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# CRACKDOWN IN CHINA; A STUDENT LEADER TURNS HIMSELF IN

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The Government today reported a new series of arrests around the nation of those involved in the democracy movement, and another student leader turned himself in to the authorities.

The new arrests followed the death sentences handed down by a Shanghai court on Thursday to three young men for their roles in a violent protest there. So far more than 1,000 people are known to have been arrested throughout the nation, but only those three have been sentenced.

People's Daily reported today that 40 had been arrested in Chengdu, the central Chinese city, while nine student leaders in Lanzhou, in the west, had turned themselves in. The reports seemed to be a sampling of what was happening in a few major cities, and more comprehensive information was unavailable. Five More Seized in Capital

In Beijing, the television and radio announced the arrest locally of five more people, including four youths accused of stealing machine guns from troops and one elderly man who had printed leaflets for the student movement.

Another Beijing student leader, Ma Shaofang, a 25-year-old student of the Beijing Film Academy, was also reported to have turned himself in to the police in

Guangdong Province, where he had apparently fled to avoid arrest.

The Government also took some foreign correspondents today to Tiananmen Square in central Beijing for a tour of the area around the Monument to the People's Heroes in the middle of the square, as well as for a meeting with local troops. Officer Denies Citizens Shot

A military officer confirmed to reporters that it was the 27th Army that had been responsible for the primary attack on the area around Tiananmen Square, but he denied that troops had attacked citizens. Most estimates are that hundreds, and possibly thousands, of civilians were killed in the military assault on the center of the city, mostly shot by submachine guns.

The Government spokesman, Yuan Mu, seemed to confirm today in an interview with NBC News that the Communist Party leader, Zhao Ziyang, would soon be stripped of his position. Asked about Mr. Zhao, Mr. Yuan said that "certain individuals" in the leadership were "guilty of supporting counterrevolutionary turmoil."

The authorities today expelled two British television journalists who had been filming in Chengdu. The journalists, Vernon Mann and John Elphinstone of Independent Television News, had entered China on tourist visas because journalist visas are difficult to obtain, and they were accused of activity incompatible with their visa status.

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