

News Summary

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International

Caution on nuclear energy was voiced in a report by Britain's Commission on Environmental Pollution urging that further expansion be postponed as long as possible. Sir Brian Flowers, chairman of the commission, who had headed Britain's power reactor programs, said reliance on nuclear power should wait until it could be developed in an acceptable manner. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

A conference on South-West Africa that could lead to its independence may be taking shape. Secretary of State Kissinger will confer in the United States with Sam Nujoma, head of the South-West Africa People's Organization, who has not yet taken part in the talks. He finds this necessary because the talks in southern Africa have reached a crucial point. [1:1-2.]

Two versions of the understanding between Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia and Secretary of State Kissinger are circulating in Africa. In Tanzania, President Julius K. Nyerere said he understood from Mr. Kissinger that Mr. Smith had agreed to black majority rule in Rhodesia within two years, but reporters with Mr. Kissinger got the impression that the deadline was still open to negotiation. [3:1-3.]

The West German election campaign, in its final days, finds Helmut Schmidt, the incumbent Social Democratic Chancellor, in trouble. Helmut Kohl, the Christian Democratic opposition leader, is stirring popular response with his appeal to old-fashioned virtues of cleanliness, punctuality, dependability, savings, and hard work. [1:1-2.]

National

The Ford-Carter race is a virtual toss-up this week, experts are saying, as the candidates prepare for the next phase of the campaign—the television debate starting tonight at 9:30. Both sides consider this confrontation criti-

cal. Polls taken since Labor Day show that Mr. Carter's strong lead has dissipated and some Democratic leaders concede Mr. Ford has gained momentum recently. [1:6.]

Ford campaign strategy will concentrate on New York, New Jersey and eight other states: California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The President Ford Committee said these 10 states would receive at least 60 percent of funds earmarked for organization of state campaigns. Mr. Ford will mostly remain in Washington while his running mate Senator Robert J. Dole crisscrosses the country. [1:4-5.]

Mars has a polar ice cap of frozen water, the Viking spacecraft has discovered. This finding suggests that the planet had much more water than had been expected. Scientists said that Mars might be a kind of global iceberg with the north pole cap at the tip, with the rest, in the form of permafrost, submerged in a "sea" of dust and rock on the surface. [28:1-3.]

The House Ethics Committee voted down three proposals to punish Daniel Schorr for unauthorized disclosure of a House intelligence committee report and concluded its investigation into the matter. The committee also absolved the CBS News correspondent and three other newsmen from further compliance with subpoenas it had served on them. Mr. Schorr and his lawyer hailed the outcome as a victory for freedom of the press. [1:4-5.]

Metropolitan

The New York City Comptroller criticized the performance of Citibank and United States Trust Company as investment advisers to the municipal employee retirement systems. In a report to the Police Pension Fund, Harrison J. Goldin, the Comptroller, said their selection of equity investments had been

inadequate, and he urged that they be replaced as advisers. [1:3.]

A 20-year plan for Gateway National Park along the New York Harbor shoreline was disclosed by the National Park Service. [45:4-5.]

Doubts on cost-saving in New York City's new system of criminal justice arraignment have been raised in a new study. Despite the findings, city officials were reported to be planning to extend the plan from an experiment in some jurisdictions to all the criminal courts. [30:1-2.]

The construction of a new hotel on Madison Avenue incorporating Villard Houses, an architectural landmark, won approval from the New York City Planning Commission after months of controversy. A majority found that the detailed construction plans for the 51-story hotel would adequately protect the elements in the present building which are considered to be architecturally significant. [13:1-6.]

Business/Finance

New orders for durable goods were down in August, the Commerce Department reported, raising questions about the strength of the nation's economic recovery and arousing some anxiety in Wall Street. Some economists noted that the report was only preliminary and expected a continued increase in capital spending. [59:6.]

A joint proposal to the Common Market authorities in Brussels by five large European oil companies—two of them French, the others West German, Italian and Belgian, aims at more stability in market conditions. It is also viewed by some as a challenge to the seven major international companies, which are owned by Americans, Britons and Dutchmen. [59:1-3.]

Stock prices stopped their continued rally on the news of falling durable-goods orders. The Dow Jones industrials rose to an 8½-point high but slipped to close at 1,014.05, giving a token loss of 0.74 for the day. [59:5.] **The bond market** showed an opposite effect, recovering some ground after sharp falls early in the day. [61:3-5.] **Commodity markets** recorded a sharp drop in world sugar futures following the increased U.S. tariff. [69:3-5.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Let us not develop a reliance on nuclear power before we are sure we can do it in an acceptable manner. That doesn't mean stop. It means, for heaven's sake, stop to think!"—Sir Brian Flowers, chairman of a British royal commission assessing nuclear energy. [1:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

Because of an editing error, an article in yesterday's Times incorrectly attributed to Tom Parker, the husband of the former president of Bennington College, remarks that actually were made by Dr. Joseph S. Murphy, the new president of the college. A corrective article appears on Page 16.

The word "not" was dropped from a quotation attributed to Ezra Taft Benson, president of the Council of 12 Apostles of the Mormon Church, in an article in The Times yesterday. The quotation should have read: "It is possible to live in areas where sin exists and not to partake of it."