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EAST GERMANY OPENS FRONTIER TO THE WEST FOR EMIGRATION OR VISITS; THOUSANDS CROSS

DENG IS RESIGNING LAST FORMAL POST WITH CHINA PARTY

Senior Leader Is Replaced on Military Commission, but He Still Holds Power

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF
Special to The New York Times

BEIJING, Nov. 9 — China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, has resigned from his last formal post in the Communist Party leadership, marking another milestone in his 65-year party career.

The Central Committee named Jiang Zemin, Mr. Deng's intended heir as China's paramount leader, as the new chairman of the Central Military Commission. Mr. Jiang, who is 63 years old, officially becomes the fourth top military leader in half a century, succeeding Mao Zedong, Hua Guofeng and Mr. Deng.

Winning the military post does not insure that Mr. Jiang will be able to succeed Mr. Deng as China's top leader, according to both diplomats and Chinese officials. But it does position him for the expected succession fight once Mr. Deng is gone from the scene.

Effect Is Unclear

Well-placed Chinese say that Mr. Jiang still owes his rise to his friendship with Mr. Deng and with another aging leader, Chen Yun, and it is not clear whether Mr. Jiang will be able to maintain his status after Mr. Deng dies or is incapacitated. Some diplomats and Chinese compare Mr. Jiang to Mr. Hua, whom Mao favored as heir and who rose rapidly in the late 1970's to become both party leader and head of the military commission. After a power struggle, Mr. Deng wrested effective control from Mr. Hua just two years after Mao died.

It is also unclear what practical effect Mr. Deng's retirement as chairman of the military commission will have on China's future. In the last decade of his career, Mr. Deng transformed life in China, containing more than a fifth of the world's population. And although he is 85 years old, Mr. Deng still towers over China's political process, and he is likely to be consulted regularly and treated deferentially by those in office. And his spacious estate in the center of the capital may be a rallying center for any factions that are dissatisfied with his successors.

The resignation, which was accepted by a Central Committee meeting that ended today, does not diminish him as a national figure of importance, but it does mark the formal end of his career as a party leader: as a brilliant peacemaker.

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East Berliners dancing atop the Berlin wall near the Brandenburg Gate after East Germany announced the opening of its borders.

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G.O.P. Leaders Urge Softer Line About Abortion

By ANDREW ROSENTHAL
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 — Stung by election losses on Tuesday and hoping to defuse the abortion issue in the 1990 campaign, Republican officials said today that the party must be more tolerant of Republican candidates who back abortion rights.

White House officials, party strategists and Republican Congressional leaders have also been discussing ways to turn the debate away from abortion in 1990. Worried that the abortion issue could add an emotional and unpredictable element to many races, the Republicans do not want it to dominate the 1990 races as it did in some places this year.

"I want to make sure that everybody feels comfortable as Republicans, regardless of what their position on abortion is," said Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Linda Divall, a Republican poll taker, said: "Many Republican pro-choice candidates have been shunted to the side since 1980. It's important that pro-life candidates understand the diversity of opinion on this issue, and that our party leaders understand it too."

A White House official, speaking on the condition that he not be identified, said that beyond the abortion issue, the party "has got to have a message for

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East Berliners Explore Land Long Forbidden

By FERDINAND PROTZMAN
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WEST BERLIN, Friday, Nov. 10 — The 28-year-old Berlin wall opened up Thursday and by midnight thousands of East Berliners — of all ages, from every way of life — were walking, biking and driving to crossing points in the wall and entering the western half of the city, a place they could only gaze at just hours before.

At Checkpoint Charlie, where Allied and Soviet tanks were locked in a tense face-off while the Berlin wall was being erected in August 1961, lines of cars

and people began to file across the border by late evening. Cheers, sparkling wine, flowers and applause greeted the new arrivals. On the West Berlin side of the wall, at the Brandenburg Gate, the most prominent landmark of the city's division, hundreds of people chanted, "Gate open! Gate open!"

"I can't believe I'm here," an elderly East Berliner told reporters as he crossed into the West. "This is what we have dreamed of all these years."

"It's over, it's all over, I can't believe it," said an East German as he ducked to get under the red-and-white barriers

at the Bornholmer Strasse crossing, an act that might have cost him his life several months ago.

"First of all, I must take a step on your soil," another East Berliner who crossed at Bornholmer Strasse about midnight told a West German television reporter. "I can't describe it," a young woman said with tears in her eyes. "I would never have believed it possible." A middle-aged East Berliner summed up his feelings with the words: "Joy, entirely great joy."

"I don't know what we're going to do, just drive around and see what's going on," said a 34-year-old East Berliner as he sat at the wheel of his orange Trabant auto on the glittering Kurfürstendamm, West Berlin's main shopping street. "We're here for the first time. I'll go home in a few hours. My wife and kids are waiting for me. But I wasn't going to miss this."

Most Who Cross Return Home

Most of the people interviewed said they would return shortly to their homes, that they just wanted to see what crossing the border was like.

One East Berliner and his wife abruptly appeared in the West Berlin hotel room of a Western friend. They had gone to the border simply to take a look and were swept through by the crowd, they explained as they sipped champagne, laughing and hugging. After an hour they returned home. Most East Germans similarly said they would return home the same night.

Similar scenes were reported in
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A JUBILANT HORDE

Berlin Wall Is Rushed by Easterners as Travel Limits Are Lifted

By SERGE SCHMEMANN
Special to The New York Times

EAST BERLIN, Friday, Nov. 10 — East Germany on Thursday lifted restrictions on emigration or travel to the West, and within hours tens of thousands of East and West Berliners swarmed across the infamous Berlin Wall for a boisterous celebration.

Border guards at Bornholmer Strasse crossing, Checkpoint Charlie and several other crossings abandoned all efforts to check credentials, even though the new regulations said East Germans would still need passports and permission to get across. Some guards smiled and took snapshots, assuring passers-by that they were just recording a historic event.

Politburo Announcement

The mass crossing began about two hours after Günter Schabowski, a member of the Politburo, had announced at a press conference that permission to travel or emigrate would be granted quickly and without preconditions, and that East Germans would be allowed to cross at any crossing into West Germany or West Berlin.

"We know this need of citizens to travel or leave the country," Mr. Schabowski said. "Today the decision was taken that makes it possible for all citizens to leave the country through East German crossing points."

Mr. Schabowski also said the decision ended the agreement to let East Germans leave through Czechoslovakia and other countries. Some 50,000 East Germans have left through Czechoslovakia, and a 14-mile-long queue of East German cars was reported Thursday at the Schirmdorf border crossing on the Czech-West German border. Since September, thousands more have left through Hungary and Poland.

Flag Waving in the West

Once Mr. Schabowski's announcement was read on radio and television, a tentative trickle of East Germans testing the new regulations quickly turned into a jubilant horde, which joined at the border crossings with crowds of flag-waving, cheering West Germans. Thousands of Berliners clambered across the wall at the Brandenburg Gate, passing through the historic arch that for so long had been inaccessible to Berliners of either side.

Similar scenes were reported in Lubek, the only other East German city touching the border, and at other border crossings along the inter-German

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More Afflicted With Alzheimer's Than Was Thought, Study Finds

By WARREN E. LEARY
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 — Alzheimer's disease, the dementia that robs the elderly of their memory and self-reliance, may be much more common than previously estimated, particularly in the very old, according to a new study by Harvard Medical School researchers.

The federally financed study, one of the largest and most detailed ever attempted on the subject, found that 10.3 percent of people over age 65 had memory impairment or other mental problems for which the most likely cause was Alzheimer's. The study also found that a startling 47.2 percent of those older than 85 probably had the disease. That finding doubles previous estimates.

Experts said the new figures, if they apply to older people throughout the country, would raise the estimated number of Alzheimer's cases to 4 million from 2.5 million. If it is confirmed, specialists said, the data suggest that the costs of the disease in treatment, lost productivity and to families could be enormous since the elderly are the

fastest increasing segment of the population.

"These estimates might lay the groundwork for developing the most accurate picture of Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. population to date," said Dr. Zaven Khachaturian, the associate director of the National Institute on Aging, which sponsored the study.

The survey involved more than 3,600 elderly people living in East Boston, a working-class, mostly white section of the city. The study was directed by Dr. Denis A. Evans of Brigham and Women's Hospital, who is an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

In the report to be published Friday in The Journal of the American Medical Association, the researchers found that 10.3 percent of all people older than 65 probably had Alzheimer's.

Of particular interest is the finding that the occurrence of Alzheimer's rises much more rapidly with age than previously believed. Of those from age

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Evolution Theory's Foes Win Textbook Battle in California

By SETH MYDANS
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9 — In a concession to evangelical Christians that could affect the teaching of science nationwide, the California Board of Education adopted new textbook guidelines today that delete a reference to evolution as "scientific fact."

The new guidelines, which the board adopted unanimously, retain a strong statement supporting the teaching of evolution. But concerned educators said the board's action sent a signal to publishers of science textbooks that backers of the biblical story of creation remain a political force and that textbooks ignoring their claims could be rejected in California and elsewhere.

California, with 4.6 million students, is the nation's largest market for textbooks. Along with Texas, the second biggest market, California helps set national standards for textbook publishers. Four years ago, the California school board rejected all textbooks submitted for use in seventh- and

eighth-grade science classes after a review panel said the books had "systematically omitted" thorough discussions of evolution. The textbooks were revised because of that action are now widely used around the country.

But this time it is not clear whether the California decision will have an effect outside its borders. Richard Ravich, marketing manager for D.C. Heath & Company, a textbook publisher in Lexington, Mass., said: "They like to think they have a lot of impact."

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Wary of the 'Dramatic Situation,' Kohl May Curtail Visit to Poland

By JOHN TAGLIABUE
Special to The New York Times

WARSAW, Nov. 9 — Chancellor Helmut Kohl left open the possibility tonight that he might break off a visit to Poland to return to West Germany and deal with what he described as a "dramatic situation" after East Germany's decision to open its borders with the West.

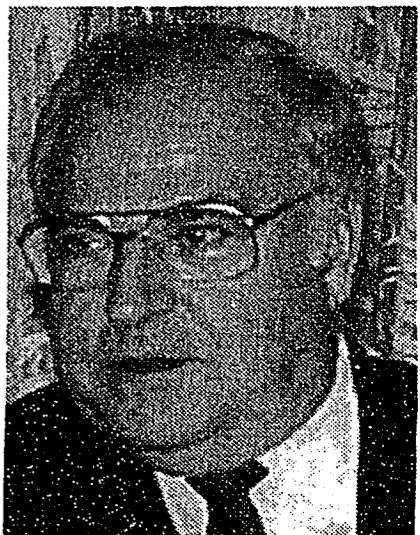
At an informal meeting with reporters, the Chancellor, appearing strained, called events in East Germany as "unforeseeable."

Pressed by reporters on whether he would "short the long-awaited visit, the Chancellor answered evasively, but said he would have to 'leave completely open' the question of whether he would 'continue the visit as scheduled.'"

Offers to Meet With Krenz

The decision would be a difficult one, given the high expectations of Poland's new Solidarity-led Government, which has for months planned the visit, the first by a West German Government leader since 1977. The visit, which was scheduled through Tuesday, is aimed at improving Bonn's ties with Poland, a leader in Eastern Europe's wave of change. Warsaw also expects a large infusion of West German economic aid for Poland's moribund economy.

Late tonight, only hours after East



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Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the first day of his trip to Warsaw.

Germany announced its border decision, Mr. Kohl offered to meet immediately with the new East German leader, Egon Krenz. A spokesman traveling with the Chancellor said Mr. Kohl had renewed an offer to provide East Germany with comprehensive economic aid if it agreed to introduce significant political and economic changes, including free elections and an overhaul of its centrally planned economy.

West German officials traveling with Mr. Kohl welcomed remarks today in

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Deng Xiaoping, right, congratulating Jiang Zemin, who was appointed to replace Mr. Deng as chairman of the Central Military Commission.

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