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CHINA ESTABLISHES YOUNG PIONEER CORPS — Shanghai, Ta Kung Pao, 25, 26 Oct 49

On 13 October 1949, the Central Committee of the New Democracy Youth Corps of China passed a resolution to establish the Young Pioneers Corps of China, to draft its constitution, and to hold an All-China Young Pioneers Corps rally next spring.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE YOUNG PIONEERS CORPS OF CHINA

The draft constitution for the Young Pioneers Corps of China is as follows:

Aim

The aim of this organization is to develop efficient individuals for the New China: by uniting children in the study of culture and sciences; by instilling in them the love for their country, people, work, and sciences; and by teaching them to respect other people's property.

Membership

Any child from 9 to 15 years of age shall be eligible for membership after acceptance by the proper corps authority. Each member shall abide by the corps law and take an active part in group activities.

Organization

1. The Young Pioneers Corps of China shall be organized under the leadership of the New Democracy Youth Corps of China. It shall be divided into two groups, one including children from 9 to 11 years of age, and other, from 12 to 15.
2. The corps shall be organized in schools, factories, offices, streets, villages, or rural areas. Eight to 15 corps members shall be organized into a

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platoon, three to five platoons into a company, and three to five companies into a battalion. Each platoon shall have one leader and one deputy leader; each company or battalion shall have one leader and two deputy leaders.

3. Each corps in village, rural area, school, factory, office, or street, shall establish its own corps headquarters. Each corps headquarters shall supervise corps activities.

4. Each official in the corps headquarters shall be elected by corps members.

5. The young pioneers corps on the district (chi'u) level, or above, shall not have its own corps headquarters since the corps shall be supervised by the district commissioner of the New Democracy Youth Corps of China.

6. Each district commissioner shall enlist the aid of the local elementary and middle-school teachers in recruiting members into young pioneers corps.

7. The activities of each young pioneers corps shall be recorded daily and submitted, at regular intervals, to corps headquarters or to district commissioners. All orders from the corps headquarters, or from the district commissioners, shall be adhered to by the corps members in order to teach discipline and cooperation.

Reward and Punishment

1. Any member who qualifies as a potential leader shall be rewarded in the presence of the fellow corps members.

2. Any member who disobeys the corps law shall be brought before the corps headquarters of district commissioner to be disciplined. If he persists in violating regulations, he shall be brought before higher authority to be reprimanded severely. If he corrects his ways, he shall

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again be given an opportunity to become a member in good standing.

3. Any member found guilty of a serious crime shall be dropped from corps membership. His case shall be reviewed and if he is cleared of the charge, he may apply for reinstatement.

Identification

The young pioneers corps shall have its own song, flag, emblem, salutes.

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BECOME INTERESTED IN SCIENTIFIC INVENTIONS ---

Shanghai, Ta Kung Pao, 20 May 51

Young children of new China are showing keen interest in scientific inventions. A meeting was held on 12 May at the Nanking branch of the China Academy of Sciences where 200 Young Pioneers gathered at the meeting, each carrying works made by their own hands, for mutual study and comparison.

Sun Ke-ting, a research member of the said academy said to the young children: "I hope you will be as fortunate as children of the Soviet Union, making models when young and becoming inventors of aircraft and other big machines when you grow up."

CHILDREN URGED TO LOVE COUNTRY, STUDY HARD, AND BUILD STRONG BODIES ---

Shanghai, Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 17 May 51

A city-wide celebration rally, Young Pioneers campfire, garden parties and a host of other features will be included in the International Children's Day program, according to the Shanghai's 1 June International Children's Day Preparatory Committee, on 16 May.

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Calling on parents and child welfare workers to take better care of the nation's young generation, the committee yesterday (16th) issued a statement which said in part: "In celebrating 1 June, children should be made better acquainted with the greatness and loveliness of our mother country. Let them know that only by studying hard, having a healthy body, resisting US and aiding Korea, safeguarding world peace, can we have a better and happier future for our children."

CHILDREN'S DAY -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 30, 31 May 51. (Peiping, 30, 31 May Hsin-hua)

Children in New China are happy, healthy, and well cared for and take part in a great variety of interesting activities. This fact is shown in a special pictorial page in the 30 May 51 Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao devoted to preparations for International Children's Day.

Emphasis on children's happiness and welfare in the national program of the Central People's Government of China will be the keynote of activities for International Children's Day. The Mayor of Peiping will speak to the children through the city's radio network. In Shanghai, six children's palaces are being prepared for the day for garden parties, free movies, and special radio programs organized for children.

School children of Peiping have been heralding the arrival of International Children's Day with sports contests, parties for parents and teachers, and camp fires during the past week.

[The above are extracts from the 30, 31 May issues of Jen-min Jih-pao and Hsin-hua, Peiping.]

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MUKDEN CHILDREN WISHED TO JOIN NSFA -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 2 Jun 51

The Mukden Sino-Soviet Friendship Association has decided that children in Mukden willing to join the Association may do so. This is encouraged to improve the education of children in internationalism and knowledge of Soviet Union. Members of the Young Pioneers may join as members of an organization, while children in general may join as individuals.

CADRES AND YOUTH CORPS MEMBERS IN NORTHEAST LEAD IN FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS; HELP MOBILIZE THE MASSES -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 5 May 51

The following is an excerpt from the article by Soong Ching-ling (Wife. Sun Yat-sen) entitled "Some Impressions From a Trip to the Northeast."⁷

"It is difficult to emphasize enough the importance of model farmers, Communist Party and New Democracy Youth Corps members when analyzing the successes of the rural areas in the Northeast. They have had a most profound influence on every sphere of village life. The land reform, use of new implements in farms, cooperation, the rise in production, and the standard of living, all have been possible because there were those villagers who could mobilize the masses for action, who could set the example for the others to study and follow. Such people, through the guidance of the Communist Party and our People's government, have been nurtured into self-sacrificing cadres, men and women who put the revolution above all else, who look past their present successes to the future task of building an agricultural base for industrializing China and above all giving its people the joys of Socialism.

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"There are certain marks of distinction which I found among the cadres of the Northeast. It is best perhaps to express these in the words of one of these advanced people, someone of whom you already know something, Comrade Han En. As he put it, 'A good cadre first should not be feared by the villagers. Second, the villagers should believe his words. Third, he must actually work for the villagers. To lead the production work well, he must go into the small cooperative groups personally and show others that he can work better than anybody else.'

"Han En is someone from whom we can learn and the words he expresses about what a cadre should be are worth thinking about. The reason I say this is not only that he has successfully started cooperative work groups and was elected a delegate to the National Conference of Labor Models. I say this on the basis of what his fellow-villagers think of him.

"One said, 'Han En is the kind of man who won't let you walk on a bridge which does not have support.' Still another spoke up with, 'Han En knows how to run meetings democratically. He discusses everything with the masses and never makes a long speech beforehand. He is apt to express himself last, summarizing all of the villagers opinions, picking out the correct ones, explaining what is wrong with the incorrect ones. Finally he lays out the plan for action. Since Han En's ideas contain all the best ones in the village, they are usually the decisions of our meetings.'

"These are the most valuable appraisals of a cadre's work, the words of the people. In this case there is no question of the people's appreciation of Han En's service. But then generally speaking, he

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typified the kind of model farm workers, Communist Party, and Youth Corps members we met in the Northeast. They were wide awake people, capable of accepting new ideas and methods of work easily, taking into consideration all details and working them into their plans, carefully and patiently explaining everything to their co-workers, taking the lead in learning as well as in working. It is no wonder one villager remarked, 'We know in advance that our plans will never turn out to be failure.'

"The people are thankful for such leadership, I recall a speech made by an old farmer of Yung-kuei Village. His name is Fong Hanezhan. First he told of his hardships in the greater part of his life and what the liberation meant to him and his family. Then he concluded with, 'I have lived to such an old age, but I have never seen such a day of blessing as this. I am determined that I will exert every ounce of my strength to make the next crop a good one so I can collect all of the grain possible. This will be my share to the economic reconstruction of New China. This will be my repayment to Chairman Mao and the People's Republic of China.'

"Such a statement is a tribute to the leadership of the Northeast, to the model farmers, the Communist Party and New Democracy Youth Corps and the government cadre members who labor for the people."

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