

KREMLIN WILL 'KEEP EYE' ON EVERY PEASANT

Iron Surveillance and Direction Is Aimed to Halt Lagging.

How the Soviet government will have its eye on virtually every peasant in the vast U. S. S. R. through the creation of "political sections" on every state farm and tractor station is told in this third of a series of articles by Eugene Lyons on new trends in the Russian government.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 10.—Stricter supervision of the Russian peasantry than ever attempted, since the abolition of feudalism, is being instituted here by the Kremlin through the creation of so-called "political sections" on every state farm and every tractor station in the whole country.

About 7,000 strategic points there-by will be formed, under the direct control of the central authorities, and the Communist party in Moscow, to enforce the official policies, destroy "hostile class elements" on the collective farms, and propagate the views of the ruling minority.

Covers Whole Nation

The political sections will cover the whole agricultural area of the Soviet Union with an iron network of surveillance and direction not responsive to local sentiment.

Heretofore Moscow depended in the village upon local Communists who, since they were dealing with their immediate neighbors, too often collaborated with them to fool the government.

The political sections, on the contrary, will be manned by Communists responsible directly to higher organs of the party and the commissariat of agriculture.

They will be armed, moreover, with extraordinary powers of investigation and punishment—not unlike the powers exercised by the C. P. U. in the cities.

Surreptitious enemies of the Soviet regime in the agrarian regions, and malcontents generally, will have slight chance of escaping detection by this new apparatus established to teach, reconcile and, if necessary, destroy them.

Must Pay Their Way

The sensational enlargement of Moscow's dictatorial control to cover every peasant household, whether collectivized or not, is dictated by serious difficulties in the domain of agriculture. The vast socialized sector of farming—some 200,000 collective farms and 5,000 state farms, together representing 80 per cent of farm production—is not yet profitable, as Stalin admitted.

The losses are being paid for by the country in a depressed standard of living, as Stalin did not admit.

To make them pay their way as quickly as possible is the chief talk of the Soviet regime at this juncture.

It must have food for the army of soldiers and the army of workers. Neither of these armies will retain its effectiveness unless the agrarian reform is strengthened.

Rigid Control Necessary

The rigid control of farming regions, therefore, was, an unavoidable necessity, as part of the regime of sharpened revolutionary vigilance just decided upon by the Soviet leaders.

In the past year or two the Soviet peasants have met the government's policies with tactics of nonco-operation similar to those employed in India against the British government.

Being unable to stand up for what

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They should try to agree on investments, but she is under no obligation to resign her independent rights.

They planted slowly and badly, they neglected the crops, and harvested apathetically.

About 7,000 points will soon exist, however, whence everything possible—from propaganda to prisons—will be done to overcome this non-co-operation.

Ring-leaders will be shipped out, faithless workers will be rewarded, and a campaign of education will be conducted to win the peasant masses to the Kremlin's viewpoints.

During the Civil war period, the newly-established Soviet government was obliged to use services of Tsarist generals and other officers whom it did not trust.

To meet the situation, it placed a "political commission" side by side with every military commissar. This method of dual direction later was applied successfully, in the Chinese revolution by Michael Borodin, General Galen and other Soviet advisers.

The chain of "political sectors" in the villages really is an adaptation of the same idea.

Side by side with the technical leaders of state farms and tractor stations, Moscow now will have "Political commissars" on whose loyalty it can depend.

Through these centers, in turn, it will have an eye on every peasant in the land.

Those who do not to the mark will be given short shrift.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS IN GRAIN ELEVATOR FIRE

Blaze Brought Under Control After 7-Hour Battle in Zero Weather.

By United Press CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—A million-dollar grain elevator fire was brought under control early today by hundreds of firemen, who battled the spectacular blaze seven hours in bitter cold weather.

The flames destroyed a grain shaft of the Rosenbaum Company on Goose Island. Officials said 1,630,000 bushels of grain were stored in the elevator.

Firemen, summoned by special alarms, were seriously hampered by a high wind and the sub-zero temperature.

As the biting wind whipped the flames out of control, firemen abandoned efforts to save the seven-story building and applied water and chemicals to nearby buildings.

JOBLESS TO PROTEST

Mass Meeting to Be Held at Statehouse on Tuesday.

PULLMAN RATES CUT

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Reduction of 10 per cent in Pullman rates and drop in cost of private bedrooms in sleeping cars, effective Saturday, was announced today by officials of the Big Four.

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