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Why a Com. arising?

Because of the nature of the feudal
system -

Forms of exploitation

Taxes of every description from cradle to grave

Rent

now: conscription

~~Usury~~
~~The gentry~~

Landlord (official administrators) who

exercise absolute monarchical power unchecked by popular will and unbounded as the whims of the monarch are unbounded.

Officials of every rank enjoy as much authority as their immediate superiors

"will tolerate
Rights of people are not protected by law."

Hsiao
Tung-fei

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The welfare of the people is hung by a thread on the good conscience of the power hierarchy ^{which rules by sheer personal will.} Good conscience rarely appears in those who personify power. Therefore political power sometimes becomes even "more fearful than tigers".

The century, being the class of people, minority, living on privileges, must enter alienation of persons. a recognized them for the lack to hold power

Only bribery ~~can bring relief~~ or armed force ~~bring relief~~
See Thunder Out of China

for examples.

No man, no party or group can protect itself or exercise ~~no~~ influence if it has no army. (Medieval Europe)

As soon as a ruler, regardless of who or what he is, seizes power, the gentry join hands with him by filling the rank and file of officialdom. Never in the history of China has the gentry rejected any ruler able to seize power and who recognizes the rights of the landowners. The landowning gentry enter the government, not from any sense of public duty, ~~xxx~~ for they have no sense of political responsibility. They ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ abhor public duty. They enter government service ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ with the purpose of protecting their own kin and relatives, and while holding government office they are working as representatives of their own kin. In fact, this ~~xxxx~~ is their main function. That is why Government officials see nothing wrong in mulching the people, ~~xxxxxx~~ and amassing great fortunes even in the midst of a disastrous war and depositing their profits in American banks, as they did. While America Gave govt a long of \$100,000,000 during the war, Chinese officials sent \$300,000,000 in war profits to this country. Prof. Ma Ying-chu exposed this in 1940 and for this he was secretly arrested and confined for a number of years.

The ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ gentry through long history have acquired one and only one set of codes of professional ethics. They preach the doctrine of order: everyone should

behave according to and be satisfied by the position he occupies in the social structure. This is the essence of Confucianism. The gentry's interest is maintaining order irrespective of who is in power. ~~if they~~ They will at times try to protect the peasants from too rapacious a policy of the govt., but if the peasants revolt against the ruler and disturb the social order, the gentry will fight on the side of the ruler. Being a privileged class themselves, they are never revolutionary. Order and security are their sole interest.

crime

The one charge you heard against the Chinese Communists in the past 20 years was that "they disturbed the social order". I heard that throughout China during the war. That was why the Govt. objected to the mobilization and arming of the peasants as guerrillas, even when such actions could have halted the Japanese. Only the regular army should fight and if it retreated the people should sit and wait until the regular army returned as victors.

In the enemy rear, landlords who had remained behind often merely pulled down the ~~Japanese~~ flag and ran up the Japanese.

This system also explains why Chiang Kai-shek saw nothing wrong with ~~him~~ the Chinese puppet armies during the war and why

when the war ended, he immediately incorporated these puppets into his own KMT army. Of the 800,000 puppets who fought for the Japanese, over one-half were KMT armies who went over to the Japanese, with their officers, during the war. When the war ended in Japan's defeat, they took off the Japanese badges and put on the KMT. ~~They had~~ They began fighting the Communists. They had never tried to alter the social order in the least. The Communists had, and the Communists were the criminals.

PCC in Chungking: one demand was local self-government; but this would mean placing democratic rights in the hands of the peasants. The Constitution passed in Nanking denies that. The Presid. is given the right to appoint all officials-- and his officials would be the same gentry as in the past.

The system works like this:

Hsien magistrate issues an order, passing it down to the lower gentry in the villages. He orders so and so many conscripts. Local agents are sent to deliver the message and if they fail they are beaten or otherwise punished. ~~They~~ By the pao chia system introduced by the KMT in the '30, the family, and even the whole village, is held jointly responsible for the conduct of any one of its members. Vs. the Communists. Hsiao Tung-fei writes that the county jails are now full of prisoners who have committed no crime other than the fact that some of their family members happen to be deserters from the Army; or ~~conscripts who have not~~ ~~refused~~ ~~XXXX~~ that some of their family members ~~XXXX~~ ran away when they were to be conscripted.