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International

The whereabouts of Idi Amin, the President of Uganda, dominated the opening in London of the conference of Commonwealth leaders. Mr. Amin had threatened to attend the meeting despite British warnings that he would be barred from entering the country. He was thought to be on way to London by plane Tuesday, but some African leaders at the Conference who know him well said they doubted he had left Uganda. [Page A1, Column 5.]

The 4½-year guerrilla war is causing mounting pressure on the Rhodesian Government to reach a political settlement with the black majority. Economic strains are approaching a breaking point, military casualties are rising and civil administration has collapsed in remote tribal areas. [Al:3-4.]

Two American missionaries told Rosalynn Carter they had been "treated like animals" in a Brazilian jail. Mrs. Carter's meeting with the missionaries while visiting Brazil was a dramatic gesture underscoring President Carter's position on human rights, made in a country where her husband's position with the United States. [Al:2.]

Criticism of President Carter over his human rights campaign have been stepped up by Soviet press outlets. The attacks are an apparent prelude to a propaganda debate when the 35 countries that signed the Helsinki accord on human rights meet later this month in Belgrade. [A3:4-6.]

National

The House ethics committee voted to require every member of the House to disclose details of his association with South Korea to help determine the breadth of allegedly illegal Korean efforts to influence Congress. The panel voted to require all Representatives and family members to report all gifts

from South Koreans worth more than \$100. Meanwhile, another House panel got the former director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency to agree to testify publicly on Seoul's efforts to influence policy on Korea. [Al:6.]

Legal rights for homosexuals became a major national debate following the vote Tuesday by Miami area residents that revoked a statute protecting them. Both sides began forming plans to continue the struggle in Miami and in other parts of the country. Local homosexual leaders said they might take their case to court. [A1:3-5.]

President Carter's income taxes in 1975 are being audited by the Internal Revenue Service. After this was disclosed, the White House sought to depict the audit as a voluntary effort by Mr. Carter to set a precedent in political ethics, but, in the face of skepticism by the press, retreated and said that assertion was misleading. The reason for the audit of his return, in which his taxes were cut considerably by an investment in his peanut business, was not disclosed. [A9:1.]

Cuts of \$142 million in Medicaid payments to 20 states were announced by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It said the states had failed to meet requirements for reviewing the quality and efficiency of nursing-home care for the poor. Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. said he was ordering the cuts because the law required it, but that he would urge Congress to change the law and restore the funds. [41:1-6.]

Metropolitan

A major corruption scandal shook New York City's prison system. Twenty-one present and former Correction Department employees and seven confederates were indicted and arrested on charges of taking bribes to smuggle to inmates of the Brooklyn House of Detention narcotics, guns and ammunition, liquor and restaurant food. Eight of the indicted guards and civilian employes were also charged with such crimes as the sale of confidential inmate records, selling stolen property, arranging auto-insurance frauds and brutality against an inmate. [A1:1.]

An income tax vs. a sales tax as the way to provide increased state aid and meeting court-ordered refinancing of public education will apparently be the main issue in the November election for Governor of New Jersey. Governor Byrne is pledged an "improved" income-tax program next year, while his Republican opponent, State Senator Raymond H. Bateman, has pledged to replace the income tax with "moderate" increases in the present 5 percent sales tax. [A1:1-2.]

The Connecticut General Assembly drew to a close with leaders of both parties praising its work this year as more important than in many others. James J. Kennelly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, cited increased commitment to aid the cities, a new program to equalize financing for schools, the broad reorganization of the state government, the creation of a citizens' panel to monito ra new ethics code for Government officials and new restrictions on lobbyists. [35:1-2.]

Business/Finance

A big 1977 winter wheat crop almost matching the bumper yield last year was forecast by the Agiculture Department. As the Texas and Oklahoma harvest gained momentum, the department predicted a crop of 1.53 billion bushels, about 3 percent less than in 1976, but 3 percent more than the agency forecast on May 1. [45:6.]

To help streamline France's aerospace industry, the Government in Paris announced it planned to acquire a controlling interest in Dassault, the plane manufacturer. The concern is France's largest privately owned aircraft builder, with income last year of \$1.2 billion, \$900 million of it in exports. The company makes Mirage jets. [45:1-2.]

The stock market rally broadened in stepped-up trading. Advancing issues led declines by 2 to 1, and the Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.32 points to close at 912.99, bringing its gain for the last two sessions to nearly 10 points. [45:3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I have listened to their experiences," and I sympathize with them. I have a personal message to take back to Jimmy"—Rosalynn Carter, after meeting with two American missionaries who said they had been "treated like animals" in a Brazilian jail. [A1:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

view of communications

The name of one of the companies providing mortgage financing for the projected Palace Hotel was given incorrectly in The Times yesterday. The correct name is the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

In the Notes on People column Tuesday it was erroneously stated that Robert Redford had dropped out of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He received a diploma from the academy in 1959.