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First lady celebrates 50th birthday Clinton returns home to Illinois to revisit past, reminisce with friends

PARK RIDGE, ILL. (AP) — Hillary Diane Rodham, the girl voted most likely to succeed by her high-school classmates, was welcomed home yesterday as a hero returning to re-examine the roots that took her from Girl Scouts and Goldwater to Wellesley and the White House. Cheerleaders, marching bands and a children's choir turned out at O'Hare Airport to welcome Clinton to a daylong birthday fest the city of Chicago formally proclaimed "Hillary Rodham Clinton Day."

going way beyond the usual cake and candles. Clinton's hometown of Park Ridge was putting up a marker at her childhood home. The city of Chicago was naming a park after her. Also, a busload of old high school pals from the Class of 1965 were joining her on a bus ride to reminisce at sites in what she remembers as the "Ozzie and Harriet" suburb of her youth.



Clinton

Winfrey's show. The guest list for the day's activities included Clinton's best friend from high school, the boy who walked with her to Eugene Field Elementary School and the Methodist youth minister credited with helping to awaken her social conscience. "When people wonder who Hillary Clinton is, they need to look back at her early life," Carl Anthony, a historian accompanying the first lady, said. "She is a product of a nurturing 1950s idyll, and yet at the same time she's also a product of the city of Chicago and its turmoil and its social change of the late and mid-1960s."

Today's stops included the two-story Georgian house at the corner of Elm and Wisner where Clinton grew up and the First United Methodist Church, where youth minister Don Jones encouraged a

young Hillary to work in her father's law firm in Chicago's inner city and care for the children of migrant workers. She also planned an exhibit at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, where Jones told Hillary to hear Martin Luther King Jr. give a speech titled "Through the Revolution." In April 1968, by then a law student at Wellesley, Clinton would do a band and march with her classmates through the Boston after King was shot. If her politics were more liberal, Clinton is finding more acceptance from the Republicans of the state where her husband got 40 percent of the vote in 1992. "I did not always sense that she was our first lady," Clinton said. "Some things have definitely improved over the years she's been in the White House. There's less criticism and more praise. People are very excited about her."

History of mixed emotions casts shadow over relations with China

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has a population-control policy many Americans see as brutal. The Chinese use prisoners to make toys and clothing that wind up on the shelves of discount houses in this country, American labor leaders say. China is building the biggest dam in the world, and the environmental cost grates some Americans. Against the background of those feelings comes Jiang Zemin on a weeklong goodwill tour of the United States. There will be a White House meeting Wednesday with President Clinton for diplomacy and dinner. About the most Jiang can expect — and it is no small ambition, say China experts — is a restoration of the wellspring of good feeling that once existed between these two countries.

economically, politically, and strategically," and a second anti-communist feeling enhanced when China abandons liberalization in favor of order and harsh political repression. China scholar Mary Brown Bullock, president of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., and daughter and granddaughter of American missionaries in China, says more than the conflict between Eastern and Western values — and more than the inevitable frictions between a capitalist democracy and a communist autocracy — explains the tensions between the two countries. She sees a time warp at work, "a conflict between 19th- and 20th-century values."

"The Chinese admire what the United States stands for and does, but they feel that their time is coming, that they are beginning to assume their rightful place in the world and that the United States is holding them back." NICHOLAS PLATT, PRESIDENT, ASIA SOCIETY

that captures America's image of modern China. But Tiananmen symbolizes the ambiguity of American feeling about China, David Shambaugh, an Asian expert at George Washington University and a former State Department and National Security Council aide, says. "It was not just an assault on students, but an assault on democracy," he said. Americans hold twin impulses toward China, he says — the "missionary impulse to transform China,

Shambaugh said the China criticisms of American interest groups play a role in shaping U.S. policy toward Beijing. Thus, environmentalists and archaeologists must be heeded when they rail against the building of Three Gorges Dam in China, destined to be the world's biggest, but also to displace 1.3 million people. These critics say it will obliterate endangered species and inundate ancient sites. They were not around when America built its own great dams, with untold environmental consequences, decades ago. Labor leaders command attention when they denounce China's use of prison labor to take jobs they say should go to American workers and when they charge China uses trade barriers to keep out American products. Arms control advocates are exercised over reports of Chinese nuclear sales abroad and the transfer of Chinese missiles to Pakistan and Iran. The Pentagon becomes suspicious of China's ambitious military modernization program. Looming potentially as large as a vexation is China's persecution of Christians, who number in the millions.

COMMONS

Continued from Page 1 Pauline Derby, an RHA delegate for Krueger Hall and a sophomore computer science major, said stu-

dents need to have a different attitude about the issue. "I personally have never had a problem with the people smoking there," Derby said. "I think that there needs to be a change in attitude about the issue. The front nat-

urally tends to be a place for smokers to congregate." Turnbough said that the Department of Residence Life may consider adding picnic benches around the Commons entrance to provide an outside meeting place for students.

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