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On the anniversary of the Chinese Communist Government, 1 October, the Government organizations, schools, and factories in Wuchang and Hankow urged the people to celebrate with enthusiasm. It was plain, however, that the celebration was not such an occasion of carefree festivities as it appeared to be in the previous year. During two years of Communist administration various measures of control, interference, compulsory contributions, land reform, industrial and commercial regimentation, donations of money for arms and planes to aid North Korea, etc., have been imposed on the citizens. Former supporters, such as students, farmers, and members of labor unions were dissatisfied and showed their lack of enthusiasm in various ways. The medium and lower Communist cadre members, especially new members, were also unenthusiastic. Evidences of revolt against the tight control of the Communists could be best seen in the slogans and pamphlets posted in dark corners and secluded places in lanes, factories, schools and public resorts. They attacked the Communists with sarcasm, ridicule, and scorn and voiced the hope of the people for Nationalist and Allied landings.

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