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## Nobody's here

All done up in a rumpled blue warm-up suit with "Nobody for President" lettered on its back, campaign buttons and teeth flashing in the sunlight, a self-confessed "psychedelic relic" with the handle of Wavy Gravy hit the campaign trail today in Albuquerque.

Atop his flourishing crop of hair is the epitome of counterculture haute couture — a grumpy felt cap with a gnawed off bill, decorated with seed pearls soiled and satin panels of scarlet, M surmounted by a toy elephant, with a plastic propeller whirling on its trunk.

NOBODY — but nobody — campaigns for president looking like that.

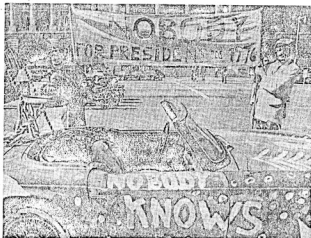
That, however, is Wavy Gravy's thing: calling attention to the fact that "Nobody" should be elected president in 1976.

Behind this unprepossessing exterior is 40-year-old Hugh Romney, a product of the radicalism of the San Francisco Bay area of the late 1960s, trying to put his own kind of spark into the lackluster presidential election.

"Nobody lowered your taxes last year," he states. "Nobody's ahead in the polls. Nobody's perfect."

TODAY NOBODY was to hold a rally on the University of New Mexico campus with Nobody carrying the message to the students.

"Nobody can win this election" is the message. Wavy Gravy's visit to Albuquerque, riding in the Nobody One bus of course, is part of his cross-country tour.



(John R. Jones)

'Nobody's Fool' (left) and 'Nobody's Program Director' kick off campaign

## 'Nobody' cares

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They held a presidential campaign rally in front of City Hall — and Nobody showed up.

But that was fine with Wavy Gravy and the rest of the crowd from the Nobody for President campaign, who kicked off a national tour under a warm October sun in Civic Plaza on Tuesday.

The arrival of the candidate was strategically timed for late in the rally. The candidate's motorcade, a battered sports car, drove across the sidewalk with a bunting-festooned wooden chair mounted on the trunk.

Nobody was sitting in it.

AROUND THE improvised stage were hung banners carrying slogans such as "Nobody loves the poor," "Nobody will end war," and "Nobody will lower your taxes."

Gravy, a San Francisco Bay area counterculture hero who said he's Nobody's Fool, was smeared with white clown makeup for the occasion. He told the estimated 200 people gathered around the reflecting pool that Nobody would address the crowd.

Then, a pair of plastic wind-up teeth chattered into the microphone in response to questions on foreign and domestic issues.

Paul Krausner, editor of The Realist magazine and himself a substantial counterculture figure, told the crowd he wanted to see Nobody get elected.

Even Democratic hopeful Jimmy Carter gave Nobody a boost on one visit to San Francisco, Krausner said, when he told the throng assembled to see him that "nobody has all the answers."

"We all cheered and he didn't quite know why," Krausner said.

The cross-country tour is scheduled for stops in Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Austin, Tex. and Washington, winding up in New York's Washington Square on election day, Nov. 2.

Gravy, Nobody's manager on the campaign trail, said his candidate has a good chance to win the election. He pointed out that 40 per cent of eligible voters in the last presidential election voted for nobody.