

### Truman May Take Hand in Farm Dispute

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20—(AP)—Senators wondered today if President Truman is taking a hand in a heated dispute among democrats over the federal farm program for next year.

They said that Senator Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture and sponsor of a com-

promise senate farm price-support bill, was one of the unidentified guests along for a week-end yacht trip with the president.

Meanwhile, Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) of the senate agriculture committee who came out yesterday against the Anderson bill, unexpectedly called for testimony on it Monday.

Thomas sent out telegrams today inviting heads of major farm organizations and three top labor leaders — William Green of the AFL, Philip Murray of the CIO and John L. Lewis of the Mine Workers — to tell senators what

they think of the Anderson compromise.

A telegram also went to Secretary of Agriculture Brannan inviting him to appear or send a representative. The session is set for Monday.

Brannan, who has failed to win either house or senate support for his own farmer subsidy program,

sharply criticized the Anderson compromise bill this weekend in a letter Thomas made public.

#### EDUCATION ASSAILED

PENHALE, England—(AP)—Field Marshal Sir William Slim, chief of the Imperial General Staff, thinks there's something wrong with the British educational sys-

tem. Otherwise, he told army cadets in camp here, "we should not be getting 2,000 chaps in the army a year who can't sign their names."

Antarctic icebergs are often a mile or more in length, and a few have been found to measure 20 to 30 miles.



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### Commies in Conquered China 'Upto Their Neck in Troubles'

By Fred Hampson

(Dispatches from Shanghai are censored by the communist military)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20—(AP)—While Red armies roll south and the western nations seek new China policies, the communists inside conquered areas are up to their necks in troubles.

China always has been more easily conquered than digested, as the Reds are now learning.

Two months ago the civil war seemed near an end. Now the Reds themselves are talking in terms of another year of fighting despite their current successes.

#### Experts Disagree

Experts disagree on the seriousness of the communists' internal problems.

Gen. Chen Yi, military mayor of Shanghai, says they are merely the early difficulties of victory. Others think a crisis is rising which might imperil the revolution and undermine communism in all Asia.

This extreme view is not yet justified—but it may be justified if the Reds do not make faster progress in solving economic and social unrest.

#### Many Current Problems

Crowded, hungry China cannot wait for slow adjustment and experimentation. A conqueror has little margin to work on.

Some of the problems include: Peasant uprisings, which the nationalists used to blame on "communist bandits" and which the Reds now blame on "nationalist bandits";

Urban discontent, unemployment and labor troubles;

The nationalist blockade;

Recent damaging floods; and

The drain of a Red army that now numbers at least 4,000,000 men—bigger than the country can long support.

#### Workers Jobless

As a result, the too-ambitious Red industrial program for shifting the revolutionary basis from peasants to city workers has suffered an early setback. Too many workers have become jobless. The blockade has paralyzed industrial cities.

What are the Reds doing about it?

They are sending out political cadres to try to get the countryside behind the revolution. When these fail, troops enter. The pro-Red press says that during May, June and July, more than 40,000 Kuomintang (nationalist) "agents and armed bandits" have been wiped out in central and east China and 28,000 small arms captured, plus 600 machine guns and even some artillery. This gives an idea of the extent of rural troubles.

To solve city problems, the Reds

are trying to move people to the farms and industries to the interior. Thousands of refugees have left the cities, but in populous China even the country is too crowded to absorb many more.

### Nationalists Seek to Trip Red Advance

By Spencer Moosa

CANTON, China, Aug. 20—(AP)—The Chinese nationalists were credibly reported today to be throwing strong reinforcements into the path of the communists advance about 170 miles northeast of Canton.

At the same time it appeared that the nationalists had scored a genuine victory on the front 310 miles northwest of Canton.

Chinese press dispatches said the nationalist reinforcements had gone into the Tayu and Siaomei mountain region along the north border of Kwangtung province, of which Canton is the seat. This area faces the town of Tayu, which the Reds took two days ago.

(However, military experts have predicted the Red drive would head southeast down a valley 70 miles to the Canton railway, rather than south into the hills.)

Reliable independent sources mainwhile confirmed government reports of the past couple of days that Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi's defense forces had defeated the communist 51st army northwest of Hengyang.

Official reports said one red division was wiped out, with 8,000 casualties and 1,000 prisoners, and two other recaptured Yungfeng, 45 miles northwest of Hengyang and 310 miles northwest of Canton.

A nationalist army spokesman admitted, however, that the Reds had taken Anjen, 60 miles southwest of Hengyang. This would indicate they were bypassing the Hengyang strong point.

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