

Autos of 1980 To Be More Agile, Safer To Ride In

Detroit. — Look for the automobile of 1980 to be lighter, roomier, quieter, cheaper, more streamlined. Expect it to differ as much from the car of today as the car of today differs from its 1936 counterpart. Application of aerodynamic principles will make it more agile at any speed and safer to ride in. This will mean continued use of tail fins for directional stability.

These were the predictions made by J. E. Charipar of the Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corporation at a meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers here.

Clean Contours

Charipar foresees tomorrow's car as having clean contours, with flush windows and ornamentation. Body surfaces may be extended like a skin all around the car, including the underside. Engines will be more powerful but lighter and smaller, affording more room for passengers and cargo. Improved road pavements will enable manufacturers to build cars with chassis clearances of as little as four or five inches.

Instead of sprayed-on surface paints, the car of 1980

Transient Held in Jail for Shoplifting

Elbert Lionel Hawks, 60, was arrested Monday night in connection with the theft of food from the Groceteria, 200 West Sixth st., according to Medford police.

Police said Hawks admitted the theft in a signed statement. Items taken included Spam, sugar, jelly and pigs' feet, total value, \$2.06.

Hawks was apprehended on a citizen's arrest by Lowell Albert Iverson, 19 North Orange st., and lodged in county jail.



RAIN spatters light suit of Hugh D'Autremont, 54-year-old train robber, as he completes 31 years in prison at Salem, Ore. He's on parole.

bilization might be required, however, he said.

John V. Gorton of the Chrysler Corporation said that the evolution of the Chrysler aerial jeep project appeared now to require accomplishment of planned research and development in these areas:

1. Powerplant — Although designers have succeeded in producing powerplants capable of delivering three horsepower per pound of engine, he said, some way must be found to cut their high costs.
2. Safety — Some method must be found to enable flying cars to land safely after engine failure.
3. Flight Experience — Actual flight tests are needed to back up wind tunnel and analogue computer simulations of flight performance.

4-H Club News

Rooky Cooks

The fourth meeting of the Rooky Cooks was held at Donna Bailey's home Dec. 18. Our Christmas party was held at this meeting. Each person brought a gift pertaining to cooking. Cake, jello and milk were served as refreshments.

Darlene Thompson, Reporter.

Entire Chinese Peasantry Not Sold on Living in Communes

By PETER SUM

Hong Kong — Communist China's "people's communes" program, launched in April, 1958, has been described as the most ambitious plan in history for complete regimentation of a nation.

By Red China's own announced figures, almost half a billion farmers already have been moved out of their own homes to vast communal farms where they live and work as armies.

They sleep in communal buildings. They eat in communal messhalls. Their children are cared for in communal nurseries and schools where their parents may visit them at scheduled times.

The foundation of Chinese society has always been the family. For peasants there was little else. Today the Communists, through the people's communes, are methodically attacking the roots of home life.

It has been said, and many experts believe, that the future of the Red regime in China rests on the success or failure of this program, designed to combat food shortages and periodic famine by (1) vastly increasing production and (2) controlling food consumption.

Will the Chinese people accept the program? Will it work?

Farmers Interviewed

To get some of the answers, this correspondent interviewed a number of Chinese farmers who have fled from communes to Hong Kong and Portuguese Macao in recent months.

These people, of course, are all bitter. They ran, for their own reasons, from something they say they hated. But from all their stories, this picture develops of what the communes are like:

The work day, for many, begins at 3 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m. In some cases, under "emergency" conditions, the work day continues as late as 11 p.m. For youths, at the start of the day, there is a two-hour period of military training. For all there are two work breaks, 15-minute periods for lunch and dinner. Breakfast is eaten between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.

Main complaints of the refugee peasants interviewed were the length of the work day, the fact they could not choose their own type of work but did what was assigned, the breaking up of families by separation of husbands and wives and removal of children and "inadequate" food rations.

Coolie Wages

Most of those who have fled the communes have been forced to work as coolies at wages of about 50 cents a day; those unable to find even such work have turned to begging.

One such 55-year-old Wong Sing-Pui, who ran away from the Mok Chow Commune in Kwantung Province, told me, "better to beg here than to go back there."

A commune is in a sense one huge factory with workers assigned specific duties: Eating in communal mess halls and sleeping in dormitories, families rarely have time to get together. In some communes, I was told, husbands and wives occasionally are allowed a few minutes' privacy, usually arranged by fell residents of dormitories who discreetly step outdoors.

Although the Communists claim that parents are allowed periods to visit their children, Wong said there isn't enough time in a day to do it, not even to see the youngsters who are kept in communal nurseries.

Production Unsolved

China's production problems have grown worse in the last few years because of the enormous population growth — an estimated 15,000,000 annually — which was running ahead of increases in food output. Not only was it becoming increasingly difficult to feed the population, but it was becoming more and more impossible to siphon off food for export to pay for industrial equipment which the regime desperately needs to build China into the industrial giant the Communists are trying to create.

It is hoped that better organization of effort through the commune program will solve these problems. The key, of course, is whether the people can be made to accept it.

Already, there have been reports of scattered uprisings,

one just a few hundred yards from Macao on Lappa Island where the Communists in December executed several leaders of an uprising.

It would be premature to view small, isolated demonstrations as signaling a general revolt, but nonetheless, these do demonstrate that Peiping has not sold the entire peasantry on the need for communal living.

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