

Purge in China reported

TOKYO (AP) — Mao Tse-tung's widow and some 30 other top radicals in the Chinese leadership have been arrested or detained in a purge of those who opposed Premier Hua Kuo-feng's elevation to Communist party chairman, unconfirmed Japanese news reports from Peking said Tuesday.

The newspaper Asahi said the radicals had been plotting to name 62-year-old Chiang Ching, Mao's widow, to the party leadership post held by her husband until his death on Sept. 9.

Kyodo news service, in a Peking dispatch, said a government spokesman announced Tuesday

night that Hua has been named party leader. Wall posters appeared in Peking last week indicating his succession, but there has been no official announcement, apparently because of the then unresolved power struggle between radicals and moderates.

China's official Hsinhua news agency continued to refer to Hua only as premier.

The reported arrest of Mao's widow and other radical leaders meant, if true, a victory for the moderates and a reaffirmation of China's policy of detente with the United States and the West.

The immediate impression was that Hua has thrown in with those stressing economic development with outside help, plus efficiency and results, rather than endless revolution.

Experts in Washington said the ascendancy of moderates could bring increased economic ties with the United States and, for a time, less pressure against U.S. support of Taiwan.

Asahi quoted a reliable source in Peking as saying the radical group was accused of forging Mao's will and directives issued in his name during the last six months of his life. They tried to use the forged will to get Chiang Ching elected party chairman, the source was quoted as saying.

Chiang Ching, Mao's fourth wife, rose to prominence as a leader of the 1966-69 cultural revolution and was a key influence on her husband during the past decade.

Campaign kicked off

PORTLAND, (AP) — Independent presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy supports Oregon's nuclear safeguards initiative, advocates a 10-year moratorium on commercial whaling and wants the Internal Revenue Service revamped, his Oregon campaign leaders said today.

They spoke at a press conference at the opening of state McCarthy headquarters and outlined McCarthy's campaign schedule when he visits Oregon on Oct. 20.

State campaign coordinator Fred Moy read the following statement by McCarthy on Oregon's Ballot Measure 9 which provides for stringent controls on the construction of nuclear power plants:

"The development of nuclear fission power plants must be restrained and controlled, with special safety guarantees to protect the public. The Oregon nuclear safeguard initiative provides ef-

fective safeguards."

Moy said McCarthy wants to see nuclear plant regulations instituted at the state or "grass roots" level, rather than by the federal government.

McCarthy's statement on whales said a 10-year moratorium on commercial whaling, as recommended by the United Nations Conference on Human Development, was necessary because irresponsible hunting has endangered the species.

Herb Park, an attorney for Evans Products and co-chairman of the Oregon campaign, said McCarthy wants tax reform removed from the IRS and placed in the Justice Department.

McCarthy also suggests a force-out on capital gains every seven to 10 years a 25 per cent tax on the capital increase of an asset over that time period. Otherwise, he said, ownership will be progressively in the hands of the most wealthy individuals and banks and corporations.

AP at a glance

Student juror issue delays trial

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Jury selection in Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's retrial on murder charges was delayed at least a day Tuesday over a controversy about whether unemployed fulltime students should be available for jury duty.

Michel Casserly, overseer of the Hudson County Jury Commission, testified at a pretrial hearing that such persons were excluded from jury duty. The defense then filed a motion asking the judge to set aside the entire panel of 500 prospective jurors.

Flu vaccines remain in Oregon

PORTLAND — Dr. Edward Press, state health officer, said Tuesday he was not recommending suspension of the Oregon swine flu inoculation program pending further information on the deaths of three Pennsylvania residents who had the flu shots.

He said that, based on coroner's reports from Pennsylvania, there is no direct link between the shots and the deaths.

Auto strikers agree to settlement

DETROIT — A proposed settlement of the four-week-old Ford Motor Co. strike has been approved by members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), including skilled tradesmen, several union sources said Tuesday night.

One of the sources, a UAW Local president in the South who asked not to be identified, said the 25,000 skilled tradesmen approved the pact by a slim margin.

Watergate appeals under review

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Court of Appeals Tuesday upheld the Watergate cover-up convictions of three of former Pres. Richard Nixon's closest aides but granted a new trial for onetime Nixon campaign assistant Robert Mardian.

In a 300-page opinion, the six judges said defendants in the four-month-long conspiracy trial had been properly tried and found guilty of "wide-ranging conspiracy" at the highest levels of government.

A separate opinion said Mardian, a former assistant attorney general, should have been tried separately from co-defendants John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman.

Dope crop seized by authorities

OREGON CITY — A marijuana crop with a street value estimated at between \$250,000 and \$500,000 has been seized by Clackamas County authorities.

Detective Ed Clark said the weed was found Friday behind a mobile home south of Oregon City.

About three-quarters of a ton of marijuana was drying in a shed, Clark said. Another 125 pounds in five-and-one-half-pound bricks were discovered nearby after officers responded to an anonymous tip.

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