

# China detains American writer, former teacher for espionage

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**By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL**

BEIJING — China has detained an American writer and former teacher, the U.S. embassy said today, the fifth Chinese-born intellectual with foreign ties to be held in a sweeping anti-espionage campaign.

Wu Jianmin, a U.S. citizen, was detained April 8 and is suspected of espionage, the U.S. Embassy here said. Police informed embassy officials of Wu's detention on April 14, saying he was under investigation for spying on behalf of Taiwan.

Authorities suspect that Wu was involved in the publication of "The Tiananmen Papers," a book about the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, said Frank Lu, a former dissident who runs a human rights monitoring group in Hong Kong. The book, which depicts Chinese leaders at odds over how to handle the protests, is said to be based on Communist Party records smuggled out of China by a disaffected official.

The report comes one day after the U.S. State Department issued a warning to travelers linked to Taiwan or dissident writings. It in particular cautions Americans originally from China. Travel to Taiwan, which China regards as a rebel province, or involvement

with Taiwan media organizations, "has apparently also been regarded as the equivalent of espionage," the warning said.

TOKYO — U.S. Navy officers met today with local officials to explain possible disciplinary action facing the skipper of a submarine that sank a Japanese high school fishing training vessel.

Nine aboard the ship, including four students, died as a result of the Feb. 9 collision when the USS Greeneville hit and sank the Ehime Maru nine miles off the coast of the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Rear Adm. Robert Chaplin, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Japan, and eight other officers met with

Moriyuki Kato, the governor of Ehime state, where the training ship was based, said a state official, who spoke on condition he not be named.

There are strong feelings in Japan that Cmdr. Scott Waddle was to blame for failing to detect the Ehime Maru before his submarine surfaced rapidly in a demonstration of emergency procedures.

Navy officials have acknowledged that the demonstration was done only for the benefit of 16 civilians aboard, three of whom were seated at the sub's controls at the time of the collision.

The state official declined to reveal details, but Pacific Fleet spokesman Jon Yoshishige in Honolulu said the U.S. side was briefing the Japanese on

all punishment possibilities — ranging from a court-martial to a letter of reprimand.

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DAVENPORT, Iowa — High school students piled off buses and onto the riverfront sandbag lines as the rising Mississippi lapped 5 feet from the top of a temporary levy.

The river isn't expected to crest until next week in Davenport — the only major city on the upper Mississippi without permanent flood control structures — but forecasters say it could rise another 4 1/2 feet before then.

"We're not going to stay bone dry; we never thought we would. We're just trying not to be eyeball-deep in water," said Darren Smiley, an insurance company owner who was organizing flood

control efforts near a downtown bridge.

Health concerns are also high after flooding at a treatment plant forced Davenport to begin dumping millions of gallons of raw sewage into the river Thursday.

County health officials say a shortage of tetanus vaccine means preventive immunizations won't be available for workers sandbagging.

Today, the crest was expected in Prairie du Chien, Wis., but for many residents that provided little solace. The river already covered several city blocks, and the downtown streets were flooded.

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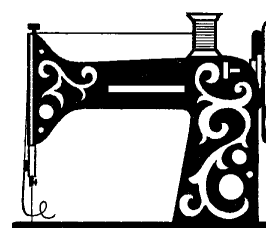
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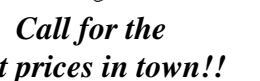
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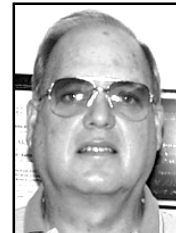
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