

(Editor's note: What is life like today in Communist China? Few westerners are permitted to enter China and they usually have little opportunity to see the countryside or talk to the average Chinese. Lately, however, increasing criticism of Red China's internal problems have been printed in publications which find their way to the outside world. In the following dispatch, a veteran foreign correspondent cites some examples of recent complaints.)

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Tokyo (UPI)—One morning last June, while darkness still covered Shup Cheng county in Communist China's Anhwei province, 50-year-old Chang Hsing - Chang arose earlier than usual.
He stole quietly to headquarters of the Lofengkang People's Commune and left a letter in the crack of the door.
He returned home quickly and prepared for another day of back-breaking digging at the Hsiangkuszuo reservoir,

which his production team was helping build.
When Commune Chief Tzu Ko-Ting opened the door to his office that morning the letter fell to the ground. It was for him.
Startled By Letter
According to the official Peking People's Daily newspaper, Tzu was startled by the unsigned letter because it criticized him, his high-handed methods and commune policies.
The letter also complained of "certain" shortages. Did what any good Com-

munist should, the People's Daily indicated. He indulged in "self-criticism" before the peasants. He "rectified" his thinking and high-handed methods. But he also "patiently explained" — and the peasants understood, said the People's Daily — the reason for the commune policies that came from the Communist party bosses in Peking.
It was only after Tzu did all this that Chang admitted he delivered the anonymous letter.

No Need for Darkness

"Had we known Secretary Tzu was that serious in handling the people's letters," Chang said, "there would have been no need for me to deliver the letter under cover of darkness."
Later in the year, when the autumn harvest was getting under way across the vast China mainland, Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and other Communist party leaders ended a conference in Peking with a communique.

It said: "The actual harvest of summer crops this year has shown a slight gain over that of last year, and the yield of autumn crops is also expected to register an increase."
This did not mean, the communique warned, that food shortages would end, that things would get better for the nation's 650 million people.

Difficulties Still Exist
"Certain difficulties still exist," it said, and will continue to exist "for a period of time . . ."
The members of the Shih Chuang production brigade of the Yungtien County People's Commune in Hopei province got the message more bluntly.

Although the brigade's production was up during the year, the members cannot expect an increase in income, food, fertilizer, equipment or supplies, said the Hopei Daily newspaper and the Shih-Shih Shou - Tse (current affairs) magazine.

The stated reasons were the brigade's uneconomical practices, failure to follow policies from above, and greater needs elsewhere.

Significant to Students
The publication of numerous such items in authoritative Red Chinese publications are significant to students of Red Chinese affairs.
Combined with information from refugees, visitors to China and other sources, they make it possible to draw some conclusions in life behind the bamboo curtain.

For instance, Chang's letter — and the many others like it — gives a fairly clear indication that life is hard, income is low and food is short for the peasants. Conditions are not much better in the cities.
It also can be interpreted as an indication that discontent is widespread, that authorities are permitting — perhaps even encouraging — some letting off of steam and reacting positively to criticism in some cases.

Security Clampdown
Along with this, however, has been a stringent clampdown on internal security. There has been an acknowledged shake-up of Red China's internal security forces. There has been an increase in training and indoctrination of the militia, which numbers in the tens of millions and provides a ready manpower pool that can be tapped quickly by the regular army in time of need.

There also has been an increase in external security, particularly in connection with the border conflict with India and fear of subversion and invasion by Nationalist Chinese forces from nearby Formosa.
But, as far as is known here, there has been no increase in the size of the estimated 2.5 million-man regular People's Liberation Army.

Publishes Articles
One authoritative Japanese, the Canton Nanfang Jih-pao, alone has published scores of articles in recent months emphasizing the need for tight security measures to guard against subversion by Nationalist Chinese spies or sym-

patizers, or attack from abroad by any enemy forces.
The communique issued at the Communist press conference explained the reasons for all this:
"The reactionary ruling classes which have been overthrown are not reconciled to their doom. They always attempt to stage a comeback."
Meanwhile, there still exist in society bourgeois influence, the force of habit of old society and the spontaneous tendency towards capitalism among party of the small producers.

Turn to Capitalism
"Therefore, among the people, a small number of persons, making up only a tiny fraction of the total population, who have not yet under-

gone socialist remoulding, always attempt to depart from the socialist road and turn to the capitalist road whenever there is an opportunity."
If capitalism keeps creeping back, the Communist leaders themselves must share part of the blame. In an attempt to quiet discontent, bolster the communes and the economy, they have injected some fairly liberal doses of controlled capitalism.

This includes the encouragement of private sideline occupations by commune members; incentive programs to boost production, expansion of rural trade fairs.

The rural trade fairs, where farmers and handicraft workers are permitted to sell their privately produced goods,

under supervision, are flourishing.
Youth Main Target
The youth of China have been the main target of some of the Peking regime's most spirited recent campaigns. These include a back-to-the-farm movement and a revival of birth control.

"Many young comrades are now warmly discussing the question of going to take part in agricultural production," the Chung-Kul Ching - Nien (China youth) magazine said. This perhaps was best illustrated by a cartoon in the June 16 issue of the Kwangming Daily showing a young couple with four children, all looking miserable. A commentary about the cartoon said: "This picture reminds us of the real-

ity many young peoples, in their early 20's and because of their early marriage, have a large number of children. Every day they are tormented by household affairs. All this misery is brought about by early marriage."

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PICKING RICE SEEDS—Women workers used for planting. The scene is at a commune farm in Communist China. (UPI)

Four Persons Hurt In Three Mishaps In Medford Area

Four persons were slightly injured in three vehicle accidents in Medford Thursday, according to city police. Two other non-injury accidents also were investigated.

Beverly Jean Graves, 20, and her son, Tommy Terrel Graves, 2, passengers in a car driven by William Terrel Graves 22, of 519 West Fourth st., were treated as outpatients at Sacred Heart hospital after they were involved in a two-car accident about 4:35 p.m. at Fourth and Ivy sts.

Driver of the other car was Kenneth Lee Brumback, 53, of 612 South Ivy st. He was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

Harlen Dewain Soper, 17, of 214 North Columbus ave., was cited for violation of basic rule after the car he was operating struck a house at 129 North Columbus ave., the property of Willard Lloyd Casey, 24 Portland ave.

Slightly Injured
Soper was slightly injured, according to police reports, but was not hospitalized. Damage to the residence was estimated at \$2,000, police said. The Soper vehicle sustained major damage.

Alvin Richmond Coats, 35, of 1048 Ingrid st., was injured slightly, police said, when the car he was driving struck a city-owned traffic signal at Eighth and Hamilton sts. about 8:25 p.m. He was not hospitalized. Police cited him for violation of basic rule.

Thomas Joseph Marmo, 1116 Loal st., reported to police that an unknown vehicle struck and damaged a fence owned by him at Stewart ave. and Hamilton st. The incident occurred about 8:25 p.m., Marmo said.

Vehicles operated by Arnold Gene Pence, 24, Central Point, and Steven James Wyatt, 18, Jacksonville collided about 2:55 p.m. at Eighth and East Main sts. No injuries were reported, police said, and no citations were issued.

Irrigation District Office Will Be Closed
The Rogue River Valley Irrigation district office will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2, according to Harold Sexton, district manager.

During the bookkeeper's vacation someone will be in the office from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 26, 27 and 28 to handle emergency matters, he added.

Oct. 12 Windstorm Tops News Stories For Year in Oregon

By United Press International
In the late afternoon of Oct. 12 — Columbus Day — winds whipped off the Pacific and bore north from California to Canada.

The storm, an extra-tropical cyclone, was thought to be part of Typhoon Freida. The occurrence of the two storms in the North Pacific region at the same time, however, was a coincidence.

The storm left more than a score dead and caused millions of dollars in damage.
This was the major Oregon news story of 1962, according to UPI newspaper and broadcast editors.

Elections, Lumber Tied
The Labor Day week end riot at Seaside was chosen second among the top ten stories of the year. The general elections Nov. 6 and the Northwest's lumber crisis were third and fourth with the same number of votes.

The birth of Packer at the Portland Zoo, the first successful birth of an elephant in this country in nearly 44 years, was fifth. Oregon's scrambled summer time, finally resolved by the legislature in November, was sixth.

Death sentences of convicted slayers, including that of Jeannette Freeman, the first woman to be sentenced to

death in Oregon, were number seven. Summer construction strikes and the legislative reapportionment issue were eighth and ninth.

The campus visits of communist party leader Gus Hall took the number 10 spot.

Grenfell, Textbooks High
Other major stories of the year, in the order of importance listed by UPI editors, were:

The case of State Sen. William Grenfell; Oregon Supreme Court's landmark decision prohibiting free textbooks to parochial schools; proposed constitutional revision; Gov. Mark Hatfield's record budget for the next biennium; rookie state policeman shot down near Arlington; the boom in higher education; the scandal at National Guard Camp Withycombe; the visit to Oregon of the only Japanese pilot to bomb the continental United States, Nobuo Fujita, and floods in Josephine and Jackson counties.

Other stories which made headlines were the beating of four children at Lake Oswego and the subsequent trial of their assailant; the Judi Reed murder case at Bend; discovery of radiation serum at OSU; the Columbia county election recount which resulted in a vote fraud trial; proposed High Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake River; rescue of crewmen from a wrecked lumber vessel at Coos Bay; prison labor issue which split the three man board of control; and a truck fire which claimed a life under Portland's Ross Island bridge approach.

GIANT MOTORS
Spokane — Two electric motors with capacities of 63,000 horsepower have been installed in the Grand Coulee dam in Washington for the purpose of pumping for irrigation projects.

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We each have a part to play.
Yours is described in the timely new citizen action guide "Challenge to Americans" offered here which puts the crisis of the moment in the true perspective of the struggle which is likely to continue for years. The world situation is far more complex than the emergencies of daily headlines.
As President Kennedy says:
"We are challenged by the revolution of communism. The Communists seek power through conspiracy, terror, aggression and deceit. They exploit and corrupt legitimate revolutionary forces, scavenging on poverty, ignorance, despair.
"And also we are challenged by the revolution of hope in continents long captive to stagnation and despair.
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