

Chinese announce death of Mao Tse-tung

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TOKYO — Mao Tse-tung, who led the communist revolution to victory in China in 1949 and dominated the world's most populous nation for the next 27 years, died today, Peking announced.

He was 82 and had been slowly failing for many months.

Hsinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said the founding father of the People's Republic of China died at 12:10 p.m. EDT Wednesday, "because of the worsening of his illness and despite all treatment, although meticulous

medical care was given him in every way after he fell ill."

The broadcast did not give the nature of the final illness.

The announcement of Mao's death was delayed for about 16 hours, the same length of time that intervened before the death of Premier Chou En-lai was announced last Jan. 8.

The White House and the U.S. State Department in Washington had no immediate comment on Mao's death.

Mao's death was expected to intensify the power struggle that has shaken Peking intermittently for years and that flared up

with renewed intensity after Chou's death.

There has been no designation of his successor as chairman of the Chinese Communist party, the country's most powerful post, which he had held since 1955.

Presumably Premier Hua Kuo-feng is next in line since he was also named first vice chairman of the party when he was raised to the premiership five months ago. But his elevation is not assured.

Others who appear to be in the running are Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, a leader of the radical faction of the party; her proteges, Vice Premier Chang Chun-chiao, Wang Hung-wen and Yao Wen-yuan; party

vice chairman and defense minister Yeh Chien-ying; and Chen Hsi-lien, commander of Peking units of the 3½-million-man Liberation Army. Wang also is a vice chairman of the party.

The party constitution provides that a plenary session of the 195-member Central Committee elects the new chairman.

Hsinhua said Mao's body would lie in state in the Great Hall of the People for one week beginning Saturday for Chinese leaders and the masses to pay their last respects.

All recreational activities will be suspended until Sept. 18, when a solemn

memorial rally will be held in Peking's Tien An Men Gate of Heavenly Peace Square, where almost 27 years ago Mao announced the founding of the People's Republic.

All factories and neighborhoods will arrange for the population to listen to or watch live radio and television broadcasts of the rally, Hsinhua said, and at exactly 3 p.m. (2 a.m. CDT) all Chinese "wherever they are" should stand at attention for three minutes in silent tribute, "with the exception of those whose work cannot be interrupted." Trains, ships and factories are to sound their sirens at the same time.

Hsinhua did not mention burial ar-

rangements.

It said no "foreign governments, fraternal parties or friendly personages" would be invited to send representatives.

A Japanese correspondent in Peking said crowds gathered in Tien An Men Square soon after Mao's death was announced. A huge portrait of Mao was displayed and many of the mourners wept, the reporter said.

A peasant's son who became one of the 20th century's greatest revolutionaries, Mao not only deeply influenced the lives of

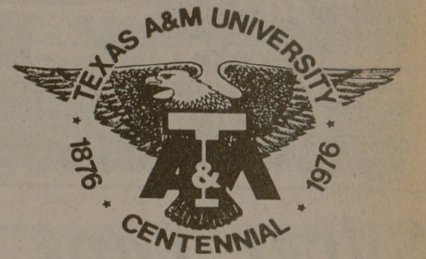
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The weather

Increasing cloudiness and cooler, high in upper 80s. Low tonight in low 60s. High tomorrow in low 80s. Precipitation probability 30 per cent today, 20 per cent tomorrow.



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The parking situation on campus is bad and university officials say that they see no relief in the immediate future. Regulation of parking areas does not always solve the space problem and some lots, usually filled to capacity, have many spaces available. The boundaries for the

lot behind the Cyclotron center, Lot 7 (above), changed at the beginning of the semester. During the past two weeks the lot has had an abundance of spaces available. University officials say that they are studying the Lot 7 situation.

Parking lot: 'Feast or famine'

It's a case of feast or famine.

In a select few parking lots on the Texas A&M campus, lucky parking sticker holders roll into any one of many empty spaces. In other lots, drivers circle like vultures to scavenge scarce spots.

It comes down to the haves and the have nots, and University officials agree that changes need to be made.

They will first have to decide how many parking permits have been issued and the number of spaces available.

Next week University police will go into all the parking lots three times a day for three days to count the actual vacant spaces. Parking lot revisions will be considered from this survey.

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Shuttlebus heavily used Bus change to thin crowd

An additional bus and route revisions are expected to thin crowds and lessen delays in shuttlebus service to the Texas A&M campus.

Ed Blosser, local manager of Transportation Enterprises, Inc., said the changes are the result of a meeting yesterday between the A&M Shuttlebus Committee and Col. E.C. Oates, University shuttlebus director.

Blosser said TEI will add the new bus Monday. TEI is a private transportation firm contracting with the University for the shuttle service.

The announcement came after TEI and Shuttlebus Committee studies showed passenger congestion hampering the service.

"There are more people riding than the University anticipated," Blosser said. "It is overcrowded in the morning and the evening, but midday seems to be real good."

Blosser said immediate changes include route revisions to facilitate the busing of the unexpected crowds. He said various rerouting patterns will provide for quicker service for more people to the campus.

The present service was contracted by the University on the basis of studies compiled throughout the year. Changes in the service are at the discretion of Oates and the Shuttlebus Committee.

Blosser said students have been very cooperative during the first weeks of school, and that few complaints have been filed with TEI. Oates was unavailable for

comment about complaints directed to him at the housing office.

Students have reported being late to classes after passed up by a loaded bus. Blosser said that two buses will appear minutes apart on heavily congested routes to handle an overflow.

When asked if a drivers' strike against TEI at the University of Texas this week was affecting local service, Blosser said that no connection could be made between the universities and that he expected no problems with his staff.

TEI drivers in Austin are striking for increased wages. Police protection was called in Monday to quell isolated cases of violence when strikebreakers began operating the UT shuttlebuses.

Cape Town patrolled after night of rioting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police armed with automatic rifles patrolled trouble spots in the Cape Town area today after a night of rioting and arson in which police said 5 persons were killed and at least 12 wounded.

The night's killing raised the toll in racial unrest in South Africa to at least 311 since mid-June.

Asst. Police Commissioner David Kriel said at least 30 persons were arrested during the night.

Violence was reported at two other points in the country today.

Police patrols were stoned in a black township in Kimberley, the diamond-mining center. In the Transkei tribal reserve, scheduled to become an independent black state next month, a girls' hostel at a mission school near Umtata, the capital, was hit by fire during the night. Police said arson was suspected.

Cape Town police opened fire on rioters a number of times yesterday and during the night, using rifles, shotguns and pistols, witnesses said.

A large crowd gathered today in the Salt River colored township to look at a department store that was torched before dawn.

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4 cars collide near campus

Four cars collided in a chain reaction accident this morning on Wellborn Rd. when one driver struck the rear of a car attempting to turn into a university parking lot and two following cars piled into the first two.

There were no injuries in the collision. William Joseph Blaschke driving a Plymouth Duster, was attempting to turn right off Wellborn Rd. into parking lot 62 at 7:50 a.m. when a Volvo driven by Frank Thomas Barnes struck him from behind. Barnes was changing lanes and didn't see Blaschke soon enough to avoid hitting him. College Station Police Officer Bobby Williams said.

The car following Barnes, a Ford LTD driven by Gloria Losgren attempted to miss Barnes' Volvo but struck it from behind. Losgren's LTD was in turn struck by

an International Travelall driven by Robert Judy, Officer Williams said.

"It was just a chain-reaction type accident," Williams said.

Barnes was ticketed for failure to control his speed, Williams said. Losgren and Judy were issued warnings for following too closely, he said.

Department revises advisory program

The Department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction has changed the student advisory program for this year. All students will be assigned to groups alphabetically by last names. Group meetings will be held six times during the year. Attendance is compulsory.

Defecting Soviet pilot U.S. bound

TOKYO — The Soviet pilot who landed his super-secret MIG25 jet in Japan left today aboard a commercial airliner for asylum in the United States.

U.S. officials accompanied the defecting Soviet air force flier, Lt. Viktor I. Belenko.

Soviet sources said the pilot left a wife and daughter in the Soviet Union. They said Mrs. Belenko expressed disbelief that her husband had defected.

His flight Monday in the world's fastest warplane touched off a diplomatic row between Moscow and Tokyo. It also gave the United States and Japan an intelligence bonanza, the chance to examine thoroughly the Soviet Union's most advanced fighter aircraft and to question the pilot about his training.

Kensuke Yanagiya, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said Japan is fully entitled to inspect the MIG25 since it entered Japanese territory illegally.

Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Polyanskii charged today in a meeting with Foreign Ministry officials that Japan had shown an unfriendly attitude toward the Soviet Union by refusing to return the defector and his plane immediately. Moscow had lodged six previous protests.

After refusing for four days to speak with Soviet officials, the 29-year-old pilot was persuaded by Japanese authorities to meet with representatives of the Soviet Embassy shortly before he left for Honolulu and the U.S. mainland.

Ford faces Vietnam bill veto

WASHINGTON — President Ford faces a key foreign policy decision on whether to veto a Vietnamese bid for United Nations membership.

While not ruling out the possibility of a U.S. abstention when the vote comes up tomorrow, officials suggest that American dissatisfaction with Vietnam's policy toward U.S. servicemen listed as missing in action probably will lead to an American veto of Hanoi's bid.

The consensus among officials is that a veto would most likely help Ford in his goal of trying to consolidate support among those voters who would be alienated by any kind of gesture toward Vietnam. Last year, the United States vetoed the admission of what were then two Vietnams.

In what is described as a signal of good-

will, the Vietnamese government last Monday gave the American Embassy in Paris the names of 12 U.S. airmen it said had been killed in the Vietnam war.

The move apparently was tied to Vietnam's campaign for U.N. admission, but Ford called this a limited action and said it was callous and cruel of the Vietnamese not to account for the remaining 800 MIAs.

Asked about the Vietnamese application in the United Nations, Kissinger said "the issue of missing-in-action is of course a key issue, and we want to see whether any progress can be made there."

Officials refused to comment on whether they expected any additional accounting of MIAs by Hanoi before the U.N. debate on Vietnam opens Friday. One U.S. source said American acquiescence to the

Vietnamese bid would deprive Washington of one of the few levers with which it hopes to extract concessions from Hanoi.

He said there was little sentiment within the administration for the argument that a U.S. decision not to block the Vietnamese application could inspire a more flexible attitude by Hanoi on the MIA issue.

Other officials, expressing the minority view, said Vietnam's behavior since the collapse of the U.S.-backed Saigon government 16 months ago is much better than Washington had expected.

Since that time, they said, Vietnam has normalized relations with all non-Communist nations in Southeast Asia, offered its friendship to Washington, called for expanded trade with the Western democracies and treated supporters of the old Saigon regime with restraint.



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Dining with the stars

The restaurant on the 11th floor of Rudder Tower may not put one quite as high as the heavens, but it does give a person an excellent view of the campus while eating. Many enjoy

the \$2.63 all-you-can-eat lunch each day. Kim Hammond (above), a freshman biology major from Boston, Mass., says that she dines in the tower as often as possible.