

News Summary

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International

Leaders of five African countries refused to accept the plan presented by the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Ian D. Smith, for the transfer to majority rule in Rhodesia. The presidents of Zambia, Tanzania, Botswana, Angola and Mozambique also called on Britain, as the "colonial authority" over Rhodesia, to convene a conference to work out a new plan. The statement appeared to lessen chances for a quick settlement of the Rhodesian problem, but it did not close the door to further negotiations. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Britain will help organize a temporary government for Rhodesia and its foreign secretary will fly to Africa next week to discuss the situation. Anthony Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, made the statements in the wake of the refusal of five African leaders to accept Prime Minister Smith's plans for the interim government. [7:1.] In Washington, Secretary of State Kissinger ordered the State Department to react favorably to the statement by the African leaders and the department issued a statement saying the road to a negotiated settlement was open. [9:1.]

Syrian troops stormed a hotel in Damascus where four guerrillas, believed to be Palestinians, had taken 90 persons' hostage. In the battle, which lasted for several hours, the leader of the guerrillas was reported killed along with four of the hostages. Thirty-four of the hostages were reportedly wounded. [1:5-6.]

Oil and revolution have changed Libya from one of the world's poorest nations to the one with the highest per capita income in Africa. Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, who led a group of young officers in a coup against King Idris in 1969, forced the foreign oil companies to pay higher taxes and royalties and led the drive to raise world oil prices. The oil money is visible

everywhere: new buildings are going up all over the capital, Tripoli, and vast slums have been replaced by concrete apartment buildings. [1:4-5.]

National

President Ford won the debate, according to a poll conducted by The New York Times and CBS News. Although many politicians and political analysts thought the meeting with Jimmy Carter was a draw, 37 percent of the 1,167 voters asked by the poll thought the President had won. Mr. Carter was supported by 24 percent and 35 percent considered it to be a draw. The poll also showed that the President had roughly cut in half the lead Mr. Carter held in the previous poll. [1:3.]

American foreign policy was assailed by Senator Mondale as frequently being "indifferent to people seeking greater justice." The Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate said that the United States could no longer impose its viewpoint on the world, but could not escape being one of the world's leaders. He said that the country needed a new policy with greater concern for the "so-called third world." [1:1-2.]

Two separate air crashes killed at least 26 persons in northern Michigan and Virginia. An Air Force KC-135 tanker crashed and exploded in a remote section of Michigan near Lake Huron. Air Force officials said that 15 persons were killed and that 5 others had been taken to a hospital. In Virginia, all 11 persons aboard an executive jet belonging to the Johnson & Johnson Corporation died when the plane fell short of a runway. [18:4-5.]

Metropolitan

An extensive management system that will generate monthly performance reports from 30 city agencies has recently been put into effect by Mayor Beame.

The new system also marks a greater intrusion by City Hall into the running of the agencies, an attempt, city officials said, to gain control over the sprawling city government. The new procedures are one of the chief products of an advisory panel set up last year by the Mayor to overhaul administrative systems. [1:1-3.]

A day of celebration followed the Yankees' capturing of a spot in the American League playoffs. Leading the cheers were the Puerto Ricans, who are becoming to the Bronx what Dodger fans were to Brooklyn. These fans, who may spend more money on baseball in proportion to their income than any others since the heyday of Brooklyn, were noticeable in the lines that formed in the rain outside the stadium for playoff tickets, as street corner gatherings in many places predicted victory for their heroes in the playoffs. [1:1-3.]

A rally by police officers outside Gracie Mansion was angrily denounced by residents of the neighborhood as the noisiest and most unruly in their memory. The officers were protesting new work schedules and deferred pay raises. The early-morning rally disrupted traffic on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive and interrupted the sleep of area residents as well as the sleep of patients in a nearby hospital. [6:4:1.]

Business/Finance

King cotton is making a comeback in the South through new marketing techniques and product research. A decade ago cotton was dethroned by polyester, a man-made fiber, but a strong program of promotion has lifted cotton prices to their highest levels on record. All of this is good news for cotton planters who have sharply increased the acreage planted in the crop. [51:1-4.]

Corporations have found a new tool to use in their lobbying efforts against proposals that could adversely affect them. The new tool is their own employees and the corporations have been making increasing use of it. One of the most extensive such campaigns was one recently sponsored by the Rockwell International Corporation urging their employees to help keep the B-1 bomber project alive. [51:5-6.]

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"This is a victory for all Africa and mankind and particularly for all those countries and peoples who made sacrifices so that the brotherly people of Zimbabwe can be free."—The presidents of five black African countries, hailing the prospect of black majority rule in Rhodesia. [8:3.]

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