



PRELIMINARY RECOGNITION OF CRISIS by H.F. Schurmann, (PROBLEMS... 9-10/51)

Sino-Sov has overshadowed crisis within China as result of failure of '58 "Great Leap Forward"

9th pl. of CEC CC 8/59 gave revised figures for '58 crops & now emphasis once again is on agric so that 1960 plan "agriculture is the basis & ind. the leader". Chou En-lai told Edgar Snow (11/16/60--Hsinwan-pao (Hong Kong) that '59 & '60 "the most serious natural calamities that Ch. has encountered in the 20th c."

ALONG WITH crisis in agr. IS GROWING ALIENATION OF IMPORTANT SEGMENTS OF POL.

1/21/61 9th CC pl. Chairman (State Planning Comm.) Li Fu-shan said that were those "who have taken advantage of the difficulties created by natural calamities & shortcomings in basic-level work to carry out destructive activities" & do not understand that policies in commune are based on "the principles of ex. for fair prices, distribution according to work & work-more-earn-more."

COMMUNES "little nations" with party comm. acquiring enormous power to manipulate labor allocation where members were org'd. in teams & brigades assigned to work wherever required. "MASS LINE" COULD UNLEASH VAST NEW PROD. FORCES.

In '59 relaxed by adopting 3-level system of ownership, making production brigade rather than whole commune basic operational unit. Large prod. brigade embraces from 200-300 hshlds equivalent that is to what it was in agric. producers' coops., or single large village. then there are SPB (small prod. brigade) equivalent to only about 40 hshlds & while LPB (with right of ownership, RIGHT OF USE of labor, land, draught animals, farming tools & equipment is in SPB.

3-SIDED RED BANNER" now in name only--: soc. construction, Great Leap forward, & commune.

Now TECHNOLOGICAL improvement & LOWERING OF PROD. COSTS prod. must be run by SPECIALISTS "reform some coms. who are crudely unconcerned with detail, unwilling to understand, & often have no idea whatsoever of concrete conditions, but yet who direct production/" REGISTRATION is to be carried out.

In effect return to village-based rural eco.

Also abandonment of work-study policy "A school is after all a school" Yunnan U. party sec. (QUOTED BY SCHURMAN)

AB "meetings of immortals" (shehsienhui) org'd. to encourage intellectuals to speak out. & need to get support of "non-party cadres" PLUS NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC WORK & RAISING LEVELS OF EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY.

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HOW ORIGINAL IS "MAOISM"? by Arthur A. Cohen (PROBLEMS OF CHINA 11-12/61)

LIU SHAO-CH'I claimed in '45 that Mao had formulated a "theory" of Ch. rev. which meant new dev. of C-1st society on rev. conquest of power (of 1/14/50 HONAN Jih-pao: "Com. M-L is the ... greatest & most outstanding rev. leader, statesman & theorist of M-L in the modern era.")

Mao as philosopher -- claim based "On Practice" & "On Contradiction" both claimed to have been written in '37 but were pub'd in present form in '50 & '52 respectively. (central party organ, Jen-min jih-pao (12/29/50) & in Bolshevik #2712/50; & Ch. 4/1/52. Earlier publication of Mao's major writings in mid-'40s did NOT incl. either essay. 5/20/41 Hsia Chou wrote "Study Theory & Practice" without single reference to Mao. (Ch'un-chung (The Masses). Finally Vol. I of Mao's SW, pub'd. 10/31. This incl. "On Practice" did NOT incl. "On Contr." which appeared, out of sequence, Vol. II, 4/52 just after essay came out for 1st time in Jen-min jih-pao) (The article on phil. "Dial. Mat., Part II" (Min-chun (Democracy) Vol. I, No. 2/3/40) is quite primitive)

Key in journal was p 38 (PC) "Lucifer's..."

Cohen, to establish that on peasant ques., too, Mao is not original, quotes B.V. Plehanov on Lenin (in "The Wkg. Class & the S-D Intelligentsia") "IT IS NOT Marxism that we find in Lenin's views, but -- to use a term of ill repute -- peasant insurrection, a new version of the theory of haycocks leading to rabble."

CONTRADICTIONS IN SOCIALIST SOCIETY, claims Wu Chiang, "The Victory of the Dial. Law of His" in Che-hsueh 6/10/50 PHIL. Research "for the 1st time distinguished bet. 2 kinds of contradiction in soc... antagonistic & non-antagonistic." In June 55 Shu Wei-kuang "Great Leap in China's Transition Per." (Ibid) talks of peacefully "reconstituting" or "reforming" (kai-tso) says "This theory never before appeared in the classical works of M-L & no country in the world ever gone thru this kind of experience." AS A CLASS CAPITALISTS CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO WKR. -- new Maoist technique of "THOUGHT REMOLDING"

\*\*\*\*\* COMMUNES -- SHGRIOUT FROM SOC. TO C\*ISM WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE A HIGH DEGREE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION & TECH. DEV. \*\*\*\*\*

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