

## World and Nation

# China announces protesters executed

From Associated Press reports

BEIJING — Shanghai authorities today executed three men convicted of setting a train on fire, the first executions announced since the military crackdown that has crushed the pro-democracy movement.

The executions were carried out a day after the United States and other governments had appealed for clemency for the 11 people sentenced to death since the June 3-4 army assault on Beijing.

The three were shot to death at a public gathering, a spokesman at the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office said, two weeks after the train was set ablaze. They were convicted on Thursday and had appeals rejected on Tuesday.

The train was set on fire June 6 after it ran through a barricade set up by protesters, killing six people.

In other developments, the government today ordered colleges to set up new political education programs so students will learn to "love socialism and love the army" and accept official condemnation of the pro-democracy protests.

New arrests were also reported, raising the total nationwide to more than 1,600 since June 4, when the army killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in Beijing in crushing the student-led movement for a freer, less corrupt society.

The three men executed in Shanghai today — workers Xu Guoming and Yan Xuerong and Bian Hanwu, who was unemployed — had appealed their death sentences to the city's highest court, but it found "no legal reasons for mitigating the punishment," local Shanghai radio said.

Eight people in Beijing have also been sentenced to death for alleged roles in protests following the assault on Beijing.

Death sentences in China usually are carried out by a bullet to the back of the head. There is no record of a death sentence in Communist China ever being overturned on appeal, although they sometimes are commuted to life in prison.

The Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to President Bush's order Tuesday that U.S. government officials suspend all high-level contacts with Chinese officials.

Washington also said it would seek to postpone consideration of new loans to China by international organizations in order to protest the harshness of the crackdown.

In Hebei province south of Beijing, officials said they arrested 44 "ruffians" who took part in protests in the capital. Among them were two members of the United Association of Beijing Universities, the independ-

ent student union that led seven weeks of pro-democracy protests.

Shanghai officials said 65 people had surrendered there, including 42 leaders of independent student unions and other illegal groups. It said they repented and some, after "seeing the light," informed on others.

The State Education Commission

sent a notice to all provincial and local governments ordering them to arrange "political ideological education" for college students, especially those graduating this year.

"The recent counterrevolutionary rebellion was a very good lesson," the State Education Commission said. "Every government education depart-

ment should be, before this batch of college students graduates, carrying out patriotic education to love the Communist Party, love socialism and love the People's Liberation Army."

Three leading national newspapers carried front-page commentaries backing the education authorities' order.

## Soviets, Iranians set goals

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani discussed prospects for settling conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan in the first of two meetings between the leaders, Tass said.

The Soviet president warmly greeted Rafsanjani, the highest Iranian official to visit Moscow since the 1979 Iranian revolution, and met with him again today.

The official Soviet news agency said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was meeting with Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister.

Asked about possible arms sales to Iran, military chief of staff Gen. Mikhail A. Moiseyev told a news conference that Gorbachev and Rafsanjani would be meeting and said any decision would be made by "the political leadership."

Gorbachev warmly greeted Rafsanjani to Moscow and promised

that the Kremlin will not damage Tehran's interests. Rafsanjani said Gorbachev's reforms and Iran's strength will help improve relations, Tass said.

The Soviet leader said although relations between the neighboring countries have not always fared well, "there cannot be and will not be anything in our policy now that would damage Iran's interests."

The leaders discussed prospects for settling conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan, and their attitudes toward other countries, Tass said.

Rafsanjani, who before leaving Tehran recalled that Russian empires always had coveted Iran, was reported to have listed areas of agreement between the two nations. They included universal disarmament, the question of foreign military in the Indian Ocean, a neutral Afghanistan and national self-determination as areas where the two could come very close.

Tass said earlier: "In the Soviet

Union there is confidence that the visit by Rafsanjani will give fresh impetus to the continued progress of Soviet-Iranian relations and will help improve mutual understanding and strengthen cooperation between the two countries."

His delegation included Velayati and Mohsen Rezaie, commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Iran officially has a non-aligned foreign policy, but Rafsanjani said earlier this month that the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had instructed him to improve relations with Moscow. Khomeini died on June 3.

With ties to the West strained, Tehran is looking to the Soviet bloc for help in rebuilding Iran after its eight-year war with Iraq.

The Soviet Union was one of Iraq's major arms suppliers in the Iran-Iraq war, which ended with an August 1988 cease-fire.

Soviet-Iran relations improved when Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan on Feb. 15.

from page 1

## Chinese

sored" students may use either the F-1 visa or the J-1 visa.

But confused local government officials have turned away "unsponsored" students who present the commonly-used IAP-66 form (for J-1 visa) because they were apparently led to believe that only "sponsored" students could use the this visa, he said.

"Unsponsored" students were instead told to get a central government-issued passport from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, which they are no longer entitled to according to the recent government definition of "unsponsored", he said.

UNC's current policy for visa issuance requires that students funded by UNC must be issued the J-1 visa, making it impossible for these students to receive aid.

Accommodations in the University's policy will not be made this summer because no official word has been received from the Chinese government as to which restrictions apply.

Austell and Henry H. Dearman, Associate Dean of the the UNC-CH graduate school, will review University policy in the fall to make sure it is still fair to Chinese students, Austell said.

Sherri Ontjes, program assistant of international programs at UNC Study Abroad said that although no UNC students will go to China this year, she is still unsure if the three Chinese students scheduled to arrive in the fall are still coming.

"At this point we still don't know a good many things," Austell said.

"I do know that we've issued many visas for Chinese students for fall-spring," he said. "We won't know their status until they actually arrive."

"I think we have done everything we could do to help these students exit their country given the many constraints that are now in place," he said.

Get your  
piece of the  
pie.

PEPPER'S  
PIZZA

127 E. Franklin St.  
between Varsity Theatre  
& Record Bar  
967-7766

## Assume Builders Loan MILL CREEK

Payments as low  
as \$588<sup>50</sup>

Special Financing: 8 1/2% fixed for  
three years with 10% down.  
From \$76,000!

Limited number of rentals available  
for summer and fall.

- Walking distance to UNC
- Two bedrooms, two baths
- All appliances
- Pool & Tennis on site

Mill Creek  
700 Airport Road



Chapel Hill Realty  
Mike Beam 942-4149

**GOLD CONNECTION**  
HAS GREAT PRICES EVERY DAY!  
plus 25% OFF to all summer  
school students! So come on in!

128 E. Franklin St.  
Downtown Chapel Hill 967-GOLD  
next to Johnny T-Shirt

Open  
24 Hours

**kinko's**  
the copy center

114 W. Franklin St.  
967-0790  
Fax: 967-9243