

80,000 Chinese In Philippines On Illegal Basis

Manilla, (U.P.). — Some 80,000 Chinese are residing illegally in the Philippines today and are giving the government a headache.

About 120,000 legally registered Chinese are in this country but Philippine army intelligence estimates the actual number of Chinese at 200,000. Unofficial estimates have placed the number as high as 300,000.

The problem of Chinese in the Philippines goes back as far as island history. Until recently, it has been largely an economic problem because the Chinese have dominated many lines of trade. Now it is also a political consideration.

Filipino officials say many Chinese communists have infiltrated the Philippines since the civil war began in China.

That has aggravated the little republic's own red menace to some extent but the fears are of what might happen in the future rather than what has happened already.

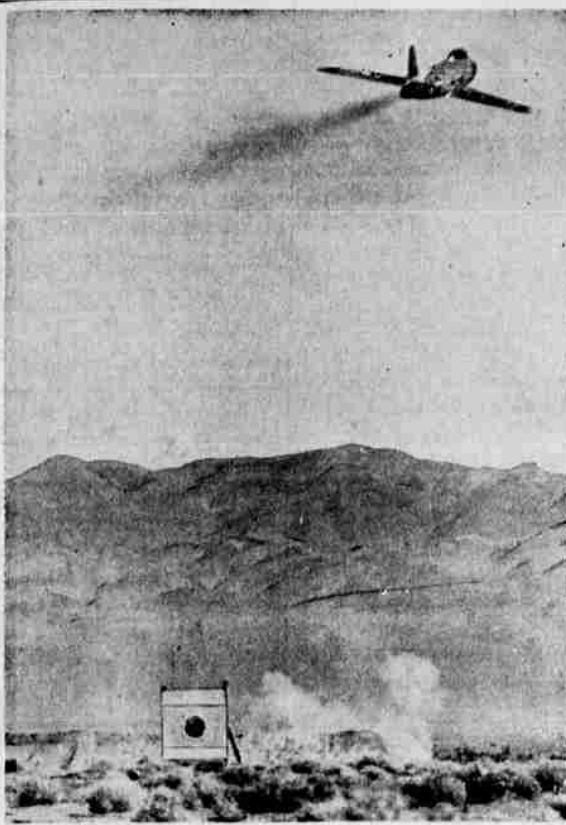
"Visitors" Unwanted
Among the Chinese whom the Philippine government wants to deport to Formosa are about 4,000 who came here since World War II as "temporary visitors." They do not want to go back to China because the Chinese communists have in many cases taken over their homes.

There is a smaller number of Chinese who came here on transit visas and remained in the Philippines.

Jose P. Bengzon, under secretary of justice and acting commissioner of immigration, said the government is planning to deport the "illegal" Chinese to Taipei on Philippine naval patrol ships. However, some of the Chinese are using every legal and political means available to prevent their deportation, and others are hiding.

Tough Job Ahead
It will be an admittedly tough job to get rid of them.

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Patriotism, Profiteering Blamed for Dust Disaster

Anadarko, Okla., Apr. 1—(U.P.) Farmers in the "potential dust bowl" of southwestern Oklahoma today blamed patriotism and short-sighted profiteering for the disaster which threatens 150,000 acres of prairie farmland.

The chief villain is the lowly peanut, which robs the soil of its strength.

Peanuts have been a big crop since 1943 in Caddo county north of Anadarko. Now sixty thousand acres of Caddo county topsoil are blowing away in the first major outbreak of wind erosion here since 1936.

Urged By Government
Peanut planting was urged by the federal government starting in 1943, and profits up to \$150 per acre per year were guaranteed by price support regulations. Uncle Sam badly needed peanut oil during World War II to replace vegetable oil imports from overseas. Peanut growing was not only profitable—it was patriotic.

In other sections of the southwestern plains, intensive wheat cultivation is blamed for the series of dust storms which signal the crisis in the nation's breadbasket. A six-months drought in the vast area is the immediate cause of the soil blowing.

Wheat is the most important Caddo county crop, but it hasn't raided the topsoil like the peanut.

Made Good Money
J. A. Lane, an 82-year-old farmer who has tilled the same ground since 1907, said he started growing peanuts seven years ago.

"I really made good money on peanuts," Lane said, "never less than \$100 an acre. They were needed for the war and I needed the money."

Lane's 160-acre farm is being destroyed by the wind. He hasn't been able to plant anything this year. He's growing only sand dunes—row after row of them along fence rows and around farm buildings.

The U. S. conservation service has attempted to curb the growing of peanuts since the end of the war—but at the same time the peanut price supports have continued.

G. C. Gardner, U. S. soil conservationist for the affected district, said a farmer in Caddo county can safely put as much as a fourth of his land in peanuts if he will "strip crop." This requires planting soil-holding grasses or canes alongside the peanuts.

"We've advocated it and en-

couraged it with all the means at our disposal," Gardner said. "But hundreds of farmers just won't go to the trouble. They have been shortsighted profiteers."

Gardner said peanut production in Caddo county has dropped 50 per cent since the end of the war, but it must decline still further to halt wind erosion.

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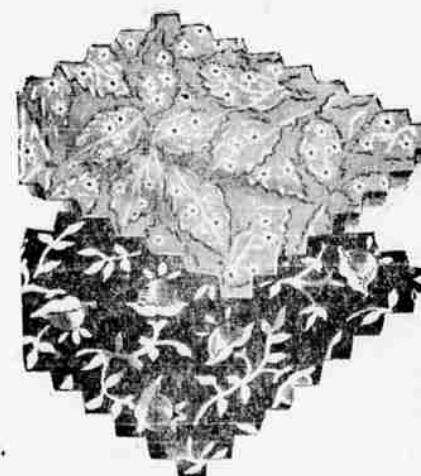
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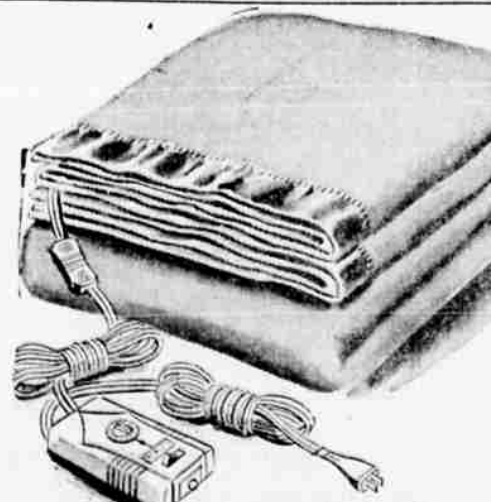
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