

# World and Nation

## Communist party head resigns 'in triumph' at 83

BEIJING (AP) — Top leader Deng Xiaoping resigned in triumph Sunday from the Communist Party's governing body, leaving younger officials to carry on his drive to shake up the stagnant bureaucracy and replace dogma with production.

The 83-year-old Deng left, as he had promised, at the end of a party congress that affirmed his policies and forced into retirement all the leading conservatives who had sought to slow his reforms.

The congress appointed a younger, streamlined party Central Committee that is expected Monday to confirm Deng's protegee, premier Zhao Ziyang, as party general secretary.

It also is expected to keep Deng on as head of the party's key Central Military Commission, from which he likely will exert considerable influence on party decisions.

The congress amended the party constitution so Deng can remain on the commission even though he resigned from the Central Committee.

Observers believed one of Deng's key reasons for retiring was to pressure elderly conservatives to follow suit, clearing the way for younger technocrats to take control.

Party spokesman Zhu Muzhi said the average age of the new Central Committee was 55, compared with an average age of 59 for the outgoing committee elected in 1982.

Deng's supporters remained on the committee, including Hu Yaobang, who was ousted as party general secretary in January for failing to crack down on widespread student pro-democracy demonstrations.

Zhao was named acting party chief to replace Hu. Officials have said he will stay on as premier until the National People's Congress, the nominal legislature, appoints a new premier at its annual session in the spring.

The party congress, the first in five years, was a triumphant exit for Deng, who was purged three times in leftist campaigns before reaching the pinnacle of power in 1978.

From Zhao's keynote speech carried live on national television to the closing slogans flashed on electronic boards in the Great Hall, the session produced great praise for Deng's political and economic reforms.

Those reforms have included dissolving the unwieldy agricultural communes, introducing incentives into the workplace and encouraging small-scale private enterprise.

## Article on Cuban-Soviet rift 'surprising,' U.S. officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials say they are surprised and intrigued by a rare public airing of differences between Cuba and its principal ally, the Soviet Union, over Cuba's economic policies.

The two countries have been on intimate terms for most of the past two decades, and the differences generally have been subtle, discernible only to seasoned analysts.

American experts on Soviet-Cuban relations have long suspected that Moscow is displeased with Cuba's economic performance, and that impression was borne out by an article in late August in the Soviet "New Times" magazine.

The article chides Cuba for excessive defense spending, non-repayment of foreign debts, continued rationing of food, inadequate housing and other perceived deficiencies.

Equally surprising was the Cuban response, which appeared in a recent edition of the same publication.

The article accuses Chirkov of a lack of balance and logic and said the writer had no business assailing Cuba's productivity levels in view of the Soviets' own difficulties in that area.

As for criticism of Cuban defense spending, the Cuban article noted that the Soviet Union and other socialist countries which have provided military aid to Cuba obviously believe that Cuba is vulnerable to attack. Otherwise, he suggested, the aid levels would have been much lower.

Cuba is estimated to receive more than \$4 billion annually in Soviet assistance and allows more than 2,000 Soviet technicians to operate a facility in Cuba with the capacity to monitor U.S. communications along the East Coast, U.S. officials say.

In return, Cuba has lent itself to Soviet strategic purposes in a variety of ways. About 35,000 Cuban troops serve in Angola, Moscow's most reliable ally in southern Africa. Moscow and Havana also are the two principal backers of Nicaragua's leftist government.

## Brazil's nuclear tests raise grave questions

ANGRA DOS REIS, Brazil (AP) — The radiation poisoning of more than 200 people has raised serious questions about the government's ability to control its ambitious nuclear program, which includes the technology for atomic weapons.

This vast nation of 138 million people has one atomic power plant on line — in the quiet fishing community of Angra dos Reis — and two more planned. But it has no site for safely disposing of nuclear waste.

Last month's poisoning of 243 people in the central city of Goiania occurred just one month after President Jose Sarney proudly announced that Brazil had mastered the technique of enriching uranium, a necessary step in building an atomic bomb.

A scavenger took a capsule of the isotope cesium-137 from a partly demolished cancer treatment clinic. A junk dealer broke open the 500-pound lead casing and found about 3 ounces of a phosphorescent powder, which he and others confused with carnival glitter.

By late October, four people who had rubbed the cesium on their bodies, including a 6-year-old girl, were dead. Seven others remain hospitalized with little chance of survival.

Rex Nazare, the president of the national Nuclear Energy Commission, said on nationwide television the Goiania incident would not affect Brazil's nuclear program, which he declared safe.

But many people say Brazil's thrust into the atomic age is downright dangerous.

In Angra dos Reis, 90 miles west of Rio de Janeiro, people called the giant reactor "vagalume" — Portuguese for lightning bug. But the jokes stopped when they learned that evacuation plans for the town were classified as a "state secret."

In addition to the plant, Brazil has 1,763 known radioactive installations in military and civilian research centers, hospitals and industrial plants. But, critics charge, it lacks accompanying progress in regulation, nuclear safety and public education.

Brazil has neither an atomic waste disposal site nor an agency designated solely for nuclear regulation. The Nuclear Energy Commission, scientists say, spends more time pushing nuclear energy than watching over existing radioactive material.

## Group starts drive to stop pornography

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The opening shots in a war against hard-core pornography — a \$300,000 campaign including billboards, a newspaper insert and a TV program — have been fired in Kansas City by activists who say their target is dehumanizing and dangerous.

Their critics, however, say the group is using scare tactics and exaggerating the problem to arouse the public.

The anti-porn drive was a test, organizers said. A national group may take the campaign throughout the country, depending on its evaluation of the Kansas City effort.

The campaign launched by the National Coalition Against Pornography and its local affiliate urged people to Stand Together Opposing Pornography, or STOP. It featured 80 billboards, a two-hour television program, direct mail pleas, a 12-page newspaper insert and a phone bank to take calls from financial contributors.

## New uniform system of prison sentencing becomes law despite some objections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the objections of some judges and lawyers, a new, and some say stricter, uniform system of sentencing goes into effect Sunday in U.S. district courts.

The new guidelines, drafted by the U.S. Sentencing Commission and mandated by the sweeping 1984 anti-crime law, are designed to bring consistency to the federal sentencing process.


Under the new rules, the 550 federal judges will have less latitude in sentencing criminals, permitting them to deviate from the guidelines only in rare instances.

Proponents argue that the guidelines are expected to minimize disparities in the sentences different judges give those convicted of similar crimes. Opponents claim the new guidelines eliminate the human factor judges use in handing down sentences.

The guidelines establish a 43-level system of punishment, depending on the crime and the defendant's record. Each level corresponds to a specific punishment. A judge may go outside of the guidelines in extraordinary cases, but if he does, his decision will be subject to appeal.

The guidelines also eliminate parole. Those convicted of federal crimes could have their punishment reduced only as a result of good behavior.

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