

China keeps her open door policy



Vice-Premier Gu Mu makes a point during his exclusive interview with "China Daily".

China's policy of opening up to the world will not change but she will continue to encourage and absorb foreign investment during the nation's economic readjustment. And China's exports will see a considerable expansion.

This was reaffirmed yesterday by Vice Premier Gu Mu in an exclusive "China Daily" interview.

Replying to a question, he said that China's policy of opening up to the world was not one of expediency, but a basic policy. He said: "In order to carry on its socialist modernization programme successfully, it is essential for China to broaden technical exchanges and co-operation with other countries. History shows that no country can have any chance of getting moder-

nized, if it insists on closing its door to the rest of the world."

Healthy readjustment

Speaking of the present readjustment programme, Gu Mu pointed out: "we have repeatedly stressed that this is a sober and healthy readjustment. Some people abroad have recently made some groundless remarks on China's readjustment policy which we find regrettable." However, he said, most people understood our policy.

The economic situation in the first few months of this year, he said, "shows that readjustment

has produced better results than expected." This was borne out by the fact that the production situation was very encouraging, especially in agriculture; light industry output in the first quarter, continued to show a fairly large increase, an increasing amount of currency had been withdrawn from circulation, and there was a financial surplus.

"Readjustment" the Vice Premier said, "has invigorated China's economy and its success will surely bring about a bigger economic expansion."

In answer to a question regarding introducing and absorbing

foreign investments, Gu Mu stressed that such acceptance was one of our long-term strategic policies.

Foreign capital

"In the stage of economic readjustment" he said, "we will continue to absorb capital from abroad. There are key fields where foreign capital can be used, such as construction projects of energy and transportation, educational developments and technical renovation of old factories."

Internationally, there are at present many favourable factors and we should not let opportunities go by. We should work out the correct plans, make a proper selection of projects and then actively and

steadily absorb foreign investment, he said.

As for foreign trade, Gu Mu said: "the past few years have witnessed relatively rapid development of our import and export trade, and the trend since the beginning of the year is also favourable."

The Vice Premier congratulated "China Daily" on its publication. He sees this newspaper as a new bridge for international exchange. He expressed the hope that the paper would play an effective role in strengthening friendly relations between China and the rest of the world, promoting friendship between people of all lands and furthering worldwide economic, technological and cultural exchange.

Her death mourned the world over

Condolences come from all parts of the globe

People throughout China are mourning the passing of the woman they regard as one of their nation's true heroines, Soong Ching Ling.

Messages of condolence have been received from all parts of the globe, sent by world figures, friends and acquaintances of Madame Soong, and others familiar with her deeds and role in the Chinese revolution.

People from all walks of life in the Chinese capital have been paying their last respects to Soong Ching Ling, widow of Dr Sun Yat-sen.

Monday more than 30,000 citizens and over 4,000 foreigners from more than 100 countries as well as Party and government leaders, leading members of departments in the Party, government and the Chinese People's Liberation Army filed through the Great Hall of the People where the body lay in state.

Mourning hall

A portrait of Soong Ching Ling hung in the Mourning hall. A huge streamer hanging across the entrance to the hall read: "eternal glory to comrade Soong Ching Ling, a great patriotic, democratic internationalist and communist fighter." The mourning hall was draped in crepe and sheets of silk.

There were wreaths from the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, the National People's Congress Standing Committee, the State Council, the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, as well as those from party and state leaders.

Soviets ignore gun embargo

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa June 1, (AP via Xinhua) — "Guns manufactured in Soviet Bloc Countries are easier to buy here than weapons made in western nations," the Johannesburg Sunday Express reports.

"There is an arms embargo which is strictly adhered to by the United States and Western Germany, and yet we can get all the weapons we want from the eastern countries," arms dealer Leo Bic of Johannesburg told the paper.

Russian shotguns and Czechoslovakian pistols were plentiful in arms shops checked by the Sunday Express.

Arms salesman Clint Serjeant told the paper: "The CZ is about the finest pistol on the market. We import the CZ's because of the arms embargo. For security reasons I cannot say from which countries we import them."

The United Nations imposed a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa in 1977.

Although the Soviet Union denies any dealings with Pretoria, there is a variety of goods from the eastern countries on sale here, ranging from Soviet caviar to Czech motorcycles.

Wreaths presented by Soong Ching Ling's daughter-in-law, Mme. Sun Fo, her granddaughters, Pearl Suiying Sun Lin, Rose Suihua Sun Tchang and Venus Shing Kung Tai, and other relatives were placed in front of her body.

Condolence

More messages of condolence on the death of Soong Ching Ling have been received from heads of state, government leaders, people and organizations throughout the world.

They include: Romanian Communist Party and State Council; Khieu Samphan, President of the Presidium of the State and Prime Minister of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, and Nuon Chea, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Assembly of the Kampuchean People's representatives;

Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger; Bangladesh Acting President Abdus Sattar; Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure; Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq; Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla, Chairman of the Military Committee of National Salvation of Mauritania; Queen Margrethe II of Denmark;

Malaysian Supreme Head of State Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Abu Bakar; Burmese President Ne Win; Surinam President Chin A Sen; Patrick J. Hillery, President of Ireland;

Aiichiro Fujiyama, President of the Association for the Promotion of International Trade of Japan; British Writer Han Suyin and her husband Louwensin; Japanese friends of the Japan-China Friendship Associations.

Government leaders and people of various countries have called at Chinese embassies in their respective countries to express condolences.

They include: Nepal's Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa; Mauritanian Premier Ould Sid Ahmed Taya.

Mourning ceremonies are scheduled to continue today in the capital.

Chinese Premier arrives in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, June 1 (Xinhua) — Zhao Ziyang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, arrived here at 8:40 hours local time by special plane to a colourful and enthusiastic welcome.

This is the first time that a Chinese premier has visited Pakistan since 1966. It is also Premier Zhao's first visit to south Asian countries since he took the office of premiership.

In a written statement distributed at the airport, Premier



It was a sad, but fitting prelude to Children's Day as these youngsters paid their last respects to Soong Ching Ling, the leader they regarded as a grandmother.

Rebellion ends as troops take port

DACCA, Bangladesh, June 1 (UPI via Xinhua) — Government troops marched into the port city of Chittagong without resistance Monday, ending a three-day rebellion that began with the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman.

Police arrested the leader of the coup bid, Maj. Gen. Manzur Ahmed, and authorities located the body of the president which was flown to Dacca for a state funeral.

Gen. Manzur and his supporters fled the rebel stronghold of Chittagong early Monday when it became apparent that support for his bid to take power had waned.

Some reports said so people had died in clashes before the rebellion was crushed.

Government sources said Manzur and his major backers were captured outside Chittagong while they were driving towards the Indian border.

Shortly after it broke the back of the rebellion, the government announced a \$30,000 reward for Manzur — dead or alive.

Zhao said that the aim of his current visit is to learn from the Pakistan people and exchange views with Pakistan leaders on issues of common concern. He pointed out that since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, "the amicable relations and co-operation between China and Pakistan have witnessed continuous consolidation and rapid development, thanks to the joint efforts of the two governments and peoples".

Authorities said the president's body was located in a shallow grave near the Chittagong engineering college about 24 miles outside Bangladesh's major port and was immediately flown to the capital.

No funeral plans were announced, but officials said the president's body would lie in state in the capital before it was returned to his hometown for burial.

The coup attempt was launched before dawn on Saturday when the president and eight aides were murdered in their sleep while on an overnight visit to Chittagong, about 150 miles southeast of Dacca.

Vice-President Abdus Sattar, 73, was sworn in as acting president after word of the death reached Dacca. Sattar was convalescing at a military hospital at the time, but he made a broadcast to the nation asking for calm and promising that all treaties and agreements with other nations would be honoured.

Although Manzur's goals in attempting to take control of the impoverished nation were not clear,

the former chief of the general staff had been sacked and given a desk job in Chittagong.

Observers say that Bangladesh will elect a new president by universal suffrage within six months under the nation's constitution which came into force three years ago under the late president.

They believe that the civilian institutions which he set up are now strong enough to resist a further succession of the bloody coup d'etats which marked Bangladesh's first years of independence.

The authorities have declared 40 days of national mourning, and proclaimed a state of emergency temporarily suspending democratic liberties, but less harshly than the martial law lifted by the late president at the beginning of 1979.

General Ziaur Rahman had proclaimed martial law when he took power in 1975, three months after the assassination, in which he had played no part, of Bangladesh's founding father Mujibur Rahman.

situation in Kampuchea and Afghanistan as well as in south Asia as a whole. The talks proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Zhao told General Zia-ul-Haq: "We are visiting each other like relatives."

Zia-ul-Haq said: "You have many friends in Pakistan."

Zhao Ziyang and Zia-ul-Haq had a luncheon together. The two sides will continue their talks this afternoon.

Beirut shelling ends ceasefire, kills 23 and wounds 276

BEIRUT, Lebanon June 1 (AP via Xinhua) — Mid-city bombardment on Monday broke a ceasefire that silenced Syrian and Christian militia guns in Beirut after 18 hours of random shelling that left 23 civilians killed and 276 injured. Most of the casualties occurred on the Mediterranean beaches of the Lebanese capital, a Beirut police spokesman reported.

He said the mid-morning exchange of artillery and rockets set several fires in residential neighborhoods in Moslem and Christian areas. The "Voice of Lebanon" radio station claimed three Christian children, a two-year-old boy and two sisters a year and two years his senior, were killed as a shell slammed into their home in east Beirut's Dora neighbourhood.

Lebanon's state radio said high-flying Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier over Beirut and other cities in southern Lebanon in the morning and shortly before noon, drawing anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian guerrilla positions. But they did not attack.

Missiles stay

Syria reiterated its rejection of Israel's demand to pull the Soviet-made surface-to-air missile from east Lebanon's Bekaa valley as US presidential envoy Philip C. Habib prepared to launch a new Mideast shuttle this week to avert a Syrian-Israeli military showdown.

"The missiles are there to stay," said Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam in an interview published by the Gulf newspaper Al-Khaleej. "They will not be withdrawn."

Meanwhile Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying that Libyans serving with guerrillas in southern Lebanon, his main Mideast power base, were all "Volunteers," not regulars.

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Today's weather

Beijing: Max. 29°C (84°F) Min. 15°C (59°F). Clear and occasionally cloudy with moderate southerly winds during the day, clear with cloudy intervals at night.

Notice

"China Daily", the first national English-language newspaper to be published in the People's Republic of China since its founding, will be issued five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday. Six issues will be published this week because the "China Daily" launch date fell on Monday, June 1. "China Daily" hopes for regular six days a week publication after a period of time.

The Editor