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Expert citizens:  
Harvard - We think of Chinese conditions as our own! ~~Western~~

Internal conflict in China threatening national

civil war, is struggle between dictatorship and democracy; between reaction and progress; between entrenched ruling class and rising people's power.

*Chiang & Madame Stomized.*

*Prof. that Chiang writes China & anyone who can do that.*

Ed Johnson, PM correspondent in Italy, only American correspondent to attempt interpretation of basic struggle in Italy between feudalism and democracy. Recently wrote articles that sounded exactly like China:

*The greatest struggle back to unity*

"There are in mile after mile, house after house, village after village, millions of people who have never known, and whose forefathers have never known, what it means not to have a master. . . . The masters of the people remain as before-- the Catholic Church which exerts an influence comparable to medieval times, the large landowners who come down from their villas in the north to collect their money at harvest time, and such new bureaucrats as the government in Rome may from time to time send here."

(Interpret) Landlords in China do not come to the war zones to collect rents. They keep agents on their estates whose task is to collect the same rent, the same usurious interest on loans, from the peasants, as before the war. Rent never less than 50% of crop; sometimes 80%. All taxes loaded on the peasants. Peasants in debt to landlords, A peasant family might need \$50 to tide over a famine or drought, or death. Govt. rates are supposed to 3% a month--36% a year, on such loans. Almost never so low. May be 10% a month, or 20 or 30% a month, running up to 400% a year. The peasant, his sons, r

son's sons, try to pay the interest. Never succeed. Bound to landlord for generations. Give all their land, their cattle; sell their daughters ~~in~~ as slaves to landlord; men reduced to land laborers, but also bound, generation after generation. Live in low mud huts like pig styes. Landlord the "little emperors" in his village or region. He is the local government official, the tax collector, the ~~judge, jury, executioner~~ head of the local armed forces and the local police; he is judge, jury, executioner. His home the court and side rooms the jail.

~~Writings of Jefferson while our Ambassador in France describe lot of French peasant before the great French Revolution the same. Jefferson declared that all the governments of Europe were ~~in~~ a conspiracy against the common people, the poor.~~

These are the basic facts which all Americans should bear in mind when considering the internal conflict in China, called erroneously the Kuomintang-Communist conflict. Chu Teh said to Forman:

"Our war is not only a war of national liberation. It is also a war against ~~in~~ serfdom, against human slavery. Millions of Chinese peasants are serfs and slaves."

The one chief charge of the ~~Kuomintang~~ Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party of China, against the Chinese Communists, is that they "disturb the social order". The ~~Kuomintang~~ Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party which has ruled China by a dictatorship since 1927, and whose instrument is the present Chungking Govt., ~~maintains~~ maintains the present social order in all territory which it rules--which is only about 170,000,



in their ranks.

5. KMT aim is democracy (Lin Yutang line)  
by Com. is proletarian dictatorship.

KMT's People's Assembly and Constitution.

*6a. 8th Rt. & New 4 Army do not fight Japs -*

6. Admit concentration camps (Forced labor  
Camps), censorship, and blockade vs. ~~XXXXX~~ Communist-  
led 8th Route and <sup>New</sup> 4th Armies/ This "necessary".

TAKE POINTS ONE BY ONE. = *Nat. United front.*

EXPLAIN AND ANSWER.

"People's Assembly and Constitution".

*Conflict between two worlds = two historical  
epochs: medieval & modern.  
China = dictatorship; Confucianism = class  
medieval system.*

I saw revival of civil war and class war after war ~~xxx~~  
vs. Japan began.

1. Nat. United Front founded.
2. 8th Rt. given no guns. KMT expected and  
wanted it to be wiped out by Japs.
3. Forbade organization and arming of people  
to fight Japs.  
KMT said: "Let C. capture weapons if they  
want them".
4. Secret conference of Gestapo after Hankow  
fell. Began active civil war.
  - a. Transport station men buried alive.
  - b. Political Directors task: anti-Com.  
conflict.
  - c. Direct orders to wipe out Com.-led  
guerrillas. (Chang Tze-chung)  
Szechuen Army did it. *(New 4 - Jan. 1941)*
  - c. Tai Li's guerrillas along Yangtze.
  - d. Gen. of 50 Army removed because refused.
5. *Blockade.*

I GO TO FRONT WITH 8th ROUTE.

Nat. troops in retreat.  
Officials and landlords in military trucks.  
Wounded left to care for themselves.

Military-Political system of fighting.  
 To DRAW EVERY PERSON INTO WAR VS. JAPS.  
 Organ. of people following liberation.  
 Local guerrillas. Militiamen. *(Volunteers)*  
 People's organization.  
 Indusco. *Private industry + trade*  
 Schools: Military-Political Training Schools.  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Short-term for people.  
 Educ. campaigns in democracy.  
 Enfranchisement of people. Over 18.  
 Villages. Towns. Regional govts.

Reforms:

Reduction rent.  
 Abolition usury.  
 War-profiteering a crime. *Trading Enemy*  
 Marriage laws.  
 Monogamy.  
 Concubinage forbidden.  
 Marriage voluntary.

Today:

90,000,000 liberated.  
 2,000,000 Min Ping.

LOSSES  
 400,000. 535 off.  
 1,000,000 Japs killed  
 Capt. Jap. prisoners

Regulars: 600,000.

JAP DEFENCE SYSTEM BEGAN 1940. Moats; walls; forts.  
 KMT Govt. demands: reduction of regulars to  
 100,000 and withdrawals.  
 Disbandment of Min Ping.

TURN N. CHINA OVER TO JAPS.

KMT DEMANDS AMERICA DISARM GUERRILLAS AND TURN AREAS OVER TO ITS RULE.

KMT brought ~~China~~ war to standstill. Fought civil war.

*daohakuo: no resistance, wanted KMT fight*  
 Stilwell's recall lifted curtain. *Japs* Stilwell a scapegoat.

"Barbarian General from barbarian gountry."

Chinese Democratic League.

parties; groups; individuals.

Program:

(Quote)

Generalissimo incapable of understanding how any  
person has right of criticism.  
Generalissimo A JAPANESE PRODUCT.

DIPLOMAT: "CHAMPION LITTLE MAN"

(HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS.)

SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY" AND CONSTITUTION.

1,681 members.

655 "nominated by Provincial Govts."

240 appointed by Govt. directly.

155 appointed by special Govt. methods.

241 members of CC of KMT also ex-officio.

Tu Yueh-seng a delegate.

"Szzz" "Assembly of slaves". Called by despot  
and gangster.

WHAT DO CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND CHINESE DEMOCRATIC

League want:

1. Conf. of all parties. Coalition govt.  
To call Assembly, prepare constitution,  
enfranchise people.
2. Joint High Command.
3. Repeal laws suppressing people's freedom.
4. Cessation of secret political police activities  
vs. people. (Also in USA)
5. Release political prisoners.
6. End of KMT blockade.
7. Legalization all parties; of popularly-  
elected bodies in N.China.

ALL REJECTED BY KMT. TRIED TO BRIBE COMMUNISTS.  
Communists "aim at proletarian dictatorship".

Future remains on lap of gods.  
Today, they have democracy.  
What is a "proletarian" in China. Dispossessed  
people at mercy of overlords.  
80% of people are peasants. Proletarians.  
Ind. workers proletarians.  
Intellectual workers proletarians.

EVERY AMERICAN WHO RETURNED A DEFENDER OF COMMUNISTS.

Latest: ~~is~~ *military mission; correspondents; press.*  
Raymond P. Ludden, foreign service officer  
attached to Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's  
staff. as political adviser.  
Returned from 8 mo. stay with 8th Rt.  
State Dept. official.

Why do all Americans take attitude?

*Because Ch. Com. introduced  
Democratic institutions.*

*Com. + Democratic League demand seat at San Francisco.*  
I passed through ~~XXXXX~~ Ta Hung mountains with  
platoon of guerrillas.  
Govt. guerrillas ordered to wipe out our det.  
I argued and got right to pass through.  
Passed through mountains. "Open, Lao Ban".

✓ Came into valley. Saw peasants below fleeing into  
forests. We called them back.

My talk with a guerrilla soldier 20 years old near  
Nanking.

✓ Education.

Chen I's article.

Slogans:

1. Only by knowledge can youth be strengthened  
to reconstruct new world.
2. Men should be proud of all things created  
by labor and intelligence.
3. Where no struggle there is death.

KMT SLOGAN: One party, one principle, one leader.

## Maxims:

Tie your head to a pillar with belt to keep from falling asleep while you study.  
 Put pin in your jacket to keep awake while study.  
 Cut hole in wall and steal light from neighbor.  
 Study by reflected light of snow.

## Article ended:

"A man who has spent years in this Army will have listened to thousands of reports, attended thousands of conferences and discussion groups, read hundreds of books, taken part in tens or hundreds of battles. If, after this, he has not yet learned to drive forward to create a new world, then there is something wrong with him, not with our system of training."

## John Brown said to Thoreau:

"My little success, Mr. Thoreau, was not due to any star or magic. The enemy crumpled before us because they had no cause, no armor against affliction. When the time came to die, they did not wish this to be their last act on earth."

*Lattimore on Marxism.*

*Laski:*

*Ta Hung Mt. range -  
 Open, Lao Bau.*

Economically, militarily, and politically, the situation in China is rapidly deteriorating. The new Japanese military drive is described as an offensive against the American airfield at Laohokuo; and an effort to destroy the winter wheat crop. The offensive may be designed to destroy the airfield and to capture the wheat crop, but the line of the offensive seems directed toward <sup>Sian in</sup> the northwest and toward Chengtu in western China.

It comes at a moment when we are being told that China is getting on its feet with the opening of the Burma Road, with Donald Nelson's plan of industrialization. Yet, the latest reports tell us that inflation in KMT China is now soaring, 30% in the month of February alone. ~~xxx~~ Financially the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ KMT structure is collapsing.

Politically, the KMT is no better. No kind of change, save for the worst.

The present Chinese Govt. is not only  
incapable, but it is totally degenerate.  
From China, both the Communist regions and  
from the democratic forces in KMT China,  
have come warnings that if the USA decides  
to support Chiang Kai-shek, it is supporting  
a man who ~~has~~ has totally lost the confidence  
of the people. Chiang and his government  
do not represent the Chinese people and  
more and more the demand is raised that he  
get out and allow capable men to introduce  
a democratic government that will enjoy the  
confidence and support of the entire  
people.