

All Are Workers In The New China And Drive Selves Hard

By WALTON A. COLE
LONDON (Reuters) — Determination to fulfil China's destiny as a leading—if not the leading—world power, is the motive which drives that country's chiefs and officials.

They do not spare themselves, and so set an example to all. It is commonplace for an official appointment to be fixed for as early as 7 a.m. Not infrequently the chief of a diplomatic mission in Peking is summoned for consultation at 4 a.m. He finds that the senior officials who wish to talk to him have been conferring on the same subject since dinner time.

Like all workers except those on the land, they ostensibly have an eight-hour day and a six-day week, exclusive of meal hours. But such is the fervor for work that no one I met appeared to give the slightest thought to adhering to such duty schedules.

WILL INFORMED

Superficially it might seem that the Communist leaders must be in a vacuum regarding the day-to-day occurrences in the outside world, which have little or no place in press or radio. But by means of news summaries intelligently compiled for official use, and by scrutinizing digests of the world's daily and periodical press, they are among the best-informed individuals on current affairs that I have met.

The world outside, as seen through these digests, cannot appear other than topsy-turvy when compared with the accounts of the always correct and justified Communist bloc. Capitalism and its hand-aided imperialism, are condemned. The condemnation is epitomized in the form of the government or ruling "capitalist clique" of the United States—never the American people as such.

Britain, too, is criticized for behaving like a satellite of the United States in all matters relating to China, and for permitting "Americans and others to take advantage of Hong Kong as a base to carry out activities hostile to China."

But despite this attitude, one of the highest Communists in the land said earnestly: "What we want in China for the survival of our development plan is peace. Through war everything that we have accomplished to date will be lost."

BACKWARD COUNTRY

And again, during criticism of American military and economic policy: "Properly thought-out economic co-operation between the capitalist and Communist countries could substantially stabilize the economies of the economies of the capitalist countries and advance reconstruction and development in the socialist countries."

I pass these comments on after talking to all manner of people during a 12-day visit to Communist China.

Throughout all the many discussions of international relations that I had runs the undeviating theme of absolute equality and reciprocity. Leaders frankly admit that China is short of foreign currency, is a "backward country," and advocate barter deals as the basis of foreign trade, but assert that in no circumstances would they accept any outside aid to which strings were attached.

Struggling to build up their own industries through a series of ambitious five-year plans, they have selected Britain as the industrial nation whose output must be surpassed, although by the target date of 1972 the Chinese population will be 16 times that of Britain.

Workers are exhorted toward this goal by posters prominently displayed in factories. Typical are: A tweed-jacketed John Bull astride a snorting ox over which leaps a Chinese steppelasher on a magnificent horse, or Russian and Chinese athletes outstripping in individual races a fat, bespectacled American with cigars draped around his running kit and a barrel-waisted Englishman in a top hat and a garish, checked tweed running vest.

WORKERS PRODUCE

Everywhere the zeal for building the new China is propagated. Giant billboards portray the features of "model workers" who have excelled at their jobs. Others list production targets and performance records of local factories.

A Scottish sea captain from Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, who was staying at the hotel at Canton told me that never in 30 years' experience in all the ports of the world had he had a 7,000-ton general cargo unloaded as quickly as that week in Shanghai. Working day and night in relays, the dockers did it in slightly less than one-third of the fastest turnaround he had ever had before.

In a turbine factory I visited near Shanghai, a drum beat at noon and workers dashed to hear the latest production statistics. They greeted them with excited cheers as though they were football results.

The factory works three eight-hour shifts, with free meals for night workers. Most city factory workers appear to have an average income of about \$28 a month, although the national average for the peasant, of course, living in the main off his land.

ONE UNION

In all offices and factories I visited there were bulletin boards for every group of workers showing at a glance by colored flags or other symbols output, attendance and freedom from error. In a newspaper office, black flags symbolized political mistakes. Against one name there were two black flags.

Chung Ming, chairman of the Shanghai Trade Union Council,

told me that there are 16,000,000 union members in China. In any plant or factory there is only one union. Union membership is said to be optional but there appear to be few abstainers.

"A function of the trade union is to ensure that the executives of all enterprises carry out the state plans fully and discharge all tasks that have been set," Chung said.

"Where executives make mistakes or have obvious shortcomings the workers are at liberty openly to criticize through meetings and wall newspapers. The management has to answer openly and frankly all these criticisms and to make self-criticism before the workers."

"Where mistakes are serious and there is no attempt to eradicate them, the workers' council may decide to recommend that the executive should be removed."

OPEN TO CRITICISM

Trade union officials themselves are open to the self-criticism and discipline, which in Chung's words are the "watchwords" of trade unionism in China.

On one occasion the workers complained union officials were given tea to drink at their meetings, whereas the workers got only hot water. Now everyone drinks hot water.

Chung said many troubles are settled by the workers themselves. One man was habitually late for work. Solution: All chip in and buy him an alarm clock. Another was depressed and careless. He had wife trouble. Fellow workers reconciled them and "the man now is a model worker."

This criticism is a vital part of the much-publicized "rectification" campaign aimed at increasing efficiency and, incidentally, exposing those who hold "rightist" ideas. Hundreds of big posters plaster the walls, enabling one and all to express their views, which are classified by local officials and, if necessary, passed on for higher action.

Set Ripple Rock Blast April 5

By JOHN E. BIRD
OTTAWA (CP) — Ripple Rock will be blasted Saturday, April 5, with 1,400 tons of high explosive in an effort to pulverize the twin-peak navigational hazard in Seymour Narrows 100 miles north of Vancouver.

A works department official said Monday that zero hour will be 8:30 a.m. Local time provided weather conditions are right.

Except for atomic explosions, the blast will be the most powerful known to have been set off anywhere in the world to date.

The largest explosion on record involved 2,118,000 pounds—or 1,059 tons—of explosive used Jan. 5 to break away a 300-foot cliff of rock for a causeway across Great Salt Lake in Utah.

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Ont. Alcoholics Number 80,000

TORONTO (CP) — There were about 80,000 alcoholics in Ontario last year, an increase of 4,000 over 1956.

This was disclosed Monday in the annual report of the Alcoholism Research Foundation tabled in the legislature by Provincial Secretary Dunbar. The report said there were 28,050 alcoholics in 1956.

Ontario's population in 1956, the year of the latest census, was 5,404,933.

The report said: "While many other alcoholics received treatment in mental hospitals, penal institutions, private clinics and alcoholics anonymous, many years would be required for all these facilities to expand enough to keep pace with the growth of alcoholism which is recognized by authorities as the largest public health problem facing this generation."

Bluenose Will Resume March 3

HALIFAX (CP) — The auto ferry Bluenose will resume service between Yarmouth, N.S. and Bar Harbor, Me., March 3, the CNR announced Monday. The ship has been in drydock here for annual refit.

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SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEB. 27
At 8:30

Hold Meeting On Diesel Issue

By JOHN LEBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP) — Two CPR vice-presidents conferred Monday with Labor Minister Michael Starr on the diesel firemen dispute that produced a nine-day stoppage of the company's transcontinental system last winter.

After a meeting of an hour and 20 minutes in Mr. Starr's office, there was no information beyond statements that the company officials had brought the minister up to date on the controversy between the CPR and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC).

No union officials were present at the meeting, which was sought by the CPR after a breakdown of negotiations Feb. 14 on the question of the CPR's proposal to eliminate firemen gradually from yard and freight diesel locomotives.

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Dartmouth Man Clipped Double

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Graham Moir parked his car in front of the barber shop, went in, sat in the chair and got clipped in two ways.

As the barber snipped he swung the chair around so that Moir's back was to the street. When the chair swung back Moir saw only a vacant space where his car had been.

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