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March 10th demonstration at United Nations

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Demonstrators March for Tibetan Freedom in Canada and the U.S.

In cities around the United States and Canada, groups met for demonstrations, prayers, and marches to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising of March 10, 1959 against the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

In New York, about 100 demonstrators holding placards saying "China out of Tibet" and "Stop the Killings in Tibet" gathered in front of the United Nations building for a rally. A statement by His Holiness the Dalai Lama was read by Mr. Tenzin Tethong, his representative in the United States. It said, in part, "For the past thirty years or more the Chinese have looked down on the Tibetans as objects of slavery and oppression and intentionally deprived them of the precious opportunities for

proper education... No matter how convincing the temporary nationalities policy may appear, it will be extremely regrettable and dangerous if the basis of a distinct culture—the people—are made to disappear without a trace."

After reciting "A Prayer of the Words of Truth," a human rights prayer composed by the Dalai Lama, letters of support from American legislators were read to the gathering. Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut said "One thing is clear: the United States must continue to champion the rights of the people of Tibet to run their own land, to run their own affairs, and to pass on their religion and culture to their descendants." Senator John Glenn stated,

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LATE NEWS

New Arrests in Tibet

Hundreds of Tibetans have been arrested recently in Tibet, according to a statement from the Tibetan Youth Congress released in New Delhi, June 2, 1986 and reported in the *International Herald Tribune*. The release stated that the Chinese in Tibet were rounding up political activists, especially those with contacts with the Dalai Lama's Government-in-exile in Dharmasala, India. Officially, the arrests were aimed at "anti-social elements" the release said; however, not one Chinese had been detained. Tashi Namgyal, Secretary-General of the Tibetan Youth Congress, said that more than 250 Tibetans were arrested in Lhasa alone on May 9, 1986 and paraded through the streets. About 100 were reported to have been released later. ■

Dalai Lama's Brother Banned in Tibet

Professor Thubten J. Norbu of Indiana University was denied a visa to visit his relatives and hometown in Tibet in May. Professor Norbu, an elder brother of the Dalai Lama, had been given a visa for Tibet in 1980, and had applied again this year for himself and his family to visit relatives in Lhasa and his hometown, Taktser, in northeastern Tibet, which has been incorporated into the Chinghai Province. In early May the Chinese Consulate in New York informed him that his request for a visa had been denied, on instructions from Peking. No reason was given for the denial of the visa. ■

Tibetan Filmmaker Wins National Award

The Sikhs of Yuba City, a half-hour video documentary produced by Tenzin Sonam, Tibetan graduate student in the School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, and Ritu Sarin, was awarded first place in the 1985 Dore Schary Awards at a ceremony in New York on Dec. 4, 1985. The Dore Schary Awards, a national student film and video competition with the theme of Human Relations, is administered by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith.

The documentary profiles the largest rural Indian Sikh community outside India, in the Sacramento Valley, focusing on the inter-cultural contradictions that younger Sikhs face as they grow up in America. The extreme nationalism of the elders that imposes itself upon the younger generation vs. the liberal western attitudes encountered in the schools and universities. The future of the community (and in a sense all ethnic communities in America) is discussed by the young people as they attempt to come to terms with the demands of two opposing cultures.

Photo by Robyn Brentano



Swiss Tibetans on His Holiness' birthday

Kuntinger Kunggur as Co-Chairmen, and Dr. Abdullah Emiloglu and Prof. Thupten Norbu as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Erking Alptekin and Mr. Lodi Gyari were elected General Secretaries, and Mr. Kelsang Gyaltzen was appointed Executive Secretary.

The next meeting of the Allied Committee is planned for New York in late September, 1986.

CHANGES

Mr. Tenzin Tethong, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in North America, has been appointed to head a new project to organize a Tibetan University. He will be leaving the New York Office of Tibet after his replacement, Mr. Rinchin Dharlo, the Representative in Nepal, arrives.

Mr. Tinley Nyandak, Editor of *News-Tibet*, left the Office of Tibet in October, 1985 and has joined a publishing company in New York.

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United Front Against the Chinese Occupation

A meeting of delegates representing Eastern Turkestan, Mongolia, Tibet and Manchuria was held in Switzerland last July. This was a follow-up meeting of the first, held a year earlier in Dharmasala, where Uighurs (from Eastern Turkestan, or Sinkiang as the Chinese have renamed it), Mongolians, Tibetans and Manchus resolved to set up a united front against the Chinese occupation of their nations.

A permanent organization called the ALLIED COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN TURKESTAN, MONGOLIA, MANCHURIA, MONGOLIA AND TIBET was formally established. Mr. Isa Alptekin, former Secretary-General of the last free Eastern Turkestan government, was elected Chairman, with Mr. P.T. Takla, Dr. Sechin Jagchid and Mr.