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MOVE AS TOKENISM...ALSO REPORTS ON HOW FRENCH CAN PURCHASE GOLD...AND PROTESTS OVER UTILITY BILLS IN TEXAS...TODAY INTERVIEWS W/ COP ON PSYCHOLOGICAL TACTICS FOR POLICE USE; W/ ACUPUNCTURE DOCTOR, W/ WALL ST. EXPERT AND JEAN MAYER ON GROWING PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND NUTRITION IN US AND WORLD W/ EMPHASIS ON LOWER INCOMES IN US, EG, INDIANS AND MIGRANTS WHO LACK FOOD STAMPS. REPORTER TROTTER FROM MAURITANIA ON ECONOMIC CRISIS W/ DROUGHT-HIT NOMADS GOING TO CITIES.

ANOTHER REVIEW IN TIMES ON RN SUPPORTERS. "NOT FAR FROM HERE, NIXON'S STILL THE ONE" -- REPORT FROM SHELTER ISLAND, LI WHERE FAITH ISN'T DILUTED AND DISMAY IS EXPRESSED OVER CONSERVATIVES ELSEWHERE FOR NOT LIVING UP TO THEIR CONVICTIONS. DEEP CRITICISM OF MEDIA. EX-TOWN SUPERVISOR GRIFFING SAYS: "I'VE GOT TO ADMIRE RN. MEDIA/HILL JACKALS ARE AFTER HIM

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BUT HE'S INDOMITABLE. VERY FEW COULD TAKE WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO HIM. HIS PRIVATE LIFE'S BEEN RIDICULED IN WAY (NOT EVEN) DONE TO COMMON CRIMINALS." HIS WIFE NOTED, "MILLIONS CHEER HIM ABOARD AND HERE WE ARE POUNCING ON HIM IN HIS OWN COUNTRY." STORY CONCLUDES: "THIS IS STILL A COMMUNITY OF TRUE BELIEVERS, AND RN'S STILL A WINNER HERE."

MORE MODERATE THAN MUCH COMMENT ON ISSUE IS TIMES EDIT EMPHASIZING NEED FOR SAFEGUARDS AND CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF M-E NUKE PACTS. ...BOTH TIMES AND INQUIRER JOIN STAR IN CRITICAL EDITS ON RUSH'S REFUSAL TO TESTIFY ON HILL. ...OP ED PIECES

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IN INQUIRER W/ JAMES MICHENER SAYING US CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE
HAK DESPITE THE REPULSIVE TAPS, AND HE DOESN'T BELIEVE PERJURY
CAN BE PROVED, BUT MICHENER SAYS SALZBURG OUTBURST, WHILE
REFRESHING, WAS "INDEFENSIBLE" AND "IRRESPONSIBLE" GIVEN THE
M-E MISSION AND PEACE WHICH HE RISKED IMPERILING. ...AND
LOFTON CALLS ON RODINO TO GET "HARD NOSED" W/ THE LEAKERS.
HIS AIDE SAYS THERE'S NO SYSTEMATIC EFFORT TO TRACK THEM
DOWN; LOFTON SAYS THERE SHOULD BE AND THEY SHOULD BE DIS-
CIPLINED AS HOUSE RULES PROVIDE. "THE NEXT GUY WHO DRIBBLES
SHOULD HAVE A CENSURE RESOLUTION HUNG ROUND HIS NECK. ON 2ND
THOUGHT, WHY WAIT? START NOW W/ EILBERG AND SEE HOW DETERMINED
HOUSE REALLY IS TO BE FAIR TO RN."...ANOTHER OP ED PIECE CRITICAL
OF LEAKS IN MONITOR WHERE DRUMMOND IS INDIGNANT OVER THE
MCCARTHYITE TACTIC AND COMM'S REFUSAL TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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