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WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROTECTS FARMS, IMPROVES CROP PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCES WATER-CONSERVATION PROJECTS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Peiping, 20 March (Hsin-hua) -- The water-conservation projects planned for Chekiang and Kansu provinces include:

Chekiang Province -- The completion of flood-prevention work on the Ch'ient'ang Chiang, T'sao-o Chiang, P'u-yang Chiang, Tung-t'iao Ch'i, and Hsi-t'iao Ch'i before the high water of June 1950; canal locks in Hui-ch'iao and Yung-chia hsiens; the repair of the banks of the Chin-hua Hu; four large irrigation projects in the Tao-chu area in Lin-hai Hsien; and 76 minor irrigation repair works in various hsiens. The T'ao-chu projects are expected to be completed before high-water season in June. To finance the water-conservation projects, the Chekiang government will extend loans of more than 60 million catties of rice.

Kansu Province -- Repair of old and construction of new canals is the program for the province during 1950. This includes the repair or construction projects at Sha-ho-pao in Lin-tse Hsien, underground irrigation facilities at T'ou-pa in Shan-tan Heien, Shu-feng Canal in Ku-lang Heien, Ching-feng Canal in Ching-yuan Hsien, Huang-hui Canal in Kao-lan Hsien, and work on the Huang-yang Ho in Wu-wei Hsien. The completion of the projects will make possible the irrigation of 64,337 shih mou of land in the province /one shih mou equals 0.1647 acre7.

COMPLETE REPAIR OF OVER 100 MILES OF DIKES -- Ho-fei Wan-pei Jih-pao, 3 May 50

Ch'ao-hu, Anhwei -- Repair work on 360 li (3 li equal I mile) of dikes bordering rivers in the Ch'ao-hu Special Administrative District has been practically completed in accordance with engineering specifications. The work began during the first week of March 1950 with the mobilization of over 70,000 rural laborers.

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YELLOW RIVER PANKS REPAIR CONTINUE -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 9 May 50

Tsinan, 7 May (Hsin-hua) -- The Shantung provincial government, having completed the first phase of repairs on the banks of the Yellow River in April 1950, has begun the second phase of the work. Reinforcing of river banks will be continued during the second phase, and approximately 100,000 men will be needed for this work.

CCF TROOPS RESTORE IRRIGATION IN SINKIANG -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 24 jun 50

Urumchi, 10 June (Hsin-hua) -- By the end of May 1950, CCF troops stationed in Sinkiang had opened up for cultivation 637,500 mou (6 mou equals 1 acre) of land and had planted seeds in over 43,000 mou of land. They also restored to working condition the irrigation facilities capable of supplying water to over one million mou of land.

CCF TROOPS PREVENT FLOODS IN CENTRAL CHINA -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 24 Jun 50

Hankov, 9 June (Hsin-hua) -- Among the flood-prevention projects undertaken by CCF troops in the Central and South China Regional District are the reconstruction and repair of: the dikes of the Han Ho south of Chung-hsiang, Hupeh; those of the Chang-ku-t'i near Hankov; the Ho-feng-wan dike in the eastern outskirts of Changsha, Hunan; and the embankments at Hui-yang, Kwangtung.

In Honan, to prevent the floods from which the people have suffered for more than 10 years, the troops helped the local people dredge the Ying Ho; the Ch'ing-i Ho, a tributary of the former; and the Shuang-po Ho.

All of these projects are finished with the exception of the work mentioned on the Han Ho, Ying Ho, and Ch'ing-i Ho.

More than 18,000 farmers are relieved from the danger of flood by the work done on the embankment near Hui-yang, Kwantung. As a result of the repairs near Ch'ang-sha, it is estimated that production may be increased by 300,000 piculs of rice. The work along the Han Ho is transforming 350,000 mou of marshy land into good farm land.

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