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TRUTH ABOUT CHINA.

~~xxxx~~ Bronx, NYC. Dec./11, 1946 ¹²⁴

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Truth about China vast--too vast to cover adequately in time allotted me.

Of particular interest to Americans is truth about American policy in China; and about the ~~xxxx~~ kind of government which we are supporting, arming, and financing there.

Supporters of our China policy tell us this is a purely legal matter; that the present Chinese Govt. is the legitimate, recognized govt. of China, and that we therefore support it; and that that ~~legitimate~~ Govt. ~~xxxxxxx~~ invited the American Govt. American troops now in China are there at the invitation of that government. Therefore legitimate.

Hatter + Morrison + Japan = 2 1/2 1/2 1/2
SOUNDS RESPECTABLE or plausible only to uninformed people.

Chinese people have entirely different conception of things.

June 22, 1946, General Yang Chieh, high-ranking Chinese

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military man, spoke to thousands in Kunming. Said:

"The Chinese Government today is not an independent government. Everything it does is under orders of America."

Quote from pages 1, 2, 3.

So the "Truth about China", seen ~~from~~ ^{through} the Chinese eyes, very different from that presented by American officials or the American press.

Nov. 18th, HAROLD ICKES, former Secty. of Interior, challenged American policy in China in New York Post. Said Our State Department does not formulate our China policy. It is made by Navy Secretary Forrestal and President Truman's Chief-of-staff, Admiral Leahy, he said. Under ~~thxxx~~ such men, he said, America is taking part in the Chinese civil war, supporting the dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek, whom Mr. Ickes called

"as ruthless, cruel and treacherous a dictator as had ever wielded despotic power anywhere."

I have just been informed by ~~someone~~ ~~XXXXX~~ who was ^{an official} formerly an Embassy official in China, that our policy in China is also formulated by our War Department. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{military}

You all recall President Truman's stated China policy of Dec. 15th, 1945, that

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT TO THE PRESENT CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT EXTEND TO MILITARY INTERVENTION TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF CHINESE INTERNAL STRIFE. R

That statement reminded us that at the Moscow Conf. ^(Dec 45) of the Big Three Foreign Ministers reaffirmed THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CHINA. They agreed to encourage and support the formation of a democratic government in China.

General George Marshall sent to implement that ~~the~~ policy. But IN FEBRUARY, our Secty. of War, Patterson, made trip around world and to China.

An official informs me that last Feb. Patterson

changed our ~~foreign~~ policy toward China from aid to formation of a democratic government to the use of China as an instrument, as a ~~XXXXXX~~ military base against Russia. Following that line, General Wedemeyer called a ~~XXXXXX~~ secret conf. of military officers in China ~~and spoke violently against Russia~~ about our new policy.

I am also informed that the Chinese ~~xxx~~ port of Tsingtao is to remain an American ~~XXXXX~~ naval base indefinitely. ~~Our~~ our 7th Fleet.

Press and officials say "Tsin-~~tao~~ not a naval base". Merely naval installations there. ~~A base by any other name.~~ Tsingtao once a German Naval Base; then a Japanese Naval base. Now an American Naval base.

REVIEW EFFORTS TO CREATE DEMOCRATIC GOVT.

^{Change order to support the} War ended. KMT dictatorship both ~~hated~~ and weak. ^{People's} Deside for peace so great the ~~People's~~ Consult. Conf. possible, sponsored by Marshall in pursuit of Truman's stated China policy.

KMT; CCP; Democ. League; Non-party elements.

Jan. agreement for interim coalition govt. ~~is~~ until people's elections for a democratic Nat. Assembly which would draw up and adopt a democratic const.

KMT and CCP armies to be amalgamated and reorganized into a Chinese National Army. UNDER THE DEMOCRATIC Govt.

draft AGREEMENT TO SET ASIDE THE special KMT/Const. and the Nat. Assembly APPOINTED in 1936, and start anew with a democratic assembly and a democratic const. Com. made widespread concessions; disbanded half million men.

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war
57 to date*

That was in January, ~~this year~~ 1946.

Then things began to change ~~strangely~~ *surprisingly*

American transport of KMT forces into battle stations in Communist-liberated regions of north.

~~Secy. of War Patterson visited China in Feb. and seems to have adopted a new policy.~~

Patterson 1, - 46.

March the CEC of the KMT met in Chungking and unilaterally changed the agreed-to and signed January agreement.

Aborted that agreement. *Chiang (i. state) - Gue*

96 1. -> liberal state
Drew up secret plans (Chiang at head) to destroy the agreement over period of months as preparatory step to all-out civil war for extermination of Communist armies.

EVERY ONE KNEW THAT the issue in China not Communism. ~~Not even Communists maintained that, or advocated it.~~ DEMOCRACY with civil rights ~~is all~~ the issue. *KMT conspiracy*
destroy of idea -
Chinese Democratic League, representing professional middle class people a thorn in side of KMT. If KMT could get rid of those men, it could make the China problem appear as a straight out fight between KMT and Communists. This could be presented to America and gain support of Am. Govt. and American capitalist class.

America decisive. Not the Chinese people. Not what Chinese people want and desperately need--peace, democracy, progress.

American guns & money would decide everything.

*Disproven
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American and Chinese reactionaries worked together. Presented China problem as struggle between KMT and Com., ~~xxxx~~ the Com. as agents of Russia. ~~NO PROOF, NO FACT,~~ absolutely nothing. Chief thing was to confuse American people by carefully concocted news and statements. Meantime to prepare for total extermination of both Chinese Democratic League and of Chinese Com-~~Com.~~ armies.

Democ. ~~League~~ to be silenced, bought over, terrorized, or exterminated. Democratic press to be destroyed.

Out of this came the wave of terror against every manifestation of terror in China, from March to present day. Hundreds of newspapers and magazines closed down or smashed to pieces, untold number of men disappeared, some found dead, others never heard of again. ^{Our press made no mention of most of these cases.} Newspapers received them; suppressed the news or not interested.

*Marsden
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In July 2 cases made front pages Am. press: Two leading Chinese democrats assassinated. American pistols with silencers. ~~Investigation.~~

11 others fled to American Consulate.

Not because of Chinese ~~army~~ and protests, but because of American publicity, Govt. sent a General ^{investigate} ~~given~~ to assassination of democrats, ~~to investigate.~~ American State Department knows who murdered the men--two reports.

Two men ~~and~~ shot for the assassinations. Two innocent men shot; for the murderers. Streets cleared.

Assassinations carried out by order of Garrison Commander in Kunming, who received highest orders. Ku Chu-tung said so.

This issue also presented to America as "settled". Profests stopped. Reign of terror continued. Democratic League silenced--men in exile, ~~groups~~ ^{groups} bought over or terrorized.

This done, KMT+Com. war began, fomented deliberately by KMT; plans delivered to General Marshall. He ~~did~~ held SECRET CONFERENCES WITH Generalissimo. Civil war began as scheduled. ^{July}

America by then had armed completely or in part 57 KMT divisions; 700 ^{battalions}, 271 ^{battalions} ~~companies~~ ^{companies}. How many former puppets armed unknown. Majority taken into KMT armies. <sup>(800 M. A. 05
KMT troops)</sup> ^{Pacific}

Chinese press and Am. press in China published facts suppressed in this country.

Such as:

1. Traitor troops armed and sent into war vs. Com.
2. KMT Generals who deserted to Japans given high commissions and command.
3. Japanese Sepcial Service in Peking (hundreds of men) functioning under KMT intact, with full knowledge of American Truce Team in Peking.
4. Jap. troops, 6,000 still, fighting in KMT armies in Shansi. ??
5. Desertion to Com. armies of 5,000 KMT troops in Honan recently and 60 KMT SS troops, with arms, ~~in~~ near Tsingtao. *Refugees weapons captured*
 Why do SS men join Com/ American UP reporter, William ~~Ayers~~ (not a word in our press) reported these men ~~xxxx~~ motivated by 3 things:
 American intervention in Chinese affairs--
 KMT responsibility for civil war--
 KMT disregard of all reforms for people.

To further consolidate their power and confuse and get American support, KMT called the old Nat. Assembly

and talk about a "Constitution."

Declared that
~~all us that~~ Com. and Dem. League refused to send delegates. *seats & left*

They refused because the PCC of last Jan. set aside entirely. KMT called the Nat. Assembly in its own name on Oct. 12th. ~~Now a fake comic opera debate going on.~~

Chiang
The old KMT Hitlerian-Japanese Constitution being ~~debated and~~ adopted. Delegates appointed by KMT. Under this Const. the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Nat. Assemb. would meet only 3 months every three years-- just as with Hitler. During remaining 33 months, the so-called President, Chiang, to rule, with powers to pass any emergency law. ~~all~~ agreements of PCC set aside; all officials to be appointed by central Executive which is not ~~xxxx~~ responsible to ~~Chinese~~, so-called, but only ~~ix~~ to the Pres. According to N. Y. Times report Dec. 1, the Const. being passed preserved

"EXTENDED POWERS, INCLUDING COMMAND OF LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES, THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR, CONCLUDE TREATIES, NEGOTIATE PEACE, DELCARE MARTIAL LAW, RULE BY MANDATE IN EMRGENCIES AND APPOINT OR REMOVE CIVIL OFFICIALS."

Dem. CP. demand return of Press, 1-8 Const. to Nat. Ass. 1-20

KMT blamed right to appoint
PCC
C. W.
Dem.
League

Chiang

This Const. same as Hitler's. Close resemblance to Jap. constitution of 1889.

All delegates asked to take oath of ~~allegiance~~ allegiance to this set-up. Even those ~~men who had~~ *deserted* ~~Deserted Democ League~~ (two small groups) refused to take the oath, remained away, denounced the oath as a blank check to the KMT.

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AMERICAN correspondents who tell truth to American people have hard time; many recalled and put on ice in this country. Theodore White an example. Resigned from Luce publications.

THUNDER OUT OF CHINA tells truth about KMT.

Communists reject all so-called "peace" talk with KMT. Demand first that the Nat. Assembly be dissolved and KMT armies withdraw to their positions as of Jan. 31st last. Every public statement of Chiang about efforts

for peace in China nothing but military manoeuvres. Whenever KMT talks of Peace proposals to Communists, know that they have suffered a defeat someplace and need time to bring up supplies, arms, food, equipment and re-enforcements. When you read that Chiang is offering to send a peace delegate to Yen-an, know that his armies have suffered reverses and need a breathing space before resuming the offensive. Secret milit. conference said 6 to 1 year to exterminate Com. Americans may be taken in by such manoeuvres, but no Chinese. No informed American taken in.

As one Com. guerrilla leader said: "To lay down our arms means to lose our heads."

N. Y. Times said recently that "American action would depend on the course of action of the Generalissimo." That is untrue. Just reverse. Generalissimo's act on will depend on what America does, for Generalissimo and his Government are AMERICAN QUISLINGS who depend entirely on American guns and money. Not independent. American puppets. ~~xxxxx~~

~~Secret Plasma~~ *UNRRA med (air) war.*
American blood on sale. Better than Tiger Bones.

WHAT SHOULD AN AMERICAN POLICY BE

If we wish to win and keep friends, not to arouse enemies and hatred as today throughout China, we should

- 4/15/41 Dec. 15 Truman*
1. Carry out the ~~Jan. 1941~~ agreement. *And agreement of Moscow & Big For. Min.*
 2. All our actions should benefit Chinese people. Needs of Chinese people: *6 r. m. g.*
 3. *Not war, hunger, disease, as today, but Peace, democracy, progress.*

Why should America arm and finance enemies of peace, democracy and progress; arm and finance men whom our Govt. knows to be rotten to the ~~XXXXX~~ core, corrupt, reactionary. Fascists, dictators.

Our Govt. despises the KMT which it supports and arms. When we approach China to use it as an instrument

against Russia, we wind up with a useless, vicious China. That Govt. known as a puppet of American imperialism, and consequently hated by Chinese people. Chinese people catch on fast. Chinese people hate that government and hate and fear America.

The American military mind that vomits up the idea that the USA must support anybody who opposes Russia is suicidal. ~~xxxx~~ This policy forces us to support and pay for the most vicious elements in China.

\$4 billion dollars to such men--\$30 for each of us.

Money given China today TAKEN FROM YOUR POCKET AND MINE IN TAXES. *(Our money used for KMT armaments)*

Those reactionary Fascists like the Japanese warlords who got our guns and bombs and scrap metal and gasoline until strong enough to pull a Pearl Harbor. Want us to fight Russia--that we both might be weakened. Chiang hates democracy, hates foreigners. Has boasted that he drew America into war vs. Japan; and that he can make America fight Russia.

Student Demos.

*Time, v. 2, p. 100
to use*