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a proposal for answering the demands of 85 million people."

Harrison Forman, who has just returned from the Communist zone of China, told America's Town Meeting of the air last night (WJZ, Thursday, 8:30) that 80 per cent of the dispatches he sent from that area to the Herald Tribune had been killed by the Chungking government. The

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question under debate was: How can we achieve unity in China? But two speakers, Dr. Lin Yutang and Rep. Walter Judd (Rep. Minn.), devoted their time largely to attacking the war record of the Chinese Red Armies; in fact, Dr. Lin accused those armies of sabotage.

Agnes Smedley and Forman, both of whom have first hand knowledge of Red China, defended the Communists. Miss Smedley said that the proposals taken by the Communists to negotiations with the Kuomintang had previously been submitted to liberal and democratic organizations and parties, who, she charged, are without rights and freedoms under the Kuomintang.

That unity has not been achieved in China, said Forman, is due to the high and mighty attitude of the Kuomintang. The Communists demand equality on the basis of their war record, he said; in seven years, they have rescued 8 million Chinese from the Japanese, while the Kuomintang lost 200 million Chinese to the Japs. The Communists have done this, he said, without a single rifle, a single pound of food, a single round of ammunition from the Chungking government. To a proposal made by Dr. Lin in a recent book that the U. S. give Chiang-Kai-shek three tank divisions to wipe out the Communists, he said: "I'm ashamed of you, Dr. Lin; and as an American I'd be ashamed to listen to such