

# Chinese leader Teng regards journey as 'honeymoon trip'

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WASHINGTON — It may be a long march but he regards it as a honeymoon trip.

Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping Thursday was beginning a five-day tour of Atlanta, Houston and Seattle with his program including a 10-gallon cowboy hat and the curiosity of many Americans.

"The honeymoon will continue," the 4-foot-11 Peking leader said of future Sino-American relations, during a television interview, after three days of matching public smiles with President Carter in Washington.

The 74-year-old veteran of the 1934-1935 Long March that tested and inspired the Communist conquest of China was acting, said a guest at his Washington farewell party Wednesday night, like a campaigning American politician.

During a day and night in Georgia, Teng was to tour an auto plant — guided by Henry Ford II through such sights as a car wash — and sample Southern grits for breakfast.

In Houston he is to tour America's space center, observe Texas cowboys doing their rodeo version of that old Mongolian pastime of cattle roping

and eat barbecue. Seattle plans to preface Teng's return to China by showing him Boeing's plane works and feeding him Puget Sound trout.

The Texans planned to even give Teng a cowboy's wide-brimmed hat.

To his American honeymooners he was all woo and tickle — "The friendship we have experienced here leaves us with an unforgettable impression," he said at the Washington farewell party.

With Carter he presided at the White House signing of pacts leading to setting up consulates in San Francisco, Houston, Shanghai and Canton; to the sale of American space technology to Peking and to exchanges of students, journalists, sportspeople, artists and scientists.

"We have just done a significant job. And this is not the end but a beginning," he said at the ceremony.

But in talking to Americans other than Carter and his aides, Teng spoke darkly and steadily of Peking's public enemy, the Russians.

At his Washington Blair House guest residence he told reporters over lunch that America, China, Ja-

pan, Western Europe and developing nations "each should take steps to restrain Soviet hegemony." In Peking wall poster lingo, "hegemony" means aggression.

In his multi-channel television interview — Walter Cronkite, David Brinkley and Frank Reynolds had to merge CBS, NBC and ABC efforts for separate shows when Teng called for collectivism — the Chinese leader was asked if China would make war over Vietnam's invasion of Peking-supported Cambodia.

"We will not take any rash action," he replied. "At the same time I can tell you that in addition to Cambodia, the Vietnamese are also creating a great number of incidents along the Sino-Vietnam border and these are increasing."

Teng has his softer moments. Talking of his two grandchildren: "They are my toys, and I am their toy. They are my bosses. If I don't bring a gift back with me, they will raise a strong protest but they will not stage a demonstration."

# 24-hour watch halts on doomed Skylab

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HOUSTON — Flight controllers at the Johnson Space Center will cease round-the-clock monitoring of the doomed, 84-ton Skylab space station today.

NASA said Thursday that flight controllers will monitor Skylab for 8 hours per day, 5 days per week.

On Jan. 25, controllers maneuvered the space station from a minimum drag orbital position to a position enabling Skylab's solar panels constantly to track the sun. The maneuver was done to prepare Skylab for possible "last chance" maneuvering prior to its re-entry.

Re-positioning Skylab from the minimum drag position also speeded up decay of the vehicle's orbit, NASA said. Estimates place re-entry sometime between June and August.

The space agency has been studying ways to alter Skylab's re-entry path, although views differ among agency experts as to the degree of control which might be effected.

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