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## China Ousts Prominent Dissident

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A prominent young Chinese dissident who had been detained in Shanghai for 36 hours was escorted to the airport today and put on a flight to Hong Kong.

Officials in Beijing and Shanghai denied that the dissident, Chen Jun, had been expelled from China. But his wife, who spoke with him tonight after he arrived in Hong Kong, said he had not intended to leave the country at this time.

"It was an expulsion, not that he wasn't willing to leave," his wife, Jennifer Holdaway, a 26-year-old British national, said in an interview tonight in Beijing. But she added that he had planned to leave China within a few weeks for a long stay in the United States.

A 31-year-old writer and businessman, Mr. Chen was involved in the Democracy Spring movement a decade ago, and earlier this year he founded an organization called Amnesty 89 that sought an amnesty for China's political prisoners.

Tonight, Mr. Chen left Hong Kong on a Singapore Airlines flight bound for San Francisco, after Hong Kong customs officials denied him entry because he had no visa. Mr. Chen travels on a Chinese passport but carries a United States residency permit. [ Samson Ling, an official with China Spring, an Chinese emigre group in New York, said that Mr. Chen arrived in San Francisco early Saturday and that the

dissident was scheduled to arrive in New York on a flight a few hours later. ] Mr. Chen's difficulties pointed up the Government's uneasiness about the country's handful of democracy activists. But the fact that he was expelled or allowed to leave also suggests that the Government is taking a more flexible approach than it sometimes has in the past, when dissidents like Mr. Chen received long prison sentences.

Mr. Chen helped lead a petition drive that gained the support of prominent intellectuals for Amnesty 89.

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