

Chinese Reds Hit First Big Crisis, Political and Military

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Hong Kong, Mar. 14 (AP)—It appears the Chinese communists have hit their first big crisis. It is both political and military with an undercurrent of economics.

As might be expected it has boiled up from restless Kwangtung province where Dr. Sun Yat-Sen started his revolution against the Manchus in 1911 and in the conspiratorial streets and alleys of Canton.

From the first, Cantonese and Kwangtung villagers viewed the Red horde with distaste and suspicion. They do not like the northerners with their mustard yellow uniforms, vaunted self-righteousness, blind devotion to the Red cause and their alien Peiping dialect.

Abetting this native hostility have been Nationalist bombings and the blockade which has brought financial ruin to many a Cantonese.

The first hint that things were getting out of hand came in February when the Reds began moving the "more dependable" troops of Gen. Lin Piao into Kwangtung and neighboring Fukien province.

Then, when Nationalist bombers began hammering, Canton communists began evacuating government offices. That is funny business. Shanghai has been bombed much worse than Canton but no Red politicians were evacuated.

It has gradually come out that a huge resistance movement is on throughout Kwangtung, and that Red soldiers have been "disappearing."

The independent newspaper Sing Tao Jih Pao said today a "considerable number of Red officials had been secretly liquidated in the last month."

Red troops without business there have been told to keep out of Canton. Troops stationed there have been ordered to stay in their bivouacs at night.

Now comes reports that Yeh Chi-ying, mayor of Canton and commander commissar of Kwangtung's military district, is on his way out in favor of Lin Piao.

Yeh, former mayor of Peiping, was the first secretary of the south China sub-bureau of the communist party. He hasn't been able to keep Canton on a short rein. Yeh is blamed for high taxes, trade monopolies and failure to check anti-communist activities.

A Canton dispatch said today the municipal government was to investigate discipline of all government workers.

Eight employees of three foreign concerns have been arrested for "rumor mongering."

At the same time, the Reds raided 41 Canton shops and arrested 80 merchants in an effort to stamp out the black money mart on which the Red dollar crashed last Thursday from 6,000 to 22,000 per Hong Kong dollar in eight hours.

In reporting this roundup Sing Tao Jih Pao said "light offenders will be re-educated and serious offenders will be sent as conscripts to Manchuria."

The communists also are organizing teams to hunt down Na-

tionalist agents throughout the country. But resistance is reported increasing despite even sterner measures.

Today's reports from Canton said the whole Red Garrison has been evacuated, leaving the city in the hands of police and the communist public safety bureau. The south China bureau of the communist party reportedly has been instructed to move from Canton to Kukung by Wednesday.

Alaska Worried About Size of Jobless Rush

Juneau, Alaska, March 14 (AP)—The rush of jobless workers to Alaska is assuming the proportions of the Klondike Gold rush, according to Gov. Ernest Gruening.

In a Saturday night speech, the governor said numbers of unemployed men and women were pouring into Alaskan cities because of wide publicity given the territory's summer public works program. Many are without funds and have become a burden to Alaskan communities, he added.

The federal housing administration has issued contracts for more than \$30,000,000 in construction of apartment houses and other buildings during the summer, Gruening said. But he added the spring thaw was still several weeks away and little work would be started until then.

Are-You-Happy Club Eyes Stalin as Member

Medford, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Medford's "Are You Happy" club announced today it hopes to make Josef Stalin its first international member.

Club vice-presidents (all members are vice-presidents) decided at a round table discussion presided over by President Joe Neil that Stalin probably was one of the world's unhappiest men.

"What can we do to make him happier?" someone said.

The round-table proposed that the club fly 64 types of blondes to Berlin, get a Russian military escort and then take them on to Russia. The only catch was that the club would insist that 64 Russian blondes be sent to this country.

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Nespechal Hearing In Silverton Court

Silverton—Instead of Marion county district court action in the case of John Joseph Nespechal charged with "threatening to commit a felony" in which a gun-shot figured, the preliminary hearing is to be in the justice court of Judge Alf O. Nelson, the date not yet set.

Nespechal's bail was fixed at \$5,000. He was arrested by local police on the porch of his home in 509 Jersey street and was relieved of a German P-38 pistol by local police officer, Harley DePeel.

Middle Grove Club Members Getting Ready for Exhibit

Middle Grove, March 14—Several of the 4-H clubs which complete their work in the spring for the April show are through with the assigned projects, and one of these is the Middle Grove Girls Sewing club.

Mothers were invited for a special tea at the home of Mrs. Harry Phillips, one of the leaders. Projects completed are the making of needle cases, pin cushions, table mats and head scarfs. So they will not be idle at the next meeting peasant aprons will be made, as extra projects. A demonstration in the making of table mats was given by Dena Lou Kleen and Yvonne Goode.

Mothers and daughters present were Dena Lou Kleen, Mrs. William Kleen; Yvonne Goode, Mrs. Emory Goode; Marie Hammer, Mrs. Mildred Hammer; Doris Reynolds, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds; Sue Anglin Karen and Carrie Jean Patterson and Mrs. Lewis Patterson.

The annual family night dinner for members of the Ametie club was held in the Mayflower hall with a large percentage of families present. Mrs. Norman Fletcher was program chairman and two comedy skits were given by members of the Merry Minglers and Ametie clubs; a piano solo by Clarice Campbell and accordion numbers by Sue Anglin. In charge of table decorations were Mrs. John Anglin, Mrs. Clyde Kuenze, J., and Mrs. James Schardine.

Mrs. Cleo Keppinger was hostess for the Merry Minglers at her Lancaster drive home Thursday afternoon. Present were Mrs. Harvey Page, Mrs. Robert

Fromm, Mrs. Jess Campbell, Mrs. Earl Malm, Mrs. Robert Wagers, Mrs. Albert Mrs. Orlen Aring, Mrs. Frank Sliimak, Mrs. Henry Sprick, Mrs. Carl Snyder, Mrs. LeRoy Barker, Mrs. Robert Piekerel, Mrs. John Ackerman and Mrs. Wade Carter. The special prize was awarded to Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. Earl Malm, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Covil Case will serve as a committee to decide on the meeting plans for the meeting when secret pals are revealed. Each member will plant some special flower for a plant exchange this spring.

The regular business meeting of the Associated Clubs of Middle Grove will be held at the schoolhouse Friday night.

Part Matrons Meet

Independence — The past Matrons club of OES will meet on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Walter Smith. Mrs. O. D. Butler and Mrs. M. J. Butler will assist Mrs. Smith.

U. S. Navy Fliers to Put On Indo-China Show

Manila, March 14 (AP)—Vice-Admiral Russell Berkey, commander of the U.S. seventh fleet, announced today that the aircraft from the carrier Boxer will stage a powerful air show over French Indo-China this week.

Observers immediately interpreted the visit as a gesture of moral support for the newly American-recognized Vietnamese government of Emperor Bao Dai, which is fighting the communist-led forces of Ho Chi-Minh.

Ho's regime is recognized by the Moscow bloc.

Berkey made the announcement during an air display for Philippine officials off Manila bay. He said the Boxer will sail for Saigon today. It is scheduled to arrive Thursday. After the

official visit, Berkey has an appointment with Bao Dai for a night tiger hunt in a jungle east of Saigon on March 21.

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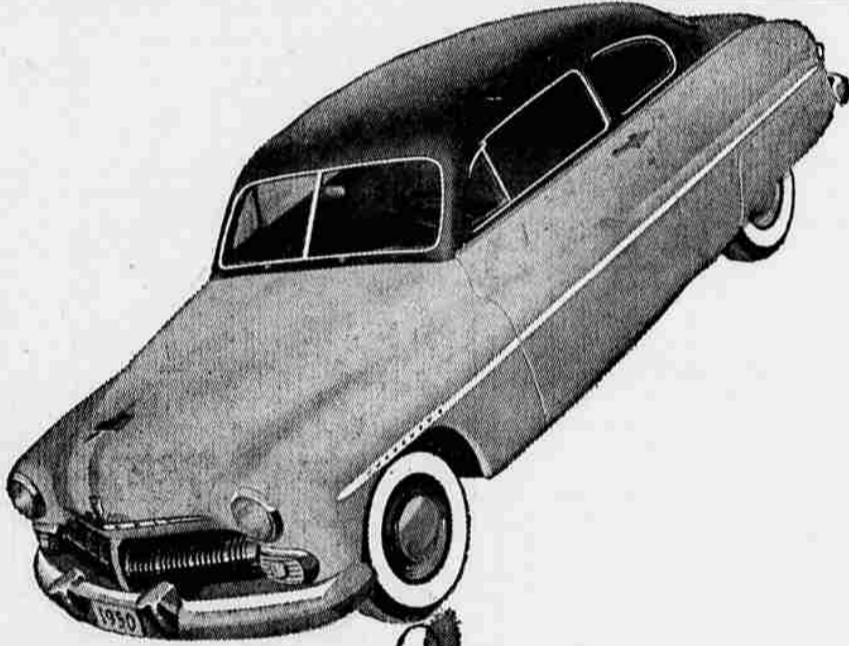
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