

### news digest Progress reported

ian revolutionaries of the older generation, who had long followed Chairman Mao in the revolution."

By The Associated Press

#### Sugar program

Washington—President Carter may announce within a week a new U.S. sugar program aimed at helping domestic growers without cutting imports so much that it will drive up consumer sugar prices. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said Wednesday.

#### Mao's son

Tokyo—One of Mao Tse-tung's sons has been brought into the campaign against four radical leaders accused of trying to seize power, including Mao's widow. The *People's Daily* printed an article by Mao's son, Mao An-ching, and daughter-in-law, Shao Hua, declaring that "the gang of four slandered a large number of proletar-

Washington—Some progress was reported Wednesday in negotiations to end the sit-in at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by about 50 disabled protesters demanding enforcement of civil rights laws for the nation's handicapped. Sporadic discussions between demonstration leaders and top HEW officials began Tuesday night, and by Wednesday afternoon there were indications the demonstrators had softened their demands.

#### Floods

The Tug Fork river's overflowing waters smashed into two more towns along the West Virginia-Kentucky border Wednesday, but most of the rampaging rivers in Appalachia began to recede, leaving behind devastation and mud-encrusted homes. At least 14 persons had been killed by the floods since Monday, after storms dumped rain on the region for up to 30 hours.



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