

Nixon on Korean agent's list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Korean businessman Tongsun Park boasted in December 1973 that he gave thousands of dollars in campaign contributions to many prominent American politicians, including \$500,000 to then-Pres. Nixon, a customs official said Thursday.

Park, a rice broker who is the key figure in a Justice Department investigation of influence-peddling in Congress by Korean agents, was carrying a list with U.S. politicians' names and figures he said represented campaign contributions when he was searched by customs agents in

Anchorage, Alaska, on Dec. 8, 1973.

Park made frantic efforts to recover or tear up the list and other papers dealing with rice transactions before inspectors read them, said Donavan Working, former U.S. Customs district director for Anchorage.

Later, a phone call to customs officials in Washington determined the papers could not be confiscated, Working said.

Park then bragged that the two- and three-digit figures beside each name stood for "thousands of dollars" in contributions, which had "something to do with assis-

tance from these officials with some sort of a rice program that he was involved in," according to Working, now district customs director in Laredo, Texas.

A government source said Thursday that Justice Department investigators have not determined the significance of Park's list, particularly whether it meant Park had made any payments to the officials.

Most of the names on the list have not been made public. Working said that in addition to Nixon, he recalled that the names of Sens. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., and Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., were on the list, along with then Rep. Richard Hanna, D-Calif.

A spokesman for Humphrey said Thursday, "There were no contributions to the senator from Park, and he had no connection with Park or the Korean lobby."

An aide to Goldwater said the senator had thoroughly checked his financial records back to 1964, "and none of us can recall any kind of contribution or gift of any kind from Park or anybody connected in any fashion with him."

The aide said that Goldwater is a member of the posh Georgetown Club, a private club here owned by Park, but does not have ties with Park himself.

Park, who also owns an export-import business here, is out of the country, but his lawyers have said he has denied allegations that he made illegal cash payments to any congressmen.

Park reportedly has told federal investigators about contributions he made to several congressmen, including former Reps. Cornelius Gallagher of New Jersey and Hanna of California. Rep. John Brademas, D-Ind., has acknowledged receiving campaign contributions totaling \$4,650 from Park in 1972 and 1974.

World Roundup

From Associated Press reports

Czech airliner hijacked

MUNICH, West Germany — A young man hijacked a Czechoslovak airliner on a domestic flight Thursday evening, forced it to Munich, then surrendered to police as soon as the plane landed, airport officials reported.

The hijacker was identified as Rudolf Becvar, 26, of Czechoslovakia.

First meeting pessimistic

GENEVA, Switzerland — The black-white conference on the future of Rhodesia opened here today in an atmosphere of deep pessimism.

The formal opening session of the talks, bringing together Prime Minister Ian Smith and four black nationalist leaders, lasted only about 25 minutes. The next session was set for Saturday morning, when chief delegates will make opening statements.

Radiation tests negative

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — No one was radioactively contaminated during a fire Wednesday at the Y-12 nuclear plant, officials say.

Bob Wesley, spokesman for Union Carbide Nuclear Division, said today medical tests have been completed on 30 persons closest to the fire.

"Results of the tests were negative," he said. Tests sought traces of uranium and beryllium that might have been inhaled in the smoke.

Indian eviction delayed

SEATTLE — An immediate confrontation between Indians occupying the Cascadia Juvenile Center and U.S. marshals was avoided Thursday when the effective date of a court eviction notice was delayed until noon Saturday.

U.S. District Judge Morrell Sharp granted a motion by an Indian attorney asking that he sign the order immediately but delay its effect so negotiations can continue.

N-policy shift announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major policy change, Pres. Ford Thursday announced a slowdown in movement toward use of plutonium as a future nuclear fuel.

Administration officials said the new policy is designed to reduce the hazard of a world-wide spread

of atomic weapons. Plutonium can be used as a fuel itself and also is a potential weapon.

At a campaign stop in Cincinnati, Ford called on all nations, including those which export nuclear materials and equipment, to join in an effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to nations that don't already have the capability to make them.

Administration officials elaborated on the policy at a briefing in Washington.

One of the key decisions was not spelled out explicitly in briefing papers but was confirmed by Roder Fri, deputy administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration. He said that pending further study, Ford has put off the idea of government participation in a plutonium reprocessing facility already partially completed by private industry near Barnwell, N.C.

As anticipated, Ford also urged that nuclear supplier nations restrain the transfer of reprocessing and uranium enrichment technology to other countries for at least three years.

And, with the eventual use of plutonium at least postponed if not to be cancelled in the long run, Ford said the United States would begin expanding facilities for storing radioactive waste materials, including plutonium, which emerge from the spent fuel of nuclear reactors.

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