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COMMUNIST PARTY CONTINUES TO PURGE OFFICIALS GUILTY OF CORRUPTION

Communist officials, despite discipline, are found wasting resources and embezzling public funds to an alarming degree. Merchants are engaging in illicit traffic under the Communist regime.

OFFICIAL EXPELLED FROM PARTY -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 24 Oct 50

Chou Shu-fan (1) [numbers refer to appended characters] magistrate of Lin-k'ou Hsien in Sungkiang, has been found guilty of corruption, disregarding policies, and neglecting party work. He has been expelled from the party and is up for trial in the courts. Chou, a native of Hopei, is 35 years old, and joined the party in 1938. He misappropriated public property and funds amounting to more than 31,400,000 Northeast yuan. He set up a private storehouse worth 41,900,000 yuan. All this was done by falsifying accounts and by collusion with cadres. He also accepted bribes.

Chou used the cadres through personal attachment rather than according to regulations, thus causing complaints and hindering party work. A cadre named Hsieh gave Chou gifts and was rewarded with a job as granary chief. Hsieh falsified his accounts and, when he was discovered, Chou protected him. When other cadres complained, Chou said, "This is a matter for the higher officials and no concern of yours."

A people's mass meeting was called for Lin-k'ou Hsien, at which the magistrate was expected to report. Chou sent someone else to report for him.

In May insect pests appeared on the state farm, but Chou paid no heed and nearly 300 mou of soybeans were lost. He used his office to annoy women comrades and be nice to live with Ma Ya-chun, a department store employee who had been dismissed for dishonesty. When questioned by superiors, Chou was defiant and tried to hid his misdeeds.

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FARM OFFICIALS GUILTY OF WASTE -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 31 Oct 50

Yang K'un (2) former manager of the P'an-shan Farm, and his wife, Sun Lan (3), secretary of the Farm, have been guilty of corruption and malfeasance in office.

Yang K'un and his wife Sun Lan are both Communist Party members and have taken part in war work. During their year and a half at the farm, they lost their Communist and revolutionary viewpoint; neglected production, and coveted personal comforts to the great detriment of the farm enterprise. For instance, through poor irrigation, 1,500 hsiang [one hsiang is roughly equivalent to seven mou] lay idle, reducing the crop by 5 million catties. Through mismanagement, more than a billion yuan's worth of electric power was wasted. Several billion yuan were wasted through unnecessary planning and preparation for construction activities.

During their term of office, Yang and Sun spent their energies in commercial activity, speculation, and smuggling. In April 1949, they marketed 2,130,000 catties of grain from the farm, using as an outlet the Farm Promotion House in Ying-k'ou, which was managed by Sun Pao-hsing, Yang's brother-in-law, with Yu Sheng-yu as assistant. They gathered around them some 20 dishonest traders, mostly their fellow townsmen and friends. There were similar outlets in other large cities, who by using the farm's name played the market and smuggled. In 1949, the Farm Promotion House sold 265,000 catties of ammonium sulfate which was to have been loaned to the farmers. By exporting it and by deceiving the customs, they made a profit of 1,300,000,000 yuan on the transaction.

The Farm Promotion House was discovered to be 800 million yuan in arrears in taxes last year, to which was added a penalty of 400 million. Last year, the province invested more than 10 million catties of grain in the farm; but after the fall harvest, Yang and Sun sold the crop for cash and gave the Farm Promotion House 22,300,000,000 yuan to buy grain in North Manchuria (where it was cheaper) to use as payment to the province.

Yang and Sun embezzled an amazing amount of the national wealth, more than 100 million yuan. When an investigation was started in February of this year, Yang and Sun concealed their misdeeds and fooled their superiors. But evidence mounted against them, and on 13 July they and their confederates were sent to the People's Court for trial.

RELIEF OFFICIAL PUNISHED FOR DEFALCATION -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 24 Oct 50

Huang T'ing-ch'uan (4), head of a relief group to help the unemployed in Wuhan, who misappropriated relief grain and absconded, has been sentenced. Huang was formerly unemployed, but later became head of a band of KMT guerrillas. He then got into relief work as a minor official. He sold the grain with which he was entrusted, and ran away to Huang-p'o. Caught and brought to Hankow, he pleaded guilty and was remanded for punishment.

THREE PUNISHED FOR ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN GOLD -- Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 25 Oct 50

Three men guilty of dealing in gold have been sentenced by the local courts. One of these, Ts'ao Sung-t'ing (5), was manager of the Lao Feng Hsiang gold shop until it was closed in August 1949. Then, posing as a cloth merchant, he secretly carried on traffic in gold with Chang Yu-feng (6), and Tu Chin-sheng (7). In July, Chang and Tu, the salesmen, brought 31,880,000 yuan from Shanghai and sought out Ts'ao to buy more gold to be sold in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Police intercepted the three and brought them to court.

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They were found guilty of acting contrary to the people's interest and violating the national law against traffic in gold. Ts'ao was sentenced to 2 year's imprisonment and fined 15 million yuan; Chang got a year and 6 months; Tu was given one year. The gold and cash in the case were all confiscated.

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4. 黃庭泉
5. 曹松亭
6. 張玉峰
7. 杜金生

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