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1. A great deal of difficulty has been encountered by the Communists in the implementation of their land reform program in Manchuria. Despite the protests of vindictive tenants who want to see the landlords completely dispossessed, landowners are being allowed to keep the best parts of their lands, so that by the use of their more intelligent and skillful farming techniques crop production will be kept up.
2. The planners have also run into difficulties caused by over-zealous political organizers over the countryside. Farmers complained of being forced to attend so many meetings, as this causes them to neglect the land, that the organizers had to be warned to cut down on the meetings.

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