

## Russians' Grab Of Chinese Territory Merely In Line With One-Red-World Plans

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Secretary of State Acheson's blunt statement before the National Press club in Washington regarding Russian territorial expansion in the Asiatic theater presents a grim picture to opponents of Communism, but it has the virtue of helping clarify a muddled situation.

Acheson accuses Russia of dismembering Northern China and being in process of absorbing it into the Soviet Union. He says the detachment of provinces is complete in Outer Mongolia and is almost complete in Manchuria. Inner Mongolia and Sinkiang province apparently are being processed.

Well, this column certainly can't argue against that. I've called attention to this trend persistently, especially to the absorption of the rich and strategic state of Manchuria. Possession of this country gives Russia one of the most dominant positions in the Far East.

Indeed, Secretary Acheson declares that Russia's designs on Manchuria are "a single most important fact" in the Far Eastern picture.

### Russian Goal Obvious

And what is the significance of these Soviet tactics? The answer to that also is clear. It means the Russian offensive in the Orient is more than a political drive. It is aggression aimed at the expansion of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"What's new or strange about that? Not a thing. It is precisely what has been going on in Eastern Europe."

Moscow never has concealed her light under a bushel. The objectives of the world revolution for the spread of Communism have been made perfectly clear. The goal is to create a Communist world state—one world—one Red world.

So we see Russia in process of absorbing Chinese territory. The areas thus far most concerned (Manchuria, Outer Mongolia, Inner Mongolia and Sinkiang) form a huge, solid bloc whose Northern frontier contacts Russian territory all the way.

Moscow is working methodically so that her expansion southward into China moves as a compact mass containing no non-Communist areas. The steamroller thus has its northern side completely protected. It is a mighty smart job of strategy.

Manchuria Rich Prize

Manchuria of course is the most important single item in this picture. Here we have a big country of 404,428 square miles, with a population of more than 43,000,000. Its soil is among the world's richest. It has great mineral wealth and vast industrial possibilities. Strategically it is a base of immense strength. Here it should be noted that it was virtually a part of Russia in the days of the Czars before the Russo-Japanese war.

There is one interesting—though not highly important—Soviet absorption which seems to have been almost completely lost sight of. That is the case of Tanna Tuva, a little known country which lies in the heart of Asia. Tanna Tuva is bounded on the west, north and northeast by Asiatic territories of Russia, and on the south and southeast by Outer Mongolia. It was annexed by Soviet Russia in 1945. It's about the size of Nevada and its main fame lies in the fact that it was conquered by Genghis Khan in 1207.

Secretary Acheson holds that Russia must someday account to

the "righteous anger of the Chinese people" for trying to detach the Manchurian provinces. He warns that America should not embark on "foolish adventures" which will obscure this fact.

That thesis fits in with the claims of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who maintains that the Chinese people will in due course rise up against the Communists. He plans his hopes to hanging on until that reaction develops.

Is that wishful thinking? Perhaps, but much strategy is based on wishful thinking. The fellow who wins is the one who does the best wishful thinking and follows it up.

## Price Of Eggs Predicted Lower In This County

Since egg prices are expected to be lower this year than in 1949, Douglas county poultrymen are being urged by the county Production and Marketing administration committee to give careful consideration to their management practices and adopt those practices that lead to the greatest possible efficiency in production and marketing.

The committee points to the lower support price for 1950 and the predicted two or three percent increase in egg production as factors almost certain to hold farm prices below 1949 levels.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced an egg support program on Dec. 21 that will seek to maintain the national average annual farm price at 37 cents a dozen in 1950 as compared with a 1949 average of about 45 cents a dozen.

J. F. Bonebrake, county PMA committee chairman, explains that the new support price is approximately 75 percent of "modernized parity, as computed under the Agricultural Act of 1949." The new act permits support of egg prices at any level from zero to 90 percent of parity, as contrasted with the mandatory support at 90 percent of "old parity" in effect last year.

In announcing the new support rate, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan said "as in the case of potatoes a year ago, I have been extremely reluctant to give my approval to any lowering of the farm support price for eggs. Under the circumstances, however, with no other means than purchases to carry out our commitments to egg producers, there is no alternative."

He explained further that the cost of things farmers must buy to carry on their productions is almost as high as it was a year ago, whereas farm income has declined more than 14 percent and will decline further in the year ahead.

"The alternative before the Department is to contribute still further to this decline, or to take vast quantities of eggs out of normal consumption channels and put them into storage at considerable cost to the Government," he stated. "It is hoped that support for eggs at a price level approximating 75 percent of parity will result in a level of consumption more nearly approaching the anticipated level of production, and at the same time provide continuing inducement for farmers to convert abundant supplies of feed grains to such nutritious foods as eggs."

As in the past years, the support level will be based on a U. S. annual average farm price. Mr. Bonebrake points out. The specific areas in which egg prices will be supported, the period of support, and the method employed, whether by purchase of dried, frozen, or shell eggs, will be announced when such programs are needed.

The chairman explains that farm prices of eggs have been supported continuously since May 1948 under mandatory legislation at 90 percent of parity. In this period, the Department has purchased approximately 93 million pounds of dried whole eggs at a commodity cost of about \$120,000,000. Of this quantity, about 23.8 million pounds have been disposed of through the National School Lunch Program, ECA, the U. S. Army, and a commercial export program. About 69 million pounds of 1948 and 1949 dried eggs remain in CCC inventories.

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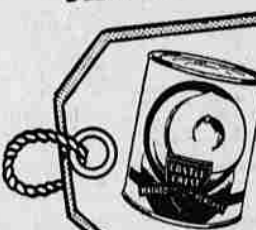
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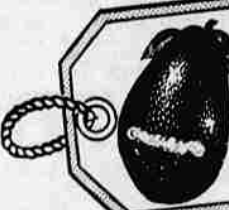
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