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A Grand Old Party

Besides the central business at hand, last week generated its share of high jinks, ironies and minc

Henry Kissinger may be Jerry Ford's favorite Secretary of State—but he was hardly a favorite of the Ford staff last week. When friends arranged an exclusive pre-convention birthday party for the former President, Ford asked that Kissinger be invited. Kissinger said he'd be delighted—but only if Ford staffers would arrange for some corporate jet to fly him from New York to Detroit for free. Livid, Ford's men told Kissinger to forget it. But Kissinger made it to the party—after lining up his own transportation.

At a Youth for Reagan rally in the Ford Auditorium, former candidates George Bush, Robert Dole, John Connally and Ben Fernandez answered questions about their losing Presidential campaigns. Connally was questioned for the umpteenth time about spending \$10 million to win

only one delegate. Fernandez said he just couldn't raise enough money, even with the likes of Pat Buchanan. Connally whipped around and offered Fernandez a

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moving—and the building swaying. At the... tel, George Bush was... s Michigan delegates—... ddenly went out. "What... tornado?" Bush snapped. ...re produced, and Bush's

day morning, Michigan state... vered that a black 1980 Lincoln... earing license plates MSG 000—... William G. Milliken's official limo—... had been stolen from a hotel where... vernor was staying with the state... ation. Milliken had to make do with... 79 Oldsmobile for three days until po... e recovered the car—minus the license... plates, two police radios, two bulletproof... vests, two walkie-talkies and one riot gun.

With his campaign faltering badly last spring, George Bush borrowed a line from Washington Bullets coach Dick Motta and told his traveling press corps, "In spite of what you mournful pundits say, the opera ain't over until the fat lady sings." Last week the press corps responded with a