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The following news item appeared on the February 18, 1978 KGO (San Francisco, channel 7) 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. news telecast. (The report here is given verbatim.)

T.V. ANCHORMAN: There are possibly some political changes coming up in the Far East.

The son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan may soon become the new president of that island nation. Chiang Chin-kuo just received the nomination from that country's ruling party [the Kuomintang party]. Officials said he is already a very powerful force in Taiwan and he does have a very good chance of being elected next month. Right now, Chin-kuo is head of the Taiwan police force.

But at the same time, there are a lot of people here in the city of San Francisco who are saying they are very upset with what is going on in the Taiwan government. They held a demonstration today. About one hundred of them masked their faces and staged a protest outside of the Taiwan embassy [R.O.C. Consulate] today. Suzanne Saunders [KGO reporter] asked them why [they were protesting].

SUZANNE SAUNDERS: [Why are you protesting?]

DEMONSTRATOR: We are demanding freedom for Taiwanese.

SAUNDERS: What do you mean by freedom?

DEMONSTRATOR: We are being persecuted. We do not enjoy the so-called "Constitutional rights" guaranteed by the KMT [Kuomintang] regime.

SAUNDERS: So you're saying you are living under the martial law?

DEMONSTRATOR: Yes! We have been living under martial law for the past thirty years.

SAUNDERS: Why is that you're wearing a mask? You said earlier that a lot of people were afraid to show up for this demonstration.

DEMONSTRATOR: It's because we all have family members in Taiwan and they would be retaliated against.

T.V. ANCHORMAN: Although the demonstrators were very upset about the issue, there were no incidents so far in that demonstration.