doorway of her porch-front rowhouse. But neighbors said Brinkley was personable and never in trouble.

"ONE TEACHER said he must of just snapped out," said an instructor at Bok Vocational and Technical School, where he said he believed Brinkley had graduated in 1976. "He was always a gentleman, an active, alive student," the teacher said.

"There was nothing abnormal (about him).
"He was a bright student, too. One of our better students," and returned several times after graduation, last year telling teachers he had a job with a car rental firm. (Police said Brinkley stole numerous cars from the firm.)

Venezuelans Strike Oil
CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Maraven S.A., one of four Venezuelan state oil companies, announced today it has struck oil off the country's eastern coast near the island of Margarita in the Caribbean Sea. The well yields 1,000 barrels a day of light grade crude, the company said.

Cops Search Bradford's Backyard for Reinert Children
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other questions were asked during the tests, and the answers reportedly were not conclusive.

ANOTHER PUZZLING aspect of the case came to light yesterday after Daily News reporters talked with an Ocean City, N.J., man who refused to verify an alibi Bradford had given for the Aug. 27, 1977, whereabouts of Jay C. Smith, former Upper Merion High principal, who was convicted of robbing a Sears store of \$53,000 on that date.

"I just couldn't figure Sydney being involved in anything like that (the killings)," the teacher said.

BUT THERE WAS "very little doubt in my mind it's him," Robert Jones, 31, Monica's brother, said yesterday.

"The Pittsburgh police put together a pretty good scenario. In fact, it was remarkably accurate," said Jones, who did not wish to comment further for fear of hurting the case.

He said he was unaware of whether his sister and Estelle Hill were friends, or whether Monica had ever been introduced to Brinkley.

"I would say there is relief that he can't do that to anybody else," said Jones, rather than any desire for revenge. "We've been trying to keep a clear mind," he said of his family.

"It's in the hands of the police, the judicial system, and the jury."
"It's all in the hands of God," said Jones. He added it was "faith in God," and His will that had sustained the Jones family since Monica's death.

Reward in Abduction

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Here are the steps to take and rules to follow if you have information to submit to the Daily News Dragnet.

1) Send written or typed information to Daily News Dragnet, 400 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101.
2) You must include your identity and a means of contacting you (address or telephone number).
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4) Information must be submitted to the Daily News within 60 days.
5) The information must be original, not information previously available to authorities or previously disclosed elsewhere.
6) The information must not be under investigation by authorities for connection to the crime, or suspected by authorities of connection to the crime.
7) If it is determined that more than one informant provided information leading to the desired solution, the Daily News will ascertain the reward money.
8) The Daily News is the sole judge of the right of any informant to receive any reward said for information leading to the desired solution.

In a statement to a Dauphin County court, Bradford testified he and Smith had met by chance in Ocean City and decided to visit a mutual friend. Bradford said Rudy Marrotto, 76, could verify his story because he and Smith had asked him for directions.

Marrotto told the Daily News he did not see Bradford and Smith together on the 1977 date. He said he had seen Bradford in the company of a woman, not Susan Reinert, in August 1978, a year later.