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Chinese communes

The Chinese Communists may be making angry noises at the Americans over Formosa, but it is the Russians they are really competing with—over communism. China's peasant communes, already described as "the basic units of Communist society," are to become "the property of the whole people" in three to six years. That is when they will be truly Communist, and certainly more so than the Soviet collective farms, which are to remain "communal" rather than national property in the foreseeable future. The terminological and real differences may appear esoteric to all but the theoreticians and practicians of communism. The claim the Chinese claims must signify the discovery of a completely new "road to communism," as far to the Left from the Russian model as Yugoslavia's is to the Right. But although the Russians have been comparatively "reticent" on the ideological and practical implications of the communes, they are not likely to proclaim Mao a heretic in the same way as they did with Tito, if only because they cannot afford to do so for reasons of power politics. In the meantime, the Chinese will be allowed to develop their grand design for a Communist society. Already in some communes the peasants are said to be receiving part of their remuneration in goods, long to need "no" [illegible] consumer services [illegible] needs remains a fraction [illegible]

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They are bu[illegible] these as they [illegible] and they propo[illegible] of the wheelwr[illegible] tion by covering [illegible] small-scale pa[illegible] from local re[illegible] tion of wom[illegible] chores through [illegible] communal mess [illegible] work service [illegible] kindergartens [illegible] provide more [illegible] by reducing [illegible] method [illegible] other Asia[illegible] Chinese are [illegible] under which [illegible] tions in the C[illegible] distinctly Chi[illegible] labour that [illegible] time wasted [illegible] by peasants [illegible] into the mo[illegible] abundance. And [illegible] the Chinese fa[illegible] achieve [illegible]

[illegible] mechanical [illegible] built by peasants. Some 100,000 of these are said to have been built in the few months, and they are to pro[illegible] 30 per cent of China's 10,700,000 of steel this year, thus doubling [illegible] year's national output. In all [illegible] industries, small-scale method[illegible] used to the full to achieve the [illegible] leap forward. The engineer[illegible] industry method is described by Chinese as "acid gnawing [illegible] bone", but the basis for it all is [illegible] combination of agricultural [illegible] industrial labour in the commu[illegible] [illegible] being pr[illegible] [illegible] methods for urban [illegible] that will need necessary [illegible] "really" during the Russian [illegible] Western industrial revolutions. [illegible] industrial [illegible] "not to socialism, se[illegible] to have been found." In terms [illegible] economic efficiency, when "co[illegible] period with Chinese methods [illegible] industrialisation" it may app[illegible] unlikely. But [illegible] the und[illegible] developed countries with surp[illegible] population and enormous [illegible] industrialisation [illegible] the massive [illegible] number will hail the proclamati[illegible] the Chinese may be the only [illegible] road [illegible] for [illegible] double [illegible] may well know little [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] 500,000,000 people who [illegible] [illegible] machines [illegible] hack the [illegible] day in the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] only [illegible] machines [illegible]

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