

Says he started 'whole investigation'

Kissinger aware of Korean bribe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Henry Kissinger testified Thursday that he and Pres. Ford overruled U.S. intelligence agents in 1975 and launched the investigation of alleged bribery and influence-buying by the South Korean government.

"The whole investigation was started because I turned over a list of names to the attorney general," Kissinger said. "It was information I did not think he possessed."

Kissinger told the House International Relations Committee that until 1975, he had only been aware of lobbying by Korean

agents on Capitol Hill and elsewhere in Washington, not allegations of large scale bribery.

However, he said he was aware of a 1971 letter from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover saying that a member of Congress had received payments from South Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park.

The former secretary of state, who was then Pres. Nixon's national security adviser, said he had no recollection of having read two other early warnings from Hoover concerning other activities by Park and the

Korean government.

The letters were addressed to Kissinger, then director of the National Security Council, and to Attorney General John Mitchell.

While Kissinger did not identify the member of Congress, committee aides identified him as former Rep. Cornelius Gallagher, D-N.J. Gallagher has declined to talk about his dealings with Park other than to say he did nothing wrong.

Kissinger said he had taken no action in the matter because he assumed it was being dealt with by the FBI, the Justice Department and the CIA. It was not in the

jurisdiction of the National Security Council, he added.

Kissinger said the situation changed in February 1975 when Philip Habib, then an undersecretary of state, "called my attention to some sensitive intelligence reports which indicated there might be some attempts being made to lobby or bribe congressmen."

Kissinger said he took the information to Ford, who asked whether it was conclusive. He said Ford was told that it was not and that the president then issued instructions that a watch be kept on the situation.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Photo of Moro surfaces

ROME — After a frantic three-day hunt by divers, skiers and soldiers for Aldo Moro's body, a Rome newspaper Thursday received a snapshot of the kidnapped former premier in apparent good health. But with it was a communique vowing to kill him if the government does not agree to free "communist prisoners" by Saturday.

The Communist Party late Thursday called on the government to reject the terrorists' demand, declaring the "state cannot compromise on principles and laws on which the national community and civilized living rest."

Group asks for PGE firing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public Citizen, an anti-nuclear citizen's group, asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Thursday to fine Portland General Electric Co. and shut down for remedial work on its Trojan nuclear power plant in Oregon, where two workers were accidentally exposed to high radiation.

An official of the commission's West Coast regional office confirmed the accident had occurred April 5. He said two technicians checking for suspected radiation leakage unwittingly entered an unshielded area where radioactive spent fuel rods passed within a few feet of them.

Dollar surges on market

LONDON — The dollar had its best day in months on world foreign exchanges Thursday, buoyed by the U.S. Treasury's decision to support the dollar by selling gold from Fort Knox.

The announcement sent the price of gold bullion crashing by as much as \$6 an ounce, while the dollar exploded from its year-long decline.

The American currency jumped more than five centime — or 2.8 percent of its value — against the Swiss franc.

La Pine women set for sentencing today

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two elderly Oregon women were scheduled to be sentenced today for smuggling \$1.5 million worth of hashish into Australia under the floorboards of their camping van.

Vera Todd Hays, 60, and Florence May Bessire, 61, both of La Pine, pleaded guilty March 15 to smuggling nearly 2,200 pounds of hashish. They said they were tricked into the smuggling by a nephew of Hays.

Police said it was the biggest drug seizure in Australian history.

The women could be sentenced to 25 years in jail and \$100,000 in fines.

During a court appearance last

week, both women wept as they asked for leniency.

Bessire testified that Hays' nephew, Vern Todd, had offered them an all-expense-paid world trip if they would drive a Mercedes-Benz camper from West Germany to Bombay, India. Once there, she said, Todd asked them to take the van to Australia.

Bessire testified that "Todd mentioned grass" during their talks, but she was unaware of the van's illegal contents until they were arrested by narcotics agents near Sydney.

Australian authorities have issued arrest warrants for Todd and another man in connection with the case.

Gray pleads 'not guilty'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five blocks from where J. Edgar Hoover reigned so long over the FBI, his short-term successor pleaded innocent Thursday to charges of trampling the civil rights of Americans while search-

ing for radical bombers.

"Not guilty," said L. Patrick Gray III to the accusation that he conspired with two other top FBI officials to injure and oppress citizens of the United States.

"Not guilty," said W. Mark Felt a former acting associate director. "Not guilty," said Edward Miller, former assistant director of the domestic intelligence division.

Later, the former G-Men were taken to the U.S. marshal's office for processing. Mug shots were made, front and side, each man was assigned a number and fingerprints were taken to be sent later to the FBI's central files.

EPA orders halt to Chrysler car production

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Thursday ordered the Chrysler Corp. to halt production of nine car models by April 29 unless steps are taken to insure that the vehicles meet auto emission standards.

The EPA said it tested the Chrysler Corp. vehicles and found that some exceeded the allowable level of carbon monoxide emissions by an average of 40 percent.

In addition, the agency ordered Chrysler to recall the 77,000 1978-model cars already sold to individuals or shipped to dealers and to correct any exhaust deficiencies.

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