

# Another quake expected China struggles to rebuild

TOKYO (AP) — "United and heroic" struggles to rebuild the devastated city of Tientsin were reported yesterday by China's official Hsinhua news agency while Peking residents settled into tents pitched in streets in anticipation of another major earthquake.

Hsinhua, in a rare acknowledgement of the loss of life, said a grain-bureau official organized people to protect granaries "though his own house had collapsed and his family members had been either injured or killed."

The news agency said the quake in Tientsin "caused losses to a certain extent."

The Japanese newspaper Asahi published extracts from a diary kept by Mrs. Yahori Matsui, wife of the first secretary of the Japanese embassy in Peking. The diary told of cries and shouts at the time of the quake, and people scurrying out of their homes in confusion. Mrs. Matsui wrote that a terse radio announcement of the earthquake was broadcast followed "by the usual call for furthering criticism against Teng Hsiao-Ping." He is the former vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Party ousted by Chinese leadership as "a capitalist roader" four months ago.

Last Wednesday's earthquake devastated the highly populated Tangshan area 100 miles southeast of Peking and largely destroyed Tientsin, China's third largest city. Chinese officials have made no announcements of the number of dead and injured but unofficial estimates have been in the tens of thousands.

Working through the quake, workers at a wire factory overfulfilled the target for their shift, Hsinhua said.

Medical workers set up emergency first aid wards, commercial workers managed to supply large quantities of goods for relief work and daily use, and workers in the food, pharmaceutical, plastics and other industries quickly restored production, Hsinhua said.

At the Takang oil field workers braved danger to restore power lines "so that well drilling and oil extraction went on smoothly."

The army joined in relief work, it said, and one Communist Party official, as soon as he was rescued from the debris of his crumbled house, set up a command post for relief work, the news agency said.

In Peking where the quake did relatively minor damage, a Japanese newspaper correspondent said, "Some people had managed to pipe water inside their tents from the water main. Many also had brought in propane gas containers for cooking."

The correspondent said that workers leave their tents in the morning for work, and take turns shopping when they return at night. "We can't get much sleep," one worker told him. "This is very tiring."

But most people point to the slogans "man always triumphs over nature" and "do not fear death" which have been put up in the city, he said. Sound cars in the streets call for "determined efforts to beat the earthquake."

For the second day in a row, Hsinhua said help came from all over China, including Tientsin, to Tangshan, a coal mining and industrial city of 1.6 million badly damaged by the quake.

Meanwhile foreign residents and visitors continued arriving in Tokyo and Hong Kong, providing accounts of Wednesday's disaster and Chinese efforts to protect foreigners from the quake.

An American businessman arriving in Tokyo yesterday said the Chinese paid close attention to the safety and comfort of foreign visitors even in the midst of the disaster.

Kenneth McGuire, 34, of Reston, Va., said the visitors in Tientsin, including Australians and Western Europeans, were taken to a soccer stadium and given complete warm meals.

They spent the night on the floor of the Municipal Club, a sturdy old building built by the British before World War II and then were put on a train for Shanghai 500 miles from the epicenter of the quake, the businessman said.

# Generation of gas in Martian soil sample not caused by life

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Viking scientists said yesterday the unexplained generation of gas in a Martian soil sample has virtually stopped, and they tend to think it was not caused by living organisms.

"We are gravitating closer toward a non-biological explanation," said Dr. Harold P. Klein, head of the Viking biology team. "But we are not 100 per cent sure it's not biological."

The puzzling soil activity in one of three Viking

experiments is likely the result of a chemical process in which oxygen in Mars' rusty surface is released by sunlight and decomposes a liquid food fed to the soil sample, scientists said.

There had been speculation that some form of Martian life had broken down the nutrient and given off gases in the so-called labeled release experiment.

Klein said that latest results from the mini-laboratory on Mars show that "whatever has been

going on has stopped going on."

Dr. Fred Brown, a biologist for TRW Systems, which manufactured the laboratory, said the labeled release data "have almost zero chance of being a message about life." Most of the scientists on the official Viking biology team, with which Brown works but is not a member, feel that way, too, he said.

Two other experiments aboard Viking are searching for life. In the gas

exchange experiment, which detected an unexpected amount of oxygen in the soil, "We do not see any biological activity," said Klein.

The pyrolytic release experiment, which is looking for signs of photosynthesis by Martian organisms, among other things, has only reported back preliminary data. All the data says, according to Dr. Norman Horowitz, head of the experiment, is that the Martian soil is quite dry.

# Carter predicts smear campaign

BEDFORD, N.H. (UPI) — Jimmy Carter returned to the state that launched him to the presidential nomination and charged that "desperate" Republicans plan "an almost unprecedented, vicious personal attack" on his Democratic ticket.

In his harshest partisan remarks, Carter said the nation is reeling under unfair tax laws, a foreign policy that makes people ashamed, the Watergate scandal, the embarrassment of CIA revelations, and the loss of the war in Vietnam.

"There is going to be an almost unprecedented, vicious personal attack on the Sen. Walter Mondale, and other Democratic candidates," Carter told 500 party faithful at a \$10 peanuts-and-beer rally.

"The Republicans are going to be desperate," he said. "The voters have learned about the absence of leadership, the suffering that we've experienced from the mistakes in foreign policy, from the mismanagement of the White House in dealing

with our problems." "And because of their very low showings in the polls, the division within their party, they're going to turn to personal attack — mark my words."

Carter, who repeatedly has said he does not intend to use Watergate as an issue in the campaign, mentioned it in his litany of administration misbehavior.

"It's a very rare occasion in our nation with 215 million people when a candidate for president can learn directly from those who feel the adverse effect from an unfair tax law, inflation pressures, no energy policy, the problems of a foreign policy that makes us ashamed, the disgrace of Watergate, the embarrassment of the CIA revelations, the loss of the war in Vietnam."

Although he did not specify how he knew about impending personal attacks or what form they would take, the Georgian urged Democrats to shrug them off.

It was Carter's first trip back to New Hampshire since he astounded political pundits by winning the state's first-in-the-nation primary Feb. 24, a win that launched him on the road to the Democratic nomination.

His harsh remarks — without mentioning Richard Nixon or President Ford by name — came at a reception following a rally in downtown Manchester.

Earlier he had told New Hampshire Democrats that Ford was neglecting his White House duties to campaign for president.

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