



Red Chinese Seek Oil For Cooking

HONG KONG (AP) — Oil for the mouths of China is in such short supply that Peiping has at last admitted it and decided to do something about it.

Because China's millions eat almost no dairy products and not much meat, the oil in which they cook their food is their chief source of fat. Last year peanut and vegetable oils began to be scarce. For many months, despite rationing, housewives have had to line up to get oil. People still complain about scarcity and about adulteration—mostly the mixing of wood oil with vegetable or peanut oil.

The Reds admit that cooking oil is scarce in an editorial in the Tientsin Ta Kung Pao entitled "Strive for a Balanced Supply and Demand of Edible Oils." They claim that under state management edible oil production went up 41 per cent from 1950 to 1952, but last year no gain was made.

Peiping has created a complete state monopoly in edible oil, eliminating China's age-old free market in oils and fats. Private wholesalers, retailers, oil pressers may become agencies of the state but cannot operate independently. Control of supply has also been ordered, but how this is to be exercised is vague.



JIM OWENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vern Owens, 2039 Fremont, reported for duty June 14 as personnel officer for the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base at Spokane. Young Owens received his master of science degree in retailing and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the USAF this spring at New York University. He was graduated from University of Oregon in 1953.

Taxi Device Foils Drivers

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese Rube Goldberg has come to the aid of distraught taxi fleet operators who have been powerless to prevent cab drivers from syphoning off a major share of the profits.

By failing to turn on the meter when a passenger enters the cab, the driver gets the fee himself. To prevent this, an ingenious inventor has created a device which works thus:

1. Passenger enters cab and sits on seat, thereby pressing button under seat.

2. Button under seat lights sign on roof of cab which says cab is occupied and meter should be operating.

3. Button under seat turns on counter which checks distance traveled between time man sits down and meter is turned on.

To the disgust of the taxi drivers, more than 2,000 of these devices are on order with the inventor-manufacturer.

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Air Force Stops Building Plans

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Plans for an \$8,000,000 school of aviation medicine at Brooks Air Force Base here have been canceled. Col. James Lang of the U.S. District Engineers office at Galveston said last night.

Lang said his instructions were to cancel the contract with an Austin, Tex., architectural firm which was designated last January to draw up plans and specifications on the project.

"They may have shifted it to some other location," Lang added.

Peiping has called for increased production. The increase is to be achieved without devoting any more presently cultivated acreage to cooking oil plants — no grain cotton or rice acreages are to be diverted. Unused ground should be planted, the government says. Also higher yields will be attempted, along with better processing to give more oil per pounds of nuts or vegetable.

Peiping admits there has been a nationwide complaint that the shortage is due to too much exportation. This is not true, says the Tientsin Ta Kung Pao, but in the next line it announces that "this year oil exports will be decreased 26.7 per cent."

PRACTICE JUMP

TOKYO (AP) — A shower of 700 U.S. paratroopers will descend on the Kenoya practice area in southern Japan this month in the first of four practice jumps, the Army said Wednesday.

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