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Top-secret fighter explodes near London

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LONDON — A top-secret American F-18 fighter aircraft burst into flames and crashed Monday near a British air force base west of London, but the two crewmen parachuted to safety.
The plane, on loan from the U.S.

Navy to the McDonnell Douglas Corp. for the annual Farnborough air show, crashed 200 yards from the British army air corps married quarters, the Defense Ministry said.
The two-man crew, believed to be civilians on the staff of McDonnell Douglas, bailed out before the plane

crashed and scattered wreckage over a wide area near the village of Middle Wallop, 60 miles west of London, a spokesman said.

The crewmen were taken to the Royal Air Force Hospital at Wroughton, near Swindon. One man was reported seriously injured, the other slightly injured.

Police immediately clamped down on news of the crash for security reasons, even confiscating film a 13-year-old boy took of the crash and destroying the negatives.

The boy, Simon Orwin of Middle Wallop, his brother and sister, Jeremy and Nicola, and a friend, Justin Badger, 14, were bicycling past

the Army air center when they saw the plane overhead.

"The engines were on fire and the plane went into a dive," the young photographer said. "It was totally out of control, but we could see the cockpit canopy was raised and the pilot had ejected."

The aircraft is one of America's latest combat planes, and it is reported to be undergoing evaluation tests for use in air defense and ground-attack roles.

A second accident occurred on the ground when a British Ministry of Defense fire tender collided with an army vehicle as they raced to the crash site.

Hua quits as premier in Chinese shake-up

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PEKING — Hua Guofeng resigned as premier Sunday in a major victory for China's strongman Deng Xiaoping, but Deng faces a much tougher fight in the power struggle to oust Hua as chairman of the Communist Party, analysts say.
Deng and six other vice premiers also resigned en masse Sunday, handing the reins of government over to a collective leadership headed by master economic reformer Zhao Ziyang, China's new premier and a protégé of Deng.

The major shake-up affecting more than one-third of the state council was carefully orchestrated by Deng to remove the aged and the uncooperative and separate the government from the party.

Hua's long-anticipated resignation as premier was a major victory for Deng after months of bitter behind-the-scenes political infighting. It set the stage for a second showdown later this year between the two men for control of the ruling Communist Party.

Hua retained the chairmanship of the party, though gravely weakened in the ongoing political struggle because of his past associations with the late Mao Tse-tung, but diplomatic sources said after his success at the congress, Deng would probably go after Hua's party post later this year.

China officials have stressed the resignations will not affect China's foreign and domestic policies.

The National Peoples Congress is expected to announce its approval of the resignations and name replacements for the vacant posts at its closing session Wednesday.

Analysts said the new leaders will be Deng who mainly are younger and more professionalized to handle the day-to-day affairs of the nation, which is undergoing a thorough restructuring of the government and the modernization of its economy.

The next round in the battle for control of the Communist Party, still headed by Chairman Hua, is expected to be tougher, the analysts said.

Deng is believed to have control of the Party, not the entire Central Committee. There is considerable opposition to Deng's campaign to oust Chairman Mao down to human size.

The urge to protect the legacy of Mao is strong among elderly leaders who once fought side with Mao. These include a few military leaders who analysts say are unhappy with Deng and are likely to rally behind Hua, Mao's heir, when the crunch comes, they said.

In his two-hour speech, Hua announced that he will scrap his current 10-year economic program and develop an entirely fresh blueprint for the country that include all the innovative decentralized enterprise programs advocated by Zhao. He said he is to raise the living standard of the one billion Chinese.

He also announced the government will launch a "crash drive" to stop the growth of the population, hope to keep the total number of people in China below 1 billion by the end of the century, by using "education and family planning" to call on all married couples to have only one child.

Leader wants to meet pope

Strikes continue in Poland

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WARSAW, Poland — Scattered work stoppages persisted across Poland and the leader of the successful strike says he wants to go to Rome and meet with Polish-born Pope John Paul II.

But the official state-run television news, reflecting the open trend in the media that grew up during the strikes, said Sunday night there were still "sporadic cases of strikes" around the country, and confirmed earlier dissident reports of a dozen or so walkouts.

The newscast said, "The strikes reflect local conflicts between the management and the work crews."

Walesa's meeting with Wyszyński took place at the cardinal's invitation, and the labor leader traveled

the prelate's private chapel, said that if he had the necessary travel documents he would be ready to go to Rome to meet John Paul II.

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