

China guards against Mongolian nationalism

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (AP) — When Genghis Khan's Mongol warriors swept south in the 13th century, even China's Great Wall could not keep them out.

Again, China is on guard against Mongolia, but the new forces of democracy and nationalism bursting forth may prove just as hard to keep out.

"There are grounds for China to worry; democracy is infectious," Lamjar, a pro-democracy activist, said. Like most Mongolians, he uses just one name.

Lamjar is a leader of the Social Democratic Movement, one of several new opposition groups that have forced the ruling Communists to initiate political reforms like their Soviet allies. Recently, the party promised free elections.

Chinese leaders, who used tanks and

guns to put down their own democracy movement in June 1989, already worry about the weakening of the Soviet party and the collapse of those in Eastern Europe.

Mongolia has brought the trend to China's border, and the 3.5 million ethnic Mongols in Chinese Inner Mongolia are a potentially receptive audience. They already are exposed to a potent mix of democratic ideas and Mongol pride via newspapers, radio broadcasts and even pop music from Mongolia.

One of Mongolia's biggest hits is a nationalist paean to the "great emperor, Lord Genghis, our ancestor," which mourns, "We have become pitiable. Forgive us."

What impact all this will have on Mongols in China, whose schooling stresses unity

with the majority Han Chinese, is a subject of great debate in Ulan Bator.

Mongolians who travel frequently to Inner Mongolia said Beijing clearly is worried. They said China has severely restricted travel to Mongolia and has increased surveillance of its Mongol minority.

At stake is the stability of Inner Mongolia and other border regions populated by traditionally more restive minorities, the Tibetans and Uygurs.

"Unrest is impossible," said a man with relatives in Inner Mongolia, noting that Chinese now outnumber Mongols there.

He and other cross-border travelers said, however, that China's Mongols are far from assimilated, although many dress like Chinese and speak Chinese.

"They always look to Outer Mongolia," an intellectual said. "A Mongol is always a Mongol."

Reuniting the two Mongolias is not part of the public program of the new opposition groups in Ulan Bator, despite the new nationalist climate.

"In every Mongolian exists such a dream," an activist said, "but to talk about it openly is dangerous."

For centuries, the only relationship between Mongolians and Chinese was that of ruler and ruled.

Genghis Khan's successors ruled China for a century. China later invaded Mongolia, but the nomadic Mongols were always more resistant to China's Confucian influence than other East Asian peoples. They turned to the Soviet Union for help

in gaining independence under a Communist government in 1921. Inner Mongolia, with a heavier Chinese presence, remained under Beijing's control.

After China became Communist in 1949, the two countries briefly were friends. The Soviet Union split with China in the early 1960s and Mongolia did too.

As late as 1983, Mongolia ordered ethnic Chinese living in Ulan Bator to leave on state farms or return to their homes. Most left, and China protested the expulsions.

In the past two years, Mongolia has followed the Soviet example of improving relations with China. Border trade resumed in 1989 and Chinese defense officials visit Ulan Bator soon, Buyanbadral, director of the Foreign Ministry's China desk,

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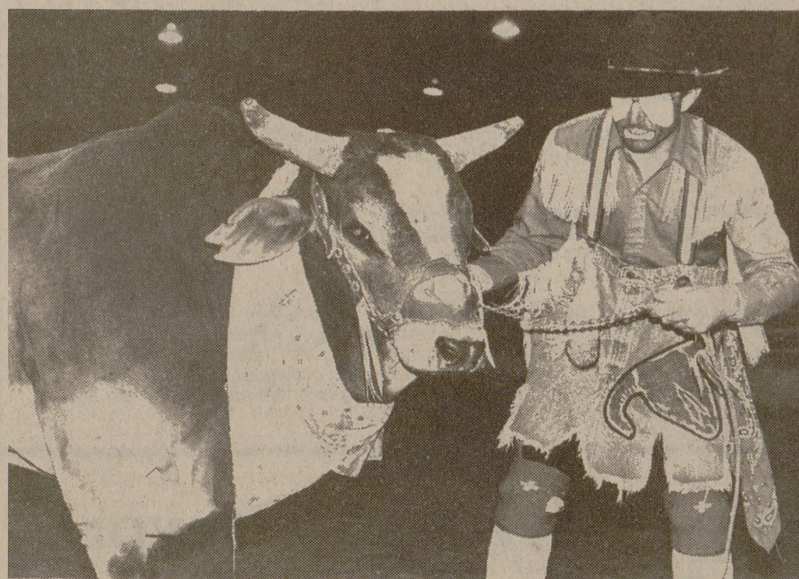
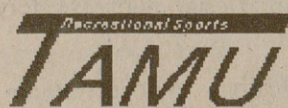
Basketball Playoffs have been moved to a notebook inside the Recreational Sports Office.

The Swim Meet has been rescheduled.
New dates are as follows:

- Corps and Fish PrelimsMonday, April 167:30
Rain DateTuesday, April 177:30
- DivisionalsWednesday, April 18 ..7:30
Rain DateThursday, April 197:30
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Entries and scratches will be accepted through Wednesday, April 11 in the Recreational Sports Office.

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	Date	Rating*	Fee**
Diving in Cozumel	May 14-18	B/I	550/570
Cozumel (non-divers)	May 14-18	B	455/475

Registration closes on April 2 and 9 for:

Canoe Trip	April 7-8	B/I	35/40
Kayak Roll Clinic	April 10	B	10/12

Registration closes on April 9 for:

Windsurfing FUNDamentals	April 12, 14***	B	15/20
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Registration opens April 2 for:

Rock Climbing Trip	April 20-22	I	32/35
Kayak Workshop	April 21-22	B/I	45/50

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REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY April 2	TUESDAY April 3	WEDNESDAY April 4	THURSDAY April 5	FRIDAY April 6	SATURDAY April 7	SUNDAY April 8
Entries Open: Baseball and Homerun Hitting Softball Playoffs Posted 8 am	Entries Close: Pickleball Doubles Putt Putt Golf Sport Club Meeting: 7 p. m. 167 Read	 Softball Playoffs Begin		Pickleball Doubles Brackets Posted, 1 pm Happy Birthday!! to Dennis Corrington and James Nash, Jr.		Ultimate Frisbee Savage Sevens, 10 am