

Failure Stalks Communists in China

Farm Plan Seen Flop

Even Bosses Concede Collectivizing Snag

Hong Kong—(AP)—The Chinese Communists are still striving mightily to collectivize their farms but without much success.

The central committee's paper, Peiping Peoples Daily, says 65 per cent of the agricultural co-operatives are not succeeding. They are producing less than under private farming. Unless greater effort and better management are found, there is "danger of disintegration before autumn harvests."

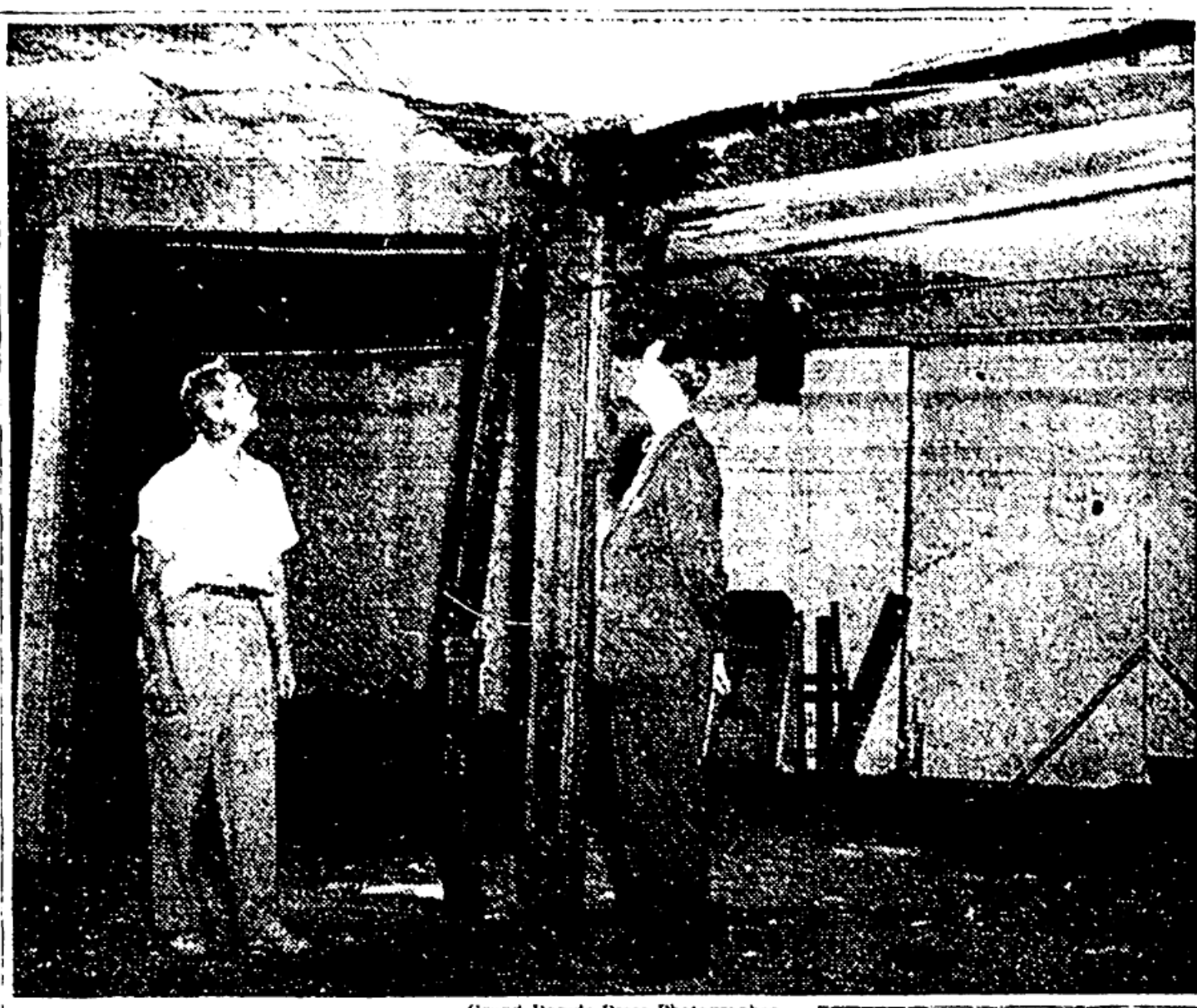
There are hard facts for Peiping to face in a year of flood and food shortage, but it has been clear for two years that the Chinese peasants didn't like collectives.

The Peoples Daily gives the usual generalized reasons—indadequate management, "failure of the peasants to comprehend the co-operative movement," failure of the cadres to work with the poorer co-operatives, "uncontrolled and unbalanced development of co-operatives," backwardness of farmers who so recently were "individual peasants."

As usual in such confessions, the Peoples Daily lets a cut out of the bag down in paragraph 238: "There are also cases . . . where the movement for collectivization of agriculture is crowded out by collection of tax and purchase of grain (by the state at the state's own fixed price) and by anti-flood work."

In short, heavy taxes and nationalization of grain are working against the collective. Taxes are too high and the prices are too low, both for the independent farmer (the fellow who has managed to stay out of the collective) and to the man in the co-operative.

The Red solution boils down to the familiar remedy—production must be increased. Taxes must be collected and grain must bring a profit. Otherwise the whole of collectivization will fade, the army may have short rations, and an unsafe number of persons may have to go hungry.



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

ANCIENT RIFLE RANGE CRUMBLES—John Vanderstel, right, and Roy C. Denton survey the ruin caused by time and weather to the firing range room of the Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol club and Kent League Junior Rifle club in an ancient building at 426 Bond av., NW. Vanderstel, counselor for the Junior club, and Denton, treasurer of the parent organization, say new quarters will have to be found—somewhere.

Homeless Champions Roof Caves in Rifle Teams Here

The Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol club and the Kent League Junior Rifle club have fired their last shot at their old range at 426 Bond av., NW. The roof literally has fallen on them and they're homeless.

The range, operated on the second floor of the building several years by the pistol club, had been subject to a drenching virtually every time there was a heavy rain or snowfall. Some time this summer—no one knows exactly when—the elements completed the job. The indoor gallery has become an outdoor range. The roof sagged about two feet, plaster hangs from the ceiling and the pipes rambling horizontally through the building are bent like pretzels.

The Junior rifle team, which has used the range through the pistol club's courtesy, especially in winter. This year's national junior rifle champions (the team set a new national record last April) start their season early in September, but they are without a place to practice.

Every effort to find suitable quarters has failed. Officials of the two organizations are hopeful that if word of their need is spread nationally as well as within the adequate space available for a range will let them know.

One reason for this is that they point out that both organizations have brought scores of trophies to Grand Rapids and great deal of favorable attention nationally as well as within the Kent County Conservation League leaders, who sponsor the Junior team, stress that of the hundreds of boys who have been members over a period of many years, not one ever has become a stealing check from the mail.

Imprisoned In Forgery

P. B. Evans Also Wanted by Federal Officials

Phillip B. Evans, 25, of 33 1/2 Brady st., NE, was sentenced to Southern Michigan prison Monday afternoon to serve two to 1 1/2 years for forging indorsements on checks. He had pleaded guilty in Superior Court Clerk Harold Lehman, who said the government wants him on a charge of forging checks from the mail.

Mrs. J. J. Dillman, 37, a Grand Rapids native and former teacher at Godwin High school, died unexpectedly Monday in Sheboygan, Wis., where she resided about five years.

Mrs. Dillman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Markoff, 546 Morris av., SE. She graduated from local schools and Hillsdale college and taught at Godwin from 1910 to 1914.

Surviving besides her parents and husband are a daughter, Nuss Nancy; a brother, Richard Markoff of Dallas, and her grandfather, P. F. Markoff of Spring Lake.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p. m. Wednesday in Sheboygan. Burial will be in Sheboygan.

On Probation For \$85 Larceny

Robert L. Durcan, 22, of 40 Pleasant st., SW, Monday afternoon was placed on probation for a charge of stealing \$85 from James H. Mitchell, 565 Prospect av., SE. He also was ordered to make restitution.

Anyone with suitable space to rent or donate a large room for a superior court Monday afternoon to charge of forging a \$25 check and was remanded to jail to await sentence. He forged a \$35 check, police said.

Robert Westfall, 33, of 923 West 1st st., pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon to a charge of forging a check for \$25 on accounts. He was continued on bond to await sentence.

Attend Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Edwards, 8117 Maplewood dr., SE, attended funeral services Tuesday for James Columbus, Ohio, for his mother, Mrs. Emma Frank Edwards of Columbus, who died Saturday.

Says U.S. Bureau Figures 'Deliberately Inaccurate'

New York—(AP)—The head of a New York syndicate says the United States bureau of the budget used "deliberately inaccurate and misleading" figures on the comparative costs of proposals to supply power to the Tennessee valley authority.

The allegation was made Monday by Walter von Tresckow in a letter to Rep. Cole (R-N.Y.), chairman of the joint congressional atomic energy committee.

Wants to Testify.

Von Tresckow, whose syndicate just out to a southern group in his effort to supply the power, asked Cole that the New York group be allowed to testify at hearings planned by the committee on the contract "so we may establish public proof of our charges."

President Eisenhower directed on June 16 that the atomic energy commission, a \$107,250,000 contract with the Dixon-Yates utility combine to construct a steam generating plant at West Memphis, Ark., to supply the power.

Von Tresckow said in his letter to Cole that the New York group had studied data made public recently by the bureau of the budget in connection with the contract.

"For the first time," Von Tresckow wrote, "we have had the information available to us as to how the bureau of the budget arrived at the conclusion that the costs for power to the government under our proposals are about the same, or even higher, than under the Dixon-Yates proposal."

Sees Loss of 150 Million.

"Congress, as well as the president of the United States, were influenced in their decision by the conclusions drawn from these figures."

"Our examination of these figures shows them to be deliberately inaccurate and misleading."

"Any action based on them would be a direct assault on the public interest. It would cost the taxpayers of the country 150 million dollars."

Reds Face Tibet Row

Agency Reports Shift of Troops in Ruckus

Taipei, Formosa—(AP)—The Chinese Nationalist Tatso news agency said Tuesday 20,000 Communist troops are being shifted hurriedly to Tibet to suppress a fresh series of uprisings.

The news agency said the reinforcements were drawn from the 1st and 2nd field armies in neighboring Sikkim province.

Tatso, which claims extensive mainland contacts, said the Tibetans were angry over high taxes and the action of the Communists in forcing the Dalai Lama to leave his capital of Lhasa for a visit to Beijing.

The Tibetans regard serious floods in southeastern Tibet as a direct manifestation of heaven's displeasure over the departure of the Dalai Lama, spiritual ruler of Tibet, the news agency said.

Sent to Prison For Burglary

Robert Featherly, 19, of 231 James av., SE, was sentenced in superior court Monday afternoon to Southern Michigan prison to serve four to 15 years on a burglary charge.

Featherly pleaded guilty of burglarizing the Custom Gun shop, 318 Leonard st., NE, of guns valued at \$251.

NATO Aide Is Sent West

Lt. Col. Walter A. Fails, son of Stanley Fails, 1211 Courtney av., NW, was just completed three years duty at NATO headquarters in France, has been appointed as assistant district engineer of the Albuquerque district, corps of engineers, in New Mexico.

Since 1931 Col. Fails was chief of the "infrastructure" branch of French Marshall Jahn, who commands Allied Forces Central Europe. As chief of the infrastructure branch, Colonel Fails coordinated construction financed from international funds.

Attended Schools Here.

Born in Chicago, Col. Fails attended schools in Grand Rapids and was appointed to the Military Academy at West Point from here. In addition to his West Point training, where he graduated in 1928, Col. Fails obtained a master degree in civil engineering from the University of California in 1930 and graduated from the engineering school at West Point in 1932.

He also graduated from the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1934. He is married and has five children, Christine, 15, Walter, Jr., 14, James, 10, Starjore, 7, and Robert, 2.

Test Asked In Beating

Arrested Man's Friend Denies Role; Freed

Rodney Schoonmaker, 21, of Belmont, Monday demanded police court examination on a charge of assault with intent to rob and was ordered to post \$1,000 bond pending a hearing Sept. 10.

Schoonmaker and Gerald Foust, 19, of 2625 Mt. Vernon, NW, were arrested at their homes early Sunday in connection with the robbery of Albert Lee, 37, of Byron Center, early Saturday in an alley on Ottawa av., NW. Foust told officers he was with Schoonmaker when the slugging took place but said he didn't participate. Foust was released.

Lee was robbed of \$50 and his superior rental plate when he was invited into the alley and hit on the head with a brick, he told police.

Launch Hearings To End Rail Run

A hearing on the Pennsylvania railroad's petition to discontinue passenger service from Grand Rapids to Cincinnati opened Monday before the Michigan public service commission in Kalamazoo.

Monday's hearing was devoted to railroad arguments. John H. Murphy, commission chairman, said a later hearing would be held for arguments opposing discontinuance of the service.

"The railroad contends a steady loss of revenue makes it imperative to halt the Grand Rapids to Cincinnati service. Witnesses for the railroad said with adequate bus transportation along the same route there is no justification for further operation of the passenger service."

Spokesmen for six bus companies said their firms could provide service to persons now using the train.

Three Plead Guilty To Check Charges

Daniel Thompson, 20, of White Birch st., pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon to a charge of forging a \$25 check and was remanded to jail to await sentence. He forged a \$35 check, police said.

Robert Westfall, 33, of 923 West 1st st., pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon to a charge of forging a check for \$25 on accounts. He was continued on bond to await sentence.

Admits Morals Count

Richard Strock, 21, of 100 Sumner av., NW, pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon to a charge of forging a check for \$25 on accounts. He was continued on bond to await sentence.

Granted Divorce For Long Neglect

San Jose, Calif.—(UP)—Court adjourned Monday to the home of Mrs. Jane Needham, 32, to grant her a divorce because she couldn't be up on account. Mrs. Needham has been in an iron lung since July 8, 1919.

Superior Court Judge Bert Salsman ordered her former husband, James C. Needham, 37, San Francisco lumber executive, to pay \$100 a month—\$550 for herself and \$350 for the support of their three children. In addition, Needham was directed to deposit \$18,000 in trust to insure future payments to his wife.

Mrs. Needham told the court that in her five years' hospitalization her husband visited her only "occasionally."

Coopersville Man In Furniture Theft

George McGraw, 30, of Coopersville, pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon to a burglary charge and was continued on bond to await sentence. McGraw broke into the Furniture City upholstery Co., 140 Front av., SW, and stole a chair and two other pieces of furniture.

James F. Sherman, 36, of 230 Crawford av., SW, pleaded guilty of receiving and aiding in concealing the furniture and was continued on bond to await sentence.

Guilty of Larceny; Put on Probation

Robert C. Taylor, 21, of 885 Sherman av., SW, who pleaded guilty of larceny over \$50, Monday afternoon was placed on a one-year probation by Superior Judge Theodorus B. Taylor and was assessed \$25 court costs.

Owens Knife Assault

Ernest King, 47, of 411 1/2 Leonard st., SE, pleaded guilty in superior court Monday afternoon of felonious assault with a knife and was continued on bond to await sentence. King stabbed Charles Owens, 47, of 295 Bridge st., NW, in an argument. King said.

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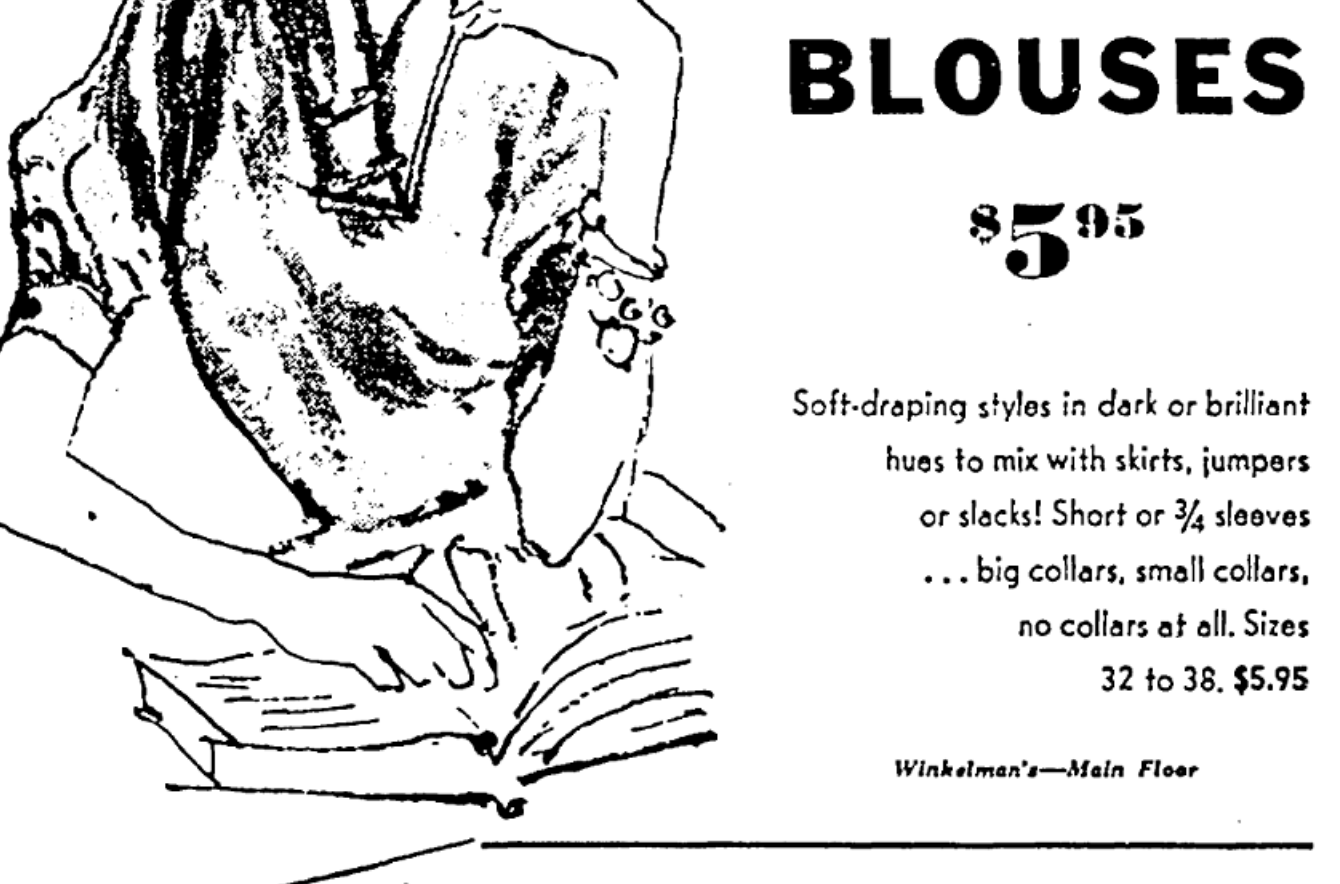
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