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Mourning Leader's Death

Guards stand at the entrance to the Chinese Embassy in Paris as mourners bearing black-bordered posters of Mao Tse-tung stand in silence on the sidewalk at a demonstration of mourning. Fifty persons joined the demonstration before it disbanded [UPI].

Mao Tse-tung dies, built Chinese nation

By CHARLES R. SMITH
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HONG KONG (UPI)- Chinese Communist party Chairman Mao Tse-tung died Thursday in Peking ending a tumultuous 82 years of life that saw him rise from simple peasant to leader of the world's largest mass revolution and ruler of one-fourths of mankind.

The surviving leaders, still locked in a factional power struggle since Premier Chou En-lai's demise in January, immediately called for unity and declared their intention to pursue the policies Mao laid down in domestic and foreign affairs.

The Chinese Communist Party Chairman died early Thursday in Peking at the age of 82.

In an announcement issued almost 16 hours after his death, party, government and miltary leaders, split by a prolonged power struggle, called for unity to preserve and protect "the cause left behind by Chairman Mao."

The armed forces went on alert, according to intelligence sources in Hong Kong. However, the sources said this appeared to be a routine precautionary move.

A titanic struggle for power seemed certain with Premier Hua Kuo-feng seeking to hold his role of leadership against the Politburo's determined conservatives who agrue that Mao's doctrinaire policies adopted by Hua undermined the country's economic development.

Authorities set a week-long period of official mourning and announced that an unprecedented mass memorial service would be held on Sept. 18 in the capital's huge Tien An Men Gate of Heavenly Peace Square where Mao celebrated his greatest triumphs.

World leaders hailed Mao as "the last giant of the century" and one of the "world's immortals." But in Taiwan radio stations interrupted regular broad casts to announce: "We have very good news to report to you, Mao Tse-tung the bandit leader is dead."

President Ford hailed Mao's "vision and imagination" which led to improved Sino-U.S. relations and said his death was "tragic." Secretary of State Henry Kissinger expressed hope the two nations would continue a parallel course of cautious friendship "but the methods and the details are bound to be mysterious at this time."

The Soviet Union, which has villified Mao through the long years of their bitter ideological quarrel, announced the death but made no comment.

He died of a lingering,undisclosed illness at 10 minutes past midnight Peking time 11:10 a.m. EDT Wednesday- the 15th day of the 8th moon, one of China's oldest and most traditional holidays.

The cause of death was not announced but it came as no surprise. Mao has suffered a series of strokes and was reported suffering from Parkinson's disease. It was announced in Mid-June that Mao would no longer receive foreign visitors.

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Experts see death bringing struggle

By MATTHEW LIGHT

The death Thursday of Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, is likely to precipitate factional power struggles in China but bring no major foreigh policy shifts, according to UConn professors familiar with the area.

'Anxiety, apprehension, disarray and violence have existed in China according to reports of the last six months,' said Edmund S. Wehrle, professor of history.

There is a radical faction in the Chinese government. It's descended from the Cultural Revolution and committed to the Maoist ideology of continuing revolution,' Wehrle said.

Opposed to them is a more moderate faction whose primary commitment is to economic and technological development. Who will take control? Trying to answer that is a fantastically elusive game.'

'Because of Mao's apparent in ability to name his successor, I would expect a period of internal weakness,' said Louis L. Gerson, professor of political science and department chairman.

Henry Kirsch, professor of political science, said Mao's breed of communism would face difficulties in his absence, but that 'there's a very real chance it will prevail. In a sense, Mao lives on, for his ideas have an impact beyond the man and beyond his death, because they attack vital societal problems.'

Wehrle agreed that Mao was 'an unparalled 20th-century leader,' but stressed the issue of Chinese foreign policy during the anticipated factional contention.

'Mao was always decidedly anti-Soviet, the economic moderates

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Independent dorm ordered to join ASC

By JOANN NILAND

UConn's last independent dormitory kitchen is being told to join the Associated Student Commissaries (ASC) for apparently breaching its contract with the university, dormitory and UConn administration officials say.

Representatives for the University say the move is intended to tighten up financial and accounting procedures, while students in the dorm contend affiliation with ASC, which oversees food service for about 60 smaller campus dormitories, will bring about a decline in the quality of the dormitory's food.

Edward Hanna, assistant 'vice-president for finance and adminstration, said Wednesday, "Our accounting office review of Wright B's operations for the 1975-1976 fiscal year revealed a need for an update for their internal financial policies and a strengthening of their accounting procedures."

Paul Bufourny, Wright B's steward, agreed with Hanna's statements that the dorm had failed to submit the semester audits and financial statements required under their contract with the University.

ASC director Kent Banning said Tuesday investigations by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and state agencies prompted the administration's pressure. Although Hanna said it was "strict-

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Delage pleads guilty in shooting, ends mystery

By MARK A. DUPUIS

The 1969 shooting death of Paget A. Weatherly, which spawned fear for campus women and stymied state police for almost seven years, came to an almost calm end Thursday with the guilty plea of a 33-year-old UConn graduate in Tolland County Superior Court in Vernon.

Richard T. Delage, an unemployed mechanical engineer at the time of his arrest last year, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in

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CHE recommends $2.5-million budget cut

By JOHN HILL III

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) has recommended the state legislature cut $2.5 million from the proposed UConn budget, cut that would eliminate two programs mandated by the legislature a year ago.

The CHE budget recommendation, which is not binding on the legislature or UConn, calls for the elimination of two new programs, a school of vetrinary medicine and an institute of transportation in the School of Engineering.the vetrinary school and the transportation institute both were created by votes of the legislature last year.

State Rep. Dorothy Goodwin, D-Mansfield, said Thursday, "It was very much the intent of the legislature to go ahead with the veterinary school. The transportation institute was another matter but this action does not conform to the legislature's intent."

President Ferguson Thursday expressed surprise at the CHE's decision to recommendation to eliminate the veterinary medicin, saying, "This was a program that had been mandated by the state legislature and we will proceed with the plans as per the legislature's instructions."

Harry J. Hartley, vice president for finance and administration, echoed Ferguson's feelings and said, "We are assuming the legislature is still interested in the veterinary school."

"We sent in a request of $62.4 million from the General Fund and they approved $60,138,00, with most of the cut coming from the new programs budget," Hartley said.

"The veterinary school budget included funds for teachers, classiffied employees, equipment and capital equipment improvements. It was phase two of the process to establish the school. Phase one was a study to check the feasibility of the project and to determine the cost of it."

When asked what the status of a UConn veterinary school is in light of CHE's action, Kenneth G. Wilson, vice president for academic affairs said, "Beats me."

Wilson said since the General Assembly had voted last year to start a veterinary school at UConn "The work is proceeding on schedule," he said.

Robert Bokelman, director of finance and administration for the CHE, said the commission had recommended the veterinary school budget be cut because CHE felt "the legislature should take another look at the two-year program UConn was offering for veterinary medicine.

"The plan would have provided two years of basic science and then the students would go somewhere else," Bokelman said. "The other veterinary institutes we contacted indicated they would only be able to take students if any vacancies were created by dropouts. The dropout rate at these institutions is very lw, once students get into them they tend to stay there."

"What we are saying is that the legislature may have acted on a veterinary school without being aware of the consequences," Bokelman said.

Of the total $79.19 million operating budget UConn is requesting $62.4 would come from the state's General Fund. The remaining funds will come from student fees, patient revenues from the UConn Health Center in Farmington, federal research grants and donations.

The budget, which UConn's Board of Trustees approved earlier this year, is $8.5 million less than the budget request for last year.

Hartley said the proposed budget was "a realization of the fiscal problems facing the state."