

U.S.-Vietnam talks scheduled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Vietnam will open preliminary talks Friday in Paris on the possibility of beginning normal relations, American officials said Tuesday.

The talks will be the first between the two countries since the Paris peace agreement was signed almost four years ago.

In a related development, Vietnamese officials said an application by Hanoi for admission to the United Nations will come up in the U.N. Security Council Friday and a vote is expected Monday.

The Ford administration has said it will veto the Vietnamese application if there is no substantial progress toward obtaining an accounting of the 800 Americans listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

Pres.-elect Jimmy Carter has expressed support for this position but said that the Ford administration's inability to obtain an MIA accounting is one of its most embarrassing failures.

The Paris talks are aimed at finding out whether there is any basis for substantive negotiations on normalizing relations.

Officials said it is doubtful that any significant progress toward this goal can be made before the Carter administration takes office 10 weeks from now.

The chief Vietnamese objective in the talks is securing U.S. war reconstruction aid. The United States promised such assistance in the 1973 Paris agreement but

Civil rights suit rejected

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A woman who loses a job or pay raise for refusing to have sex with her boss cannot sue him for damages under the U.S. Civil Rights Act, a federal judge ruled Monday.

The woman should file a civil suit charging extortion or swear out a rape complaint, the judge said.

U.S. District Court Judge Herbert Stern made the ruling here in dismissing part of a suit brought by Adrienne Tompkins, 31, a Bayonne stenographer who alleged she was fired from Public Service Electric & Gas Co. after refusing her supervisor's sexual advances.

She asserted the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race or sex, applies to cases in which women are asked to perform sexual favors at work.

But Stern said sexual attraction is a natural part of life and that federal courts cannot become involved. He said a man who makes sexual activity a condition of em-

ployment should be sued for extortion, as if he had asked the woman to kick back part of her salary, or charged with rape or assault if the advances were forceful.

Plant reopens

KITTANNIN, Pa. (AP) — About one-third of the production workers have returned to a Kittannin electronics plant shut down six weeks ago when dozens of employees were mysteriously sickened.

A wave of stomach illness and dizziness hit employees Sept. 30, and about 70 of them received hospital emergency room treatment. Another outbreak sent 40 workers to the hospital Oct. 7, and the plant was closed.

Cited as possible source of the illness: solvents used in gluing and soldering, carbon dioxide from a faulty heater or sulphur dioxide from an undetermined outside source.

World Roundup

From Associated Press reports

BBC plans Nixon interview

LONDON — Former Pres. Richard Nixon will be interviewed by British television personality David Frost and the programs will be broadcast here next May, the British Broadcast Corp. announced Monday.

A statement said the BBC would show "three or four" programs extracted from 12 scheduled two-hour interviews to be conducted by Frost, at Nixon's home in San Clemente, Calif., in March and April.

Winter fuel outlook tight

WASHINGTON — The Federal Energy Administration reported Tuesday that the nation in general should have enough fuel to make up for expected natural gas shortages this winter, provided the weather and the economy are normal.

But the agency said North Carolina may run into fuel shortages even in a normal winter, and unusually cold weather could result in shortages of energy in that state and eight others: Georgia, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Arizona.

Handgun controls favored

PORTLAND — Eight out of 10 Multnomah County physicians favor more stringent controls on handguns, says a Portland psychiatrist who conducted a survey.

Dr. Charles Browning, a psychiatry professor at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, did the survey as the basis for an article in the Nov. 8 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association entitled "Handguns and Homicide."

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