

Is China Going Red?

Influence of Bolshevism Shown in Letter From General Secretary of the China Christian Endeavor Union

That the present trouble in China is the most serious, the most deep-rooted and the most widespread movement of this kind ever experienced in China, is the declaration of most of the older missionaries who have gone through the Boxer trouble of 1900 and various other anti-foreign movements.

Edgar E. Strother, general secretary of the China Christian Endeavor union, with headquarters at Shanghai, writes as follows regarding the influence of Bolshevism in China:

"In order to rightly estimate the significance of the China situation, it is necessary to realize that Bolshevism is at the root of the matter and that the Bolsheviks not only aim at the overthrow of all law and order, but that they are bitterly anti-Christian, aiming at the destruction of the church and of the home and all Christian standards of society. We fear that many people in the home-lands, as well as thousands of Chinese students out here, have been deceived by the propaganda of the Bolsheviks as to the real meaning and purposes of Bolshevism. The key to the Bolshevik movement was revealed in a picture which was issued on the front page of an organ of the Bolsheviks, portraying a Russian workman with sleeves rolled up, and holding a huge hammer, at the foot of a ladder which he was about to ascend; and underneath was printed, 'I have already smashed our earthly thrones. I am now up to shatter the throne of God.'

"The following extract from an editorial in the Shanghai Mercury, entitled 'Britain, China and the Soviet,' seems to us to sum up the situation more accurately than almost any other single paragraph we have read:

"Sir Robert Horne, speaking recently at a conservative meeting said that the uprising in Shanghai and other parts of China were due to the persistent and insidious efforts made by the Soviet government of Russia against stable government in every part of the world. The ex-chancellor of the Exchequer said that the Soviet recognized that the chief opponent and the greatest obstruction to the theory of communist government was Great Britain, and that if they could get rid of the influence of Great Britain in the world they would have more than any other effort to establish the hateful disastrous theories which they cherish. Sir Robert pointed out that Soviet had been striving now for the past four years in the face of very solemn treaty obligations to upset British government in India and to set the whole of the East aflame. Passing to China, Sir Robert said that in this country the Bolsheviks have found elements which are easy to work upon, and referred to the Soviet ministers who have been boasting of the attack which they are making against British interests in China, and asserting that the recent disturbances are only a poor rehearsal of the massacres which they hope to see in the future.

"Amazing revelations, supported by documentary proof, concerning the activities of the Soviet consulate in Shanghai on behalf of the Third Internationale, have recently been published in the North China Daily News. They are a veritable proof that the red consulate here has taken an active part in the prolongation of the general strike, that the consulate has organized a special committee of Chinese students and representatives of the workers' organizations to inaugurate a reign of terror in Shanghai, and that it has taken upon itself to carry a communist propaganda among the foreign men-of-war stationed at Chinese ports. American bluejackets are to be the first to be converted. They are to be proselytized by a specially chosen Soviet agitator named Greben, a man who after a lengthy career in the Russian Volunteer fleet migrated to the United States, became a naturalized American citizen and joined the army, in which he rose to the rank of second lieutenant. This agent has a staff of sub-agents. It is specially stipulated in Comrade Arathan's letter of instructions to the secretary of the red consulate here that 'the work of the departments of the local committee is to be carried out in accordance with the old instructions in absolute secrecy.' The photographic reproductions of these original documents will only make it difficult for certain persons to continue to deny that Moscow's sinister hand may be seen in the Shanghai disorders.

"It should be clearly understood at the present movement is largely anti-Christian, and that the Bolsheviks desire to stop all missionary work and to drive all missionaries out of China. A remarkable document emanating from the national associations of Kiang-Chekiang and Hupeh provinces declares that the missionaries are agents of the foreign imperialists and capitalists, and that because they have penetrated into China's interior cities, where their schools are the centres for the distribution of the poisonous teachings and teachings of Christianity, China has suffered one national disgrace after another. By bringing an end to the poisonous foreign mission institutions, the influence of foreign imperialism may be brought to an end in China

is the declaration of these Chinese educationalists. It is evident that they have been well taught by their Russian leader, one of whom (Zinovieff, an apostate Jew, one of the master minds among the Bolsheviks), has said, 'We will

grapple with the Lord God in due season. We will vanquish Him in His highest heaven, and wherever He seeks refuge, and we shall subdue Him forever.' Even the little children in Russia are being taught by their school teachers to blaspheme God Almighty, a missionary of the China Inland mission having received a letter from her family in Russia, telling how the children of a neighbor explained that on a certain day each week their teacher placed on the wall a picture of an old man with

a long beard, representing God, and then told the pupils to shake their fists at Him and spit at Him. The Christians number of Ixvestia, a government organ, reports the organization of a Children's Communist league, which already embraces 1,000,000 members, and another 5,000,000 children, pupils in elementary schools, are being drawn into the movement. 'We, the young goddesses,' write one of these leagues, the Khamovinki club in Moscow, 'are waging active war against our

religious parents: we will climb up into heaven and sweep away the gods.' Posters have been put up on the walls of cities in inland China with such sentiments as the following in Chinese, 'Down with government; down with Christianity; down with Confucianism and all other religions; down with the home! etc.' Anti-Christian posters have also been posted on the walls of building in the Chinese city of Shanghai.

BEE KEEPERS TO MEET ORGANIZATION SLATED HERE THIS AFTERNOON

The Marion county bee keepers will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a county bee keepers association. The meeting will be held in the Salem Chamber of Commerce. The idea of organizing into county associations has become customary with bee keep-

ers throughout the country. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the Polk county bee keepers will meet at Dallas for the purpose of organizing. Professor Scullen, bee expert of OAC, will be the principal speaker both at the meeting held in the Salem Chamber of Commerce and that held in the evening at Dallas. Creswell—A. W. and W. A. Prialux sell 'The Creswell News' to Charles F. Loomis.

SEE DANGER IN LIQUOR

BERLIN—Women doctors, lawyers and economists of Germany favor local option and see in the excessive use of alcohol one of the worst dangers confronting Germany. They held a joint conference, with delegates from the association of German Women Physicians, the Federation of Women Lawyers, and the Association of Women Economists, at the conclusion of which a resolution was adopted memorializing the Reichstag in favor of local option.

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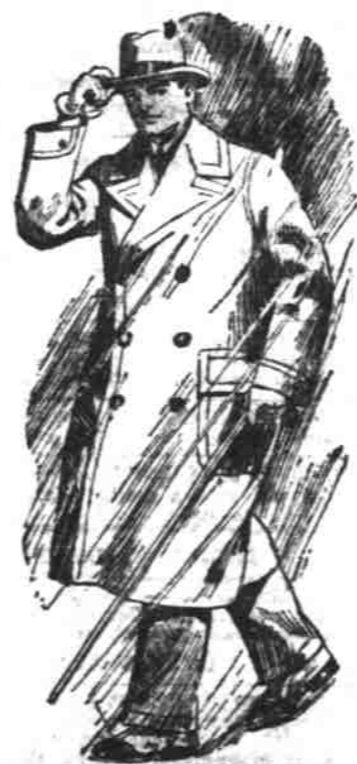
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