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~~Peiping~~ Iron Institute - 13 August

I. Explanations by the Principal

1. Established in 1952, and from October 1953 professors and students from universities throughout the country were assembled and instructions launched.

Classes are divided in four departments - mining, processing, iron manufacturing and machinery.

At present, there is a total of 372 professors and assistants. The professors and the assistants as well as the principal are all 30 years of age and below and are given quarters. Students total 3,200 (of which 500 are females). With the new students entering this September, the students total 4,000. Of this number, 80% are receiving government aid.

The maximum amount of aid is 20 yuan and the minimum 12 yuan. Those who do not receive aid are those whose families' economic situation is good. Nevertheless, even these students do not have to pay tuition. The dormitory expenditure of everyone is 12 yuan per month.

In 1953, seven Soviet professors arrived at the school and upon teaching for two years, returned home and at present, there are only two newly arrived ones.

The academic system and laboratories were built along the Soviet system, under the guidance of the Soviets.

2. Students are selected through competitive examination of graduates of Senior High ^{middle} school (12 year system), and included in the nationally unified recruitment plan of the government.

Students voluntarily apply for the course the the three - processing, machinery and mining and upon entering the school, determine still further, the other subjects to take.

Those whose graduation thesis (including designing) are accepted and who

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pass the government examination are graduated and receive the degree of Assistant Engineer. This is strictly a degree and has no connection with the job.

Graduates serve as apprentice technicians for six months and later, depending on their abilities, become assistant engineers.

It is a 5 year school system (only those now in the highest class will graduate under the 4 year school system.) During the 5-year period, the students will have had 4,000 hours of study and aside from this, practical training and inspection trips and by utilizing vacations, observe the work of laborers, technicians and engineers and also engage in practical training.

After completing the 2nd year course, the students go into 3 weeks of practical training and also after the completion of the 3rd and 4th year courses. After the 2nd semester during the 5th year, the students have the graduation practical training, writing of graduation thesis and designing. The education is carried out in accordance with government established educational procedure.

Marxism and history total 300 hours - under 10%, general culture is extensively taught and specialty deep and narrow and moreover, close attention is paid in the relationship between theory and practice.

One's post upon graduation is determined in accordance with the government's unified distribution plan but one's wishes are taken into consideration.

Students could remain at the dormitory during vacations.

II. We inspected the school on 13 August therefore they were on vacation.

There were a considerable number of male and female students engaged in sports and they were quite sunburnt.

They had double-decker bunks at the dormitory which reminded us of the Self-Defense Forces in Japan but they were made of wood.

It seemed that discipline is strict and from what we saw and hear, it made us recall of the former Military Preparatory School and the future result of this

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education will probably be promising.

There were Soviet-made machinery among the equipment used for teaching but I noticed there were also those that were made in East and West Germany, America, Austria, Czechoslovakia and also China.

III. In Communist China, the law and economic departments are few in number and the greater portion consist of scientific and technical departments. It can be said that practically all of the colleges are scientific and technical.

Law is unified by Marx and Leninism and economics, socialistic planned economy therefore, there is no room for argument. Therefore, the Government has no need to teach law and economics as in the case of the free nations. Therefore, youths do not have any interest in these subjects and those who are interested become Party members. The greater majority of the students who do not desire to become Party members, enter the scientific and technical fields in a long stream.

Ten years from now, the scientific and technical capacity of Communist China will be ages removed. Japan which is interested in ideological law and economic majors, with government offices and companies showing preference to graduates of the law and economic departments should strongly reflect on this.

Scientific technique is the father of the atomic and automation era, which will control the nation's economic and military affairs.

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