

## CHINA RAILROAD MAY RIP APART MAP OF ASIA

New 2,000-Mile Line  
'Break' for Soviet, So  
Japan Doesn't Like It.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Plans for a new 2,000-mile railway, which may change the map of Asia, have been announced by the Chinese government.

Strategically, for both China and Russia, the new line with motor highway feeders, would surpass in present importance the Trans-Siberian and Chinese Eastern railroads.

The Chinese section would open up Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan, in northwest China and make it possible to bring the products of that region down to the Pacific.

By building short connecting links between Russian Turkestan and the projected railway, the Soviet Union would have a new outlet to the Pacific from which Japan now has virtually barred it.

With the Japanese in control of all Manchuria, the Chinese and Russian-owned Eastern railway to Vladivostok has become useless to the Chinese.

Could Be Cut Early

And as the alternative Trans-Siberian line for hundreds of miles runs along the Manchurian border, it could be cut in a dozen places overnight if the Japanese cared to do so—as they would in case of conflict.

Vladivostok, therefore, now definitely is lost to Russia as a real outlet to the Pacific. As matters stand, Siberia has been bottled up by the Japanese. A new way out has become imperative and the new Chinese route would provide that way.

Russian-Turkestan and Chinese-Turkestan (Sinkiang) meet in central Asia. Already two Russian railroads go almost to the border. One, a direct line from Moscow, ends at Verni, Russian-Turkestan. The other begins at Krasnovodsk, on the Caspian sea, and passes through Bokhara and Samarkand to the Chinese frontier.

Both these lines easily could connect with the projected Chinese railway and provide an exit not only for European Russia, but for Siberia and the whole of central Asia.

The new line has not yet been fully surveyed. Experts have gone over the proposed route but surveyors will begin to peg it next month. Sven Hedin, noted Swedish explorer, will be in charge.

Now Soviet Border

Roughly, the highways and railroad will begin at or near the Soviet border, run along the Tarim river, along which gigantic irrigation projects are planned, thence eastward to connect with existing communications south of the Yellow river.

To have the outlet north of the Yellow river would not be safe, either for Russia or China. The Japanese general staff has plans for strategic control of all China east and north of the elbow of that turbulent stream.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$50,000,000 gold. Where or how the money is to be raised has not been made public. Chinese Finance Minister T. V. Soong just has completed a journey to America and Europe, where it is reported in established financial connections.

Russia, however, might be induced to furnish much, if not all, of the needed capital. The scheme is quite as important to her, economically and for purposes of national defense, as it is to China. Without some such line, she can be cut off from the Pacific whenever it suits the fancy of Japan.

Japanese Hostile

Japan is hostile to the plan. It would lessen the strategic importance of her conquest of Manchuria. It would strengthen China and help Russia out of a perilous pocket. Said Rengo, official Japanese news agency, in a recent bulletin:

"The Chinese government is working clandestinely in America and Europe to obtain loans and arms. Since the supply of funds or weapons to China will do no good but help aggravate internal dissension and anti-Japanese activities in the country, Japan must oppose such assistance from the powers. Should they persist," the bulletin concluded threateningly, "the Japanese government would be compelled to take suitable measures to prevent it."

SIX MORE ARRESTED  
IN FT. WAYNE STRIKE

Tailor Firm, Union Officials Pledge  
Early Settlement.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 14.—Six additional arrests for disorderly conduct growing out of a strike at the Ft. Wayne Tailoring Company have been made.

Meanwhile, officials of the firm and officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, together with representatives of the American Federation of Labor, predicted an early settlement of the walkout, which started a week ago.

More rotten eggs and tomatoes were hurled by pickets as workers who refused to join the strike, emerged from the tailoring company Wednesday.

Most of those arrested in connection with the walkout have won continuances in court. Some have demanded jury trials.

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PREDICTS FARM STRIKE



## NATIONAL FARM STRIKE THREAT HURLED AT U. S.

Adoption of Code Is Only  
Preventive, Iowa Lead-  
er Warns.

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DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 14.—A new national farm strike is "un-  
avoidable" unless NRA provisions are extended to agriculture, Milo Reno, influential farm leader, told the United Press.

An NRA code is being drafted by the Farmers Holiday Association, of which Reno is president. It will be submitted to directors from twenty-four midwest states at a meeting here Sept. 22 and to the recovery administration shortly thereafter.

"If it is not adopted," Reno said, "there is no possibility of postponing longer the strike scheduled for last spring which was delayed to give the administration a chance to make good its promises."

### Allotment Plan Destructive

Asserting that for more than a month he had resisted pressure from many states for a strike, Reno characterized the farm allotment programs as "destructive and pitiful efforts which can not give lasting relief."

The NRA, he said, "must be extended to agriculture at once or 500,000 American farmers will go on strike, holding their produce from markets."

Provisions of the proposed farmers' code of fair competition, Reno said, will follow the cost of production demands made by the holiday association two years ago. The practical application will in some respects follow the lumber code already formulated.

### Asks Wallace to Resign

Reno, who twice within the last week has called for the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in public addresses, said the slaughter of piggy sows and pigs was not economically sound and ultimately would result in "chaos."

"The only salvation of agriculture," he declared, "and the only attempted solution which we can tolerate any longer, is absolute equality under the NRA with all other branches of industry. A half million farmers realize that, and are demanding it."

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