

# national

## China lures junketeers

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON**—Members of Congress are using their Easter recess to take off on trips around the globe, with China apparently the most popular junket stop.

At least 30 members of Congress are visiting China this week. Europe and South America will have a few visitors.

Some members of Congress, possibly concerned about their constituents' views of such travels, prefer not to announce such plans in advance, so their junkets become known only accidentally or through expense reports.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., and 14 other House members are in China this week "to meet with a number of high-level officials," O'Neill's office said.

Several spouses and staff members are also on the trip.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., and chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is leading a 10-member delegation to Japan, China and Hong Kong to discuss trade, energy development, international communications and health issues, Dingell's

announcement said.

Rep. Jerry Patterson, D-Calif., and chairman of the House Banking subcommittee, travels to China with Reps. Esteban Torres, D-Calif.; Stan Parris, R-Va.; and Ed Bethune, R-Ark., to talk about international finance.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific affairs, is traveling to Japan and China.

Reps. James Oberstar, D-Minn., Bill Richardson, D-N.M., and Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., visited El Salvador to review the nation's agrarian reform program

and investigate the arrest of two American journalists.

Sens. William Roth, R-Del.; Steven Symms, R-Idaho; Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; and Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., are spending six days touring Mexico, Brazil, and Peru with Deputy Treasury Secretary Tim McNamar to discuss economic problems and the international financial system.

Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., will travel to Germany at the in-

invitation of the American Council on Germany.

Headed for Israel, Lebanon and Cyprus are Reps. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn.; Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y.; and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

A nine-member delegation of the House Armed Services Committee will travel to Portugal, Turkey, Greece, and Beirut, Chairman Melvin Price, D-Ill., said.



staff photo by David Fisher

Smile, and say cheese!

Ashley Martin, the daughter of Ron Martin, smiles as Chuck E. Cheese bids her goodbye. The pizza mascot was on hand at a Muscular Dystrophy benefit at the Woodstone Shopping Center on Saturday.

**M S C CINEMA**  
 presents  
**THE KING AND I**  
 Wed., March 30  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Theater

*I Ought To Be In Pictures*  
 PG  
 Fri. & Sat.  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Theater

**The Three Stooges' THE OUTLAWS IS COMING**  
 Fri. & Sat.  
 Midnight  
 Theater  
 \$1.50 w/TAMU I.D.  
 Advance tickets at MSC Box Office  
 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30  
 Also 45 minutes before showtime.

## Lasers seen as end to war

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON**—Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger says if the Soviets develop their own space-age defenses, like those President Reagan has proposed, the dual technology would end the threat of nuclear war.

Reagan last week called for a research program to develop defenses using laser beams and other futuristic technology as a shield against nuclear missiles in outer space.

"We think it can be done," Weinberger said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." "It will require a substantial effort. But the goal is enormously worthwhile because you would simply free mankind from the fear of these nuclear missiles and that's the president's great hope and dream."

Critics of the president's proposal have said the nuclear

arms balance could be destabilized if one side develops a defense, because the other then might strike first.

Such a fear would not exist if both sides developed a complete defense, Weinberger said, adding, "I think it's widely known to the Soviets we would never launch a first strike."

"I know the Soviets are doing a fair amount of work, and have been for quite awhile, in this whole area. And I would assume that at some point it might be possible for both countries to develop the kind of system that could guarantee there would be no longer any danger from nuclear missiles."

But Dr. Wolfgang Panosky, director of Stanford University's Accelerator Center, was skeptical. The problems of defense are more complicated than the administration has surmised, he said on the Brinkley program.

**Get Your Xerox Copies**  
**ON THE DOUBLE**  
 at Northgate  
 Above Farmer's Market  
 Inexpensive, High-Quality Copies  
 We Specialize In  
**REPORTS and DISSERTATIONS**  
 Also: Self-service copying, typing, reductions and enlargements, binding, resume writing, editing, business cards, wedding invitations, stationery and many other services. One-stop service for reports and dissertations.  
**ON THE DOUBLE**  
 331 University 846-3755  
 HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.  
 Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**MSC OPERA AND PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY**  
**MANDATORY MEETING**  
 for anyone interested in applying for membership  
**MARCH 30 & MARCH 31**  
**7 P.M.**  
**Room #510 Rudder Tower**  
 For more information call  
 MSC OPAS: 845-1515  
 Applications available only at the meeting.  
 MSC OPAS

**SCHULMAN THEATRES**  
 \$1 off adult tickets  
 1st Matinee Sat. & Sun.  
 Mon.-Family Night Sch. 8  
 Tue.-Family Night M.E. III  
**SCHULMAN 6**  
 2000 E. 29th 775-2468  
 E.T. (PG)  
 7:20-9:40  
**THE BLACK STALLION RETURNS**  
 7:20 9:40  
**TOUGH ENOUGH**  
 7:15 9:30  
**JOY STICKS**  
 7:15-9:30  
**THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY**  
 7:25 9:55  
**HIGH ROAD TO CHINA**  
 7:25 9:45  
**MANOR EAST III**  
 Manor E. Mall 823-8300  
**THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER**  
 7:25-9:45  
**SPRING BREAK**  
 7:20 9:40  
**THE OUTSIDERS**  
 7:15 9:35  
 210 Univ. 846-6512  
**CAMPUS**  
 10 TO MIDNIGHT  
 7:15 9:30  
**SKYWAY TWIN DRIVE-IN**  
 2000 E. 29th 822-3300  
**EAST**  
 7:15 10:55  
**MADMAN (R)**  
 also at 9:05  
**EYE FOR AN EYE**  
**WEST**  
 7:15 10:50  
**ALONE IN THE DARK**  
 also at 9:00  
**BEYOND THE DARKNESS**

**Short Classics**  
 You'll like the high quality that sets our shorts apart from the rest.  
 Freedom of movement, smooth clean lines, & durable construction give our shorts a superb fit, with good looks that last & last.

Stop in soon and pick your favorites from the original designs that many have tried to copy. Men's & women's sizes in a wide range of styles & beautiful colors.

**WHOLE EARTH PROVISION COMPANY**  
 105 Boyett 846-8794