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Notes on People

U.N. Job for Waldron-Ramsey

Relieved by Barbados as its ambassador to the United Nations after a squabble with Pelham officials over his dog, **Waldo E. Waldron-Ramsey** has been hired as a consultant to the United Nations Population Fund. Sources at United Nations headquarters said yesterday that **Secretary General Kurt Waldheim** had been instrumental in the appointment of Mr. Waldron-Ramsey, who was one of the General Assembly's 17 vice presidents and one of the black delegates who spoke out in October opposing its resolution describing Zionism as a form of racism.

About the same time, Mr. Waldron-Ramsey was warned by Pelham officials that his German Shepherd, which had allegedly bitten several residents, would be shot by the police if not kept on a leash. When he threatened the mayor with "international consequences" of such a shooting, Mr. Waldron-Ramsey was called home for explanations. Although his government said the incident was "overpublicized," he was later replaced. His successor at the United Nations is **J. Cameron Tudor**, a former Cabinet and legislative leader who also replaced Mr. Waldron-Ramsey as Barbados High Commissioner to Great Britain three years ago.

competition with the Literary Guild, the Book-of-the-Month Club has won the rights—for a reported \$175,000—to "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream," by **Doris H. Kearns**, the Harvard historian. The book will be published in early summer by Harper & Row, which was earlier involved with the author and Simon & Schuster in a contract dispute over publication.

After more than four years as executive director of the Citizens Union, **Gary H. Sperling** has resigned "to seek different challenges," he said in a letter to **Robert B. McKay**, chairman of the "watchdog" organization. The 30-year-old lawyer, a graduate of Columbia College and the Columbia law school, served on the staffs of the late Representative **William F. Ryan**, Manhattan Democrat, and of Representative **Phillip Burton**, California Democrat.

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With Senator **Frank Church** and **Richard M. Nixon** scheduled to leave the country, a spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday that answers to 77 questions submitted to Mr. Nixon a week ago were expected before he and his wife

leave for China "later this week." Senator **Church**, chairman of the committee, plans to go to London Saturday and continue to Brussels for a world conference on Soviet Jewry Feb. 17-19.

In Los Angeles, **Ryan O'Neal**, who was arrested Jan. 7 when police searched his home and said they found five ounces of marijuana, has asked to be placed in a probation program. If accepted, the actor would not be prosecuted if he successfully completed a six-month program of classes and counseling.

James M. Turner, the former New Jersey Republican state senator who was imprisoned in November, was removed from an intensive-care cardiac unit yesterday at Trenton's Mercer Medical Center. Mr. Turner, aged 46, was admitted after suffering a heart attack at Jones Prison Farm. A private investigator for 20 years in Gloucester County, he was sentenced to 3 to 5 years for bribery and conspiracy growing out of a political "dirty tricks" scheme to have illegal drugs found in the home of Assemblyman **Kenneth A. Gewertz**, a Gloucester County Democrat.

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