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Two pandas born in zoo in Mexico

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two panda cubs were born in Chapultepec Zoo, the sixth and seventh offspring of the prolific panda pair do-nated to Mexico by China, a city spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman, Angel Aranda, said the mother, Ying-Ying, rejected one of the two cubs born Monday and it is in an incubator. "A female of another species is being sought to nurture it," he said in a phone inter-

Ying-Ying gave birth to two cubs in 1985, but one survived only 37

The Chapultepec Zoo now has Ying-Ying and her mate, Pe-Pe, three of their children and the two newborn cubs. It is the largest panda

Aranda, who is spokesman for the Miguel Hidalgo borough where the zoo is located, said Ying-Ying was keeping what appeared to be the more robust cub between her arms so it was not possible to determine its weight or size.

He said the smaller cub, now in the incubator, weighs 183 grams — about six and a half ounces — and is about six inches long with a two-inch

Both newborn cubs are believed

China presented the pandas to Mexico on Sept. 10, 1975. The mother accidentally rolled

over her first cub eight days after its birth in 1980, crushing it to death. Tohui, born July 21, 1981, trig-gered an outburst of panda-mania ere that has calmed down only slightly. The panda remains one of the most popular figures for chil-dren's entertainment in Mexico.

The other surviving offspring are Liang-Liang, born June 22, 1983, and Qiu-Hua, born June 25, 1985.

Zoo officials, meanwhile, an-nounced that Pe-Pe has been suffering from unspecified health troubles lately. Warped





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Korean students continuing violent riots, revolution cries

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Waves of students beating drums and shouting "Revolution!" pelted riot police with bricks and firebombs in Seoul and other cities Tuesday, the seventh day of violent anti-govern-

Growing numbers of people showed support for the protesters, booing the outnumbered police and sometimes joining in the attacks.

Officers with helmets and shields fired thousands of tear gas grenades in Seoul and at least eight other cities. They used multiple tear gas launchers set up in streets to drive back charging crowds of students and their

supporters.

Chants of "People's revolution!" and "Destroy the military dictatorship!" accompanied gasoline bombs that exploded in bursts of flame among police sent into the streets by President Chun Doo-Hwan's government.

Students stormed at least four police stations and set police vehicles afire. They forced officers out of the streets around at least two universities in Seoul

The news agency Yonhap reported clashes and antigovernment demonstrations in Seoul, Pusan, Kwangju, Chinju, Chonan, Chonju, Wonju, Taejon and Taegu.

About 6,000 protesters, cheered by onlookers, battled riot squads in the southern port of Pusan, burned a

police bus and set up barricades.

Mobs assaulted four police stations in the central city of Chinju. A fire started by gasoline bombs heavily damaged one of them.

Crowds again gathered in front of Seoul's Myong-dong Roman Catholic cathedral demanding the ouster of Chun's government. Those assembling at the cathe-dral have included prosperous families and elderly peo-

want democracy!"

Riot police used tear gas grenades to dispray the crowds when some people tried to march to the hall, but downtown Seoul was free of major street sa tles for the first time in a week.

Anti-government protests began last Weber I: promoted by a new coalition of opposition politicis pl gious and human rights leaders. The nationwider paign was timed to coincide with a convention of ruling Democratic Justice Party that endorsed choice of fellow examples and Robert Party was to say choice of fellow ex-general Roh Tae-woo to sm him as president in February.

Leaders of the coalition demand democratice and vowed when it was formed to rally the "po the masses" against the military-backed regime.

Newspapers said the ruling party was seeking and the worst violence since Chun assumed powers. President Park Chung-hee was assassinated in 19% the opposition demanded the release of thousands people arrested in the past week.

The National Police announced Tuesday that the people were detained between June 10 and Monday cluding 910 Monday. Officials said 1,937 were tended and the rest had been released.

Opposition groups demand that Chun step to and his successor be chosen by direct election.

Chun said in April that his successor will be seen.

Chun said in April that his successor will be sek by the current electoral college system, which coun favors the government, and there will be no further cussion of constitutional change until after the Summer Olympics are held in Seoul.

Foreign trade deficit indicates slight improvement during first 3 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deficit in the broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade showed a slight improvement in the first three months of this year, but it wasn't enough to keep the country from plunging further into hock as the world's largest debtor, the government said Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said the imbalance in the nation's current account narrowed to \$37.12 billion in the January-March quarter, down 2.3 percent from a record deficit of \$38 billion in the final three months

The current account is considered the most important trade figure because it measures not only trade in merchandise but also trade in services, primarily the flow of investment funds between the United States and other countries.

Economists were heartened by the lower deficit, but they warned that it will be years before the country's status as a debtor nation begins to im-

Economists also noted that much of the improvement came from a drop in U.S. foreign aid to devel-oping nations, which they said was hardly a sign of economic strength. In other economic news Tuesday,

the Federal Reserve said that output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose a healthy 0.5 percent in

It was the biggest increase since February and followed upward revisions of industrial output for the past three months.

Republicans urged to fight Democrats on tax hike plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan, ignoring Democratic pleas to begin bipartisan talks on the budget, urged Republican senators Tuesday to fight Democratic plans

to raise taxes to reduce the deficit.

Meanwhile, Democrats struggled in closed-door meetings to finish their \$1 trillion fiscal 1988 spending plan, and said Reagan's television at tacks on Monday night were an attempt to dodge substance with public relations.

"The only thing worse than defi-cits is high taxes," Reagan said in remarks opening a Senate GOP lun-cheon. "Using taxes to cure deficits is like using leeches to cure anemia.'

Reagan repeated the promise he made in his television address to launch a new public campaign to reduce deficits, which have soared to record levels during his administration. Reagan said they would get worse if Republicans, with the help of the American people, don't hold the Democrats in check.

Analysts said the May advance was a sign that an improving trade performance is being felt by U.S. manufacturers, who are starting to sell more of their goods overseas be-cause of the big drop in the value of the dollar over the past two years.

"Some in Congress are caving in to its old temptations, its old tax and spend additions," he said. "We are

not going to be shy about pointing fingers and placing blame."

Reagan said Congress should give him more power over the budget process, through a line-item veto for spending bills and a constitutional balanced-budget amendment. He also called for adherance to

the Gramm-Rudman law, which requires the elimination of all federal red ink by 1991. Administration officials recently conceded the president's own budget violated the stat-

House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, called Reagan's initiative "tired old diatribes against Congress and former President Carter."

"The budget crisis is of Mr. Reagan's own making," Wright said.
"Mr. Reagan has had seven opportunities to present a balanced budget to Congress," he said. "He has never once chosen to do so.

In less favorable news, the Commerce Department said that housing construction fell 2.7 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.62 million units, the slowest pace in more than two years. It was the third consecutive

monthly decline in housing and a sign of the dampening the sharp rise in mortgage in having on the housing industrial

lysts said.
The United States sufferd cord \$141.35 billion defici current account last year and economists are predicting the ure will be only slightly low

They contend that the falling lar will help U.S. sales about much of that improvement of the decreased purchasing post the decreased purchasing post the declare.

While the United States has n of the past 16 years, the current count was in surplus as recent 1981 as Americans' earning overseas investments were to offset the merchandise def

But a flood of foreign gov wiped out the cushion vided by investment ear this situation has made the States the world's largest country as Americans have over billions of dollars to for in exchange for imported go

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The United States was

debtor nation in 1914. It that status in 1985 with a debt of \$107.44 billion.



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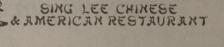
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