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COERCED LENDING AROUSES RESENTMENT -- Ning-po Yung-chiang Jih-pao, 27 Jun 50

In Ch'ang-shih village the cadre leaders received applications from 80-odd families, for a loan of grain from the peasants' union. The cadres and the union chairman called several meetings and set up an emergency committee. A village mass meeting was called, purportedly, "to protest against the US dropping atom bombs; every head of a family must be present."

When the meeting opened, the village cadres announced that an emergency committee was to be set up and called upon Hung Min of the primary school to explain the meaning of the emergency committee. Then the cadres nominated a committee of ten with Su Te-hsien as chairman.

After the meeting adjourned, the cadres called the committee to village headquarters for a conference. The appeal of the 80-odd families was examined. It was decided that some 50 families were qualified to borrow grain and that 15,000 catties would be needed. It was demanded that the committee members set the example and lead off in lending grain, and that the interest on the loans be used for widows and orphans. The cadre members set down Wang Ch'uan-chung (rich peasant) for 2,000 catties; Wang Hsi-fu (rich peasant) for 2,000 catties; Jen Pin-hui (medium peasant) for 1,000 catties. At the time, Wang Ch'uan-chung agreed to 500 catties, Wang Hsi-fu to 300, and Jen Pin-hui to 100. But the cadres said: "Unless the loans are made, there will be no sleep." The meeting continued 4 days and 4 nights, with armed militia standing guard at the door. The three men were not allowed to leave the room. When the fifth day brought no results, the cadres grew furious, and said: "If you do not lend, you are hindering production; you are reactionaries; we will prepare a statement and send it to the hsien government."

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An old lady named Ko, who kept a cake shop in her home, was called to the "meeting." She made no promise to lend, so she was locked up for a night. Her son hearing of this came to protest; he was given several blows with a gun stock and was told to apologize before the village assembly. The outcome of all this was that 1,600 catties out of the 5,000 assessed were obtained.

The township cadre council rebuked the local cadres for "violating policy," but took no suitable action. The local men were much incensed at the council, saying: "The council did not come to our support, but rather criticized us; so, of course, our campaign did not succeed."

At present, the flames of this fire have not been extinguished. The peasant union head, Lu Shun, daily calls the men concerned for "talks" to force them to lend the amount of grain called for. He says: "It is a demand of the masses; the whole amount must be handed over." The masses now have very little interest in production.

(Chinese Editor's Note: The enforced lending program in this village has seriously hurt production and unlawfully violated human rights. The evil must be corrected at once. We hope that the higher authorities will look at it seriously and take needed measures.)

PEDICAB STAND HEADS TAKE GRAFT -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 23 Jun 50

The pedicab union now has 70,000 members in Shanghai, but through lack of political consciousness among this heterogeneous mass and lack of experience and good leadership, CCP policies are not carried out and popular support for the Communist Party is lost. For example:

The head of Stand No 13, Branch No 2, named Huang Ts'un-teh, wanted to celebrate his 40th birthday on 18 April. Several days before, he told his cell leaders that he was going to celebrate his birthday and that everyone must bring a present. Labor-capital disputes, securing a license, enjoyment of welfare provisions, etc., ordinarily are handled through the head of a stand. The workers, hearing the stand-head was to have a birthday, and seeing that this news was relayed by his henchmen, dared not fail to send a gift, even though they were living on the refuse from beans after making bean curd. Huang Ts'un-teh, after having his "happy birthday," appeared the next day wearing a gold ring!

Then there was Hsiao Kan, head of Stand No 19, of Branch No 4. Presuming on his seniority, he would give stringent orders in front of crowds. Though rebuked by the union several times, he only grew more harsh. He recklessly collected 1,000 yuan from each member of his stand for "passing the year." He charged each member applying for vehicle licenses, 1,200 yuan, and distributed more than 100 licenses, pocketing the entire sum. He vigorously pushed the sale of national bonds in the present campaign, issuing receipts in his own name, and kept 19 of them for himself.

These two cases have been handled by the union and in mass meetings. Huang was dismissed, and Hsiao sent up for trial. But conditions are still far from satisfactory. In an effort to improve matters, the union is establishing co-ordinating centers. For example, Branch No 2 has 75 stands, which have now been organized under nine such centers. This is expected to enable the union to function more effectively.

INCORRIGIBLE TAX-OFFICIAL DISMISSED -- Ning-po Yung-chiang Jih-pao, 24 Jun 50

Wu Sheng-ken, employee of the local tax office who refused to reform after repeated warnings, has been dismissed.

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After the liberation, Wu took a short course in economics and was given a post in the local tax office. Because he joined the revolutionary movement for selfish motives, his ingrained habits of the old society persisted in spite of brief training in the new ideology, and despite warnings from superiors, and pleadings from comrades.

His convivial contacts with merchants enabled him to use his position to accept bribes. He even loaned the tax-seal stamp to some merchants for several days to do their own affixing of evidence of having paid excise.

SMUGGLED GOODS DISCOVERED -- Ning-po Yung-chiang Jih-pao, 24 Jun 50

Under instructions from superiors, excise inspectors are exercising extra diligence and are meeting with results. Inspectors of the Feng-hua office have uncovered 15,000 catties of smuggled salt at nearby points. At Yu-yao, 62 jars of smuggled wine have been found. These were confiscated. The Ch'ai-ch'iao tax office, in Chen-hai Hsien, has uncovered 28,633 catties of granulated sugar, and 690 catties of brown, smuggled sugar.

CLANDESTINE SELLING OF GOVERNMENT GRAIN -- Ning-po Yung-chiang Jih-pao, 24 Jun 50

The Cheng-hsing Mill in Ning-po had accepted 89,778 catties of public grain for processing and last April the manager, Sun Fan-chih, secretly sold it and absconded with the proceeds. The court gave him 2 months in which to make restitution. He paid no heed, so on 14 June 1950, the court sentenced him to a year's imprisonment and ordered the confiscation of all his property. The mill and its equipment have been assessed at about two-thirds the sum of the debt. Sun is still at-large, and the family is being pressed for the balance.

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