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Reagan strengthens China-U.S. relations

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PEKING — President Reagan, ignoring the shadow cast by friction over Taiwan, ended his five-day stay in this communist capital today by signing a trio of agreements to expand Sino-U.S. trade and cultural relations.

During ceremonies at the Great Hall of the People, the site of his discussions with China's top leaders, Reagan capped the working portion of his trip by concluding agreements dealing with tax and trade, cultural and nuclear cooperation.

"Today, we are taking further steps to broaden and strengthen our ties based on shared principles of mutual respect and mutual benefit," Reagan said in prepared remarks.

"Let us hope that, as contacts grow

between the Chinese and American people, each of us will continue to learn about the other and this important new friendship of ours will mature and prosper," he said.

Reagan signed a bilateral tax treaty to spur U.S. investment in China and a pact that resumes cultural exchanges, which were curtailed by the Chinese last year after the United States granted asylum to tennis star Hu Na.

The centerpiece was the initialing of an agreement that will permit U.S. companies to sell nuclear technology to China and compete for a projected \$20 billion commercial nuclear power program during the next 20 years.

Nuclear power is central to China's modernization plans, and the agreement, a breakthrough in nearly

three years of negotiations, came only after China bowed to the dictates of U.S. law on the handling of spent nuclear fuel.

"Our agreement is based on our shared desire to prevent the proliferation of nuclear explosives in the world," Reagan said, "and it brings a new dimension of peaceful cooperation to our relationship."

The agreements gave Reagan the ammunition he had sought to claim progress toward better Sino-U.S. relations. However, nettlesome issues remain — especially arms sales to Taiwan and restrictions on access to U.S. technology and economic aid.

On Sunday, Reagan took a break from statesmanship to fly to one of the world's great archeological finds, the huge army of statues guarding the tomb of China's first emperor at Xian, 550 miles southwest of Peking.

Khadafy's behavior triggers concern among his subjects

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Libyan leader Muammar Khadafy constantly fears for his life and takes large doses of sleeping pills as his authority weakens and his health deteriorates, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

Quoting unidentified top Libyan officials, the Post report said Khadafy's recent behavior has triggered concern among his subordinates.

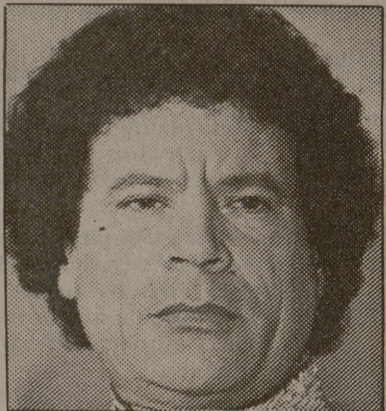
"The country is in turmoil," the Post quoted a Libyan official as saying in a dispatch from Tripoli.

"We expect something," the unnamed official added, indicating a growing frustration within Khadafy's 45-year-old revolutionary government in northern Africa.

One Tripoli government official called Khadafy "small, out of it ... a pinhead," according to the Post report.

The report described Khadafy as being in poor health and often withdrawn, walking aimlessly and uttering "gibberish."

Libyan officials also said Khadafy



Muammar Khadafy

constantly fears he will be assassinated and no longer has the wide popular support he once enjoyed among his people.

Secretary of State George Shultz declined Sunday to discuss Khadafy's reported troubles.

Asked if he was aware of Khadafy's reported problems, Shultz smiled

and said, "No. ... But if it's true, why that's fine." He made the remarks in an interview from Peking on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

The Post reported that highly classified CIA reports confirm the analysis, saying that Khadafy is often under the influence of sleeping pills.

One unidentified U.S. official said Khadafy is "burning the candle at both ends ... high anxiety, high energy."

The Post reported that during the recent crisis at the Libyan Embassy in London, "It was apparent from here that government authority was almost hopelessly spread among Khadafy, the Foreign Ministry and the so-called people's committees that theoretically rule the country."

The 11-day crisis, triggered April 17 when a gunman inside the Libyan Embassy fired on a group of anti-Khadafy demonstrators, killing a policewoman and injuring 11 civilians, ended when Britain deported the 30 Libyans inside the facility and broke diplomatic ties with Tripoli.

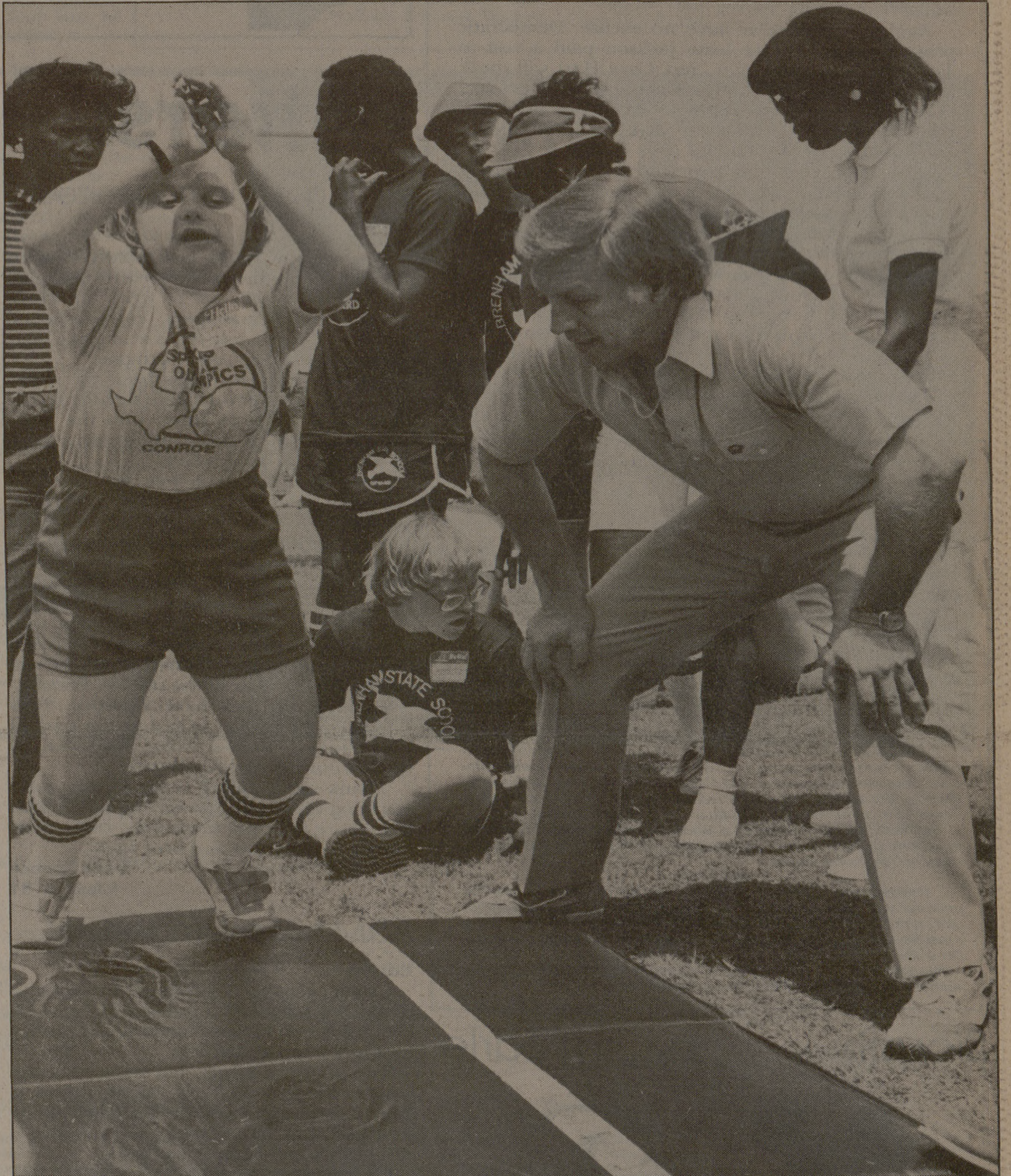


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Giving Her All

Under the watchful eye of Dr. Don Hunt, Vickie Mc Daniel, 17, from Conroe gives her all in the standing broadjump event in the

regional Special Olympics track meet at Bryan's Viking Stadium. The event drew over 600 athletes from 28 area schools.

Largest Aggie class to graduate with 'flags flying'

By JAN PERRY
Staff Writer

This year, the largest graduating class ever at Texas A&M University will go out with flags waving.

Each college will be colorfully represented by newly designed banners depicting each college's motto or symbol.

A student chosen by the dean from each college will bear the 2½-by-7½-foot banners during the commencement ceremonies.

"The ganfalons (banners) are ab-

solutely beautiful," Mary Helen Bowers, director of educational information services, said. "They're made out of velvet and satin, and have applique and quilting."

The graduating class will also be treated to three speakers — one for each commencement. Don Gardner, assistant registrar, said at one time only one speaker was used.

For the first ceremony on Friday, May 4th at 2 p.m., Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio will speak. This ceremony will be for undergraduates

in the Colleges of Agriculture, Geosciences and Liberal Arts. Graduate students will also receive their degrees Friday afternoon.

Gov. Mark White will speak Friday at 7:30 p.m. for undergraduates in the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design and Engineering.

Vice President George Bush will speak on Saturday, May 5th at 9 a.m. for undergraduates in the Colleges of Business Administration, Education, Science, and Veterinary Medi-

cine. Students from Texas A&M at Galveston will also receive their degrees at this time.

In all, about 3,300 students will receive their degrees. During the first ceremony, 963 students will graduate; Friday evening, 1,075 students will graduate; and about 1,000 students will graduate Saturday morning.

Following commencement ceremonies on Saturday, graduating seniors in the Corps of Cadets will receive their commissions from Gen.

Paul X. Kelly, USMC, Commandant, H.Q. Washington, DC. The commissioning will be at 1:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Immediately after the commissioning ceremony, final review will be held on the drill field.

However, before seniors can graduate they should check to make sure they are clear, Gardner said. The infamous list came out at 8 this morning, and students have until noon Thursday to clear up any problems.

Gardner said that if a student has a

red dot by his name it usually means they have been blocked because of fiscal or police department problems. Occasionally, a student may be blocked because of academic problems.

Gardner recommends students not to wait to the last minute to clear up their problems.

And for those students who have found that they didn't order enough invitations, the Student Finance Center has extras.

New Salvadorian battalion named in honor of Reagan

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, El Salvador — The newly formed Ronald Reagan Battalion, part of the Salvadorian army, and armed with U.S.-furnished weapons, swept the hills of southern Morazan province Sunday in an intensified drive against a leftist rebel offensive.

Seventy soldiers of the battalion, named in honor of President Reagan, were deployed Saturday afternoon in a "sweep patrol" into Yojoaquin, 75 miles east of San Salvador.

Armed with American-made M-16 automatic rifles, mortars, bazookas and rifle-mounted grenades, the battalion is fighting leftist rebels who military sources said have tried to take over towns in southern Morazan province in their 4-year struggle against the government.

No casualty reports were available on the weekend fighting.

The 350-man Ronald Reagan Battalion was formed and named by Lt. Col. Jorge Adalberto Cruz, commander of the military base in San Francisco Gotera, the Morazan pro-

vincial capital 74 miles east of San Salvador.

Cruz, widely considered to be one of the Salvadorian army's most independent officers, formed the battalion without the authority of the army chief of staff, official sources said.

The battalion, to be officially inaugurated next Monday on National Soldier's Day, was named to honor Reagan because of his support for the Salvadorian army.

Congress recently turned down Reagan's request for an additional \$62 million in military aid for El Salvador, but he later sent \$21 million

already approved Pentagon funds for the army.

"We don't want heroes. We want good soldiers," said a battalion leader Saturday in a pep talk to his troops near the highway leading from San Francisco Gotera to Osicala.

The commander, who asked not to be named, said the counter-offensive "is not an operation of aggression but of deterrence. If they (the rebels) can take Morazan, they will have a political triumph on an international level."

In Today's Battalion

Local

• Educators with insight into the problems this country is experiencing with the educational system will speak today as part of a lecture series at 1 p.m. in 701 Rudder. See story page 4.

• Gerald Bratton, head of Texas A&M veterinary anatomy department, defeated Robert Stallings, business manager of the agricultural economics department, in the run-off election for Place 7 on the College Station School Board. See story page 3.

• The Bryan and College Station parks and recreation departments are going to sponsor the Kids' Summer Day Camp with activities for children 6 to 12 years old. See story page 4.