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NORTHEAST EMPHASIZES INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

FUR COMPANY PROMOTES TRADE -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 14 Mar 49

Shen-yang -- The Northeast Fur Company has been rendering great assistance to the agricultural economy of the area by promoting trade in secondary agricultural and mountain products such as furs, bristles, horse tails, antlers, tiger's bones and other expensive materials.

These products, procurable in the farmer's off-season or as by-products of his regular activities, add much to his income, giving him resources for his spring planting activities or for winter needs.

Last season the Northeast Fur Company paid the equivalent of 130,000 bolts of liberation cloth for these goods.

LIAOSI PROVINCE REDISTRIBUTES LAND -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 16 Mar 49

It is expected that the land distribution program in Sui-chung Hsien, Chin Hsien, and Fu-shun will be completed by the end of March 1949.

Shen-yang -- The basic work of the land distribution program in the vicinity of Shen-yang is completed. The populace is now devoting itself to the matter of increasing production.

In the Hsin-ch'eng-tzu area 21,666 acres of land, 1,800 animals and 900 vehicles were distributed among 3,000 [poor] farmers and 1,700 middle-class farmers. In addition, all other persons in the area received half an acre of land piece as well as other surplus property.

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As a result of insect pest incursions of last season there are shortages in many areas. Even in the normally prosperous Hsin-ch'eng-tzu area there is not enough grain for sustenance. In the Chia-ching-tzu area, a village of 20 families has only one small donkey for the whole village to use.

The city government has decided to distribute to the farmers 7,700,000 pounds of Kaffir corn seed, 6,600,000 pounds of bean-cake, 1,550,000,000 yuan in loans for the purchase of animals, and 1,450,000,000 yuan for the purchase of seeds for early crops. In addition, the water conservancy office is distributing 4,400,000 pounds of cereals to workers on the Hun Ho conservancy projects. This grain is being distributed at the rate of 5.5 pounds for each man-day of labor and 16.5 pounds per vehicle-day, in addition to feed for the animals for the day. The city government has voted to loan 3,300,000 pounds of corn meal without interest to famine sufferers.

BANKS STUDY FARM-LOAN EFFECTIVENESS -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 23 Mar 49

Chi-lin (Kirin) -- The Chao-ho (Ueda: 10364, 6046) and I-t'ung (213,12000) Hsien branches of the Northeast Bank, after extending spring agricultural loans, have been making investigations with a view to enforcing the purpose of the loans.

The following are some of the disclosures of the investigation:

Most of the local authorities are seeing that the loans are being used to buy work animals, fertilizer, etc. In one area in I-t'ung, 400 work animals have been purchased, 80 percent of the loans received having been used for this purpose. Further purchases are contemplated.

In another area in Chao-ho Hsien the funds have been spent for fertilizer, plows, and weeding machines.

Some cadres have been slow in organizing for purchasing. Consequently, prices have risen and they are unable to buy. Some have wasted their funds by scattering their purchases over grain, oil, salt, clothing etc. Others, having bought animals and observing the price rise, planned to sell them again.

On discovery of such activities the banks immediately notified the authorities to correct such erroneous practices, and took steps to make the people understand that the agricultural loan funds should be used only to increase production.

SHORTAGE OF BREEDING STOCK -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 23 Mar 49

Ch'eng-te, 13 March 1949 -- There has developed a great shortage of stud animals in the territory of the Soude League which is seriously interfering with herd production. In some areas only 27 percent of the cows are being bred and only a little over 50 percent of horses and asses.

A number of reasons for the shortage have been ascribed, the principal being: excessive castration of bulls; misunderstanding over the question of ownership of stud animals, the erroneous information having been spread that they were to be communized; and poor care and feeding of stud animals, which resulted in undependable fertility.

The authorities are attempting to correct this situation by promoting the development of good breeding stock, purchases from outside sources, forbidding the butchering of breeding stock, and certification of ownership and establishment of stud fees to encourage rearing and systematic improvement of stud animals.

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROCLAMATION -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 26 Mar '49

The Northeast Executive Committee has issued the following proclamation concerning agricultural production for 1949.

The Northeast has been entirely liberated. The basic features of the land-reform program have been carried out. It is now the responsibility of the farmers of the Northeast to raise the agricultural production of the area to new heights in order to assist in prosecuting the war of liberation to a finish. To this end, note the following instructions.

1. All ranks of officials must quickly mobilize cadres to go into the farming districts to organize the people for increased production and to solve the difficult problems of the farmers. There must be no laxity in this respect.
2. Every member of the agricultural community, male and female alike, should take an active part either directly or indirectly in promoting and accomplishing the plan of increasing agricultural production by 1,900,000 tons during 1949.
3. Land and building deeds should be issued to everyone who has received these properties during the land-distribution programs so that every person will feel secure in his holdings and operations.
4. Guarantees will be given that all income, whether from personal efforts, hired operators, legitimate debts, or interest and rents collected under special regulations, shall belong to its rightful owner in fee simple. No one may invade his rights to such income.
5. Every person who takes part individually, or in groups, in this increased production movement in cultivation of used land or opening up new land (however, he will not without reason work both new and old land at the same time), in inventing new instruments or processes to increase production, shall receive a reward. All reactionary elements that seek to retard or disrupt the program will be dealt with by law.
6. Rewards will be given for preservation and propagation of agricultural animals. The owner of a good breeding sire that has passed inspection by the local authorities and received the approval of the provincial authorities, will receive an annual bonus of 110 pounds of kaffir corn. Anyone who steals or slaughters a draft animal will be severely punished.
7. Every encouragement must be given to improvement of agricultural practices, such as fertilization, proper seed selection, and careful cultivation. Landlords and their descendants should be compelled to learn personally to till the soil.
8. Public grain [taxes] will be calculated on the basis of quality of the land and its normal production record.

Those who by special diligence and labor increase production above normal, shall not have the grain levy increased on this account, and those who through sloth permit their production to fall below normal shall not have the levy lowered on that account. In case bad weather or other natural causes, reduce the production in an area, consideration shall be given to this in calculating the levy.

All officials shall act in accordance with these regulations.

Signed by Chairman Lin-feng (4803, 3126) and Deputy Chairman Chang Hsueh-en (3065, 2293, 3292).

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