

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Park agrees to cooperate

SEOUL, Korea — Tong-sun Park signed an agreement Wednesday pledging to cooperate with Justice Department investigations into his alleged Korean influence buying operation in Washington.

But Park refused to say if he will testify before congressional committees.

The agreement, signed before acting U.S. Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, completed arrangements for the Justice Department's questioning of Park, due to start Friday.

Emerging from his 20-minute meeting with Civiletti, the 42-year-old rice dealer told American reporters, "Please try to be good to me, because I am really going through hell."

Mideast defense chiefs meet

CAIRO — The defense ministers of Egypt and Israel took their "battle for peace" to a Cairo conference table Wednesday to seek agreement on Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula and to determine the fate of Jewish settlements that have blossomed in that wasteland.

The meeting was seen by Egypt as a key barometer in advance of parallel but wider-ranging talks between Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers set to open Monday in Jerusalem.

Coffee prices to stabilize

RIO DE JANEIRO — Coffee drinkers, jolted in the past by sharp price rises that have now dropped below their peak, can expect the cost of their beverage to hold steady during 1978, Brazilian coffee experts say.

"Barring some major unforeseen problem, stability will be the watchword in international coffee markets for several months to come," said a top analyst at the Brazilian Coffee Institute.

Trojan closure viable, claims energy planner

SALEM — A planner for the Oregon Energy Department says the Trojan nuclear power plant at Rainier could be shut down for 10 years and Portland General Electric (PGE) Co. still would have enough electricity to supply its customers.

And, he said PGE might save money.

Not true, says PGE's manager of financial planning, Charles Heinrich.

PGE wants to expand facilities for storage of spent fuel to allow it to store until 1985. The U.S. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is holding hearings on PGE's application.

Richard Timm, planning supervisor for the Energy Department, said Tuesday he will suggest a shutdown of Trojan as one alternative to expanding fuel storage at Trojan.

The Energy Department's report estimated PGE would lose money until 1981 if it switched off the Trojan reactor. But beginning sometime in 1981, the company could begin to save money, the report said.

"By shutting it down now, you add to its usable life," Timm said. But it also would cost extra to start up the plant again, and it would cost money to maintain the plant.

The Energy Department's con-

clusions depend on how much low-cost hydropower is available, and availability of energy from nuclear plants and coal plants

under construction in the Northwest.

Heinrich said he thought the projections were "unrealistic."

PGE upset over report

SALEM — Portland General Electric (PGE) officials have called for the firing of a state Energy Department official who says the company can save money by closing down the Trojan nuclear power plant at Rainier.

But Energy Department Director Fred Miller says he has no intention of getting rid of planner Richard Timm.

"I have no intention of firing him. I fully support his work," he said in a telephone interview.

Neil Woodley, director of resource planning for PGE, said he is upset with energy demand forecasts and regional power analyses that indicate the utility can save money by closing Trojan and also delay construction of the proposed Pebble Springs complex.

Woodley labeled Timm's analysis "ridiculous," "criminal" and "irresponsible." He said the department's Trojan and Pebble Springs analyses are ammunition for individuals who seek to stop nuclear power development in Oregon.

Babies

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parents, followed by at-home observation by Rothbart's assistants. Parents' observations are recorded on a questionnaire. Each study has taken about two weeks and has been repeated at 3 to 6 to 9 month intervals.

The test results from the first 50 infants are being prepared for analysis. Rothbart predicts the analysis won't be ready for several months. Meanwhile, she is preparing to study another 50 infants, and planning several modifications in her research procedure.

The study of a total of 100 infants requires a lot of paperwork and personnel, Rothbart says, and that's what requires the \$87,094 grant.

The money is used to pay the indirect costs of the research project and the salaries of the observers and clerical staff. A small amount is also offered to the parents who participate in the research.

"We've had excellent cooperation from the mothers in the Eugene area," Rothbart says.



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