

Reagan planning state visit to China

Concessions on Taiwan not foreseen

United Press International
 WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz said Wednesday he does not expect President Reagan to make concessions on Taiwan during a state visit to China next week, despite pressure from Peking. Shultz told reporters Reagan will abide by terms of the three joint communiqués that have been issued since President Nixon opened the door to for-

mal diplomatic relations in 1972. "We're not going there to negotiate a new communique or in any way to try to shift the ground from the existing agreements," Shultz told reporters. "Those agreements will be honored by the United States. The president has said that before, and when the subject comes up, I'm sure we'll say it again."

Discussing Reagan's upcoming trip — his first to a communist country — Shultz dismissed any expectation of substantial progress in resolving differences over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. He suggested the significance of the Reagan visit will be sealing and widening the U.S.-Sino relationship. "The visit itself will give real impetus to the relationship ... and help move

the relationship forward in a very constructive way," he said. Reagan leaves Thursday on the first leg of a trip that will give him almost a week in California, Hawaii and Guam before his arrival in Peking. The state visit will include stops in Shanghai and Xian, the ancient capital of China and now an archeological site. Shultz said Reagan's trip "is an important moment in this

relationship" between the two countries. "President Nixon created an opening to China. President Carter brought about the normalization of our relationships with China. Building on this bipartisan base, President Reagan has sought to make the relationship stable and comprehensive," Shultz said. While the expectation in Washington and Peking is that the visit will be cordial, the Chinese have indicated they will push Reagan on the issue of Taiwan.

Early suspicions spawned by Reagan's longtime friendship with Taiwan was eased with the issuance of an August 1982 joint communique that committed the United States to reduced arms sales to the nationalists in Taipei. But Peking contends the administration has not met its obligations. The Chinese also have pushed Reagan to set a date for ending all arms sales to Taiwan, which amount to about \$760 million a year.

Around town

Museum hosts summer nature camp

The Brazos Valley Museum will host a Summer Nature Camp beginning June 4 and continuing through Aug. 17. Children ages 3-4 can attend from 9 a.m. to noon and children ages 5-12 can attend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will spend the mornings outside and the afternoons doing arts and crafts. For more information, call 779-2195.

Chairmen applications available

Class of '85 chairman applications are available in 216 MSC. Class officers will be interviewing those interested for the Ring Dance, class gift, senior banquet, sales, executive aids and public relations committees chairmen. For more information, contact Anne-Marie Dixon, 260-0710.

Company organizes 50-year reunion

The men who served in C.C.C. Company 817 that was formed at Fort Sill, Okla. in 1933 are organizing a 50 year reunion. The company built state parks in Stephenville and McGregor (Mother Neff Park). Any former members who are interested in attending the reunion can contact Jack C. Joyner at Rt. 2, Box 114, Fredricksburg, Tx., 78624 or call 512-997-3010.

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U.S. personal income up reported 0.5% in March

WASHINGTON — The personal income of Americans rose a modest 0.5 percent in March and spending declined in major areas, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

Economists said the figures are another sign that the economy is slowing to a more moderate expansion from what many had feared was an inflationary pace at the start of the year.

"Most Americans should find these comfortable statistics," the Commerce Department's chief economist, Robert Ortner, said. "They mean the economy is not overheating and in fact is settling back to a more moderate rate of expansion."

Personal income, which includes wages, rents, interest and Social Security payments, rose

\$13.9 billion in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2.9 trillion.

This was the smallest monthly rise since a 0.3 percent increase last August. Income rose a record 1.6 percent in January and 0.7 percent in February.

Personal consumption expenditures — goods that Americans buy — rose \$9.7 billion in March after a \$23.7 billion decline in February. Most of the increase went for higher utility bills due to cold weather.

Purchases of durable goods, a category that includes major items such as cars and refrigerators, declined \$3.9 billion, largely due to a decline in auto sales.

Sales of domestically produced cars fell from an annual

rate of 8.5 million in February to a rate of 7.9 million in March. Sales of foreign-made cars held steady at annual rates of 2.1 million in both months.

Purchases of non-durable goods declined \$4.5 billion, decreases virtually across the board.

Roger Brenner, vice president of Data Resources Inc., an economic forecasting firm, said the report seems to confirm that this is going to be a more normal kind of second year recovery — not an overheated boom year.

Even with the slowdown, Ortner said, the first three months of this year look very good. Income was up 3.2 percent over the previous quarter. That is a compound annual rate of 13.2 percent.

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