Carter attacks Ford on leadership issue

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Jimmy Carter assailed Presi- dent Ford yesterday for not providing the leadership neces- sary to "put the country back together" and for advocating "immorality" in the nation's foreign policy.

Carter, speaking before an es- timated 4,000 people at Boston College in Newton, said that it was a "disgrace" for the govern- ment to allow "foreign countries to tell American business that 'you can't do business with us if you've got Jews on your Board of Directors.'"

He later told the Conference of Presidents of Maj or Jewish Organizations that if he were President, "he would never again yield to Arab engrishers" and that he would "instantly prohibit the sale of anything to countries which embargo us."

Carter told the Boston College audience that he sensed a "deep hunger to restore the precious things we've lost in the last eight years," and that the current state of the economy is "not compat- ible with the character of our nation." He accused the Republican Party of gathering every four years to "earn three months what they've fought against for three years and nine months."

The Democratic nominee charged that Gerald Ford invoked "no energy policy, no transportation policy, and no education policy," and promised if elected would stress increased use of coal and solar energy instead of oil. He also said that he would deal with energy shortages "on an equitable basis" to ensure that New England "doesn't get caught short." He did not state his positions on transportation or education.

The former Georgia governor received a tremendous ovation when he said that "our current tax structure is just a welfare system for the rich — it's got to be made fair for the American people — and it's got to be done this year."

Carter was greeted enthusiastically at Boston Col- lege, the third largest Catholic University in the United States. He was joined on the podium by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, former Speaker of the House John McCormack, and Father J. Donovan, S.J., the presi- dent of Boston College.

Kennedy, who is a trustee of Boston College, introduced Carter and predicted that the Democratic candidate would carry Massachusetts in November "overwhelmingly." Carter later said that he hoped this state would provide him with his largest margin of victory of any state, as he claimed Georgia did for John F. Kennedy in 1960. Ac- tually, the Georgia margin of vic- tory for Kennedy that year was 63 per cent, second only to Rhode Island's 64 per cent.

Carter's approach was significantly milder than that used earlier this week on the west coast. He avoided discussing the President's golf trips, and his per- sonal remarks on Ford were limited to the leadership issue. "When there is no leadership in the White House," Carter said, "there is no leadership."

At one point he lapsed into his familiar campaign style, stressing the themes of "love" and "compassion." He said that this was the "best opportunity to reconcile the differences in our society and determine how effec- tively they can be in obtaining the ultimate goals of society."

The candidate arrived twenty minutes late at the Logan Airport Ramada Inn to speak at a private reception of Democratic leaders and campaign staff. He spent the morning campaigning in Buffalo, and left for Portland, Maine immediately after his Boston visit.

\[\text{Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter addressed a crowd of 4,000 at Boston College yesterday.}\]