

Red China Groups Ordered To Boost Consumer Goods

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Tokyo - (AP) - Red China's financial and trade organizations have been ordered to step up their efforts to get more consumer goods to the mainland's 650 million persons.

The New China News Agency has reported that Communist party workers at a recent national conference were told "to strive with revolutionary enthusiasm" for a greater turn-over in commodities and more commodity production to meet people's needs.

They were called on to encourage light industry and to promote a more diversified economy in the peoples' communes, the rural labor camps that have absorbed 99 per cent of China's more than 500 million peasants.

More Food
Expanded light industry would ensure the production of more consumer goods, the party workers were told, while most varied rural economies would guarantee "greater supplies of vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs."

A four-part program for 1959 was laid out for the financial and trade organizations, and three of the points emphasized consumer goods. These are the principal points:

- Help agriculture and industry take 3 big leaps forward.
- Encourage light industry "for the production of consumer goods" and diversified economy in the people's communes to ensure "greater supplies of vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs."
- Plan purchase and distribution carefully "so as to meet consumer demands."
- Improve financial work in the communes, emphasizing accumulation of funds and distribution of needed materials.

Incentive Program
This program is the latest in a series of recent efforts by the Peiping regime to get sorely needed consumer goods into circulation and to provide the Chinese with greater incentives.

The efforts were prompted by severe shortages that developed toward the end of 1958 as Red China rushed headlong toward the conclusion of one massive project - a 200 per cent rise in steel output - and fumbled uncertainly in the first stages of another - the peoples' commune system.

Official publications admitted that the frantic rush to meet steel targets choked transportation so hopelessly that severe shortages of foods developed in major cities.

New Science Building Being Used at College

Ashland - Southern Oregon college students and faculty are using the new science classroom building for the first time this winter. The new building, costing \$445,773, has approximately 24,450 square feet of floor space.

Official acceptance of the building was made during the first week of January by H. E. Bork, comptroller for the state system of higher education. The architect, R. J. Keeney of Medford, was responsible for the modern design and arrangement of the structure which is of reinforced concrete. The two-story building has a partial basement.

Contractors were Wiley company, general construction; Modern Plumbing company, mechanical; Medford Electronic Service, electrical supplies; and Weber Showcase, laboratory equipment.

Containing the chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, zoology, and physical science departments, the new building will be staffed by Dr. Lloyd D. Pennington, Dr. J. Kenneth Bartlett, James R. Dawson, Dr. Clarence E. Diebel, Dr. M. D. Coffey, Dr. F. W. Sturges, Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, Dr. Thomas Colosuan, Dr. Floyd Taylor, A. L. Siebenlist, and Dr. Elliott MacCracken, chairman of the science-mathematics division.

An open house will be held for faculty members Jan. 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. Dr. Mac-

Damage Suit Filed In Circuit Court

Ruby Church is seeking \$2,510 in damages from Nye and Naumes Packing company for Dowl Gleason Boles, a minor, of route 1, box 38, Central Point, according to a complaint filed in circuit court.

The damage suit resulted from an accident in which the youth was hurt while working for the packing plant. The complaint notes that Boles was hurt when thrown off a tractor, and the trailer towed by the tractor ran over him.

The youth was severely injured and may require future medical care involving further expense, it was charged.

The damages include \$281.25 for loss of wages, \$229 special damages for medical care and \$2,000 in general damages.

Cracken announced. A formal dedication is planned for later in the year.

Bill Encouraging Beard Growing Sent To Fish Commission

Salem - (AP) - House concurrent resolution No. 1 providing that all Oregon business establishments and public agencies promote the growth of beards by male employees in this Centennial year has been referred to the Fish and Game Commission of the House.

Why, no one knows.

Rep. Grace Peck, Portland, opined that it might be the committee could declare an "open season on bearded bachelors."

Rep. Keith Skelton, Eugene, tried to get the resolution to the committee on public health and welfare, because of the alleged danger of skin diseases, but failed to get the necessary vote.

Rep. Shirley Field, Portland, questioned the resolution on grounds it might be class legislation discriminating against women.

Prepackaged Liquid Rocket Engine Fired
Bristol, Pa. - Science Service-A prepackaged liquid rocket engine, combining advantages of the liquid bi-propellant rocket engine with the safety and easy handling characteristics of solid propellants, has been successfully fired at the Naval Missile Test Center in California. This was revealed here by Reaction Motors Division of Thiokol Chemical Corporation, which develops the engine for the Navy. Ready for immediate operation, the power plan can be stored at launching sites for indefinite periods. The normally complicated prefilling preparation of liquid propellants is eliminated.

Estimates are that the oil industry will have to spend 140 billion dollars during the next 10 years to keep up with the energy demands of the free world.

Eight husky dogs who accompanied the British expedition to the South Pole this year have been given to Norway where they will draw ambulance sledges.



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