

better “hygiene and education” (FE/8033). The Chinese president also insisted that there had been “very few isolated cases” of infanticide in China.

In July Jean Loup Dherse, vice-president of the World Bank in charge of energy resources and industry, visited China in order to conduct a survey of World Bank loan projects and discuss future co-operation (FE/8002). It was reported that his visit would include a tour of oil fields in Xinjiang.

Finally, in September Chinese delegates attended the first International Telecommunications Union Conference in Geneva. Discussions there focused on the allocation of the geostationary orbit and frequency bands (mainly occupied at present by developed countries – particularly the United States and Soviet Union). Zhu Gaofeng, the head of the Chinese delegation, regretted that no clear decision had been reached on an improved procedure planning method. For this reason, China reserved her position on whether or not to accept proposals put forward at the conference.

Erratum

In Issue No. 99 (September 1984), page 680, the first sentence under the section United States should have read “President Reagan (accompanied by the American foreign secretary) arrived in Beijing on 26 April for a six-day state visit – the first by an American president in office since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1979.” and not as printed.