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(400) DOCTOR TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12 (AP)-A NEW YORK SURGEON HAS BEEN GRANTED A PASSPORT TO VISIT RED CHINA IN WHAT MAY BE A SIGNIFICANT RELAXATION IN OFFICIAL ATTITUDES TOWARD AMERICAN TRAVEL IN THAT COMMUNIST LAND.

DR. SAMUEL ROSEN OF KATONAH, N. Y., PLANS TO GO TO PEKING NEXT MONTH TO DEMONSTRATE AN EAR OPERATION HE HAS DEVELOPED FOR THE RESTORATION OF HEARING. HE HAS GIVEN SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND MOST EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST NATIONS.

IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK REQUESTING PERMISSION TO GO TO CHINA, ROSEN SAID HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN PEKING.

ROSEN IS CONSULTING EAR SURGEON AT MT. SINAI HOSPITAL, AND ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF OTOLOGY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER.

THE VALIDATION OF THE PASSPORT SAYS THE ROSENS' TRAVEL IN THE RESTRICTED COUNTRY IS PERMITTED "FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES." AND A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GRANT IS IN LINE WITH LONGSTANDING U. S. POLICY.

BUT OTHER U. S. OFFICIALS SAID PRIVATELY THAT THE PERMISSION FOR ROSEN'S TRIP APPEARS TO MARK A BREAKTHROUGH IN PAST TIGHT APPLICATION OF THE NO-TRAVEL BAN.

ASIDE FROM RELATIVES OF AMERICANS IMPRISONED ON THE COMMUNIST MAINLAND, OFFICIALS COULD NOT RECALL IMMEDIATELY ANY U. S. CITIZEN, RECEIVING A STATE DEPARTMENT OKAY TO TRAVEL THERE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS IN RECENT YEARS.

AMONG THOSE SAID TO HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN WAS DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE OF BOSTON, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S HEART SPECIALIST.

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REACHED AT HIS HOME, DR. ROSEN SAID HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED
TO CHINA BY HIS WIFE, WHO ASSISTS IN THE OPERATION. HE SAID HER
PASSPORT ALSO HAS BEEN VALIDATED.

THEY PLAN TO LEAVE DEC. 23 FOR PARIS, WHERE THEY WILL PICK UP
CHINESE VISAS, THEN FLY TO MOSCOW, WHERE DR. ROSEN HAS "A FEW
OPERATIONS AND A LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW."

THEY WILL THEN FLY TO PEKING, PLANNING TO STAY ABOUT A MONTH.

"I HAVE NO POLITICS," HE SAID. "I'M A DOCTOR AND I LIVE BY AN
OLD PROVERB: IF EVERY MAN WOULD MEND A MAN, THE WORLD WOULD ALL BE
MENDED."

DR. ROSEN, 67, SAID THE OPERATION, WHICH HE DISCOVERED ABOUT 15
YEARS AGO, IS PERFORMED ON PATIENTS WHOSE STAPES, A SMALL STIRRUP-
SHAPED BONE IN THE MIDDLE EAR, HAS CEASED TO VIBRATE BECAUSE OF A
DISEASE-CAUSED GROWTH OF CALCIUM AT ITS BASE.

"WE GO IN AND MAKE IT VIBRATE, OR SUBSTITUTE SOME MATERIAL FOR
THE BONE, EITHER WIRE OR PLASTIC," HE EXPLAINED.

HE SAID HE HAS PERFORMED 12,000 TO 14,000 OF THE OPERATIONS,
AND THAT RECENTLY THEY ARE 90 PER CENT SUCCESSFUL IN RESTORING HEARING.
AT FIRST HE SAID THE PERCENTAGE WAS ONLY 30.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

"WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN VALIDATING PASSPORTS FOR JOURNALISTS
AND ON OCCASION WE HAVE VALIDATED PASSPORTS TO COMMUNIST CHINA FOR
RELATIVES OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD IN PRISON THERE.

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"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POLICY THAT WE COULD VALIDATE TRAVEL TO COMMUNIST CHINA FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS OR WHEN IT APPEARED TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

"IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE DR. ROSEN IS A NOTED EAR SPECIALIST AND HAS FOR SOME YEARS MADE IT A PRACTICE TO DEMONSTRATE ABROAD A SPECIAL EAR OPERATION. THE COMMUNIST CHINESE INVITED DR. ROSEN TO DEMONSTRATE HIS OPERATION IN CHINA . . ."

A NUMBER OF U. S. NEWSMEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN PASSPORTS ALLOWING TRAVEL TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND BUT THE PEKING REGIME HAS NOT LET THEM IN.

U. S. OFFICIALS RECALLED THAT IN THE 1950S PERMISSION WAS GRANTED TO U. N. SECRETARY DAG HAMMARSKJOLD'S VALET, A U. S. CITIZEN, TO GO TO RED CHINA AND THAT AN AMERICAN ATTORNEY ALSO WAS ALLOWED ENTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEGAL CASE.

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STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAVE SAID IN THE PAST THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN GETTING AMERICAN NEWSMEN INTO COMMUNIST CHINA FOR EITHER SHORT VISITS OR LONG TERM ASSIGNMENTS.

COMPLICATING THE SITUATION IS THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE RED CHINA.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS SAID THAT IF CHINESE COMMUNIST REPORTERS APPLY TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES EACH CASE WOULD BE JUDGED INDIVIDUALLY "BUT WE WOULD WANT SOME ASSURANCE THAT AMERICAN NEWSMEN WOULD BE ADMITTED TO COMMUNIST CHINA."

THE UNITED STATES APPROVED A POLICY OF U. S. NEWS OPERATIONS IN COMMUNIST CHINA ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS QUICKLY RAISED DIFFICULTIES AND OBJECTIONS, HOWEVER, AND WITH A VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS COVERAGE BY AMERICAN REPORTERS HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND.

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