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Beijing will honor territorial treaties

A People's Republic of China official responsible for liaison with Hong Kong and Macao, made the most explicit Beijing intervention to date into the internal affairs of these two territories. On June 22, he stated that Beijing will "steadfastly abide by" the protocols of the agreements, with Britain and Portugal respectively, by which both territories will be handed over to mainland China by the end of this century.

The Chinese official warned, however, that people in the two territories should not get involved in the affairs of the mainland. He said that people in both Hong Kong and Macao had already "violated the Chinese constitution" by supporting the pro-democracy movement, and had "added fuel to the flames of the unrest." He insisted that the territories not be used as bases of subversion inside China.

Establishment revives nuclear winter hoax

A "new" study released in *Nature* magazine features a scenario where soot thrown into the stratosphere by nuclear explosions will supposedly form into "fractal clusters" (a fancy name for "fluff balls"), which will supposedly absorb four to five times more light than tightly packed soot spheres.

The study, issued by Jenny Nelson of the University of Bristol in England, is the latest attempt at reviving the theory simultaneously voiced by Carl Sagan and the U.S.S.R.'s Nikita Moiseyev, that all life on Earth would cease after a nuclear war because so much soot would be thrown up that the Sun's rays would be blocked and everyone would freeze.

The world's leading scientists have already demolished the theory, pointing out that the computer models used to predict the behavior the atmosphere were incompetent, and did not take weather into account. These happen to also be the identical models which

predict the "heating" of the Earth due to the "greenhouse effect."

Red China issues cover-up movie

The Chinese government has prepared a 40-minute "big lie" videotape about the June massacre in Tiananmen Square, writes the *Daily Telegraph* from Beijing. It shows no sign of any civilian deaths. The video is being distributed to Chinese embassies, and copies are being made available to foreign television.

The *Telegraph* quotes a diplomat who saw the video, who calls it "almost laughable," although parts of it are "quite horrible," with film clips of Chinese soldiers disemboweled and killed. Not a single shot is heard. "In one place, the electronic time of recording is still on screen, and the digits jump backwards and forwards, indicating that the compilers have been altering the sequence," writes the paper.

The Red Chinese embassy in London told the *Telegraph* it has a copy of the tape, but that it is not for public distribution: "It is for us to understand what happened at the time."

Ex-cabinet official says Aquino faces crisis

Teodoro Benigno, who resigned last May as Philippines President Corazon Aquino's press secretary, has begun a series of commentaries on the fact that Aquino faces a serious domestic crisis because her administration has failed to improve the livelihood of Filipinos. Benigno, a former journalist, warns that the crisis will move into high gear in August, when the government is expected to raise fuel prices by between 15 and 25%. "This will hit the citizenry like a cannonball in the eyes. The gauntlet comes alive when the public reacts to the price increases. . . . A close look showed the GNP growth of 6.7% hardly trickled down to the masses," he said.

Benigno said Mrs. Aquino is aware of the dangers but "is still unable to rise to the occasion," deliver strong leadership, and make the bureaucracy respond to public demands. He warned that if her popularity drops to 50% or below, "that would hit 4 to 5 on the political Richter scale."

Metropolitan of Kiev blasts Ukrainian Church

Metropolitan Filaret of Kiev denounced the underground Ukrainian Catholic Church as a "political movement" and not a religious body, and said that the Russian Orthodox Church's attitude toward it is "unequivocally negative."

Filaret, who is the head of the ROC in the Ukraine, made his comments in a recent interview with the Kiev government daily *Radianski Ukraina*. Responding to speculation that forthcoming legislation on religion in the U.S.S.R. may make the Catholic Church legal, Filaret replied, "I can say with certainty that the discussion here is not about reanimation . . . there is no basis for it. . . . The Ukrainian Catholic Church has been condemned by history."

Hawke wants Antarctic wilderness reserve

During his four-day visit to Washington, D.C. in the last week of June, Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke announced his country would not sign the 33-nation Antarctic Minerals Convention, but would "seek instead a comprehensive Antarctic environment protection convention and the creation of a Wilderness Reserve." Hawke's "Reserve" would ban all mining, oil drilling, or other development activities in Antarctica, and would put the continent under United Nations control.

The Soviet-funded Greenpeace organization immediately lauded Hawke's move, and on June 23 a coalition of nine environmental groups sent a letter to U.S. President

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George Bush urging him to "respond positively" to Hawke's proposal.

In 1988, a 33-nation agreement to allow development of the vast oil, gold, platinum, and other strategic minerals beneath Antarctica was reached, called the Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Minerals Resource Activities (CRAMRA). All seven nations with territorial claims to Antarctica (which includes Australia) must sign, or the CRAMRA agreement is null and void. France has now joined Australia in stating that it would not sign CRAMRA.

KGB spy apparently commits suicide

Glenn Michael Souther, 32, an admitted Soviet spy, died at an undisclosed location in Russia, an apparent suicide, according to British press accounts. The British press were quoting KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov as to the suicide as the cause of death. "It was a tragic thing. He committed suicide," said Kryuchkov, who added that Souther leaves a Russian wife and daughter.

Another mystery arose from the original coverage of the death in the Soviet military newspaper *Red Star*, which did not explain the reason, but said that Souther's name was really Mikhail Yevgenyevich Orlov. This gave rise to speculation in the *New York Times* that Souther had been a "sleeper" planted in the U.S. at an early age. Kryuchkov claimed, however, that he was an American, but that he held the rank of major in the KGB prior to his death. He would not say precisely when Souther was recruited, except that it was "several years" before his defection and that he developed a nervous disorder because of the deception.

Originally, Souther's espionage was thought to have done little damage. However, a subsequent damage control assessment by the CIA and other agencies concluded that Souther might have provided the Soviets with valuable intelligence on U.S. surveillance satellites. Souther had been a former satellite photography specialist with special Navy intelligence clearance, who

became the subject of an FBI espionage investigation when he disappeared from the United States in May 1986. He surfaced in the U.S.S.R. in July 1988, thanking the Soviets for giving him political asylum.

Souther appeared on July 20, 1988 on the Soviet television program "Camera on the World," where he criticized the 1986 U.S. bombing raid on Libya and Western analyses of the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl.

EC ministers protest China bloodbath

The foreign ministers of the European Community nations met on June 26 Madrid, Spain, and agreed on a series of measures against the leadership of the People's Republic of China, even though many of the measures had already been independently announced by individual member nations' governments. Reuters quoted Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernández Ordóñez that the ministers expressed outrage at the continuing executions, and proposed to ban arms sales, suspend new cooperation projects, limit scientific and technical cooperation projects, and suspend high-level visits. The measures, which were passed unanimously by the 12 foreign ministers, also included recommendations to shelve new loan guarantees and World Bank credits.

On the last count, the World Bank has announced on June 26 that it will postpone indefinitely \$780 million in new loans to Beijing. "Management was told it's too early to rush back to the board" to seek approval for new loans, one of the bank's directors said. The board, which is reviewing a rush of loans before the end of the bank's financial year on June 30, had been due to approve \$330 million in credits the last week of June to fund provincial transport improvements, technical cooperation, and industrial development in Shanghai.

The bank had already put \$450 million in new financing on hold. However, the bank still has a number of large-scale commitments in China which will not be affected.

● **THE U.S.** and Britain have signed an agreement to jointly develop an air-launched stand-off missile. The agreement was actually signed on Dec. 1, 1988, but was only now announced. The air-to-surface system is to be mounted on the Tornado jet bomber, and will have a range of between 250 and 370 miles. The U.S. Martin Marietta Corp. will work on the project together with British Aerospace PLC.

● **CHINESE STUDENTS** in West Germany report that consular officials of the Chinese Communist government are drawing up "black lists" of names of students who have been involved in West Germany in demonstrations against Beijing. Chinese students in West Berlin report that consular spies have been discovered in action, and similar reports are coming from Chinese students in Freiburg and Tübingen.

● **20,000 YUGOSLAVIAN** farmers took to the streets of Novy Zad on June 21, protesting the government's agricultural policy. The central government in Belgrade is charged with keeping production prices of wheat—and thus, farm earnings—down, while inflation eats the income of the farmer away from the other side. The farmers are also calling for cheap credit, which the central government has so far refused to give.

● **RICHARD NIXON** has endorsed Henry Kissinger's policy of support for the bloody Chinese Communist regime. He wrote in the *Washington Times* that "it is critically important that we do not let our revulsion lead us to adopt policies of reprisal that would isolate the Chinese government."

● **ITALY** is number one in Europe for drugs, according to a study presented by the LABOS, Laboratory for Social Policies on the occasion of the U.N.'s World Drug Day.