



"They had Herkimer doing body work all day and he didn't get a chance to take his nap!"

Red Chinese Purges Told By Japanese

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese technician says the Chinese Communists—of whom he worked as an adviser—used the Korean War to consolidate their power in China. Kumajiro Fukuda recently was repatriated from Red China. He told his experiences in an article, "Red China as I Saw It," published in Tairiku Mondai (Continental Problems). Fukuda went to China in 1916. He was director of Manchurian chemical industries when the Chinese captured him in the port of Dairen at the end of World War II. He was impressed into reconstruction work and helped to build chemical plants over wide areas of China. Fukuda said the Communist regime in its first year after taking

over in 1949 financed its way in part by killing landlords and wealthy merchants and seizing their properties. "Dissatisfaction mounted all over the country after the first year," he wrote, "and the Communists had to round up many anti-Communists everywhere. The Korean War came amid these circumstances and the Communists jumped on it as a chance to consolidate their power." Fukuda said the Communists financed the war by forcing bonds on Chinese with money and there-

by wiped out the wealthy class. Mao Tse-tung forced through a gigantic purge beginning in January 1952, Fukuda recalled. The people were told to act as informers on anyone suspicious. "An untold number of people were arrested and executed in six months in people's courts," Fukuda wrote. "There were no defense lawyers, no written laws. . . ." Fukuda said the terror regime was succeeding. Every Chinese must work eight hours a day, attend school classes three to four hours a day and recite Communist catechisms until they are exhausted. Fukuda was widely respected for the Chinese people believe he is the first Chinese to make the nation "independent" in many years.

Student Facing Arson Charges

HAVERHILL, Mass. (AP)—A sixteen, teen-age trade school student faced District Court today charged with arson and manslaughter in the death of his parents and two other persons in a flaming downtown apartment house. Police Inspector Charles F. Turner said Richard E. La Plante, 16, admitted setting the early morning fire yesterday because "I didn't like the place and I told my folks so many times." Burned to death as fire swept the four-story brick and wooden house were Alfred La Plante, 45, his wife Eva, 43; Fred Bacigalupo, 63; and Mahlon Cutler, 44. Some 20 others, mostly old age pensioners, fled to safety.

Japanese Reds Reported in China

TOKYO (AP)—The two top leaders of the Japanese Communist party, missing four years, are in Red China, Kyodo News Service reported today. The agency identified them as Sanzo Nosaka and his No. 2 man, Kyuichi Tokuda. They disappeared with seven other Communist leaders after 24 party members were purged on orders of the occupation in June 1950. Two of the seven—Shoichi Kasuga and San-eki Matsumoto—subsequently were arrested. Kyodo said the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board is convinced the remaining five still are in Japan.

NEW VAUDEVILLE (AP)—Some 1,400 patrons of the Palace Theater watched a vaudeville act on stage last night, unaware that firemen were ripping up floorboards backstage to put out a fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

Danes Cultivate Airport Land

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—It's well known that the people of tiny Denmark don't waste a tillable acre of their precious farmland, but few passengers at Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport realize they are landing on one of the country's largest farms. Even the Danes were surprised when Airport Manager Leo Sorensen disclosed he had planted barley, oats, rye and wheat between runways and in the safety zones around the 800-acre government-owned field. Utilizing 240 acres of the field for farming, his crops this past year sold for 165,000 kroner (\$23,925). A profit of about 100,000 kroner (\$14,500) went to the national treasury.

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