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NEW INFORMATION ON ARRESTS AND RELEASES IN CHINA

NOTE: This list is being updated on a daily basis and additional biographical details will be added when they become available. The number of those arrested is reported by official sources to be over 1,000.

Several new arrests were reported today following the June 13 broadcast on state television of "wanted (See posters" for 21 leaders of the student movement. attached). On Wednesday, June 14, state television reported the arrest of CHENG Zue Dong, a student leader in Nanjing, who "organized several demonstrations, shouted reactionary slogans and wrote counterrevolutionary posters", according to the broadcast. (UPI, June 15, 1989).

LIU Chiang, leader of an independent workers union was also arrested Wednesday following the broadcast of a special "wanted list" of three union leaders.

XIONG WEI, a student on the "21 Most Wanted" list broadcast on Tuesday night, June 13, reportedly turned himself in to the authorities on June 14. He had reportedly coordinated the medical teams helping those who staged the hunger strike in Tiananmen Square from May 13 until shortly before the crackdown.

Two other students on the most wanted list were arrested on June 13. ZHOU Fengsuo, 22, a physics major at Qinghua University was reportedly turned in by his elder sister and brother-in-law. He was arrested 90 minutes later in Xian, and according to a UPI report, "confessed" that he was a member of the standing committee of the independent student union. XIONG Yan, 25, was a law student at Beijing University and was arrested on a train outside Datong, northeast of Beijing. The arrests were announced by the governmentcontrolled media.

Several other arrests have been reported but not yet confirmed by Asia Watch. They include MA

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Hongliang, ZHU Lin, YU Yingang, LI Tao, PANG Zibin and WANG Jianjun, all from the Self-Governing Students Association in a provincial school of commerce, and GAO Jingfang, ZHU Guanghua, and LI Xiaohu, from the Hangzhou Self-Governing Workers' Association.

These arrests follow others reported in the last few days including the following: LIU Xiaobo, CHEN Mingyuan, REN Wanding, XIAO Bin, WENG Zhengming, YAO Yongzhan, YANG Fuqian, GUO Haifeng, BAO Tong, CAO Siyuan, and SHEN Jizhong.

Liu Xiaobo, 34, is reported to have been arrested on Tuesday, June 6, when a man in plainclothes hustled him into a white car, according to eyewitness accounts. A native of Jilin province, Liu was a graduate of Jilin University and had just finished his doctoral dissertation at Beijing Normal University on the aesthetics of Chinese literature. He is currently on the faculty at Beijing Normal University. A well-known literary critic, Liu is the author of several books and articles, and once wrote for the Shenzhen Youth Daily. In April 1989, while visiting the United States, he published an article entitled "Contemporary Chinese Intellectuals and Politics" in which he strongly criticized some of the older Chinese intellectuals like Liu Binyan. He returned to China in late April to take part in the democracy movement. Following the declaration of martial law, he and three other activists began a hunger strike on June 2 at the base of the Monument of Revolutionary Heroes in Tiananmen Square. In a proclamation issued at the beginning of the strike, the four stated, "Through our hunger strike, we want also to tell the people that what the government media refers to as a small bunch of trouble makers is in fact the whole nation. We may not be students, but we are citizens whose sense of duty makes us support the democracy movement started by the college students ... "

Chen Ming Yuan, in his late 40's, is a professor at the Foreign Languages Institute in Beijing and taught Chinese to many foreigners resident there. He is also a mathemetician and a poet. He was taken to the hospital recently with high blood pressure, and was reportedly arrested in the hospital on Friday or Saturday.

Guo Haifeng is reported to have been one of the top leaders of the student movement in Beijing.

Ren Wanding is one of the few activists from the Democracy Wall movement period (1978-79) to have taken an active role in the 1989 demonstrations. The founder of the China Human Rights League, Ren was denounced together with Wei Jingsheng as a non-Marxist when the crackdown on the Democracy Wall movement came in 1979. He was arrested and spent four years in prison, his initial sentence having been extended when he refused to make an acceptable self-criticism. In 1988, he wrote an article for the <u>New York Times</u> on the tenth anniversary of Democracy Wall, calling on activist students to speak out for those in prison and on the business community to make any investment in China conditional on an end to suppression of dissidents (see attached). He is reported to have been arrested on June 9, about 8 pm. His place of detention is not known.

Weng Zhengming, a student leader in Shanghai, was arrested on June 11. He is charged with being head of the "counterrevolutionary" China Youth Democratic Party.

Xiao Bin, 42, an unemployed factory worker, was arrested on June 10 after having been interviewed by ABC News on the Tiananmen Square massacre. The ABC broadcast showed him imitating how machine guns had mowed down demonstrators. He was turned in shortly after Beijing television appealed to viewers to turn him in for rumor-mongering and is now in police custody.

Yao Yongzhan, 19, a student activist from Hong Kong, was arrested on June 11 as he was about to board a plane for Hong Kong; he had been accompanied to the airport by British consular staff. According to Reuters, Shanghai radio accused him of being the leader of the outlawed "Autonomous Union of Shanghai College Students" and said he was under investigation for violating local laws.

Yang Fuqian, a leader of the independent workers association in Beijing, was also arrested on June 11. He appeared on a state television program in the presence of an interrogator. According to a UPI report, "The prisoner was groggy and his speech was slurred from an apparent beating that swelled his right cheek. Several of the other suspects also appeared to have suffered beatings."

Bao Tong and Cao Siyuan are both senior advisers to Party Secretary General Zhao Ziyang. Cao, according to Amnesty International, is believed to have been arrested on the afternoon of June 3. Bao Tong may have been arrested several days earlier. Since January 1988, Bao Tong, 56, had been head of the Communist Party's Political Reform Research Center and was a member of the Central Committee. He is identified with the reformist views of his mentor, Zhao Ziyang, but rejected Western-style democracy as "irrelevant" for China, according to an article in the <u>Asian Wall</u> Street Journal (December 26, 1988).

One worker is reported to have been arrested in Shanghai on May 31 for making a pro-democracy speech; his name is SHEN Jizhong, a florist in his 40's. No other details about him are available, and it is not known whether he was released before the June 3-4 crackdown. The two Chinese graduate students studying in the United States who had returned to Beijing to support the democracy movement have been released from custody and are now back in Chicago and Los Angeles respectively. CHENG Yu, a graduate student at the University of Chicago, her baby, Payton Lee, and Tong Boning, a UCLA student, returned to the US on June 10.

The arrest of LI Dan, reported by Asia Watch, is now in question. We had reported that Li, a veteran announcer for English-language broadcasts of Radio Beijing, was reported to have been arrested while broadcasting news of the massacre in Tiananmen Square on Sunday morning, June 4, and announced that thousands had been killed. There is now some question as to whether Li, was the announcer the one whose broadcast was interrupted; we will try to confirm this as soon as possible.

Lee Chukyan, a Hong Kong resident reported arrested June 5, has been released.

Deaths on the Night of June 3-4

Asia Watch sources have reported that the following people were among those killed on the night of the massacre in Tiananmen Square. We have not been able to confirm these independently:

SUN Hun	Beijing University, chemistry department student
(male)	
YAN Wen	Beijing University, probability statistics student
(male)	
	Beijing University, chemistry lecturer (male)
HUANG Tao	Beijing University (male)
LING Keqing	People's University, Journalist (male, aged 22)
YIN Jing	engineer, 35
ZHONG Qing	Qinghua University, optical instrument department,
_	native of Guangxi (male)
WANG Weiping	Beijing Medical University, People's Hospital
	(female)
HE Jinag Ping Retired worker, Beijing Communications Parts	
	Factory (female, aged 54)
WU Xiangdong	Worker in Beijing Dong Feng TV Factory, studying in
	Beijing Electronic Instrument Work College
GUO Chengmin	Teacher in Haidan 61 High School, student in Beijing
	Normal University, aged 21
TANG Zheqiang Cadre, (male, aged 30)	
	(male, mid-20's)
ZHU Songfeng	Beijing University, student (male, 22)