CHINA: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

In Beijing, approximately 3,000 student demonstrators took part in a New Year's Day protest adjacent to Tiananmen Square in defiance of a government ban. The poorly organized demonstrators were quickly constrained by police. Some 24 "TROUBLEMAKERS" reportedly were taken away by the police for "EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION."

Later in the evening, 4,000 students marched from Beijing University toward Tiananmen Square to demand the release of their fellow students. About three hours into the 15-km March, 3,000 of them returned to the school when they were informed the detained students had been freed. Those who continued to the Square were addressed by a just-released student, after which they went back to their campus.