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WASHINGTON — The federal government may have to force certain states to allow radioactive waste to be dumped inside their borders soon, said Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., Monday.

"At some stage, if every state turns you down, you've simply got to say that for the national good, for medical research and medical treatment and for a variety of other reasons, you've got to have storage spots," he said.

Two of the three existing radioactive waste dumps — in Washington and Nevada — have been closed recently. The governors of those two states say some radioactive shipments have not been handled safely.

A third waste disposal site in South Carolina remains open, but the South Carolina governor refuses to allow material diverted from Washington and Nevada to be stored there.

The problems with unsafe handling is confined to low-level radioactive waste, Packwood said, with much greater care shown in handling high-level radioactive material.

PORTLAND — New restrictions on spraying the herbicide 2,4-D will face the U.S. Forest Service next year, but the rules are less restrictive than those imposed in 1978 on use of another herbicide, 2,4,5-T.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency suspended use of 2,4,5-T after finding evidence of increased miscarriages among women who lived near sites sprayed in Lincoln County.

One new rule bans applying 2,4-D within one-quarter mile of residences. Another restriction bans spraying 2,4-D within 50 feet of water supplies used for domestic consumption or recreation or that are stocked with fish.

The Forest Service is to review its programs for controlling vegetation and recommend alternatives to herbicide spraying by March 1. The agency is not scheduled to resume spraying until next spring.

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward Kennedy, "eager to get going" with his campaign for the presidency, today took a major step toward challenging Pres. Carter with formation of a Kennedy for President Committee.

Stephen Smith, the senator's brother-in-law and chairman of the committee, told reporters that Kennedy will declare his candidacy in Boston on Nov. 7.

At a news conference in campaign headquarters, about a mile from the White House, Smith said: "The Kennedy For President Committee is now officially under way and we look forward to an active and successful campaign."

"We hope that all citizens in this nation who share our belief that Sen. Kennedy should be the next president of the United States will join in the campaign we are beginning today," he said.

Establishment of the committee makes Kennedy, D-Mass., a candidate in the eyes of federal election laws.

TEL AVIV, Israel — Prime minister Menachem Begin failed in his first attempt to choose a new foreign minister and pull himself out of a Cabinet crisis that could topple his government Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin turned down Begin's offer to take over the post left vacant last week by Moshe Dayan, who quit in a disagreement over the government's policy in the occupied West Bank.

Echoing Dayan's contentions, Yadin told Israel Radio "there are differences of views between our party and the majority party on some issues of foreign policy" which prevented him from accepting the job. But he added that if Begin offers him to head Israel's negotiating team on West Bank autonomy, he would reconsider his refusal.

The Israeli Supreme Court ordered the settlement evacuated, holding that it was set up in violation of international law which permits building on occupied lands only for security purposes.

Protestors fail market closure

NEW YORK (AP) — To the beat of a brass band, more than 1,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators tried in vain Monday to close the New York Stock Exchange on the 50th anniversary of the stock market crash.

Police reported 959 arrests in what was the largest of several anti-nuclear demonstrations across the nation.

In Washington, D.C., about 250 protesters blocked doorways to the Energy Department and rallied on Independence Avenue, and 88 persons were taken into cus-

tody during a protest at the Trident nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Wash.

In New York, scores of demonstrators jammed the exchange on Wall and Broad streets, saying their targets were firms that finance the nuclear industry.

"Don't go to work today and take a holiday from death," one demonstrator urged the Stock Exchange employees.

Wall and Broad streets were closed, but traffic was backed up for nine blocks on nearby Broadway.

Among the first to be arrested

was Daniel Ellsberg, key figure in the Vietnam-era Pentagon Papers case. He went quietly.

The exchange brought many of its employees in early and opened on schedule at 10 a.m. "We intend to remain open and operate normally," said one exchange official.

On the exchange floor, a roar went up when the 10 a.m. bell signaled the start of trading. "Usually they cheer when it's closing," said James Fuller, a senior vice president. "All the people are in. We're fully staffed. It has had no effect on the market."

But stock prices moved listlessly in light trading. Some analysts said the low volume might be partially attributed to the demonstrations, but they noted that orders are placed by phone and chalked the low volume mostly to investor caution.

Aside from occasional brief scuffling at police barricades, the mood was festive, with the 15-piece band providing circus music.

Most of the demonstrators were charged with disorderly conduct, obstruction of governmental administration. Those who lay down were booked for resisting arrest. Police said 750 summons were issued and 209 persons were jailed. It could not be determined if some protesters received more than one summons.

Stock Exchange officials had been asked by demonstration leaders earlier this month to suspend 61 members who deal in nuclear weapons and power.

In turning them down, Stock Exchange Vice President Richard Grosso said the type of business a member was engaged in was not a concern of the stock market. He said standards for admission required only that a member distribute its stock nationally, and that the company be in a sound financial condition.

Connally defends plan, West Bank withdrawal

PORTLAND (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful John Connally defended his proposal for stabilizing the Middle East, saying he is facing the realities of the situation Monday.

Connally said anyone who fails to realize the importance of the region to the United States and Western civilization is "blind."

The proposal, which calls for Israeli withdrawal from all the territory occupied in the 1967 war, contains virtually nothing new, Connally told a news conference.

"That is the official policy of the United States government," Connally insisted, citing this country's support of United Nations' resolution 242.

Although he said he wasn't surprised by the negative reaction from Jewish leaders to his ideas, the former Texas governor denied he was writing off the Jewish vote in the Republican primaries.

"It's a speech that ought to attract all of the Jewish vote in this country," Connally said. The interests of Jews in this country should be with America first and Israel second, he added.

But the former secretary of the Navy and the U.S. Department of Treasury said the number one issue in the campaign is inflation. That in turn is fueled by energy problems, the second most important issue, he said.

The major American oil companies are "guilty of the worst public relations of any American enterprise," Connally said.

By failing to adequately explain where their enormous profits come from and where they are going, the oil companies are giving profits and big business a bad name, he said.

Acknowledging his image as the candidate of big business and the oil industry, Connally denied he spent any time wooing either one.

"I don't spend any time talking to big business," Connally insisted. And when asked if the oil companies were supporting his candidacy, he said no.

Right now he is concentrating on winning the GOP nomination, Connally said, indicating he will change his strategy and his tactics for the general election, he said.



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