

To Speer Confirmed

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The White House confirmed yesterday that President Nixon had cited the accomplishments of Albert Speer, a top Nazi official during World War II, in a recent meeting on the need for action to meet the energy crisis.

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald Warren told newsmen that lessons could be learned "from both former enemies as well as former friends."

Speer, credited with keeping German industries at peak production during the war years, was later convicted of war crimes at the Nuremberg trials.

Asked if the President regretted his reference to Speer, mentioned in a syndicated column Jundas by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Warren replied: "I don't think that a reference to an historical event should lead to a feeling of regret."