

House members deny Park links

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WASHINGTON — Most of the congressmen who got campaign donations from businessman Tongsun Park knew little about him or his alleged connection with Korean government interests, they or their aides said yesterday.

Rep. Frank Thompson, D-N.J., for instance, "wouldn't know Tongsun Park if he rode in here on a rickshaw," an aide told UPI.

Thompson was listed as a 1970 recipient of \$100 from Park in an indictment made public yesterday which charged the South Korean socialite with failing to register as a foreign agent and trying to influence congressmen with money, trips to Korea and parties.

Neither Thompson nor his staff suspected Park was "a representative of the government of Korea," the New Jersey congressman's aide said.

The indictment did not charge the congressman with anything illegal, since it was legal prior to 1974 to accept contributions from foreigners so long as they were not listed as agents of foreign governments.

Rep. John Murphy, D-N.Y., listed as receiving \$500 in 1970, said he knew of the donation but did not know Park at the time.

Rep. Eligio de la Garza, D-Tex., listed as receiving \$500 in 1970, said through an aide he did get such a donation, but knew little about Park. Park was once by the office to see if rice grew in de la Garza's district, and de la Garza went to one Park party, his aide said, "and that's all."

Rep. John Brademas, D-Ind., was listed as receiving \$500 in 1970. The indictment also said Park gave him \$2,950 in 1974 to cover costs of a fund raising reception at the Georgetown Club.

Brademas, in a statement, said he welcomed Park's indictment and noted Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti had said none of the members of Congress mentioned

in the indictment was under investigation for illegal costs.

"Park never intimated to me that he was an agent of the South Korean government, nor did he make any overtures to me on behalf of that government," said Brademas. "Moreover, my voting record has been consistently hostile to the interests of the South Korean government and I have been a strong critic of that government's repressive policies."

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., listed as receiving \$1,000 in 1970, has found no record of such a donation, his office said.

An aide to Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., said Park made a \$300 donation to the congressman's 1970 campaign. The check was a legitimate donation, signed by "T. S. Park," and Udall did not know Park at the time, his aide said.

Udall has been outspoken in his opposition to "repression" by the South Korean Government and if the Park donation was intended to make Udall a friend of the regime, "it failed miserably," he said.

Rep. Thomas Foley, D-Wash., was listed as receiving a \$500 donation in 1970. His aide said the donation has been confirmed, but "we did not know that he, Park, was apparently an agent of a foreign country," an aide said. The indictment mentioned that Park once asked Foley to send a letter — which Park himself had drafted — to the Korean government praising Park. Foley refused to send the letter, his aide said.

Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., was listed as receiving \$500 in 1970. An aide said Byrd "had not known personally of that donation" and the name of the check, "T. S. Park," meant nothing to anybody on Byrd's staff at the time.

A spokesman for Rep. John McFall, D-Calif., also noted there was nothing in the indictment to indicate McFall ever knew Park was "anything but a businessman."

Yarbrough loses license

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AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court yesterday accepted the resignation of Donald B. Yarbrough as an attorney licensed to practice in Texas.

Justice Sam Johnson read a brief statement in which the nine-member high court said it accepted the resignation of Yarbrough, who stepped down as an associate justice of the court in July rather than face impeachment proceedings by the legislature.

"It is ordered by the court that the license of Donald D. Yarbrough to practice law in Texas be cancelled," Johnson said.



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Nazi attacks blacks

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Police refuse to divulge the contents of a handwritten note found on the body of a white youth wearing a Nazi armband who killed one man and wounded three other persons in a 12-shot attack on 200 blacks at a Labor Day church picnic.

Police identified the youth as Kenneth Neal Wilson, 17, who killed himself with a 30-30 rifle after the Monday attack, and said officers were questioning Wilson's relatives.

Officers hoped the parents could provide some reason for the young man's apparently unprovoked attack on the blacks. He wore a swastika on a red armband on his green work shirt. The note was found in a pocket of his khaki pants.

"From the way he was dressed, he seemed to be disorganized," said Lt. C. L. Owens of the Mecklenburg County Police Department. "If he had been part of a Nazi organization, I think he would have had spit-shined boots and a uniform."

Harold A. Covington, commander of the National Socialist Party of North Carolina, said Wilson was an "official supporter" of the Nazi Party but the party did not order the shooting of the blacks.

"An official supporter simply is some one who supports the party financially and through activism," Covington said. "This is not actually a membership status," he added.



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Police officer critically shot

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FORT WORTH — A policeman responding to a call about a drunken man with a gun was shot and critically wounded yesterday.

Police said the officer was a 21-year veteran of the force, but did not release his name, pending notification of relatives.

Officers said the policeman was shot an unknown number of times in the stomach. An elderly man was taken into custody at the scene.

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