

China Reported Striving For Full Self-Sufficiency

Reuters' Hong Kong correspondent Ian McCrone is on a three-week, 4,000 mile tour of China. Here is another of his articles.

By IAN MCCRONE
PEKING (Reuters)—The top man in China's elderly Communist hierarchy look spry and confident.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, portrayed as the spiritual as well as temporal leader of the nation is chubby and deliberate. In his early 70s, he remained standing the full two hours at National Day celebrations this month, waving to the massed marchers from the Tien An Men Gate (Gate of Heavenly Peace).

The previous evening he attended a state banquet, eating, drinking and smoking with Cambodia's chief of state, Prince Sihanouk.

Aides hovered at both elbows as Mao walked slowly down the flood-lit steps after the dinner. But he made his own way out.

Premier Chou En-lai, 67, iron-grey-haired, crew-cut and a handsome, was one of the sprightliest figures at the airport when Sihanouk arrived.

NOT SO BOUNCY

Not so bouncy is the white-haired head of state, Liu Shao-chi, who, as the other Communist leaders, wears well-tailored light-grey or powder-blue uniforms. He is in his 60s.

First prize for stamina should probably go to the busy foreign minister and vice-premier, Chen Yi, 64.

The bull-voiced former marshal of the army astonished foreign correspondents in Peking recently with a non-stop, four-hour press conference.

The only pauses he took as he chain-smoked his way through the questions were breaks for transistions.

The average age of the collective leadership is more than 65 and they party chiefs make no secret of the fact that they will not see the full fruits of their revolution.

But nowhere in any of half-a-dozen of China's big cities or in the surrounding countryside did I hear any whisper of what might happen when Mao goes.

EVERYWHERE DOMINATES

Everywhere his presence dominates the scene, usually in the tangible form of a portrait in a factory boardroom and peasant cottage, always in the re-

verent references with which the cadres punctuate their speeches.

Mao and his gospel are given credit for everything—the correct socialist line, the discovery of a production short-cut, even the successful rejoining of a severed hand.

Earlier this month, I was told in Shanghai that by obeying Mao's dictum on the use of collective wisdom, workers had solved a problem of making engine blocks.

Lacking alloy steel, they began experimenting with top-grade casting steel and, after several failures, their combined efforts were successful.

In the same city, a brilliant young surgeon, Dr. Chen Chung Wei, paraded two of his patients at the No. 6 teaching hospital.

One had had his hand severed at the wrist. The other had lost an arm above the elbow. Chen performed the operations which restored the severed parts.

After explaining the technical details, the 35-year-old surgeon said:

"I think that the successful rejoining of these limbs was due to the correct line of the Chinese Communist party under the leadership of Chairman Mao, who had urged us to learn from the wisdom of the masses."

"I just did my bit. I was able to undertake responsibility for the operations because of the education I got under the loving care of the people."

That's how it came through in translation. When questioned, Chen explained that he had been inspired by Mao's teaching to do not only what the West could do but what the West could not do.

Chen said that the operations had been a collective effort, as did the descriptions of them in medical journals.

Dief Expects To Form Gov't

TORONTO (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker told Conservative members of the Ontario legislature that he expects to form a minority government after the Nov. 8 federal election, according to a reliable source.

BRISTOL

Looking into the pages of an old book, dated 1901 to 1905, we noticed an item on Bristol Lot 40, where a Mr. Stearns, was post master, carriage builder, merchant and farmer in a section now owned by John Aylward and the same old house where all the businesses were carried on.

PIUSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Goff, Coleman Lot 10, also Mr. Bill Arsenault Lot 6 were Sunday visitors to this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corcoran, Halifax, N.S., were weekend visitors to Piusville and Gloucester Lot 7.

Mrs. John F. Gallant spent some time visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aubin Gallant, Tignish.

Mrs. Herman Corcoran and infant son returned home from Western Hospital recently.

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CONSERVATIVE LEADER IN QUEBEC

Opposition leader Diefenbaker loosens his top coat as he speaks to the crowd at Shawinigan, Quebec, Tuesday afternoon. (CP Wirephoto)

Economic Dictatorship Here, Is View Held By NDP Chief

By JANE BECKER
GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. (CP)—T. C. Douglas, NDP national leader, told an election rally here that Canada is an economic dictatorship, "run increasingly for the special privilege of a small corporate elite."

He told a meeting of about 800 in the vocational high school in Grande Prairie he did not deny parts of Canada were prosperous, "but affluence depends on who you are."

He said the Liberal government's own figures show 30 per cent of the Canadian people are living in poverty and another 20 per cent in "borderline poverty."

"The top 35 per cent of those who pay income tax receive 45 per cent of all the national income, after taxes," Mr. Douglas said. "But 2,000,000 Canadians don't earn enough to pay any income tax at all."

Income distribution is inequitable and unfair through different regions and different occupations in Canada, Mr. Douglas said.

Canadian agriculture is headed for bankruptcy, he said. Consumer goods prices climbed 30 per cent between 1952 and 1963, while the price of farm products declined 16 per cent in the same period.

"Yet the Liberal government this spring agreed to rebate \$50,000,000 to three automobile companies, without even getting parliamentary approval, with no guarantee that any of the money would ever be passed along in savings to consumers."

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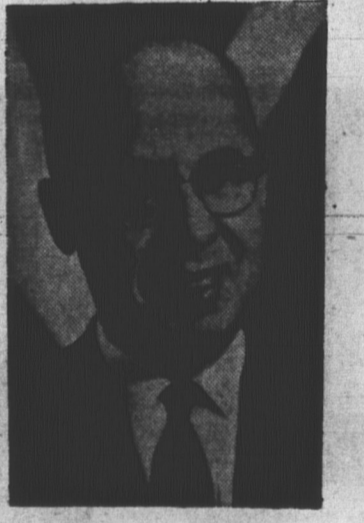
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