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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY NEWS SUMMARY

AIDE CONSIDERS PRESIDENT COMMITTED TO ROCKEFELLER
BY JACK NELSON
(EXCERPTED FROM THE L.A. TIMES)

UNLESS VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER "LAYS SOME KIND OF GREAT BIG PURPLE EGG," PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE COMMITTED TO HIM AS A RUNNING MATE AT THE 1976 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, A TOP AIDE TO FORD SAID MONDAY.

ALTHOUGH FORD HAS SAID THAT ROCKEFELLER MUST SELL HIMSELF TO CONVENTION DELEGATES IF HE WANTS TO REMAIN ON THE TICKET, THE AIDE SAID: "I CAN'T SEE THE PRESIDENT OPENING THE CONVENTION TO A VICE PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE."

THE AIDE TALKED TO A SMALL GROUP OF REPORTERS ON A NOT-FOR-ATTRIBUTION BASIS AT A LUNCHEON TWO BLOCKS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE AIDE SAID HE BELIEVED RONALD REAGAN WOULD NOT CHALLENGE FORD FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION BUT THAT, IF HE DECIDED TO MAKE THE RACE, HE HAD BETTER MAKE THE DECISION BEFORE SEPTEMBER. OTHERWISE, THE AIDE SAID, REAGAN'S SUPPORTERS IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY "WILL BEGIN TO DRIFT AWAY AND REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN A PRESIDENT WHO SAYS HE'S RUNNING LIKE HELL AND NEEDS YOUR HELP AND A GUY WHO CAN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND."

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ON OTHER MATTERS, THE AIDE SAID THAT PARDONING PRESIDENT NIXON HAD BEEN A POLITICAL PLUS INSTEAD OF A LIABILITY BECAUSE IT "SHOWED HE WAS WILLING TO MAKE AN UNPOPULAR DECISION IF HE BELIEVED IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO."

IT WAS PROBABLY "HEALTHY" FOR RON NESSEN "TO FIGHT BACK" AT THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS AT A RECENT BRIFFING. "I REMEMBER JIM HAGGERTY (PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S PRESS SECRETARY) TELLING REPORTERS TO GO SCREW THEMSELVES," THE AIDE SAID.

THE FOUR NIXON HOLDOVERS IN THE FORD CABINET, SECRETARY KISSINGER, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY BUTZ AND SECRETARY SIMON WERE "SECURE" IN THEIR POSITIONS, "IN THAT ORDER." NONE IS UNDER PRESSURE TO DEPART AND IF SIMON DOES QUIT, AS RUMORED, IT WILL BE "MORE OR LESS VOLUNTARY." (7/1/75)

SIMON DISCUSSES POSSIBLE OPEC PRICE HIKE

SECRETARY SIMON SAID TUESDAY THE U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO "JUST SIT HERE AND SHAKE IN OUR BOOTS" IF THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS IMPOSE ANOTHER INCREASE IN THE WORLD PRICE OF OIL. THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERING ALL THE OPTIONS IN THE EVENT THE OPEC NATIONS VOTE AN INCREASE AT THEIR SEPTEMBER MEETING, HE ADDED. SIMON DID NOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT MEASURES WERE BEING CONSIDERED.

WHEN ASKED WHAT PRESIDENT FORD MEANT LAST WEEK WHEN HE SAID A BIG OIL PRICE HIKE WOULD BE "UNACCEPTABLE" AND WHAT FORD WAS CONSIDERING, SIMON REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT DISCUSS SUCH A SENSITIVE ISSUE IN PUBLIC. -- AP; UPI; NBC (7/1/75)

SCHLESINGER SAYS U.S. HAS NOT REJECTED NUCLEAR FIRST USE

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID TUESDAY THE U.S. HAS NEVER REJECTED THE FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND, AS A "VERY LOW PROBABILITY" WOULD CONSIDER SUCH ACTION AGAINST A SPECIFIC TARGET IN THE SOVIET UNION. AT A NEWS BRIEFING, SCHLESINGER SAID HE WAS MERELY REASSERTING POLICIES THAT STRETCH BACK TO THE 1950S. THE U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY REFRAINED FROM DISAVOWING THE FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS," HE SAID. -- UPI/AP; ABC (7/1/75)

LEVI SAYS HE WILL DECIDE ON CIA CRIMINAL CHARGES

ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI SAYS THAT HE, AND NOT PRESIDENT FORD, WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO BRING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST CIA

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PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS OR DOMESTIC WRONG DOING.

"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS MADE CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE (LEVI) WILL RETAIN ANY PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION," JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT FELDKAMP SAID TUESDAY. "THEY DID DISCUSS THIS AND FORD HAD NO PROBLEM WITH IT."

FELDKAMP WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT AN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE POSITION LEVI OUTLINED TO A GROUP OF REPORTERS LAST WEDNESDAY AND FORD'S REMARKS IN A WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW MONDAY. -- AP (7/1/75)

FIRST BLACK NOMINATED TO BE FOUR-STAR GENERAL

AIR FORCE LT. GEN. DANIEL "CHAPPY" JAMES WAS NOMINATED TUESDAY TO BECOME A FOUR-STAR GENERAL, THE FIRST BLACK IN ANY OF THE SERVICES TO REACH THAT RANK. -- AP, UPI, ABC, NBC (7/1/75)

RABIN SAYS ISRAEL CAN EXPECT CUTBACKS IN U.S. AID

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID TUESDAY THAT ISRAEL CAN EXPECT A CUTBACK IN AMERICAN AID IF IT RESISTS U.S. PRESSURE TO CONCLUDE AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. RABIN, QUOTED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO OF ISRAEL, SAID THE PRESSURE WAS AS INTENSE AS THE PRESSURE THE U.S. PUT ON ISRAEL IN 1956 TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI DESERT AFTER THE SUEZ INVASION.

THERE ARE ALSO UNOFFICIAL REPORTS THAT IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED, THE U.S. WILL CALL FOR A NEW GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PUT FORTH A NEW AMERICAN PLAN WITHOUT CONSULTING ISRAEL, ABC REPORTED. -- ABC, NBC, UPI (7/1/75).

SOLZHENITSYN SAYS DETENTE IS HARD HEADED DEALING WITH SOVIETS

EXILED RUSSIAN AUTHOR ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN ADDRESSING AN AFL-CIO DINNER MONDAY, CAUTIONED THAT AMERICANS ARE DECEIVING THEMSELVES UNLESS THEY REALIZE THAT DETENTE MEANS HARD HEADED DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS INSTEAD OF MERELY "SMILES AND VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS."

CALLING ON THE U.S. TO STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE IN WORLD LEADERSHIP, SOLZHENITSYN SAID THE SOVIETS ARE EXPLOITING DETENTE AND LURING WESTERN CAPITAL TO HELP BUILD A REGIME COMMITTED TO IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE. --AP, NBC, CBS MORNING NEWS

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HOPES FADE FOR EUROPE SUMMIT IN JULY
BY DON COOK
(EXCERPTED FROM THE LA TIMES)

HOPES ARE FADING FAST FOR CONVENING A HELSINKI SUMMIT MEETING BY THE END OF JULY. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN GENEVA SAID MONDAY THAT "THERE IS STILL A CHANCE BUT NOW ONLY A VERY SLIGHT ONE" THAT ENOUGH PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS TO FIX A JULY 28 VOTE FOR THE SUMMIT WHICH WOULD GIVE THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TIME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHAT WOULD BE THE BIGGEST MEETING OF ITS KIND EVER HELD IN EUROPE.

THE FINNS HAVE SAID THAT THEY NEED FOUR WEEKS FOR PREPARATIONS BUT THAT THEY PROBABLY COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE END OF JULY IF A FIRM GO-AHEAD WAS GIVEN BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. MORE LIKELY NOW, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE SUMMIT WILL BE PUT BACK TO MID-OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IN THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

THE THREE BIG ISSUES STILL TO BE RESOLVED ARE:

-- AGREEMENT ON SO-CALLED MILITARY CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES, WHICH MEANS PRIMARILY THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IN FUTURE OF MILITARY MANEUVERS AND MAJOR TROOP MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE.

-- AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWUP SECURITY CONFERENCE MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE FASHION IN WHICH THE VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE 35 NATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

-- AND FINALLY AGREEMENT ON A DIFFICULT SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC CLAUSE SETTING FORTH THE CONTINUED RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FOUR VICTORIOUS POWERS RESULTING FROM THE WORLD WAR II, (7/1/75)

FIGHTING SPREADS ACROSS LEBANON DESPITE NEW GOVERNMENT

THE WORST FIGHTING IN LEBANESE HISTORY SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY TUESDAY NIGHT WITH BOMBINGS IN BEIRUT, STREET FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI AND CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL RIGHT AND LEFT-WINGERS IN SEVERAL VILLAGES.

A CEASE-FIRE HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY A NEW SIX-MAN "SALVATION GOVERNMENT" BUT THE TRUCE WAS BROKEN BY CONTINUED BOMBINGS, MORTAR AND MACHINEGUN FIRE.

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IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF TRIPOLI, WITNESSES SAID SECURITY FORCES WERE FIGHTING STREET BATTLES WITH ARMED CIVILIANS AS BOMBS AND MORTAR FIRE RACKED THE CITY. -- AP; UPI; NETWORKS (7/1/75)

GANDHI BIDS FOR BETTER U.S.-INDIAN RELATIONS

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI MADE A STRONG BID FOR BETTER U.S.-INDIAN RELATIONS AND ANNOUNCED NEW ECONOMIC REFORMS TUESDAY, WHILE THE NON-COMMUNIST OPPOSITION WAS REPORTED ORGANIZING AN UNDERGROUND STRUGGLE AGAINST HER STATE OF EMERGENCY AND RIGHT-WING GROUPS WERE SAID TO BE INFILTRATING NEW DELHI.

IN RESPONSE TO MRS. GANDHI'S BID, RON NESSEN SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT "HAS STRONG FEELINGS IN OPPOSITION TO CENSORSHIP AND ANY ACTION WHICH HAMPER THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION."

NEWSPAPERS ARE IGNORING PRESS CENSORSHIP AND ONE PRINTED A CARTOON DEPICTING MRS. GANDHI AS ADOLF HITLER, TRAVELERS REACHING NEW DELHI SAID TUESDAY. -- UPI; AP (7/1/75)

LABOR PARTY CALLS FOR LID ON WAGES

BRITAIN'S LABOR GOVERNMENT CALLED FOR A VOLUNTARY 10 PER CENT LID ON WAGE AND DIVIDEND INCREASES AND SAID IF BUSINESS AND LABOR UNIONS DON'T AGREE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE IT MANDATORY. INFLATION IS CURRENTLY RUNNING AT 25 PER CENT PER YEAR AND BRITISH POUND IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. -- AP; UPI; NBC; CBS (7/1/75)

AMIN GRANTS REPRIEVE TO HILLS

UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN ANNOUNCED TUESDAY HE WILL GRANT A REPRIEVE TO BRITISH LECTURER DENIS HILLS, WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR REFERRING TO AMIN AS A "VILLAGE TYRANT." AMIN CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER TALKING WITH PRESIDENT JOSEPH MOBUTO OF ZAIRE. -- AP; UPI; NETWORKS (7/1/75)

CHINA AND THAILAND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THAILAND ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC TIES TUESDAY. THAILAND IMMEDIATELY SEVERED RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. -- AP; UPI; ABC; NBC (7/1/75)

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ARGENTINE STRIKES

ARGENTINA'S GOVERNMENT IS SUFFERING INCREASING STRIKES, TERRORISM, AND INFLATION. INFLATION HAS INCREASED AND MAY REACH 200 PERCENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. GASOLINE HAS TRIPLED IN PRICE AND NOW SELLS FOR \$2.50 PER GALLON. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND MEAT PRICES HAVE DOUBLED. SOME 250 LIVES HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY TERRORIST ACTS THIS YEAR ALONE.

THE SAME UNIONS THAT DEMONSTRATED FOR JUAN PERON ARE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST HIS WIDOW ISABELLE, DEMANDING THE WAGE AND BENEFITS INCREASES THEY WON EARLIER THIS MONTH IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WHICH MRS. PERON WILL NOT GRANT. SHE SAYS HER ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP THE ECONOMY FROM SLIDING INTO FURTHER DISARRAY, BERNARD GOLDBERG (CBS) REPORTED. --
CBS (7/1/75)

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