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World and Nation

Domestic airliner crash in China kills all aboard

BEIJING (AP) — A domestic airliner crashed in southwestern China, killing all 108 people aboard, the official Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) Flight 4146 carried a crew of 10 and 98 passengers, the agency said.

Chinese civil aviation officials reported no Americans aboard the plane, said Julian Pendergrass, consul at the U.S. Embassy.

The agency said four of the dead were foreigners, but did not list their nationalities.

The Ilyushin-18 plane, en route from Beijing to Chongqing in Si-

chuan province, crashed about five miles from the Chongqing airport at 10:15 p.m. Monday, Xinhua said in its report Tuesday.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash.

In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said at least three Japanese were on board the flight, including Isamu Tanaka and Masato Haga of Toshiba Corp., who were on a business trip, and Sumio Kudo of Mitsui and Co., a trading firm.

Both companies confirmed the employees were on board.

Xinhua said a CAAC team sped to the scene to investigate but found no survivors on the flight, which it said

was operated by Southwest Airline, a branch of the government-run CAAC.

CAAC said it would modernize its fleet after one of its planes, a built Antonov 24, crashed landing in the eastern city on Jan. 18, 1985. Thirty-eight people were killed.

The Ilyushin IL-18 is a Soviet designed four-engine turboprop aircraft first was produced in the late 1950s. The Soviet Union produced more than 700 IL-18's and exported 100 of the aircraft by the late 1980s, according to Jane's World's Aircraft.

Official: Peace talks not Sandanista ploy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top State Department official dismissed on Monday peace concessions by Nicaragua's leftist government as a ploy to defeat an upcoming congressional vote on additional aid to the Contras rebels.

But Nicaragua's vice president said any renewal of U.S. aid to the Contras could "kill the peace process" in Central America.

Even though Monday was a federal holiday in honor of the birth of Martin Luther King Jr., high-level meetings were being held as officials sought to assess the latest developments and to determine how much additional assistance for the Contras should be sought.

President Daniel Ortega continues the peace process.

"What I'm saying is, we need to see whether these are concessions," Abrams said later Monday in an interview with public television's "MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour."

"Thus far he hasn't done anything," Abrams said. "I'm saying that if Nicaragua is a democracy by the time of the vote, we'll all be amazed and that would be wonderful, and there won't be any more Contras at that point. They'll all go home and become voters and citizens."

The administration will make a formal request to the Congress for more aid on Jan. 26. Both the amount and the time frame for the aid are still undecided, according to administration officials. A House vote is set for Feb. 3 and the Senate will follow on Feb. 4.

House majority whip Tony Coelho, D-Calif., said that current counts by both the Democrats and Republicans show a close vote on Contra aid.

However, Senate minority leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said he was uncertain about the prospects for renewed aid. "I frankly doubt there are enough votes for additional Contra aid," he said.

Study explains fat distribution in men, women

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Newly discovered differences in the fat cells of men and women may help explain why men have pot bellies while women are more likely to have big hips, thighs, a researcher said Monday.

Studies conducted at Rockefeller University in New York found differences between the sexes in both the makeup and number of these cells.

They show that young women have more fat cells in their thighs, hips and buttocks. But the fat cells in men's bellies are more likely than women's to accumulate fat.

Learning how to tinker with the biological controls that govern how fat cells take in and store their cargo could open new doors for making people slimmer, health officials said.

The latest research, conducted by Dr. Rudolph L. Leibel, presented at a meeting of the American Heart Association.

According to one estimate, 10 million American adults are overweight, and a third of those are severely obese.

Cerebral palsy patient plans fight in court to win back her children

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A wheelchair-bound cerebral palsy patient who has had two babies taken from her by welfare officials said Monday she'll fight in court to get back her children "if it's the last thing I do before I die."

Tiffany Callo, 20, gave birth to her second healthy son Friday but lost custody of him the next day, just as she lost custody of her first son shortly after his birth last March.

Santa Clara County welfare officials say Callo, who lives on \$533 a month from Social Security, is unable to care for the children and can't afford to pay for help.

The newborn, Jesse Robert, was placed with the same foster family caring for 10-month-old Antonio David. Callo has not been told where

the family lives but she has been allowed to visit Antonio for an hour on Saturdays at a welfare office.

"It's so unfair, it isn't right," Callo said tearfully. "I love the children. The children are my pride and my joy and my life and I feel like they're taking a part of my life away."

She said she's convinced she can care adequately for her children, although she knows she would need help.

"I have a question about a few things, like bathing them and lifting them, because sometimes I have involuntary movements," she said. "That could be dangerous for the babies."

She said the foster family has promised that if they are able to

adopt the boys, she will visit with them several times a week. But she said, "I don't want, I really want my kids back."

She separated from her husband, Tony Rios, and a divorce was repeatedly with a wooden stick. Rios, also confined to a wheelchair because of rheumatoid arthritis, was arrested on charges of abusing his wife and is now at a hospital.

Robert Callo, 42, who was a single father since the children were months old, said "It would be they'd just give her a chance to care of her children, even for a period of six months."

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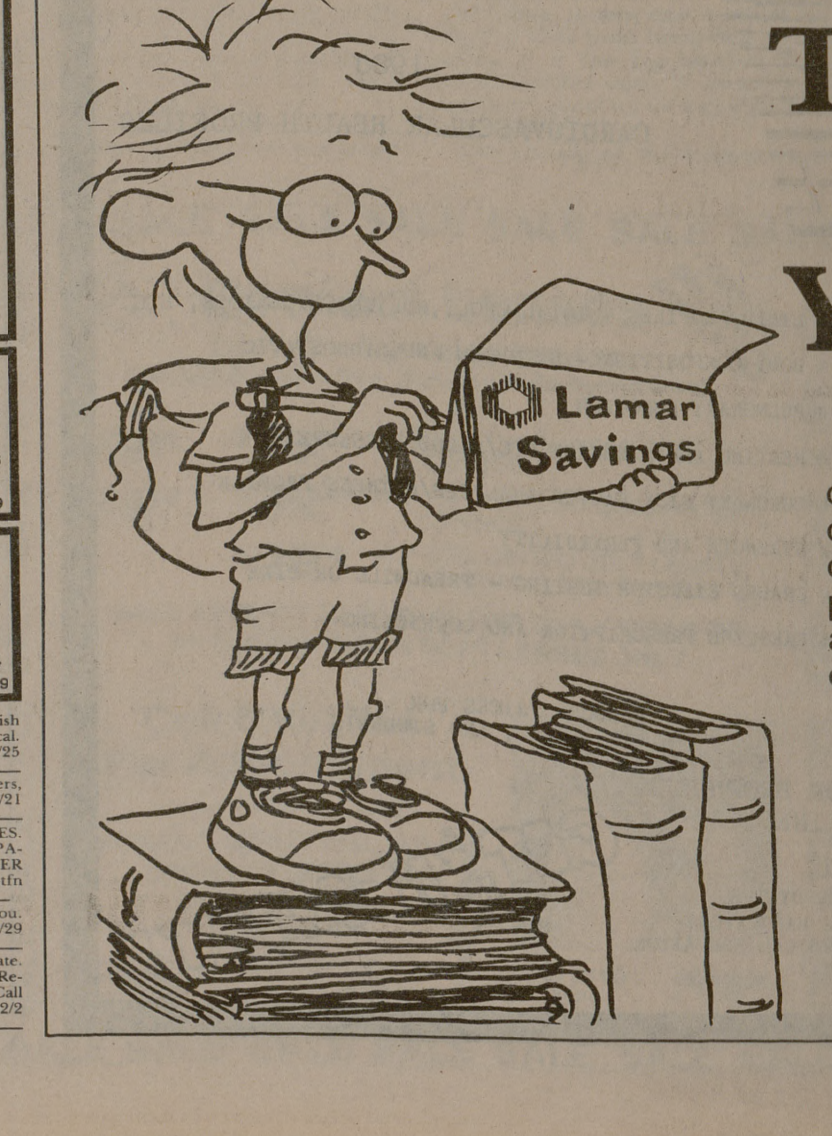
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