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leischer denied that the Bush inistration was courting a's support of the missile nse system in exchange for acceptance of a nuclear or ary buildup by Beijing, as rted in Sunday's New York

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ile defense "separate and apart" from the issue hina's desire to expand its limited arsenal of ear missiles, Fleischer said. "The United States nade it clear and continues to make it clear that litary buildup there is not necessary.

e also said there was no change in U.S. polin the testing of nuclear weapons, now preed by a worldwide moratorium. "We have no s to resume testing," Fleischer said.

The United States might raise the future possiy of underground tests being resumed in both ions, according to the Times and The

"I would not like to see the Chinese expand on U.S. missile defense plans before their nuclear capabilities," said Sen. Arlen Specter dent George W. Bush visits Beijing next said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "I think it has the United States tries to convince other is much too soon to even think about matters that

China is "the coming colossus of the world and This is part of the administration's outreach to a superpower," said Specter, R-Penn., who added a and other nations such as Russia to discuss he had just returned from a China trip where he

> to see them become any more powerful in the nuclear line. I think we ought to formulate our policy in many different ways to try to avoid just that."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-North Dakota, said on CNN's "Late Edition" that the United States ought to try to continue to put pressure on the Chinese and others not to have offensive weapons buildup. Our entire approach ought to be to reduce the nuclear threat, not increase it.'

Fleischer said the system is intended to protect the United States and its allies from hostile nations with missile capabilities such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

"Other nations have nothing to worry about from American development of a missile defense system," he said. "It will protect the peace in the world ... when the real threat to peace

China fears the missile shield would undercut the deterrent effect of China's small nuclear

"China's position on missile defense is clearcut and consistent," China's Foreign Ministry said in late August after Bush said the United States would withdraw a 1972 arms control treaty signed by Washington and Moscow. "We hope the U.S. government will seriously consider the position of the international community and proceed

## Jiang seeks to rewrite Communist charter

### Chinese capitalists vie for party affiliation

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BEIJING (AP) — President Jiang Zemin has bedrock dogma of China's Communist Party.

In July, Jiang surprised the world by inviting give them a formal place in the charter that has guided the

party through 80 years of war, revolution and reform. Doctrinaire Marxists are

Picking such a risky ideological fight is a striking change for Jiang, a cautious dealmaker who has survived as party leader for 12 years by avoiding

But, having confounded skeptics who wrote him off even as he became party leader in 1989, the 75-year-old former soap factory manager has final-

ly amassed enough power to force a major decision and make it stick

"Jiang Zemin's position as 'first among equals' is now beyond dispute. You can't challenge him," said Joseph Cheng, director of the Contemporary China Research Center at the City University of Hong Kong.

Mao Tse-tung led China through its revolution. Deng Xiaoping unleashed forces of free enterprise that have turned it into an economic power.

To Jiang Zemin fell the task of meshing his country into the globalized world. While keeping up intense pressure on dissidents in defiance of human rights critics, he has presided over strong economic growth, launched a military modernization drive and led Beijing out of the diplomatic isolation that followed the 1989 crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

Jiang's contribution to official theory mainsaved his biggest battle for last: changing the tains that the Communist Party - until now, "vanguard of the working class" — has to change and embrace forces that are creating capitalists to join the ruling party. Now, as he jobs and prosperity in China. That means maknears the end of his years in power, he wants to ing peace with entrepreneurs who are viewed

party hardliners.

Jiang's term as president ends in 2003, but he is expected to give up his more important post as party general-secretary next year, Rewriting the party charter is the biggest item on an agenda meant to secure his power and place in history.

But Jiang still faces resistance within his party, mainly from doctrinaire Marxists, though also from nationalists United States and party veterans unwilling to share power with newly arrived entrepreneurs.

Jiang, however, is bolstered by some recent

high-profile successes.

The leader who cultivates a common touch shook hands with jubilant crowds in the streets of Beijing after the Chinese capital was awarded the 2008 Olympics. His government is on the brink of achieving its 15-year-old goal of joining the World Trade Organization. He has traveled the world building up China's image as a benign power and valuable trading partner.

Yet Jiang does not just want to be a frequent flier who played piano at the White House. He wants to qualify for greatness by making his mark on communist history as a weighty Marxist thinker.

Senior officials are barnstorming the country talking up Jiang's campaign. State television carries nightly reports quoting people from all walks

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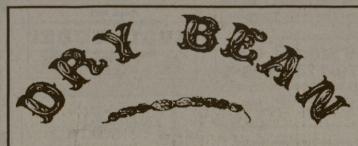
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