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One-child family campaign gives China 'brat' problem

United Press International
PEKING — China's campaign to encourage married couples to have no more than one child could give the People's Republic a generation of spoiled brats, teachers fear.

The "one is best" policy is part of a current government campaign to curb growth of a population that has topped the 1 billion mark.

A study made by Shanghai kindergarten teachers complains that too many only children are being spoiled by over-indulgent parents.

The study is based on a six-month observation of 100 four and six-year-olds. Seventy were from single-child families.

It also voices criticisms of only children similar to those heard often in other countries.

"The children are fussy in what they eat and wear. They do not respect their elders or property."

"The children constantly lose their tempers or get heated up for no reason."

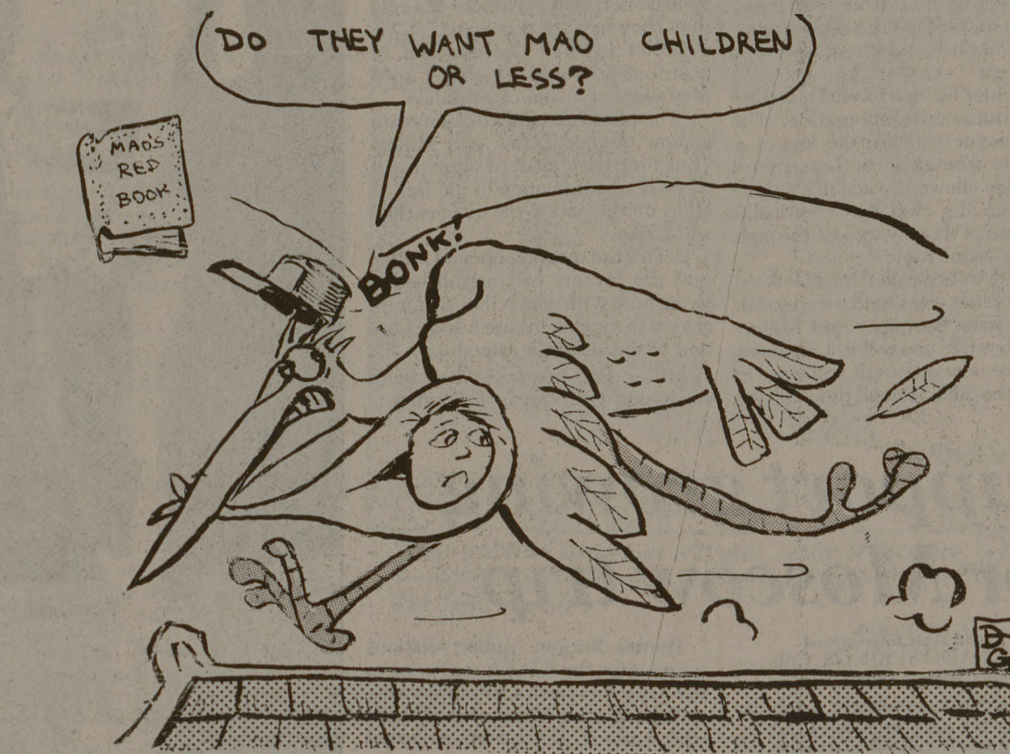
"They are comparatively selfish, do not understand concern for others, have little courage, and cannot take good care of themselves," the report said.

Parental pampering was pinpointed as the basic cause. The study blames single-child parents for adopting a "special attitude" and placing the child at the center of things.

The report also said parents neglect their only child's "moral education" and correction of his faults.

Until recently, China did little to control its population. The Chinese Communist Party newspaper, People's Daily, said in December 1979 that China's population had reached 1 billion.

Government sources also disclosed that population growth last year exceeded the hoped-for limit of 1 percent.



been spent on raising and educating children.

With the addition of the "one is best" policy to existing measures, stricter government control of family planning has come at last.

Family planning now is written into the constitution.

"China is going to encourage one birth for married couples and resolutely check three births," Chen said.

Previously, the government said two births per couple was acceptable.

Many cities and local governments have now established family planning projects in line with the new policy.

But the government does not believe propaganda alone is enough. Rewards and punishments are being established.

Since November, Peking has rewarded single-child couples and penalized those with more.

Kuwait, Libya announce oil production cutbacks

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Kuwait cut its daily oil production by 25 percent Tuesday and Libya indicated it will follow suit in moves aimed at conserving reserves but almost certain to help spur another round of oil price increases.

The Kuwaiti Oil Ministry announced effective immediately the Persian Gulf nation was reducing production from 2 million to 1½ million barrels a day. Kuwait sells its oil at an official \$27.50 a barrel, although little of it goes to the United States.

Kuwait also announced that under its new "take it or leave it" policy it had signed new contracts with its three major company customers, British Petroleum, Gulf and Royal Dutch Shell — cutting deliveries to them by 75 percent.

In Bengasi, Libya, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi threatened again to trim his nation's oil production but said friendly countries would not be affected, the Beirut newspaper As Safir reported.

Qaddafi did not give details of his intended cutback, but Western oil sources said Libya planned to trim oil production by 17 percent — from about 2.1 million to 1.75 million barrels a day.

The moves reflected a growing trend among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Countries to cut back production. Other OPEC nations that have taken similar steps include the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Algeria and Nigeria.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, says it intends to continue

production at the current level of 9½ million barrels a day at least for the time being.

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Kidnapped millionaire killed

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PAPEETE — Police said Tuesday they found the body of kidnapped millionaire Olivier Breaud, 26, and that three French residents of Tahiti have confessed they clubbed him to death before demanding a \$2.5 million ransom.

The body of Breaud, a Frenchman, was found in a bush at Punaauia, west of Papeete, after the three suspects were arrested and confessed Monday, police said.

Breaud's body and head were mutilated by beatings with clubs and an iron bar, police added.

The suspects, Yves Legoff, 36, his wife, Claude, 34, and a friend, Daniel Chelle, had admitted under questioning they beat Breaud to death after luring him to an uninhabited villa in the Punaauia hills, police said.

After killing Breaud, a businessman whose father is one of the wealthiest men in French Polynesia, the suspects telephoned the victim's woman companion to demand a \$2.5

million ransom, investigators said.

Police closed in on the three after witnesses reported having seen them at Punaauia on March 26, the day of the kidnapping.

Investigators said the suspects told police they wanted to collect the ransom because they were facing heavy debts after the financial collapse of their small textile workshop in Tahiti.

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Avalanche kills three

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KATMANDU, Nepal — An avalanche on the 24,858-foot high Annapurna III killed three climbers of the first Australian national expedition to Nepal, the Tourism Ministry said Tuesday.

Three died instantly in an avalanche, expedition leader Warwick Michael Deacock, 54, said in a terse radio message to the ministry.

The message said the 15-member team abandoned the expedition after the tragedy last Sunday. It gave few details of the avalanche on the mountain in central Nepal.

The dead were identified in the message as Stafford James Morse, 27, a farm hand from Inverquell, New South Wales; Nicholas David Reeves, 27, a lawyer from Camberwell, and Richard John Schmidt, 35, a training officer who lived in Wellington, New Zealand.

The message said the other team members, including a woman climber, were safe.

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