

News Summary

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International

White Rhodesians gave Ian D. Smith and his party's candidates an overwhelming mandate for the Prime Minister to negotiate a vaguely defined constitutional settlement outside the framework sought by the United States and Britain. The voters rejected the proposals of Britain's Foreign Secretary, David Owen, and Andrew Young, American delegate to the United Nations, who visit the Rhodesian capital today. [Page A1, Column 6.]

A two-week delay in resuming the talks between Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was announced in Washington and Moscow. They will meet in Washington Sept. 22-23 instead of in Geneva. Both sides agreed that the added time for preparation on major issues might make the sessions more productive. [A1:4.]

Weakened by the civil war in Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization has trouble in its ranks as a result of its heavy dependence on Syria that restricts its activities. But militants are hopeful that the Israeli Government of Prime Minister Menahem Begin will show Arab countries that an American-sponsored Middle East settlement is impossible. [A1:4-5.]

The White House is lobbying with unusual intensity to win Senate approval of the Panama Canal treaties. The campaign began before the negotiations in Panama ended, with indications that the Administration favored a Senate vote this fall. Since public opinion polls have shown popular opposition to giving up the canal, White House aides say that a vote next year, "when we have the votes," is more likely. [A2:4-6.]

National

Soil-soaking rains have probably broken the Midwestern drought. The rains have begun to replenish the moisture

in the depleted subsoil, according to Federal experts, even though they came too late to save some corn crops in especially hard-hit areas. Elsewhere the rains have brought relief to much of the Southeast and parts of the far Northwest. However, most of the country west of the Rockies is dry. [A1:5.]

The rate of surgery on the poor and near-poor is double that for the general population, according to a Congressional study of persons receiving Medicaid benefits. The disparity was found to be even greater for some elective surgery, for conditions that do not threaten life. [A1:5.]

A new Federal agency replacing the United States Information Agency and the Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs of the State Department is being planned by the Carter Administration for submission to Congress, with a Presidential guarantee of independence for Voice of America news. The agency would be under the overall guidance of the Secretary of State, but with its own budget and administration. [A9:1.]

A court-ordered wiretap of a Miami shipping agent has enabled the Federal Bureau of Investigation to undertake its biggest investigation of the waterfront industry, sources close to the investigation say. They say that an undercover agent was able to monitor numerous illegal payoffs to high officials of the International Longshoremen's Association. [A1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey plunged into the Democratic primary campaign in New York City in support of Mario M. Cuomo, portraying Mayor Beame as a weak leader who had been more concerned with protecting his friend, former First Deputy Mayor James A. Cavanagh, than coping with the city's fiscal problems. He said Mr. Beame had threatened to resign if Mr. Cavanagh was forced

from office at the insistence of state officials. Mr. Beame said there was no truth in this. [A1:1.]

Mayor Beame threatened court action against the Securities and Exchange Commission unless it released its findings on the default in 1975 of New York State's Urban Development Corporation. He said the S.E.C.'s failure to release the findings showed it was "up to its eyeballs in political intrigue." An S.E.C. spokesman said the Mayor's demand would be handled expeditiously in accordance with law. [60:6.]

Calling each other bribers, thieves, blackmailers and liars, State Senator Roy M. Goodman and his rival for the New York City Republican mayoral nomination, Barry Farber, whose place on the ballot had just been upheld, debated each other in a New York Times conference room. They failed to agree even on the major issues. [A1:2-3.]

Business/Finance

The energy program of the Administration has failed to generate a popular mandate, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll, because too few people take the problem seriously enough and even fewer understand it well enough. With the Senate taking up the package this month, observers are predicting a tough fight. [A1:3.]

France announced new public spending and credit measures to cope with rising unemployment. The Government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, facing crucial elections next spring, proclaimed its second package of stimulative measures this year. [47:6.]

August sales rose 11.5 percent over August of last year in six of New York City's biggest department stores. The biggest monthly advance since May 1969 was ascribed by industry sources to aggressive merchandising efforts and major remodelings of several large stores in the city, rather than any sudden decision by consumers. [47:5.]

Stock prices took a sharp upswing late in the session that reduced most earlier losses. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 2.60 points at 861.49, but on the New York Stock Exchange losing issues slightly outnumbered gainers. [47:2-3.]

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Quotations of the Day

"To save the skin of his cohort, the Mayor told me he would resign, too. I found it would not be appropriate to have a vacancy in the Mayor's office, so other arrangements were made."—Governor Carey, referring to Mayor Beame's attempt in 1975 to keep James A. Cavanagh, then First Deputy Mayor, from being ousted by state officials for his role in the fiscal situation. [61:1.]

"There's not a damn bit of truth in it. I'm no quitter."—Mr. Beame. [A1:1.]

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