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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

China Censors Powell's Remarks

WASHINGTON — The State Department criticized China for deleting remarks Secretary of State Colin Powell made on the sensitive topics of human rights and Taiwan in a nationally televised interview he gave during his visit to Beijing.

Rain Causes Third Round of Flooding in Virginias

WHARTON, W.Va. — National Guard members, highway crews and others dug through mud and debris as evacuees returned home following the third deadly round of flooding in a month in southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia. Two people were killed Sunday.

Election Day Holiday Proposed

WASHINGTON — A commission chaired by former presidents Carter and Ford recommends turning Election Day into a federal holiday and says voters challenged by poll workers should be allowed to cast ballots, with validity to be determined later.

Farrakhan Wins Right to Visit UK

LONDON — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan won his appeal against a government ban preventing him from visiting the United Kingdom. The ban, first imposed by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in 1986, will continue through Oct. 1.

Israeli Target Palestinian Police Headquarters

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters fired rockets at Palestinian police headquarters in Gaza City, sending people running from the compound, witnesses said. Two policemen were injured in the attack. Earlier, six Palestinian activists were killed in a West Bank explosion.

Teachers Offered 'Unlawful Homicide' Insurance

WASHINGTON — School shootings have prompted the nation's largest teachers' union to offer a special \$150,000 benefit for teachers and other school employees slain at work. The National Education Association will announce the "unlawful homicide" benefit in a September newsletter.

China Frees 2 U.S. Residents

BEIJING — Two U.S.-based Chinese scholars convicted of spying were granted medical paroles, clearing away a diplomatic hurdle for Beijing ahead of Secretary of State Colin Powell's weekend visit. One scholar, Gao Zhan, has already arrived in Detroit.

Hewlett-Packard Cutting 6,000 Jobs

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Computer and printer maker Hewlett-Packard is slashing about 6,000 jobs, about 6.6% of its global workforce, because of deteriorating global economic conditions and related weakness in technology spending.

Macedonia Slides Toward Civil War

SKOPJE, Macedonia — The government has told ethnic Albanian rebels to get away from the country's second-largest city or face a new offensive, causing thousands of Macedonians to flee. NATO and European Union envoys arrive to drive talks aimed at preventing civil war.

Study: Medical Errors' Estimate Overblown

CHICAGO — Alarming studies suggesting that medical errors kill close to 100,000 U.S. hospital patients each year probably overestimate the problem, with the real total perhaps 5,000 to 15,000, researchers say.

Summer in the City



Area kids enjoy their summer vacations with the big splash from the Salmon Street Fountain in Waterfront Park. The first days of August are expected to start with some cooler temperatures.

Leaky Roof Closes Whitaker

Crews hired to make repairs and clear out a radon gas problem at Whitaker Middle School have discovered new problems that could keep the northeast Portland building closed for the entire school year.

Environmental consultants say the 32-year-old school has a leaky roof and drainage system that could mean mold is growing throughout the school.

The experts say repairs are critical and the building won't be safe until the entire project is complete.

Workers say they should be able to clear out the radon by fall, but the roof and drainage problems are more severe.

A school safety committee has recommended that the building remain empty until all the work is completed.

The school district is trying to find classroom space for the 650 students who attend Whitaker.

Options include sending 7th and 8th graders to the old Columbia Boulevard Whitaker building and placing 6th graders in Rice School.

Oregon Election Fight Enters New Round

By MICHAEL LEIGHTON
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The fight for election law justice drags on in Oregon.

After years of struggle, the Freedom Socialist Party won a state court decision that allows it to run candidates for election under the party's official name.

But that victory has not come to fruition.

An appeal by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, both Democrats, may keep Freedom Socialists off the ballot for the next two years.

Last week, the Attorney General's office said it would seek a second 30-day extension to file briefs in the case.

Freedom Socialist Party members are crying foul.

"Republicans and Democrats don't want any competition," says Freedom Socialist Adrienne Weller of Portland.

In Oregon, the Freedom Socialists haven't made the ballot because the Socialist Party has exclusive use of the word socialist. It stems from a decades-old law that says no party can use even one word in the name of another ballot-qualified party.

The law was ruled unconstitutional by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Robert Redding in February, but faces an uncertain future because of the appeals.

The Freedom Socialist Party began more than 30 years ago.



Outside the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth, a headquarters shared by Radical Women and the Red Letter Press, are Portland residents Linda Hunter (left) and Adrienne Weller of the Freedom Socialist Party.

Its members have been fighting for civil rights, labor rights, and issues important to African Americans, Native Americans, low-income residents and gay and lesbian people.

Locally, the party has rallied against Portland's Joint Terrorism Task Force, which gives local police new powers. It joined in marches against police brutality. It has supported a citizen-based police review board and is a long supporter of abortion rights.

"Change and reform is the goal," says Weller.

"We need to break the stranglehold of the two-party system that is controlled by the mega-corporations," Weller added.

Linda Hunter, another member of the Freedom Socialist Party and an African American from Portland, said she sees the effort to get on the ballot in Oregon as a continuation of the civil rights struggle and the right for blacks to vote.

"It's a lack of progress," Hunter said. Both women express rage at the manipulation of politics in Oregon.

Unions such as the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 328, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, Portland Community College Faculty Federation and Portland Community College Classified Employees Local 3922, feminists, civil rights workers and the Socialist Party itself are among the many endorsers of Freedom Socialists to be on the ballot.

Harlem Welcomes Bill Clinton

(AP) - Several thousand people roared and chanted "We want Bill!" as former President Clinton was welcomed to Harlem for the official opening Monday of his post-White House office. "Now I feel like I'm home!" a beaming Clinton told the crowd. "I am honored to be in Harlem. ... You were always there for me."

"We don't just get a former president. We get Bill Clinton, who is still an international leader in an international community," said Rep. Charles Rangel, the Harlem Democrat who helped persuade Clinton to locate in the neighborhood. The welcoming ceremony had the trappings of a cam-

paigned appearance, with Clinton introduced to the cheering crowd by actress Cicely Tyson.

"Harlem Welcomes President Clinton!" read an enormous banner stretching behind the stage where Clinton sat with Tyson and politicians such as former Mayor David Dinkins and state Comptroller Carl McCall.

Clinton told the crowd that his wife and their daughter, Chelsea, had hoped to join him, but "my mother-in-law had surgery this morning, and we couldn't reschedule that. I ask for your prayers for her."

A statement from George Washington

University Hospital in Washington said Dorothy Rodham underwent a two-hour operation to remove a cancerous growth from her colon. She was expected to remain hospitalized for several days, but doctors said she is in good health and expected to make a full recovery.

Red, white and blue balloons decorated the plaza where the Harlem ceremony was held, down the street from Clinton's new of-



Former President Clinton in the Harlem neighborhood of New York, near his new office building. (AP Photo)

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