

A Letter from the Publisher

In the course of a long presidential election campaign a cho-
sen few journalists enjoy the opportunity of watching can-
didates go through their dawn-to-dusk schedules from a claus-
trophobic range. Last week in Waco,
Texas, TIME Photographer Arthur
Grace was reminded that the candi-
dates get a good chance to watch jour-
nalists too. As he posed for the ac-
companying picture with Jimmy
Carter and Correspondent Christo-
pher Ogden, Grace was surprised to
hear the President call him his "se-
cret adviser." Added Carter: "When-
ever I speak, I look to you to see if
you're going to give me the thumbs
up or down."

For Ogden, the remark was fur-
ther evidence of what he sees as a dra-
matic difference between Carter the
President and Carter the campaigner.

Ogden has covered more than 80,000 miles in 27 states with the
candidate since January. He observes: "The same fellow who
can be very cool and distant in Washington takes on almost a
new persona on the campaign trail. He can get very excited." A
veteran of the Ford-Dole campaign in 1976, Ogden says that
his stint with Carter has been "a great deal more intense."



Grace and Ogden chatting with Carter

When he does campaign, Carter throws everything into it." The pace has been as hectic on the Reagan side, where Cor-
respondent Laurence Barrett says he has seen America as he
had not for years: "Mostly it looks like the inside of a plane or a
Holiday Inn room." Barrett covered 80,000 miles and 23 states
before he stopped counting three months ago. He has seen two

of his portable computer terminals, for
filing stories back to New York, go up
in smoke. But Barrett remains stoic.
Says he: "Come Nov. 4, I have a fifty-
fifty chance of knowing the President-
elect better than most people know
their next-door neighbors."

Correspondent Eileen Shields has
found that a lively sense of humor is
essential to survive a presidential
campaign. Shields, who has traveled
30,000 miles with Independent Can-
didate John Anderson since mid-
August, describes the atmosphere on
Anderson's press plane as "zanier all
the time." She reports that her col-
leagues have taken to hanging a rub-
ber chicken from the ceiling and blowing whistles during take-
offs and landings. Still, admits Shields, "the only thing worse
than covering a presidential campaign is not covering one."

John A. Meyers

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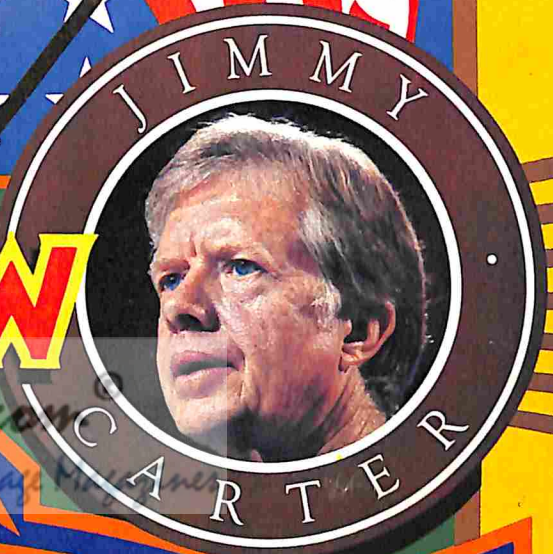
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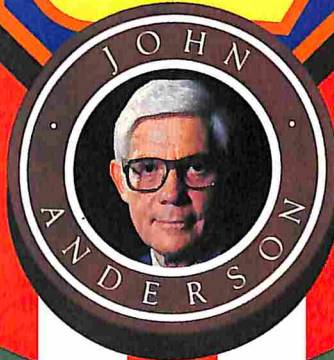


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