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HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE MEETS IN NANKING -- Peiping Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 20 Apr 50

Shanghai, 19 April (Hsin-hua) -- From 5 to 13 April 1950, the Water Conservation Department of the East China Military and Political Council held, in Nanking, a conference on the water conservation problems of East China. Li Pao-hua (1) /numbers refer to appended characters/ and Chang Han-ying (2) both vice-ministers of the Ministry of Water Conservation were present and participated. It was decided to establish in the East China regional area 167 hydrographic stations; and later, to establish six testing stations at Nanking, Hai-ning, Chin-shan-tsu and three other points, for the benefit of water conservation engineering.

KIANGSI COMPLETES DIKE REPAIR WORK -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 8 May 50

Nan-ch'ang -- It is reported that the repair work on dikes damaged by the disastrous flood of last year in the P'o-yang Hu region of Kiangsu Province has been completed. The projects were first undertaken in November 1949 by the various hsiens with the cooperation of the Kiangsi Provincial People's government. Problems faced by the hsiens were numerous. For example, to protect some 826,800 mou of farmland along the eastern coast of P'o-yang Hu inhabited by some 360,000 people, more than 347,600 of the 930,980 meters of dikes had to be repaired on the dike level raised. In Chiu-chiang Special District, where the dike line extends some 380 kilometers, more than 1,918,300 cubic meters had to be repaired to protect some 318,500 mou of farmland.

The Kiangsi Provincial Water Conservation Bureau reported that the disastrous flood of last year, which affected 17 hsiens, including Nan-ch'ang, Hsin-chien, Feng-ch'eng, Lin-ch'uan, Chin-hsien, Yu-kan, P'o-yang, Wan-nien, Yung-hsiu, Hsing-tzu, Te-an, Chiu-chiang, Jui-ch'ang, P'eng-tse, Ch'ing-chiang, Kao-an and Hsin-kan hsiens, caused damages to more than 1,512,000 mou of farmland of which 651,220 mou were completely inundated, killed 72 persons and

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2,725 domestic animals, and destroyed 3,532 homes. Losses to agricultural crops were estimated to be 5,933,100 market piculs of grain, 400 piculs of cotton, hemp, etc., and 44,400 piculs of wheat and barley. The number of persons who were affected by this flood totaled 671,414.

COMPLETES 50 PERCENT OF TUNG CHIANG WORK -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 14 May 50

Canton, 12 May -- It is reported that to date, 195,850 fang [one fang equals 100 cubic feet] of the proposed 420,800-fang dike repair work to be undertaken along the Tung Chiang have been completed. To expedite the completion of this project, plans are now being made to increase propaganda activities to solicit more workers, and to set up a system of divisional responsibility among the various groups.

TROOPS COMPLETE WATER-CONSERVATION PROJECTS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 11 May 50

Urumchi, 10 May (Hsin-hua) -- Since the beginning of a large-scale water-conservation program in Sinkiang, 1,210,000 mou [one mou equals to 1/6 acre] of land has been made irrigable.

In southern Sinkiang, military personnel completed the building of the Pa-ch'u Reservoir, and repaired 220 li [one li equals 1/3 mile] of an old canal to irrigate 100,000 mou of land. The Ling-hsing canal was also repaired to irrigate an additional 20,000 mou.

The canals which water 200,000 mou of land in the Ha-mi area and 100,000 mou in the Urumchi area were also repaired by military personnel in April. In the Sha-wan area, the 30-kilometer long Hsin-sheng canal, the 20-kilometer long Ta-p'ing canal, and weirs and water gates on the Lan Ho were repaired by military troops stationed in northern Sinkiang. It took 80,000 man-days, from the end of March to the end of April, to complete the work. With these two canals completed, 130,000 mou of land in the Sha-wan area have been made irrigable.

In the Kuldja area, the troops from Hui-yuan repaired 17 irrigation canals to irrigate 50,000 mou of land in that area. They also repaired a canal to the south of Kuldja which had not been in use for the past 70 years thus making possible the irrigation of 320,000 mou. Repairs of the latter canal, which required the coordinated efforts of army personnel, members of various organizations in Kuldja, school children, and nearby civilians, were completed on 18 April 1950.

NINGSIA REPAIRS IRRIGATION STRUCTURES -- New York Hua-chiao Jih-pao, 23 May 50

Sian, 10 May (Hsin-hua) -- In about 2 weeks' time repairs were made on irrigation structures in Ningsia Province that will permit the irrigation of 250,000 mou of land. During the previous regime, locks and sluices had fallen into disrepair and control of water had been lost. These were repaired and dikes were rebuilt under the supervision of the Water-Conservation Bureau of the Ningsia People's government.

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TSINGHAI AGRICULTURAL DELEGATES DECIDE PROGRAM -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 12 May 50

Sian, 11 May (Hsin-hua) -- Two hundred sixty four delegates, both men and women, attending the first multiracial Agricultural Delegates Conference in Tsinghai Province, voted to carry out the three cardinal agricultural tasks of the CCP rural economy, namely: increase production by mutual help, eliminate bandits, and reduce rent and begin land reform. Twenty three members were elected to a provincial agricultural association. The conference was addressed by Gen P'eng Te-huai, chairman of the Northwest Military and Political Commission, and by the vice-chairman of the Tsinghai provincial government.

PLANT MORE THAN 20 MILLION TREES -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 12 May 50

Hankow, 11 May (Hsin-hua) -- To carry out the spring season's tree-planting goal in the Central-South China, more than 20 million trees were set out on 80,000 mou of land. In preparation for still greater efforts next year, government farms and nurseries are preparing 81 million seedlings.

In Honan Province, over 8 million trees were planted along the Yellow River to help hold the dikes and prevent wind-driven sand drifts from encroaching on the fields along the river.

Over 2 million trees were set out along the Tung Ho and Hsi Ho in Kwangtung Province to aid in flood prevention. Rows of trees were set out along the important highways throughout the area.

In Kwangsi the afforestation of several mountains was begun.

NORTHEAST SPRING PLANTING IN PROGRESS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 10 May 50

Mukden, 9 May (Hsin-hua) -- Having completed wheat planting, farm villages in the Northeast are now busily engaged in the planting of soybeans, kaoliang, and maize. The area had adequate rainfall for spring planting, and the planting in general is progressing satisfactorily in all regions. A total of 157,560,000 mou of the above three crops are to be planted this year, an increase of 4,640,000 mou over 1949.

Planting has been in progress since April in the areas along the Nun Chiang and Sung-hua Chiang while in Sungkiang Province, planting is 20 percent complete in the lowlands. In the hills in the southern province, maize planting is 100 percent complete. In the Ch'ang-pai-shan area, the southeastern corner of Kirin Province, Liaoning peninsula, and Jehol Province, where the climate is warmer, spring planting has been completely finished.

NORTHEAST WHEAT CULTIVATION -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 14 May 50

Mukden, 12 May (Hsin-hua) -- According to incomplete statistics, it is estimated that more than 6.6 million mou of land in the Northeast were placed under wheat cultivation. This acreage exceeds last year's planting by more than 300,000 mou.

The two wheat production centers, Heilungkiang and Sungkiang, now have half of their areas under wheat cultivation. It is estimated that the area under wheat planting in Heilungkiang totals more than 293,000 mou while Sungkiang has about 80,000 mou.

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FUKIEN ENJOYING BUMPER CROP -- Hon: Kong Wen-hui Pao, 14 May 50

Foochow, 12 May (Hsin-hua) -- Fukien is reaping its greatest wheat harvest in 20 years. In the western part of the province, the average wheat yield per mou of cultivated land is said to be between 130-150 piculs, while in the eastern part, it is between 200-250 piculs. As compared to last year, the yield is 20 to 30 percent greater.

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