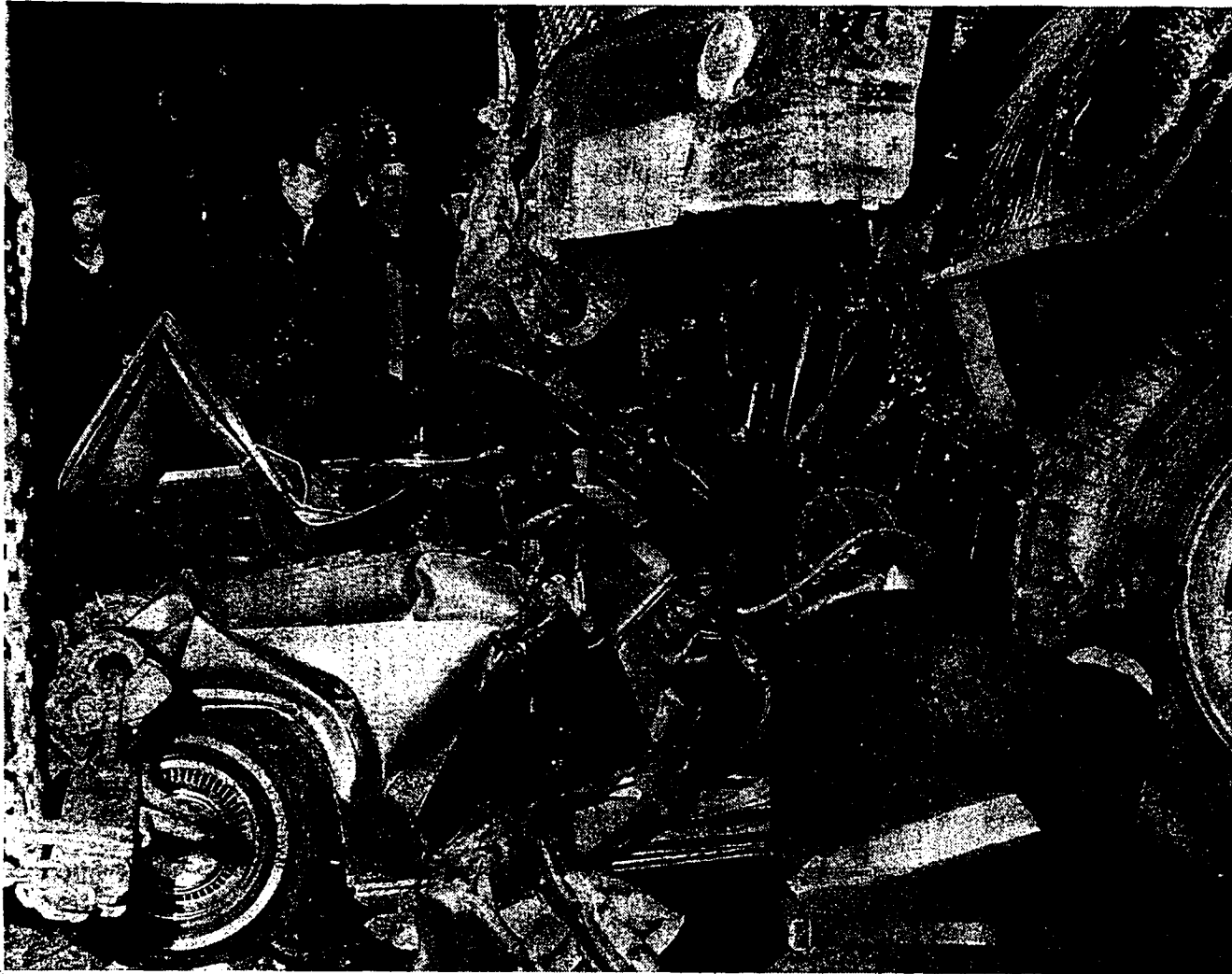


List foreign leaders

Bare more payoffs by CIA



Believe it or not, he walked away

While Larry Booth watches and talks with firemen from inside his mangled car, rescuers attempt to free him Friday night after a three-vehicle collision in the Dan Ryan Expressway at

51st Street. Firemen worked with power saws for a half hour to free the 22-year-old Booth of 60 N. Mason Av. Booth said he swerved to avoid an auto that had stalled when he was struck from

the rear by an oil tanker. He was evacuated by helicopter to Mercy Hospital where he walked into the emergency room. After treatment for facial abrasions and hand cuts, he was released.

Tribune Photo by Don Casser

Secret manuscript names recipients

From Tribune Wire Services

WASHINGTON—In addition to making clandestine cash payments to King Hussein of Jordan, the United States, through the Central Intelligence Agency, has given cash to a number of other foreign leaders in return for favors over the years, former intelligence officials said Friday.

Those listed as recipients included Presidents Chiang Kai-shek to the Nationalist government on Taiwan, Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines, Syngman Rhee of South Korea, Sese Seko Mboutu of Zaire, Eduardo Frei Montalvo of Chile, and Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam.

In addition, the officials said, cash payments had been made for various periods to Luis Echeverria Alvarez when he was interior minister of Mexico, Carlos Andres Perez when he was interior minister of Venezuela, Gen. Phao Sriyanond when he was police chief of Thailand, and Holden Roberto, leader of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola.

"You name 'em and they got money," a former U.S. ambassador familiar with the clandestine payments said.

ROBERTO, for example, received an annual retainer of \$10,000 from the CIA from 1961 until the conclusion of the Angolan civil war last year in return for supplying intelligence reports to the agency. "It was what we called 'look-in money,'" an agency official recalled.

Harrison M. Symmes, who was ambassador to Jordan from 1967 to 1970, said he had long opposed overall U.S. policy toward Jordan, which he found to be opposed to the "dynamic forces" of the Arab world but added that he was not opposed to covert payments as such.

The practice of making clandestine payments to foreign leaders is probably as old as the intelligence profession itself, according to students of espionage.

While neither confirming nor denying the reports of payments to Hussein, Ray S. Cline, a former deputy director of the CIA said:



Magsaysay Diem



Rhee Chiang

"I find it somewhat hypocritical or naive to assume it wrong for the U.S. to be able to provide financial assistance to friendly political leaders overseas who are willing in return to provide information bearing on our security as well as their security. I regard it as a morally defensible philosophy of covert political action."

A retired agency official familiar with the payments said: "It is mostly old stuff going back to the 1940s and 1950s when people were poor."

IN THE CASE of the CIA and Jordan, the practice began in 1957 after Britain withdrew from political and military involvement in the Hashemite Kingdom.

Hussein's father, King Abdullah, had been a recipient of clandestine British payments from the time he was an emir

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Beef up police bomb patrol

By John Gorman and Joseph Sjostrom

POLICE SUPT. JAMES M. ROCHFORD ordered beefed-up patrols downtown and on the Near North Side Friday in the wake of two early morning bombings that heavily damaged the Merchandise Mart.

He said the heavier patrols will pay Mart and U.S. Gypsum Co. building, particular attention to banks, financial institutions, and offices of large corporations. He declined to say how many additional men would be assigned to the duty.

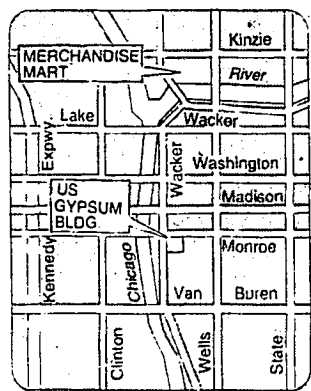
Police remained without clues in the bombings, which were the 12th and 13th in the downtown area in the last 20 months.

ROCHFORD APPEALED for the public to cooperate by reporting anything that could help the investigation.

The first explosion caused an estimated \$100,000 worth of damage when it ripped through the east corridor of the sprawling Mart at 12:58 a. m., turning the interior into shambles.

A second bomb went off five minutes later in the Gypsum building at 101 S. Wacker Dr., where damage was estimated at \$25,000.

MAYOR BILANDIC stopped at both



Tribune Map

buildings on his way to work Friday to inspect the damage.

Asked to comment later on whether he thinks police surveillance—the subject of a current court suit and controversy—might have prevented the bombings, Bilandic replied:

"Certainly everyone is for the type of surveillance that would prevent or reduce this type of occurrence. I don't think any right-thinking citizen would disagree that police should have some

degree of surveillance so this type of occurrence can be held to a minimum and stopped, if possible."

ROCHFORD told reporters that the blasts also point out the department's "need for certain intelligence information."

Unlike the earlier bombings, no one jumped to claim credit for the blasts. A Puerto Rican terrorist group that calls itself the FALN claimed credit for several previous downtown bombings.

SGT. HAROLD Ziegler of the police bomb and arson unit said no evidence pointed to the FALN in Friday's bombings, but added the Merchandise Mart blast was so powerful it might have destroyed all clues.

Police did not rule out the FALN as being responsible for the latest bombings. Investigators did, however, tentatively discount other terror groups, such as the Weather Underground which has in the past used more sophisticated weaponry and given advance phone warnings.

Most FALN activities have taken place in Chicago, where police last November discovered a "terrorist bomb factory" at 2659 W. Haddon Av. Carlos Alberto Torres, 24, who rented the three-story building, is being sought.

Authorities believe one stick of dynamite

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Andy Devine dies

Actor Andy Devine, best known as the rotund, squaky-voiced deputy of television's Wild Bill Hickok series, died Friday in a hospital in Orange, Cal. Devine, 71, had suffered from leukemia. Story on page 7.

Living costs up 0.8% —18-month record

From Tribune Wire Services

WASHINGTON—Higher prices for food, shelter, and energy boosted the cost of living 0.8 per cent in January for the biggest increase in 18 months, the Labor Department said Friday. The Chicago-area increase was a more modest 0.2 per cent.

The Labor Department also said the average American worker's spendable income was cut by 1.1 per cent last month because of higher payroll and income taxes and layoffs caused by the coldest January in the nation's history.

The number of average weekly hours worked in January also fell 1.1 per cent during the month, which accounted for the drop in earnings. The department said real earnings in January were 0.5 per cent below real earnings in January, 1976.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT reported its inflation survey did "not reflect the full price impact of the severe winter weather that affected the nation in late January."

The price index stood at 175.3 in January, compared with the 1967 base of 100. That means consumers had to spend \$17.53 last month for goods costing \$10 a decade ago.

The surge in consumer inflation followed seven consecutive months of moderate price increases and was double the rate of the last four months combined.

Prices for virtually every food in the supermarket boosted the food price index 0.9 per cent. The biggest increases were for beef, pork, cereal, baked goods, milk, cheese, ice cream, vegetables, fruits, coffee, poultry, and eggs.

FUEL OIL AND COAL increased 1 per cent, while natural gas and electricity rose 0.9 per cent.

For homeowners, property taxes and mortgage interest rates rose significantly while the cost of household services

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Weather

CHICAGO AND VICINITY: Saturday: Partly cloudy; high around 30 F (-1 C); winds northwest 15 to 20 miles (24 to 32 kilometers) an hour. Saturday night: Fair; low near 20 F (-6 C). Sunday: Partly sunny; high around 30 F (-1 C). Maps and other reports indexed on page 2.

Vrdolyak admits his aide sought 'L' crash clients

By Ronald Koziol and William Crawford Jr.

ALD. EDWARD R. Vrdolyak (10th), admitted Friday that one of his precinct captains asked victims of the Feb. 4 Loop elevated crash to let the alderman be their lawyer.

But Vrdolyak, who has an extensive legal practice specializing in personal-injury cases, said that the precinct captain, Pryor Owens, acted on his own and without authorization.

Vrdolyak said he already represents about 10 victims of the crash but insisted that all came to him on their own or were referred to him by other lawyers. He is also 10th Ward Democratic committeeman.

THE AMERICAN Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility prohibits lawyers from soliciting business or asking anyone else to solicit business for them. In personal injury cases, such conduct is known as ambulance chasing.

In 1972, Vrdolyak and several of his precinct captains were accused of ambulance chasing for clients among victims of the Illinois Central Gulf commuter railroad crash that killed 45 and injured 360. No action was taken on the charge.

The Chicago Transit Authority crash Feb. 4 killed 11 and injured 183 when four cars of a rapid-transit train fell from the elevated tracks at Lake Street and Wabash Avenue.

OWENS, A 10th Ward precinct captain

and employe of the city council's Building and Zoning Committee, headed by Vrdolyak, has been accused of contacting at least three injured persons.

"It is very unfortunate that this happened," Vrdolyak said. "He [Owens] was trying to get business for my office. I never instructed anyone to do that kind of thing."

Vrdolyak described Owens as "a very good friend, but an overzealous friend," adding, "He made a mistake. He thought he was helping me."

Vrdolyak said that he will not represent any of the three contacted by Owens. He said he has asked the Attorney Registration Board to investigate his conduct in the matter.

SCORES OF PERSONS involved in

the crash who were contacted by The Tribune complained that they were harassed by ambulance-chasing lawyers.

Dale Wilson, 23, of 7638 S. Indiana Av., one of those who said he was contacted by Owens, said: "My phone was ringing all day Saturday and Sunday [Feb. 5 and 6]. It got so bad I didn't even bother to take down the names of the callers, but I remembered the Vrdolyak name because he's an alderman."

Wilson, a teacher's aide at King High School who is in Henrotin Hospital with a back injury, said Owens called him Feb. 6 to ask whether he had a lawyer, adding that Ald. Vrdolyak would like to represent him.

He said Owens called again a day or so later to say that Raymond Nolan, an investigator for Vrdolyak's law firm,

would come to the hospital to get information.

Wilson said that the next day he received a phone call from a man who said he was "Mr. Vrdolyak" and asked whether Nolan had arrived. When Wilson said he had not, the caller asked Wilson to have Nolan call the law office as soon as he arrived. The alderman denied making this call.

Wilson, who has his own lawyer, said he gave Owens the name of another crash victim who was later contacted by Owens.

Wilson said later that he was puzzled by the fact that an alderman would want legal business that could lead to a lawsuit against the CTA.

"He was an alderman. How could he be part of suing the city?" Wilson

asked.

DUANE CARTER, 23, of 7541 S. Indiana Av., the man to whom Wilson referred Owens, said he was contacted by the precinct captain while recovering from crash injuries in Provident Hospital.

Carter also said that after talking to Owens, he was phoned by a man who identified himself as "Mr. Vrdolyak."

Carter said that "Mr. Vrdolyak" seemed to be trying to impress him with the fact that he was an alderman and "would do me some good" because he said "I had a good case."

Carter said that he decided against being represented by the Vrdolyak law firm.

Action line

Q—I share a two-party telephone line with a very inconsiderate person. I am never able to make or receive calls because the other party thinks I have no right to the phone. My sister says she is never able to get through and the same is true whenever I try to call out. I have asked the telephone company to put this person on another line so she can aggravate someone else. I haven't had any luck. Maybe you will be more successful.
A. O., Northwest Side

A—As a goodwill gesture only, Illinois Bell has agreed to change your party line. The company believes you should have private line service, but you turned thumbs down on the idea.

Q—Would you please send me some information concerning smoke jumping? I am extremely interested in firefighting and parachuting.

Joseph Andres, Lake Forest

A—If you're a rookie, you may have a long wait before you can hope to become a smoke jumper. You need at least two summers' experience fighting forest fires before you can qualify for smoke jumping school. In fact, there are so many applicants that the country's nine smoke jumping schools, all located in western



A smoke jumper; everyone's after his job.

states, are accepting only firefighters with five or six summers' experience. Herb Corn, of the Boise National Forest, told us the Boise Interagency Fire Center now has 600 applicants for four positions in the three-week smoke jumping program. For more information, write to the center at 3905 Vista Av., Boise, Idaho 83705.

Q—Christmas has come and gone, and my children still have not received the melamine plates that were to have been gifts for their grandparents. In early November I sent two drawings done by my children to Make-A-Plate in Hudson, Mass. The drawings were to be transferred to the plates and returned to us. Can you check on what happened to them?
Martha Helm, Mount Prospect

A—Makit Products told us your plates are in the mail. The company sent us a form letter apologizing for the "inexcusable delay." Apparently, there were quite a few people who didn't receive their plates in time for the holidays. A spokesman blamed the delay on the "disappearance" of a quantity of finished plates when the company moved to a new factory in Milford, N.H., in early December. "We spent eight weeks searching for the merchandise and we finally located it at a trucking terminal," the spokesman said.

Q—I am thinking of moving to a mobile home in the Chicago area to be near my relatives. I need to know some monthly costs to compare with my present mobile home costs, specifically for utilities and rents. Would you tell me how I can get this information?
Mrs. J. Loomis, Toledo, Ohio

A—The Chicago metropolitan area has numerous mobile home parks of varying quality. We suggest you begin your search with the latest edition of Woodall's Mobile Home and Park Directory, which rates the quality of parks throughout the country. Your present park's manager probably has a copy. After selecting parks that appear to satisfy your living requirements, write to the managers with your rent and utility questions. From the answers you receive, you should be able to narrow the field considerably. We also suggest you visit your choices, and talk to the managers and several residents, before making a final commitment.

Sound off

The sugar-sweet, personality-plus, television news reporters in Chicago obviously don't realize how they sound when they report the news. The death of an elderly person by freezing is mentioned in the same light-hearted tone that is used to tell about the happy rescue of a dog on an ice floe. A description of Mayor Bilandic's activities is told in the same breath as the death toll in a fatal fire. The poor viewer's head is spinning as the congenial newscasters tell about the day's events. The emphasis seems to be on creating a folksy climate and presenting pleasant personalities rather than on serious news reporting. Their efforts to be clever, witty, and personable make the program resemble the typical talk show. Let's leave the show biz out of the news! Mrs. Janet Scheepel, Western Springs

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Almanac

- On this date**
- Feb. 19, 1473, the man credited with founding modern astronomy, Copernicus, was born in Torun, Poland.
 - In 1803, Ohio was admitted to the Union.
 - In 1881, Kansas adopted prohibition.
 - In 1922, vaudeville and musical comedy star Ed Wynn became the first big name in show business to sign for a regular radio show.
 - In 1942, during the Pacific War, Japanese bombers carried out their first attack against the mainland of Australia, hitting Darwin.
 - In 1959, Britain, Greece, and Turkey signed an agreement providing independence for the Mediterranean island of Cyprus within one year.
 - In 1963, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw its troops from Cuba.
 - In 1967, South Vietnamese paratroopers killed 200 North Vietnamese soldiers in savage fighting northeast of Saigon.
 - In 1972, President Nixon left Hawaii on his historic journey to China.
 - In 1976, Patricia Hearst invoked the Fifth Amendment 19 times at her bank robbery trial in San Francisco.



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A citywide project

On the North Side, the South Side, and all around the town, Chicago crews can foresee many days of work ahead repairing streets. Some "chuck holes," the product of the winter freeze and the subsequent thaws, take only a shovel of gravel, but others . . .

'Harassment' of rights leader cited

Justice Department clears FBI in King's death

WASHINGTON [UPI]—There is no evidence that James Earl Ray had any help from the FBI or anyone else in the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., a Justice Department task force said Friday.

The task force, in a 201-page report capping an eight-month investigation, criticized the FBI for working undercover to harass King and try to "neutralize" his role as a civil rights leader. But it said it "found no evidence of FBI complicity in the murder." It said it "found no evidence of FBI complicity in the murder."

"The only new evidence that was developed related to details that did not affect the ultimate conclusion that James Earl Ray was the properly of FBI complicity in the murder."

The investigation failed to produce any new evidence showing how Ray financed his travels before and after the assassination.

"It is the bureau's opinion that Ray most likely committed on a period basis several robberies and burglaries during this period in order to support himself," the report said. "Ray's



Martin Luther King

criminal background does not lend credence to this theory."

THE JUSTICE Department report was immediately attacked in Atlanta

by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which King founded. "We don't have any faith in that report because it seems the FBI and the Justice Department to a degree were involved in the assassination or the events leading up to it," said Tyrone Brooks, national communications director for SCLC.

The SCLC spokesman said he has more faith in a congressional investigation planned by the House Committee on Assassinations.

The Justice Department task force, formed by former Atty. Gen. Edward Levi last April, concluded the FBI had conducted a "painstaking and successful" investigation of the murder. It agreed with FBI findings that there was no evidence of anyone but Ray being involved in the Memphis slaying.

"In all the years following the assassination, the investigation has failed to reveal any connection between any alleged conspirator(s) and James Earl Ray, including those alleged by Ray himself," the task force said.

"Indeed, the overwhelming evidence indicates that Ray was almost

Carter withdraws Ford nominations

WASHINGTON [UPI]—President Carter on Friday withdrew 50 nominations that were made shortly before Gerald Ford left the White House, including that of Malcolm Toon as ambassador to the Soviet Union.

A White House spokesman said the withdrawal is a technical move to give Carter an option of replacing Ford's last appointees. The spokesman said Carter may choose to keep some of them.

Ford made more than 100 appointments during his last weeks in office. He named Toon, a career foreign service officer, ambassador to the Soviet Union Jan. 6.

The White House spokesman said he didn't know if Carter planned to keep Toon in the job, but he noted the President has set up a commission to advise him on ambassadorial appointments and has promised to make the appointments on the basis of merit, not politics.

AMONG THE nominations Carter withdrew was that of Patrick J. Delaney, son of influential Rep. James J. Delaney (D., N.Y.). Ford had nominated him to the Securities and Exchange Commission for a four-year term.

Other nominations withdrawn included: Lowell Laingen of Minnesota as ambassador to Malta; Jack Olson of Wis-



Malcolm Toon

consin as ambassador to the Bahamas; Donald Norland of Iowa as ambassador to Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland; and James M. Wilson Jr. of Maryland as coordinator for human rights and humanitarian affairs.



James Earl Ray

totally alone during the year after his escape from Missouri State prison," it said.

THE REPORT found that Ray had

told fellow inmates in Missouri he "hated Negroes" and several times vowed to kill King "if the price was right."

The report said that in a voluntary psychiatric exam in 1966 Ray was found to have "a sociopathic personality, antisocial type with anxiety and depressive features."

Although it concluded that the FBI had harassed King in an effort to drive him out of the civil rights movement, the task force declined to recommend any action against any FBI personnel. It explained that the principal persons involved in the harassment are dead or retired and the five-year statute of limitations has expired.

It recommended several steps—most of which are being implemented—to tighten supervision of the FBI's domestic intelligence activities.

Ray is serving a 99-year sentence in Brushy Mountain Prison in Petros, Tenn., as a result of pleading guilty to King's murder. He has tried in vain for years to get a new trial on grounds his lawyer duped him into entering the guilty plea.

U.S. living costs up 0.8%

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such as cleaning supplies contributed to a major increase in the services index.

The department's survey of earnings was taken later in January and reflected the initial impact of record cold weather east of the Rockies.

Although economists expect prices in 1977 will increase between 5 and 6 per cent, the January price hikes, if continued for the full year at that rate, would translate into a 9.6 per cent increase in prices. The 1976 increase was 4.8 per cent.

IN THE CHICAGO area, fuel oil and coal prices rose 4.3 per cent, contributing to an overall rise of 0.2 per cent in consumer prices in January.

Chicago-area prices were 5.6 per cent higher in January than during the corresponding month a year ago, according to the figures. That means consumers paid \$105.60 for goods and services similar to those that cost \$100 in January, 1976.

Among the leading factors in Chicago-

area inflation for the last 12 months were gas and electricity bills and the cost of transportation.

Although (natural) gas and electricity bills went up only 0.6 per cent in January, the price of gas and electricity has increased 17.8 per cent in the last 12 months.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS were 0.4 per cent higher in January than during the preceding month, and 12.2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Increases in these categories were offset, however, by a 3.1 per cent decline in the price of apparel and smaller declines in the prices of dairy products, fruits, vegetables, cereals, and bakery products, according to the figures.

But increased prices for pork were largely responsible for a 0.3 per cent increase last month in the category of meat, fish, and poultry, according to the bureau. Prices of meals purchased away from home went up 1.3 per cent. Overall, food prices went up 0.4 per cent in January.

Bare more payoffs by CIA

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under British protection in 1922 until his assassination in 1951. British payments continued to Hussein.

"We just picked up where the British left off," a former U.S. ambassador to Jordan said. "It was nickles and dimes then and grew larger later on. I never asked what the amounts were. But I can't get terribly exercised about support for a moderate leader. I don't know what this sudden morality is."

MEANWHILE, a secret manuscript names, in addition to Hussein, Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, Nguyen Van Thieu of South Viet Nam, Joseph Mobutu of Zaire, Forbes Burnham of Guyana, and Willy Brandt of West Germany as foreign leaders who received secret payments from the CIA, according to sources who have seen the manuscript.

Cypriot Archbishop Makarios and the Tibetan Dalai Lama also have received secret payments, according to the Washington Post.

The CIA had gone to court in 1971 to block former intelligence officials Victor Marchetti and John D. Marks from revealing the names of foreign leaders who have received secret payments in their 1974 book "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence."

AGENCY LAWYERS claimed publication of the names would "result in grave and irreparable injury to the interests of the United States."

The White House and State Department declined to comment Friday on the report that the CIA secretly paid millions of dollars to Hussein over a 20-year period. Instead, Press Secretary Jody Powell announced that the

administration has begun an "intensive and comprehensive review" of all foreign intelligence operations.

Carter reportedly ordered the secret payments to Hussein stopped when he learned of them.

One former intelligence official defended the payments as essential to preserving Hussein as a stabilizing influence in the Middle East.

"I THOUGHT WE got more than our dollar's worth back," this former official said. "If this one is of doubtful propriety, then we're out of business."

Marchetti, former executive assistant to the deputy director of the CIA, and Marks, former assistant to the State Department's director of intelligence, are still prohibited by a court order from discussing the contents of the deleted portions of their book.

However, Marchetti said he had previously identified Kenyatta and Brandt as recipients of CIA funds.

THE PAYMENTS to the former West German chancellor were used to strengthen the Social Democratic Party, Marchetti said. Brandt, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, is still the party's leader.

But Kenyatta, still president of Kenya, diverted much of the money to his personal use, Marchetti said. "We had to double Kenyatta's stipend because he was using it all up himself," he said.

Sources who have seen the deleted portions of Marchetti's book said Brandt, Kenyatta, and Hussein were cited along with Thieu, Mobutu, and Burnham as examples of "cases in which the CIA's relationship with the local head of state was so special that the American ambassador was not informed of any of the details."

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