

Ford's Visit to Korea Scored by Missionary

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An American Methodist missionary deported from South Korea last Saturday said President Ford's recent visit intensified government repression there.

Dr. George Ogle told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee yesterday that Mr. Ford's talks with South Korean President Chung Hee Park indicated complete support of the authoritarian government in Seoul.

"By concentrating upon questions of military security, the Americans gave the impression they were in complete support of Park's military regime," Ogle said. The regime "claims everything must be sacrificed for greater military strength—and President Ford appeared to agree," he said.

"Since President Ford's visit, Park has used the Veterans' Association and the chief military leaders to threaten the people further," Ogle said.

The missionary, who said he lived in South Korea for nearly 20 years, denied government assertions that he was a political agitator. He said that as a Christian he was speaking out against injustices and violation of human rights.



DR. GEORGE OGLE
... denied agitation

The State Department earlier this week expressed concern and regret to South Korea over its handling of the deportation of Ogle.

Subcommittee Chairman Donald Fraser (D-Minn.) said Congress has expressed its concern over "continued flaunting of human rights by President Park" by voting this week to impose a \$145 million limit on military aid to South Korea.