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SUMMARY

Opportunistic U.S. athletes at the Olympics took advantage of Russian misfortune, and perfidious American officials cheated; still Russian superiority prevailed. Also, testimonials by Chinese visitors to Russia, more subtle even though distorted and extravagant, replace direct appeals in the main, though occasionally the SSFA openly and bluntly orders its workers to force Russian techniques and views on the masses.

Army Day programs reveal the enormity of the burden of caring for war dependents, and the necessity for continual prodding to see that local units shoulder the burden. Reports of medical personnel returning from Korea also suggest future efforts to line up replacements. Army Day brings extravagant claims for Korea, where Americans have been "pushed back to the 38th Parallel," but nothing is said of forcing them into the ocean, while the only hope offered the Chinese people consists of the well-worn claims that the American war effort is resisted at home and in Japan. No new promises of industrial relief from Russia are heard, despite admissions of handicaps facing Chinese factories and mines.

Praise for the people's militia in honor of Army Day is overshadowed by disclosures of counterrevolutionary activities. Though most of the "bandits" are charged with wholesale murder and rape, frequent admissions of infiltration, even into secret Party organizations, indicate a serious potential threat. Evidence that regimentation of the intellectuals is not too popular is seen in a shortage of high school students and teachers, and measures to force Peking newspapers on Southwest readers.

Of special interest is the heavy State contribution for the funeral of Jung Te-sheng, former "cotton king," "flour king," and one of China's wealthiest men. Though Jung is called an enthusiastic angel of the regime, adoption by the Communists of feudalistic forms in connection with a definitely feudalistic figure generates a suspicion that something may be wrong.

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