

Report discloses Korean scandals

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WASHINGTON — Even as officials investigated the Korean bribery scandal in Congress, key Korean figure Tongsun Park explored the possibility of quietly selling U.S. arms on the world market, without explicit approval of the U.S. government.

This revelation involving the Korean rice merchant, indicted last year on 36 counts of illegal influence peddling, emerged as one of several startling findings in a 447-page congressional report on U.S.-Korean relations released Wednesday by the House subcommittee on international organizations.

Tongsun Park was not a timid figure, said a staff member of the subcommittee, which has been studying the uneven course of Korean-American relations for nearly two years. "We think our investigation has raised a number of very serious issues."

The report disclosed that at the same time the Justice Department and the House Ethics Committee were investigating allegations of Park's involvement in the scandal, Park was dickering through intermediaries with a Virginia-based firm, Interarms, for the sale of Korean "surplus weapons" and American military equipment produced in Korea under U.S. license.

Among items on a confidential list were PT boats, M79 rocket launchers, howitzers, anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, and various munitions.

The proposed joint venture was to export the 37 items contained on the list. A great many of those items required prior approval of the United States for export, although that was noted only in the case of five, the report said.

The subcommittee concluded the Korean government has been pursuing a secret arms policy and "appeared to question U.S. efforts to regulate international traffic in arms."

The subcommittee expects that if illegal exports occur the United States will take steps to deter recurrence, the report said.

Other disclosures in the report:

—South Korea secretly decided to design and build nuclear weapons in the early 1970s, but cancelled the program by 1975.

—The Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon had secret links to the Korean government. It promoted Korean policies in the United States, sought to enhance Korean influence among U.S. legislators and influential personalities, and wanted to create a worldwide government "in which the separation of church and state would be abolished."

—The Moon organization is an important defense contractor in Korea, "involved in the production of M-16 rifles, anti-aircraft guns, and other weapons."

—A number of American companies paid several million dollars in kickbacks, contributions and other questionable payments in Korea, which enhanced the standing of the ruling Democratic Republican Party.

—The Justice Department knew of Korean efforts at illegal influence buying as early as 1971 but made little effort to investigate until President Ford ordered action in 1975.

Society 'robbed' by technology

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PHILADELPHIA — Digital watch wearers beware. A Temple University professor says those electronic timepieces could be a bad influence.

To Dr. Miles Orvell, the digital watch is another example of unthinking technology thrust upon the American people, pushing them further down the road to becoming just another programmable chip in a plug-in, turn-on society.

"The digital watch is turning people, accustomed to using these devices, into quasiautomatons rather than people who have mastery over the workings of machines," said Orvell, who, as chairman of Temple's Department of American Studies, lectures on the Impact of Technology on American Culture.

The digital watch, by fragmenting time into moments, robs man of the relationship of time that he got from the round clock with two hands and 12 numbers, he said in an interview.

"By looking at the dial we were able to conceive mentally of the entire 12-hour cycle displayed on the dial and to relate to that cycle personally by the position of the hands. It gave us a sense of continuity."

Changing from a simple "on-off" switch to 20 labeled switches requiring no thought, from gauges which told you what was wrong to flashing lights that only tell you something is wrong, said Orvell, "makes us plug into machines in a way that turns us into respondents."

And this love affair with technology may not be leading to the most practical future, he said. What is needed is a more down-to-earth approach.

"It is debatable whether we can take in all the technology," he said.

The answer, he said, is in more concern for pragmatic future planning at all levels, but especially at the political level.

"It is essential that society engage in social planning and not be susceptible to whatever technology happens to arise," he said.

For example, he cited what he said is an almost religious devotion to the idea of space colonization.

"The optimism about space colonization is," he said, "another form of pessimism about living on Earth."

"Realistically we are going to be living on Earth and we have to start thinking more intelligently about how we will be living on Earth and not rely on space colonies to solve our problems."

what's up?

Thursday

MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION: Will have a seminar on "Backpacking: Techniques and Equipment" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 401, Rudder Tower.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 350, MSC.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Is now accepting applications for any position that might become vacant on University committees. Please go by the Student Government Office, Room 216, MSC, for applications. All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13.

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY: Ernest Simmons from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104, Nagle Hall.

LECTURE: Department of Geography presents Ben R. Finney, who will talk on "Three Thousand Miles Without a Compass: The Voyage of Hokuk'A" at 4 p.m. in Room 340, Rudder Tower.

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM: Will be held with John Linsley speaking at 4 p.m. in Room 146, Physics Building.

PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM: Will be held with Pete Gunter speaking at 4:30 p.m. in Room 502, Rudder Tower.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: There will be a panel discussion featuring four former students concerning careers after graduation at 8 p.m. in Room 607, Rudder Tower.

COTTON BOWL REPRESENTATIVE: Applications for the 1979 Cotton Bowl representative from Texas A&M are available in Room 221, MSC. Any female student who has completed one semester at Texas A&M and has at least a 2.25 GPR is invited to apply. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, in the Student Activities Office. The selected applicant will represent the University at the Cotton Bowl parade and post-season football game in Dallas on New Year's Day.

TENNIS: The women's team will play the University of Houston here.

Friday

GRADUATING SENIORS: Caps and gowns are now available at the MSC Bookstore for \$5.

VOLLEYBALL: The women's team will play in TAIAW State Tournament in Houston today and Saturday.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Turning Point," a story of two women, one of whom gave up a promising career as a ballerina, the other her best friend who went on to become a great star, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Saturday

FOOTBALL: The Texas Aggies will play SMU in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas at 3:10 p.m. The game will be televised.

TAMU PARACHUTE CLUB: Will have a "Halloween Meet" at 8 a.m. at the American Parachute Center at Hearne Airport. There will be fun jumps, free food, beer and three classes on accuracy. Everyone is invited.

CROSS COUNTRY: The women's team will run in the SWAIAW Regional Meet in Stillwater, Okla.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Turning Point," starring Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Catch 22," a witty black comedy about an Air Force unit stationed in North Africa during World War II, starring Alan Arkin, Richard Benjamin and Jon Voight, will be shown in Rudder Theater.

Sunday

INDIA ASSOCIATION: Will have a "Diwali Banquet" at 7 p.m. in Room 231, MSC. Admission is by reservation for members and their guests only.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Bad News Bears," takes an hilarious sidelong look at the institution of Little League baseball and the adults who victimize their kids under the guise of teaching them sportsmanship, starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal, will be shown at 2 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Killer whale born in captivity

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RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. — Corky the killer whale gave birth Tuesday to the second killer whale ever born in captivity. Corky also was the mother of the first, which died shortly after birth in 1976.

"This calf is very frisky and we think it is going to survive," said Tom Otten, curator of mammals at

Marineland, where the 7-foot, 300-pound baby was born.

Within minutes after birth the infant whale was swimming with its mother and father, Orky, around their saltwater tank.

Orky is the star attraction of the amusement aquarium south of Los Angeles on the Pacific Ocean.

Corky's pregnancy, which lasted about 13 months, was obvious for

some time, the curator said. "She was getting very large, even for a killer whale," he said.

Corky's regular weight is slightly less than 4 tons and she is about 13 years old. Orky, who is 18 to 20 years old, weighs 7 tons.

The sex of the calf was not immediately determined. Killer whales will not allow other creatures near their young.

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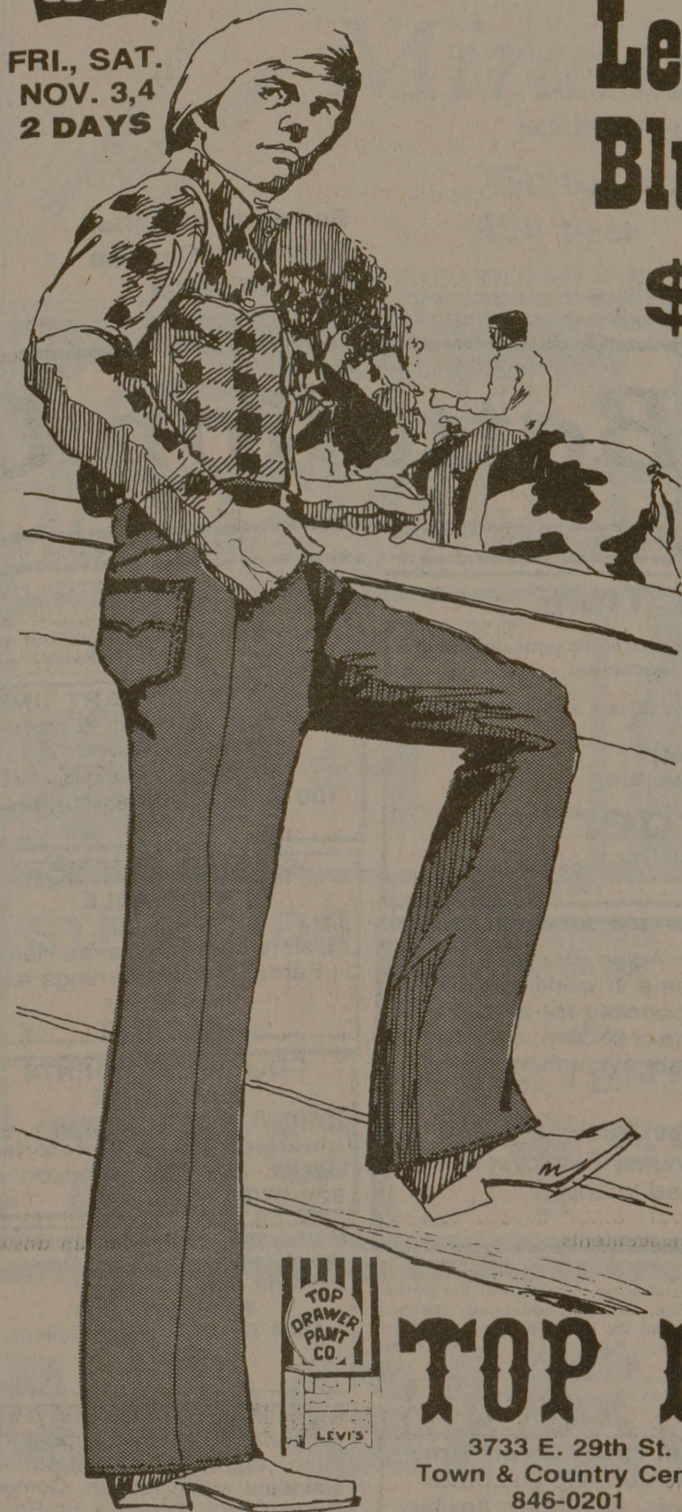
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