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Sentinel Photo by Allie Brown

President Carter and his party leave Air Force One at Smith Reynolds Airport for the trip to the Wake Forest campus.

Hanna Pleads Guilty In Korea Bribe Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Richard T. Hanna, D-Calif., the only present or former congressman charged in the Korean influence-buying scandal, pleaded guilty today to one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government.

Hanna thereby avoided trial on a 40-count indictment scheduled to begin next week.

He could be sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No sentencing date was set pending a probation report on Hanna.

The white-haired Hanna, who served in Congress from

1963 to 1974, sat by as government lawyer Jeffrey S. White read the agreement reached in plea-bargaining with Hanna.

In it, Hanna admitted that he had agreed with Korean businessman Tongsun Park to use the power of his office and position as a congressman to further the financial interests of Park.

"For these acts, Hanna received from Park substantial amounts of money and other material considerations," the plea-bargaining agreement said.

When called to the bench by chief U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant, Hanna

attempted to explain what got him into his predicament. But Bryant said that all he wanted to know was whether any pressure was put on Hanna to plead guilty.

White told Bryant what the government expected to show if the trial had gone on as scheduled.

"In return for his efforts, Hanna received many benefits," White told the judge. "He received in excess of \$200,000 in cash and checks between 1969 and the end of 1975."

That is twice as much as previously published estimates of money that Hanna received from Park. In the course of congressional hearings, Park has denied bribing any congressmen or in any way acting as an agent of the Korean government.

Hanna's plea came on the day when the government was to present its first witnesses in the trial of the only other man charged with crimes in the Korean scandal, Hancho C. Kim, a Korea-born cosmetics salesman also charged with defrauding the government.

White told Bryant that there is no evidence Hanna paid any money to any other congressman.

Hanna's role as outlined by the Justice Department attorney was to help Tongsun Park become seller's agent for California rice to Korea, thereby enabling Park to earn substantial commissions.

Hanna also recommended to the director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency and other Korean government officials that Park be designated as agent of the California rice sellers, White said. Hanna then introduced Park to California rice

S.C. Pair Nabbed For Ford Threats

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — Two Columbia men were taken into custody by the U.S. Secret Service yesterday after they allegedly threatened former President Gerald Ford.

There was no indication Ford was aware of the arrests, which occurred late in the afternoon as Columbia police helping guard Ford said they heard the two make threatening statements. Officers said the alleged remarks were made on a street near the downtown Wade Hampton Hotel where Ford was staying and that they were arrested in the hotel lobby.

Ford arrived in Columbia yesterday for a three-day series of lectures and other appearances on the University of South Carolina campus.

The two were identified by the Secret Service as Roger M. Dent, 20, and Raul T. Sanchez, 21. The specific charges against them are interfering with a federal agent in the performance of his duty.

They appeared before U.S. Magistrate Charles W. Gambrell today and were placed under \$25,000 bond.

N-Plant Bombed; Basques Suspected

MADRID, Spain (UPI) — Suspected Basque separatists today bombed a nuclear power plant being constructed near the city of Bilbao, killing and injuring several people, police said. A spokesman for the Iberduero company which owns the Lemoniz power plant said at least two people were killed and 10 injured. The national Spanish radio network reported three dead and five injured.

The Lemoniz plant has been the target of demonstrations and an earlier armed attack by members of "Basque Homeland and Liberty," a guerrilla organization that has vowed to stop construction of the plant.

Man Sought In Shootings, Abduction

WILLISTON, S.C. (AP) — Law enforcement officers were searching today for a man in the killing of one person, the wounding of four others and the abduction of a young woman. Barnwell Coun-

ty is being searched for a man who is believed to be involved in the shootings and abduction. The man is described as being about 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with dark hair and eyes, and wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants.

A spokesman for the Iberduero firm said the explosion was caused by a powerful bomb and occurred in a steam generator in the reactor compound.

The reactor — supplied by

Wachovia Realty Cuts Losses to \$943,850

Wachovia Realty investments continued to cut its losses during its second fiscal quarter ending Feb. 28.

The quarterly report today disclosed a net loss of \$943,850 or 28 cents per share, compared with \$1,043,024 or 31 cents per share for the same period last year. It was not necessary to increase the reserve for losses.

The report continued to reflect improvement in the financial condition of the real

estate investment trust. It is based in Winston-Salem and advised by Wachovia Mortgage Co., a subsidiary of Wachovia Corp.

In its few years, the trust made money rapidly and at one time was selling around \$35 per share. Like most real estate investment trusts, it lost heavily in the recession and dropped to around \$2 at one time. It closed on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday at 4 1/2 but its book value is around \$10 a share.

Dollar Sliding Again After a Brief Respite

LONDON (UPI) — The dollar slid further today from its mid-week high, opening lower on all major Euro-

Milan from 857.10 to 855.385 lira.

But it held firm in Brussels at 31.64 Belgian francs.