

China Unable To Save Herself By Own Resources

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One hesitates to use the word "grave" in connection with the collapse of China, but it is necessary to record that China and even partial dismemberment.

Mind you, we are talking about a vast country which houses a quarter of the globe's population and theoretically ranks as one of the big five powers along with America, Russia, Britain and France. She has reached such a chaotic state economically, politically and militarily that she cannot save herself by her own resources alone. Only outside aid on a vast scale could turn the trick. Having said that you naturally think of Uncle Sam—and wonder.

China has just entered its Lunar New Year ("The Year of the Rat") and this normally calls for national celebration. However, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government, hampered by the lack of the country's plight. Chiang told his lieutenants that "this year will be better than the last," but apparently he was wise enough to let this non-committal remark lie where it fell.

Economy In Ruins

The cold fact is that the country's economy has blown to smithereens. It's so bad that the experts can't give an intelligible estimate of the disaster. People continue to die of starvation. The inflation is as crazy as the Mad Hatter.

This frightful economic disruption is in part reflection of the political mess. Chiang has to struggle with powerful forces which make it impossible to establish an efficient government. War lords and other vested interests continue to put self before country, with disastrous results.

Small wonder that the Chinese Communist rebels have been making a field day of this politico-economic collapse which inevitably has crippled Chiang's military efforts to crush the rebellion. The position of the government as regards Manchuria is close to desperate, and to me that connotes near hopelessness. The Chinese Communists are in control of that great and rich country, and we can at least say that it will be a military marvel if Chiang can regain it.

Worse yet, there is a heavy exodus from cities which are threatened by the Communists in North China. The Communist position north of the Yangtze river through central China is bad generally.

If the Chinese Communists are able to consolidate their hold on Manchuria, what have you? Well, obviously you have a separate state, for one thing. But that's far from being the whole story.

Russia Stands To Gain

Chiang's Government has charged that Russia has been giving the Chinese Reds material help in their rebellion. Of course that charge has to be proved, but if it is true (and general observers generally accept it) Manchuria would become another satellite of Moscow. This would multiply the already vast influence of the Soviet Union in the Far East so that she might be the dominant power in that part of the world.

Recognition of China's great need is seen in the U. S. State Department's request to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for an increase in the fund for Chinese aid. The new estimate is for \$570,000,000.

Naturally \$570,000,000 more won't save China. As a matter of fact, the problem is so vast that nobody knows whether it can be solved by money. Some close observers point out that China has had great experience with adversity, and say that on this basis her position isn't hopeless. Be that as may, China's salvation depends in major degree upon herself.

Wood Waste Alcohol as Fuel Contender Foreseen

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Alcohol produced from wood waste in the Northwest may someday compete with gasoline and oil as a fuel.

Fred W. Gottschalk, president of the Forest Products Research Society, said "this will not be in the immediate future, but it is coming."

"Alcohol can now be produced for something less than 30 cents a gallon. As increased uses are found for by-products this production cost will be lowered to make it more and more competitive with gasoline," he said.

His comments were in an interview here.

Inadequate School Support, Unequal Status Pointed Out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The National Education Association said yesterday school support is "grossly inadequate" and schooling opportunities "shamefully" unequal.

An association survey reported that school boards face "almost insuperable financial problems," because they have 20 per cent less buying power than before the war.

Willard E. Givens, the NEA's executive secretary, noted that bills are pending in Congress to give \$300,000,000 in federal aid.

But Dr. John K. Norton, one of the survey leaders, estimated it would cost about \$800,000,000 a year to bring per-pupil expenditures in all states up to at least \$99, the current mid-point for the nation as a whole.

He pointed to these chief findings:

1. While in the United States as a whole spending per pupil increased an average of 66 per cent between 1940 and 1947, it should have gone up 86 per cent for schools to hold their own.

2. Poor schools made the largest percentage gains in per-pupil expenditures but they still are operating at "poverty levels of support."

3. Enormous educational inequalities continue to exist, both within individual states and among the states.

State Outlays Cited
Norton said North Dakota increased its per-pupil expenditure 122.2 per cent during the seven-year period—from \$35 to \$78—to lead all states. But he noted that it still is well below the national average of \$99.

NEA made public this tabulation showing the average spending per pupil in 1946-47, the percentage increase over 1939-40, and the average annual outlay needed to restore education to the pre-war level:

New York, \$234, 56.1 per cent, 27.9; New Jersey, \$180, 49.5 per cent, 32.3; California, \$177, 35.6 per cent, 32.2; Washington, \$155, 33.5 per cent, 31.9; (Washington average already above pre-war level)
Oregon, \$127, 95.1 per cent, \$121 (above pre-war); Idaho, \$74, 47.5 per cent, 39.3.
National average: \$99, 66.3 per cent increase, \$112.

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YONCALLA—Mrs. Sidney Lasswell left Saturday to spend a few days in Portland with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker and their son, of Portland are visiting at the Lawrence Radabaugh and the Art Rychard homes.

Miss Geraldine Lambdin of Coos Bay and Herbert Carlson of Chicago spent the week end visiting at the Ask home.

Crawford Real Estate reports the following sales transactions last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coe have sold their place, south of town, known as the Angst ranch, to Mr. and Mrs. Louie T. Baker of Coos Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have four children. They will take possession the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schosha have sold their home, next door to the postoffice, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sherley. Mr. and Mrs. Sherley will take possession the first of July.

Kissling Lumber Co. is building a new slab and sawdust burner, which will relieve the hazard of the open fire of former years.

Robert Hoagland has purchased a new dump truck.

Mrs. Ray Pettey was badly cut by her axe, when it slipped from her hand while she was chopping wood.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that only two acres of agricultural land are available per person in the world today.

Yoncalla Library Adds New Books

YONCALLA—The following new books have been placed on the shelves of the Yoncalla Public Library, according to Mrs. Tim Miller, librarian:

Mrs. Mike, by B. N. Friedman; History of Petroleum Administration for War, by G. W. Ide and H. C. Frey; First Hundred Years of the Smithsonian Institute, by Web. P. True; Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar, by E. R. Burroughs; Roads of Destiny, by O. Henry; The Underdog, by Bulmer Pootner; Golden Apples, by Marjorie Hinman Rawlings.

Anne Snow, Mt. Nurse, by Dorothy Denning; The Bishop's Mantle, by Turnbull; This Side of Glory, by Gwen Bristow; Nothing So Strange, by James Hilton; East Side, West Side, by Marci; Davenport Home Country, by Ernie Pyle; Lydia Bailey, by Kenneth Roberts; Little White Horse, by Elizabeth Goudge; Quarter Horse, by Gordon Young.

Saga, by Catherine Gate Coblenz; Empire Builders, by Robt. Ormond Case; Tarzan the Terrible, by E. R. Burroughs; Jungle Tales of Tarzan, by E. R. Burroughs; Flickering Torch Mystery, by Franklin W. Dixon; Mystery of the Flying Express, by Franklin Dixon.

Bambin, the Clown, by Georges Schreiber; Books for You, Nat'l. Council of Teachers of English; Bobsey Twins, by Laura Lee Hope; Bobsey Twins at Meadow Brook, by Hope; Bobsey Twins at School, Hope; Bobsey Twins at Snow Lodge, Hope; Bobsey Twins

in the Great City, Hope; The Mystery at Lilac Inn, by Carolyn Keene; The Clue in the Diary, by Carolyn Keene; The Secret of the Old Clock, Keene; Men and Voits at War, by John A. Miller.

Slingshot User Upsets Striptease Technique

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The striptease gals at a local burlesque theatre were doing some very, very strange steps, and the stage director was calling them to task.

"You aren't in step with the music," he complained.

"We know it," they answered, "but something is hitting us and it hurts."

Police were called and found William C. Kiele, 23, sitting in the eighth row with a rubber slingshot. They said he was peering the dancers with half inch steel staples.

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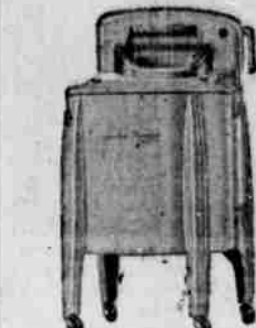
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