

Taiwanese steal number one sons

TORONTO (CUP) — Taiwanese secret agents operating in Canada have tried to persuade scholars from Mainland China to defect to Taiwan, according to the Chinese embassy in Ottawa.

An intriguing series of events recently came to light surrounding the departure of one Chinese scholar to China and the defection of two others at the University of Toronto studying with the China-Canada Educational Program.

The operations of Taiwanese agents in Canada have created problems, most recently involving Chen Zhen Jian, a scientist from China who had worked in the federal agriculture department for the past two years. Chen planned a

trip to Tokyo to visit his Taiwanese uncle. On Nov. 27, 1982, Chen went to the Chinese embassy in Ottawa, purportedly to obtain his visa. He was never seen again in Canada and did not arrive in Tokyo.

Although the Chinese embassy denies accusations of kidnapping, as "fabrications and slander," the People's Republic has a history of seizing its citizens while they are travelling abroad.

In January, 1981, 44 year old Jiang Yu Lu, a Chinese engineer working in Paris, disappeared after visiting his embassy. He was rescued at an airport before boarding a plane to Peking.

An embassy duty-officer, who

refused to reveal his name, said of Chen's case, "the word kidnapping is not true. Chen was paid by the Chinese government. He was at the end of his term in Canada. Everything happened according to schedule."

Still, there is the question of why Chen did not go to Tokyo to meet his uncle. And why did he fly to China through Paris? The embassy claims Chen changed his plans out of fear for his safety, that Taiwanese agents were threatening him.

Stimpson revealed that there have been complaints of such agents operating in this country to "subvert and undermine China-Canada relations," but he noted that as long as they act legally nothing can be done. He compared the Taiwanese agents to an Australian who comes to Canada and urges somebody to move there because the life is much better.

Meanwhile, the RCMP, who were investigating this case, have reserved comment on Chen's return to China and on the appearance of Taiwanese agents in Canada.

While the mystery remains,

the Chinese embassy in Ottawa stated that Chen was safely back in the People's Republic and has been happily reunited with his family.

The second portion of this oriental mystery revolves around two Chinese scholars studying at the U of T, a 47-year-old scientist, Liu Xianbang, and 46-year-old geophysicist Cui Cheng Yu. Again, the shrouded activities of Taiwanese operatives surround the event.

Cui, who has been in this country for 16 months, was approached by an agent who recommended that she defect to Taiwan. Cui and Lui's lawyer, Jeffrey House, confirmed the existence of these characters: "The agents are very real. I was driving a car that was chased by Chinese agents. I believe some of them are professors at the U of T. They approached these people and said 'how about taking \$50,000 and defecting.' But they don't want to go. They don't believe that Taiwan is truly democratic."

Recently, Cui was visited by embassy officials and moved from her place of residence. House said that Cui was forcibly moved but

the embassy holds a different view.

The unidentified duty officer at the embassy remarked: "Forcible movement is not true. The embassy officials visited her at her own requests. She told the officials that she was threatened....For her own security and of her own will she asked to move to another apartment....She hoped to go back to China."

But House said Cui was no longer living in the home that she was moved to and that she had gone into hiding. He responded to the Chinese embassy's reaction to the Taiwanese tactics: "When a Taiwanese agent approaches one of these people the embassy decides that it's time for them to go back to China - tomorrow. It doesn't say much about what they think of their own people."

Both Cui and Lui have expressed a desire to remain in Canada and recently their wishes were granted. The special review committee of the department of employment and immigration has issued them minister's permits which allow them to stay in this country.

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Are you worried about where you will be working this summer? If you are, why not consider working for Hire-A-Student?

Hire-A-Student has twenty five openings for student placement officers this summer. A seminar will be held this Friday, January 21, at 9:30 in the Meditation Room of the Students' Union Building.

The seminar will largely concentrate on what the job of student placement officer entails as well as what to expect in the interviews that will take place.

As a student placement officer you would have to work with

employers requesting summer help and screening students so as to provide those employers with the most suitable candidates.

The pay will be \$8.39 per hour and will run from the end of April to mid July, with the possibility of an extension into August.

"We will receive applications from students who are looking for summer jobs only," says Gordon White of the Hire-A-Student office in downtown Edmonton.

Hire-A-Student is a non profit community service sponsored by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. The staff employed in Hire-A-Student

is almost entirely made up of post-secondary students. All the people employed by Hire-A-Student are given the opportunity to develop invaluable skills which can lead to a wide variety of careers.

Gordon White says the interview process could be intimidating for some people and that is why they are holding this seminar on Friday.

"We want to give people the opportunity to be able to study for the interview and be ready for the types of questions that will be asked," says White.

LIBRARY CARREL ASSIGNMENTS

Because of the severe shortage of seating spaces in the University of Alberta Libraries, the GFC Library Committee has initiated a new policy for assignment of study carrels to begin January 1, 1983. This will apply to Cameron and Rutherford Libraries only. Carrels will be assigned by the Library on the basis of demonstrated need to use library materials intensively for major research.

The priorities are:

1. Graduate student working on thesis.
2. Student in Honours Program working on major research paper.
3. Senior student working on major research project.

The assigned terms will be September 1, to December 31, January 1 to April 30, and May 1 to August 31. Renewals will be possible. Two persons will be assigned to share the use of each carrel.

Applications for carrel assignments are to be signed by the Honours/Graduate adviser and countersigned by the departmental chairman. Application forms are available at Circulation Services office, 2nd floor Cameron Library, or departmental offices.



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For applications and application procedures, consult your Canada Employment Centre on Campus or the Canada Employment Centre in the area where you wish to work.

Application deadlines vary but may be as early as January 28, 1983.

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