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Lockheed Bribes Shake Several Governments

By The Associated Press

In addition to the political storm it has caused in the Japanese government, Lockheed Aircraft Corp.'s admission that it paid \$22 million to foreign officials and businessmen threatened the future Tuesday of the Dutch monarchy and hampered efforts to form a new Italian cabinet. It also set off official inquiries or calls for such inquiries in Colombia and Turkey.

The leading Japanese opposition party, the Socialists, demanded that former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and two other former senior officials be added to the list of men already summoned to testify under oath before a committee of parliament. The Socialist chairman said Prime Minister Takeo Miki's Liberal Democratic cabinet would be forced to resign if the Lockheed affair was dragged into the Japanese Diet.

Dutch Inquiry Planned

The Dutch government appointed a three-man commission to investigate allegations that Prime Minister Berthout, the 64-year-old husband of Queen Juliana, received \$1.1 million of the Lockheed money. He has denied the accusations and is awaiting an inquiry.

Reporting the payments to prominent arms sales, the Soviet news agency Tass said the "scandalous machinations" of Lockheed were linked to the desire of the U.S. military-industrial complex to make "lavish profits" and enrich the government treasury.

"It is easily understood that other, including moral, considerations are related to the background when such profits are involved," wrote a Tass commentator.

President Ford condemned any deal payments by American firms overseas, and Press Secretary Ron Newsom said the President is leaning toward the idea of establishing a cabinet-level committee to review the structure of U.S. corporations in this area and the application of laws.

U.S. Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the U.S. Senate panel investigating the payoff, met with several members of the Japanese Diet, or parliament, and said he does not know the names of Japanese government officials said to have received Lockheed payments. Church also said he does not intend pursuing his inquiry further because it would involve calling Japanese citizens as witnesses.

Testimony coming out of Church's subcommittee last week and reports touched off by it produced these reactions in other countries.

ITALY — Prime-designate Aldo Moro, working feverishly to put together a new minority Christian Democratic cabinet and end a 14-day government crisis, was under pressure to drop Luigi Gui, interior minister in the caretaker government.

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Gui, a former defense minister, was named by several Italian newspapers as a recipient of Lockheed money. Gui, who has denied it, asked the state prosecutor to investigate the allegations about the German-born Prince Bernhard, who married the Dutch crown princess in 1937. They have four grown daughters.

The government of Premier Joop Den Uyl told the Dutch parliament the commission will look into the accuracy of statements before the Washington subcommittee insofar as they imply — or indirectly suggest — that Berthout was involved and whether it influenced Dutch purchases of American aircraft.

Lockheed chief operating officer A. C. Krocus told the Washington subcommittee that Lockheed had paid the \$1.1 million to a high Dutch official to promote the sale of its aircraft, without naming the official.

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Country Stroll

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Japan Cancels Plane Contract

By RICHARD BALLGOWN
New York Times News Service

TOKYO — The Lockheed Aircraft Corp. has lost a \$1.3 billion order for new airplanes here because of its involvement in a payoff scandal, Japanese government officials said Tuesday. Japan's defense agency, said, tentatively planned to buy about 100 of Lockheed's P-3C Orion anti-submarine aircraft, worth \$1.3 billion each, but has now changed its mind.

As a result, the officials said, the anti-submarine warfare bidding rigged on Japan by the United States has been set back a year or more.

The Lockheed revelations have also jeopardized \$1 billion to \$2 billion in sales to Japan by other American aircraft manufacturers, they indicated.

The officials also said the tarnished image of American aircraft companies had stimulated Japanese arms producers to new demands that they order more from them and allow them to enter the world arm market.

Lockheed executives have admitted in Washington that the company paid a total of \$22 million to a shadowy man behind the scenes, in a leading trading concern and to a mysterious Hong Kong

publicity company to win competitive selection of Lockheed aircraft in Japan.

The Lockheed executives have also admitted, congressional testimony that some funds went to Japanese government officials and businessmen at levels. Two former premiers — Kakuei Tanaka and Noboru Kishi, both still members of parliament — have been implicated.

The tarnish on Japan's Lockheed's P-3C was described by Japanese officials who are in a position to know.

"We can't buy that plane now," said one official. "We can't buy anything from Lockheed now." He indicated that the defense agency denied Monday to "deny" the selection.

Moreover, Japanese officials said, the public in Japan assumes that if Lockheed bribed Japanese officials, other American companies did the same. Whether such accusations are true makes little difference, they said, because the public perception has become a political reality.

Therefore, the officials said, selection of a new jet fighter from among the Grumman Corp.'s F-14, the McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s F-15 and the General Dynamics Corp.'s F-16 is in danger. Japan's Air Self Defense Force plans to buy 110

to 120 new fighters costing \$20 billion to \$25 billion each.

Officials of the defense agency have been instructed not to meet with any foreign weapons representatives — American or otherwise — at present. "What we'd like to see," said a Japanese official, "is for the United States government to do a wholesale cleaning of this business."

The Japanese arms industry, which is relatively small but which has a large potential, is backed in many instances by the government's defense agency. Japan's military officers want their nation to have an independent source of weapons and to acquire the most sophisticated

technology available.

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'Spirit of Offensive' Sought by Woodahl

By DON SCHWENK
Missoula Staff Writer

Atty. Gen. Robert L. Woodahl called for a new political "spirit of offensive" among Republicans Tuesday night in Missoula and he pledged to mount a vigorous, issue-oriented campaign "to return the gubernatorial office to our great party."

"We need to reaffirm our faith in the American free-enterprise system," he said about 200 people attending the annual Republican Lincoln Day Dinner at the Club Chateau.

"As your governor I will insist upon responsibility and accountability in state government at all levels," Woodahl said.

Woodahl, fresh from eastern Montana and addressing his 19th Lincoln Day dinner in a main hall, declared that he "will seek a middle ground" between environmental protection and reasonable development to create jobs.

"We have some of the strongest environmental laws in Montana," he said, but "our goal for environmental control cannot be met without cooperation."

Careful development will "benefit both the land and the people," Woodahl said, he said, pledging at the same time to crack down on those who violate environmental standards.

"I won't hide behind the boards and the agencies," Woodahl said. "The governor has the authority to see that laws are

enforced."

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Federal Judges Plan To Sue for Higher Pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-four federal judges, including the judge presiding over the Patricia Hearst trial, plan to file suit against the government on Wednesday, charging they are underpaid.

The suit charges that the salaries of federal judges have been eroded by inflation since they were set in 1960, in violation of a constitutional provision that judges' pay "shall not be diminished."

Since March 8, 1969, judges of U.S. district courts have received \$40,000 a year and judges of federal courts of appeal, \$42,500. The justices received a 5 per cent raise last Oct. 1, along with other federal employees.

Calling attention to a 34.5 per cent decrease in the value of the dollar at that period, the suit says "the real value" of the pay of each district judge was reduced to \$25,500 and that of an appeals court judge to \$27,500.

A copy of the petition was given to a reporter Tuesday by U.S. District Judge George L. Bart Jr.

Plaintiffs in the suit, to be filed by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, are district judges from 12 states and the District of Columbia, and six appeals court judges. Among the plaintiffs is U.S. District Judge Oliver Carter, currently presiding over the Hearst trial in San Francisco.

The suit was to be filed in the U.S. Court of Claims. The judges ask damages in the amount they lost through inflation since 1960, plus interest and court costs.

Seventeen of the district judges in the suit are from California, five from Florida, four from Illinois, two each from Texas and the District of Columbia, and one each from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Louisiana, Ohio and Maryland.

Lloyd Bentsen Gives Up Run for the Presidency

By The Associated Press

The national race for the Democratic presidential nomination was narrowed Tuesday when Sen. Lloyd Bentsen dropped out but said he'd run as a favorite-son candidate in his home state of Texas.

Bentsen, whose presidential campaign showed only minor support in recent caucuses in Mississippi and Oklahoma, became the second Democrat to drop out of the race. Former Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey withdrew his candidacy on Jan. 23, saying he was unable to mount an effective national campaign.

There are now eight major announced Democratic hopefuls still in the

Atty. Gen. Robert Woodahl