

Young says Nixon, Ford racists

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young says in an interview in Playboy magazine that former Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford are "racists" who have "no understanding of the problems of colored people anywhere."

Young is quoted in the magazine's July issue as saying that everyone in the United States is inevitably tainted to some degree by racism and that his goal is to bring the issue of "ethnocentrism" out in the open and strip it of its "moral stigma."

Former Presidents Nixon and

Ford "did not face racism in their lives and tended to rule it out," Young said. "Nixon and Ford did not face it because they were, in fact, racists."

Asked by Playboy's senior article editor Peter Ross Range whether that charge might be too strong, Young said the former Presidents "were racists not in the aggressive sense but in that they had no understanding of the problems of colored people anywhere."

Young, a former civil rights worker, said the "big weakness" of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was his failure to understand that "racism is one of the most powerful dynamics in the world today."

Speaking of Kissinger's experience as a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, Young said: "I think the horrors of racism in Kissinger's childhood were so terrible that in order to function, he had to put it behind him. Otherwise, he would have been so bitter and filled with hate that he never could have done anything."

The outspoken ambassador whose foreign policy pronouncements have sometimes put him at odds with the State Department, also said in the interview that one of his major problems with reporters was he found it "almost impossible to say, 'No comment.'"

"But now they've got me paranoid," he is quoted as saying about reporters. "I hate to admit it, but maybe I'll just have to be rude."

IRS probes slush fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service says a special tax probe of major U.S. corporations has uncovered 481 cases of possible illegal corporate slush funds.

Some 71 cases have been turned over to the IRS Intelligence Division for investigation of possible criminal fraud, a spokesperson said.

Other cases may be turned over to the Intelligence Division later as the tax probes proceed, the spokesman added. The IRS is prevented by law from identifying the corporations but most have gross assets exceeding \$250 million.

Jerome Kurtz, the new IRS commissioner, said the probe of corporate slush fund activity that was started under his predecessor, Donald Alexander, has been "very productive" and will be continued.

But he said in an interview there may be some changes in the questions on slush fund activity that the IRS now asks of each of the nation's 1,200 largest corporations.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Plane hijacked to Kuwait

KUWAIT—A hijacker commandeered a Middle East Airlines jet with 113 persons aboard Sunday and forced it to land in this Arab sheikdom, Kuwait radio reported. It said the hijacker demanded a ransom of \$1.5 million.

Police and fire engines surrounded the Boeing 707 jetliner after it landed at Kuwait International Airport. The 102 passengers and 11 crew members were on a flight from Beirut, Lebanon, to Baghdad, Iraq, when the plane was hijacked.

Pregnant hostages released

ASSEN, The Netherlands — South Moluccan terrorists released two pregnant women Sunday from a hijacked train where some 55 hostages have been held captive for 14 days.

The women were identified by authorities as Mrs. Nelleke Ellenbroek-Prinsen, 25, from Wierden, who is five months pregnant, and Mrs. A.H. Brouwers-Korf, 31, of Nijmegen, two months pregnant.

They were taken to a hospital in nearby Groningen where their husbands and other relatives were waiting.

Ugandan defector denounced

NAIROBI, Kenya — Idi Amin says the health minister who defected to Britain with reports of mass killings in Uganda had channeled government funds into a "very fat bank account abroad."

An aide to the Ugandan president, reached Sunday by telephone, said the defection of Henry Kyemba, 37, "is no real surprise. After all, if he did dare to return to Uganda, he would have a lot of charges to answer."

The British Home Office said Kyemba turned up in England asking for political asylum.

Chicago riot leaves 2 dead

CHICAGO — Shooting between members of rival Puerto Rican street gangs at a park celebration apparently touched off a night of fighting, looting and burning which left two persons dead, 70 injured and 119 in custody, police said Sunday.

At the height of the disturbance, thousands of rock and beer can-throwing demonstrators, many of them demanding Puerto Rican independence from the United States, forced about 200 policemen to withdraw for reinforcements and prevented fire-trucks from reaching a burning three-story building.

Lone policemen safer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A police officer assigned to a patrol car is safer and more efficient working alone than with a partner, researchers concluded in a report issued Sunday.

The findings challenge the standard police practice of assigning officers to patrol cars in pairs and the widely-held assumption that this practice reduces the dangers for patrol officers.

The report could encourage many of the nation's big-city police departments to phase out the more expensive partner patrols as a way of saving money in a period of tight city budgets.

The Police Foundation, a private research organization, sponsored the year-long study in by the System Development Corp. of Santa Monica, Calif. The research was conducted in San Diego and involved measuring the performance of 22 two-officer patrol units and 22 single-officer units.

The report suggested that police departments could get more for their money by switching to single-officer patrol cars.

San Diego can send out 18 officers in 18 cars for slightly less than it costs to field 20 officers in 10 cars, the report said.

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