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BAKERSFIELD

First, a salute to the newest member of the CBS

Radio Network - station K-P-M-C at Bakersfield,

California. Now the news...

SAN CLEMENTE

At the Western White House - a pledge today that
President Nixon will soon discuss the Watergate case in
full - ^{before quote:} ~~in quote:~~ "an appropriate forum." This from Press
Secretary Ron Ziegler - in a lengthy exchange with newsmen.

Ziegler stressed, however, the President intends to
remain silent - until the conclusion of the present ^{phase of the} Watergate
hearings; which means - said he - the President "will not
appear before the Watergate committee" - nor will ~~he~~
he "respond to any specific request" even to discuss the
matter. Ziegler explaining ^{that -} ~~by saying:~~ "The President feels
he has a responsibility to the Office of the President - and
to the separation of powers under the Constitution."

Ziegler was also asked for comment on the testimony
last week of former White House aide John Dean. ^{He declined,} ~~He refused~~
The same with regard to recent statements - by Assistant
White House Counsel J. Fred Buzhardt. Ziegler merely
saying: "There are a lot of lawyers & throwing a lot of

charges around - about a lot of people."

Meanwhile, the President himself ~~was~~ attending to business as usual; including today the swearing in of James Schlesinger - as new Secretary of Defense; at age forty-four - the youngest ever.

ALON

Back in Washington - the FBI, the CIA and local police were all investigating today - the weekend slaying of Israeli air attache Colonel Josef Alon. Palestinian sources earlier claiming - it was all their doing. The Israeli military command - also blaming the crime on ~~Arab~~ terrorists.

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— *FBI sources are now saying, however - there have been as yet "no conclusions drawn." Adding that the shooting of Colonel Alon - may have been a street crime rather than an act of terrorism. One apparent reason - we are told - the fact that he was killed - while his wife, who was only a few steps away, was left unharmed.*

COLBY

Washington again -

^ The full Senate Armed Services Committee was supposed to hold hearings today - on the appointment of William Colby to head the CIA. With Congress in recess though - Acting Chairman Stuart Symington ~~was~~ the only Senator present, ^Q putting Colby through two hours of questioning on how he would deal with another Watergate-type situation.

The witness saying: "In that particular case - a mistake was made." Also, calling for change in the law - to restrict the CIA to gathering only "foreign intelligence." Stressing it was "not our function" - to gather domestic intelligence. When Symington persisted - Colby laying it right on the line. Saying: "I do not intend ~~to do it~~" to do it." Adding that, indeed, if so ordered - he was "quite prepared to leave this job."

PARIS

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The world's biggest-ever solar energy conference - is currently in progress in Paris. More than eight hundred of the world's top scientists - meeting under the auspices of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; hoping to find new ways - to meet the present energy crisis

One of the main speakers today - French Minister of Industrial Development Jean Charbonnet; calling for the development of an earth-orbiting solar energy station - to relay electricity back to earth. "Action must pass as soon as possible from the researchers to the engineers" - said he - "in order that the domestic use of solar energy can be realized."

Next - UNESCO's assistant science director.

Canadian James Harrison, agreeing with Charbonnet ^{said} ~~that~~ the promise of solar energy "no longer seems quite so farfetched". He cautioned, however, that "technological breakthroughs - are needed principally in two areas." First - "the efficiency of absorption;" and second - "the thermal dynamics of heat storage."

HELSINKI

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived in Helsinki today - a day early for the start of that all-European security conference. Gromyko telling reporters: "We are going to take part in discussions - on any problem. And I stress this" - he continued - "any problem."

4 Including presumably the freer movement of people and ideas - between East and West.

Gromyko also saying he hopes ~~that~~ "the Western countries will submit proposals & that will truly lead to peace and security in Europe." Adding emphatically: "The Soviet delegation - will do its best."

WELLINGTON

As you perhaps know - the continuation of French nuclear testing in the South Pacific - is currently being protested by both New Zealand and Australia. Now a threat that New Zealand may also protest - the continuation of U.S. underground nuclear testing here in the States. New Zealand Prime Minister Norman Kirk saying today: "The matter is being considered - at the moment."

Kirk then adding that the Soviet Union - may become still another target. "At a time" - said he - "when attitudes between Communist and non-Communist nations are probably the best since World War Two - it is simply not possible to understand or justify arms expansion."

VERSAILLES

The death of one of Britain's best-known women writers - is reported today from Versailles, ^{Chanel &} The aristocratic Nancy Mitford - starting out as a romantic novelist; later switching to biographies - such as her latest book, "The Sun King," dealing with the life of Louis the Fourteenth. But she was also an accomplished essayist - the originator of the "U and non-U" code for distinguishing between the classes; and this - perhaps her best-known work.

Miss Mitford noting it is very non-U to say "dentures" - when "false teeth" will do. Adding: "Ill is non-U - sick is U; the non-U person resides at his home - the U person lives in his house." And now - the final entry; for U's - and non-U's alike. Nancy Mitford - age sixty-eight.

CORNWALL

*At Cornwall, Connecticut - the death of one of
America's great inventors. Laurens Hammond - the man
who invented the differential mercurial barometer -
stereoscopic motion pictures - the electric clock - and
the famed Hammond electric organ. He also developed a
number of stage effects - for the Ziegfield Follies; and
later on, playing an important role - in the development of
guided missiles. All told - the holder of more than a
hundred U.S. patents.*

Laurens Hammond - age seventy-eight.

CARSON SPRINGS

Over the past weekend - at Carson Springs, Tennessee !
- the first national convention of the Holiness Church of God
in Jesus Name. As advertised, a lot of singing and shouting
- along with the handling of poisonous snakes; one of which
- a big rattler - ^{twice biting} ~~taking a nip at~~ one of the worshipers.

Murl Bass of Chattanooga - refusing medical aid at
first. Church officials saying he felt better - after a prayer
vigil by fellow worshipers. On return home though - Bass
growing steadily worse; and he was finally admitted today -
to a Chattanooga hospital. His condition, at last report -
listed as "very critical."

EAST TENNESSEE

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Like many another young schoolgirl - fifteen-year-old Caroline Kennedy has found herself a summer job. The daughter of the late JFK - joining a film crew in East Tennessee; helping to turn out a documentary - on the history of coal mining. This - according to the Knoxville News-Sentinel. Which adds that Caroline is wearing "faded old blue jeans with patches on them" - and thus "blending in well."

A local woman also quoted as saying: "You would never know she's the daughter of a late President - and one of the richest women in the world." — ^{Bill} — Adding of Caroline:
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"She goes up and down these mountains - just like us other hillbillies."

COLUMBUS FOLLOW PARIS

Here at home - at Columbus, Ohio - a discussion of the present U.S. gasoline shortage. Senior Vice President John Ross of Standard Oil of Ohio - foreseeing the possibility of nationwide gas rationing as early as next summer. Also saying the price of fuel may approach the Dollar-a-gallon mark - by Nineteen-Seventy-Five. ouch!

This, too, will come to pass - said he - "if the demand for gasoline continues to increase - at the seven per cent rate it did this year; and if the consumer doesn't cut his gasoline consumption - by ^{say} ~~as little as~~ one gallon per week."