

# Communists in China Are Greatly Feared By Rich, Poor Alike

Many in Red Army Forced to Fight; Unaware of Meaning of Communism

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WEIHAIEN, China, Sept. 9.—Visiting the besieged cities and battle areas of war-torn China and talking with the soldiers and people make it possible to explode some myths about Chinese Communists and about the Chinese Nationalist government.

Myth No. 1 is that the Communists generally are beloved by the common people of China, the poor peasants and villagers. The facts so far as this area of Shantung province is concerned, are that the Communists are greatly feared by rich and poor alike.



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The city of Yitu, for example, has been occupied by the Communists for the past six months. During that time all business ceased, all stores were closed, mission schools and hospitals were shut and a great many people fled. The same thing happened in Linchu and in village after village.

A "People's Army"  
Myth No. 2 is that the Communist army is a "people's army," expressing the rebellion of the ordinary peasant against the Nationalist government.  
I talked to dozens of Communist army prisoners captured by the Nationalists after the battle of Linchu. Scarcely a one had any idea what the word "Communism" meant. Most had been forced into service and compelled to fight. A few were former Nationalist soldiers who had been captured in previous battles and compelled to fight the government.

Myth No. 3 is that the Communists permit any degree of religious freedom in areas they control. The sole exception to this is those few cities where there are foreign missionaries who might possibly report on the situation. Even in those instances, religious worship is discouraged and Chinese pastors persecuted and humiliated.

Chinese Presbyterian and Baptist pastors frequently are accused of being "spies for the Americans" and

driven out of town. Catholics generally are persecuted most of all.

In the village of Chinchin, for example, Communists smashed into the Catholic church, seized everything of value and gave the German priest the equivalent of 5 cents in American money to pay for the damage. In Changchua, the Chinese Presbyterian pastors were forced to flee and their homes deliberately destroyed.

In the village of Changtuan, Communist political advisers collected Bibles which had been distributed by Presbyterian clergymen and burned them. In Shawo, the Communists attempted to force a Presbyterian pastor to order all young members of his church to attend Communist meetings. He refused.

Four Worship Freely  
Of the 30 Presbyterian churches in the Weihai area, only four—which are in Nationalist territory—are permitted to worship freely.

Throughout the villages in North Shantung province, Christian pastors have been thrown into jail by the Communists.

Myth No. 4 is that the highly touted "land reform" program is winning the peasants to the Communist side. It is true that in some cases land has been taken from landlords and distributed among the peasants. But in return, the Communists levy heavy taxes on it, appropriate whole crops to feed Communist armies, and press farmers who receive the land into military service.

War's Bitter Necessity  
There is little enough respect for political freedom or human rights in any of China. There is also little hope in Communist areas, except, on occasion, for the "show places" which foreigners occasionally are permitted to visit.



PLAN CELEBRATION—Above (left to right) are Wilson Mothershead, Kenneth Mosiman, John D. Hughes and Russell L. White, members of the Indianapolis Council of the Navy League, as they map plans for the gala Navy Day celebration Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

## Navy League Makes Plans For Three-Day Celebration

Plans for a gala three-day celebration of Navy Day are being made by the Indianapolis council of the Navy League, Russell L. White, president of the local council, announced today.

Mr. White has named Wilson Mothershead as Navy day chairman. John D. Hughes will be in charge of the program which will include the Naval reserve, Navy Officer reserve and Sea Scouts.

Dance Opens Program  
Mr. Hughes announced that the program will begin with a full dress Navy ball in the Naval Armory on White river, Oct. 25.

On Oct. 26, Sea Scouts from Port Optimist will receive trophies and honors in sail boat, whale boat and canoe races on White river at 30th st. On the east bank of the river, the Naval Armory will hold open house, and a large number of re-

serves will stand formation and parade for inspection by the public.

A high-ranking navy officer will be guest of honor at a reception in the Naval Armory Sunday night.

Luncheon Oct. 27  
A luncheon has been scheduled in the Indianapolis Athletic club for Oct. 27, the actual date of Navy day. The officer who is to be guest of the Navy League will broadcast at the luncheon over all local stations.

Monday night a dinner will be held at Port Optimist by the Indianapolis Sea Scouts, concluding the three-day celebration.

OPPOSES 'IKE' FOR 1948  
NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Thomas J. Watson, president of the International Business Machines Corp., today opposed the presidential boom for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Butler to Hear Theology Lecturer

Dr. William Robinson, principal of Overdale college and lecturer in theology, Birmingham university, Birmingham, England, will speak at 8 a. m. Thursday at the opening convocation series of the Butler university college of religion.

Dr. Robinson, a graduate of the Universities of Liverpool, Dublin, and Oxford holds membership in the British Council of churches, the point committee of the Church of England and Free Churches. In the Churches of Christ he is a member of the "central council, home missions committee, the publishing committee and the union committee.

O. E. S. PLANS DINNER  
Marion county Past Matrons and Patrons association, O. E. S., will have a dinner at 6:30 p. m. Thursday at the Masonic temple.

## Leprosy Subject Of Church Talk

Chicago Woman Lectures Tomorrow

The Woman's society of the First Baptist church will present speakers from Chicago and a film on leprosy tomorrow at 1 p. m. at the church.

Miss Lulu D. Ervin, Midwest secretary of the American Mission to Lepers with headquarters in Chicago, will speak. C. J. Ulrich of the same office will show a film on leprosy titled, "The Lonely Journey." Miss Ervin has been connected with the New York and Midwest offices of the mission for many years. She frequently has visited the United States leprosarium and is in constant contact with leper colonies all over the world.

She states that 10 million persons in the world have the disease but that only about one per cent of them are given aid. The others, cast off by society, sleep in the fields and by roadsides and exist on refuse thrown away by healthy people, she says.

Governments of countries and churches are struggling with the problem of leprosy which is a treatable disease, she adds.

## Holy Name Society Arranges Program

The Holy Name society of Sacred Heart Catholic church will meet at 8:30 p. m. next Monday at Sacred Heart high school. The Rev. Fr. Alvin Schlueter, O. F. M., athletic director of Sacred Heart High School Athletic association, will speak. Clifford White, ventriloquist and magician will present a program.

Albert J. Voigt is chairman of the program committee.

## Ben Davis Enrollment Hits 1120 Record

Enrollment at Ben Davis high school has reached 1120, largest in the school's history, school officials said today.

Five new teachers have been added to the faculty. They are Bernard DeWitt, Mrs. Mildred McKay Orme; Miss Winifred Jean Davis, Miss Jean Walvey and Mrs. Mabel B. Gordon.

## In the Services—2 Local Sailors Aboard Ship in Chesapeake Bay

Two Indianapolis sailors are serving aboard the U. S. S. Taconic participating in operations in Chesapeake bay.

They are Seaman 2-c Robert L. King, son of Mrs. Sally R. King, 5231 E. St. Clair st. and Electrician's Mate 3-c James M. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holland C. Cox, 6339 Jackson st.

Steward's Mate 2-c Alfred Hall, son of Mrs. Lillian Martin, 1918 Hovey st., is serving aboard the submarine tender U. S. S. Nerues on a cruise to Alaska and the Aleutian islands.

Aviation Electronic Technician's Mate 2-c Oliver A. Wallace, husband of Mrs. Shirley J. Wallace, 1944 Carrollton ave., is serving aboard the escort carrier U. S. S. Siboney operating with the Atlantic fleet in Caribbean waters.

Pharmacist's Mate 3-c Harold Umbenhower, son of Mrs. Mae Umbenhower, 1419 Williams st., recently toured Switzerland when his ship, destroyer tender U. S. S. Shenandoah, visited northern Italy.

His tour included trips to the parliament building in Bern; Lake Geneva; League of Nations buildings at Geneva; the Chateau de Chillon at Montreux; the Glacier Gardens at Lucerne, and the Alps.

Marine Pfc. Bill McLain, son of Mrs. Betty Hickman, 230 E. Bickling st., and Seaman 2-c Dallas George Rhude, husband of Mrs. Rosemary Rhude, 1916 Prospect st., have returned to the United States aboard the escort carrier Palau.

They were part of a special contingent representing the United States in Monrovia, Liberia during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Liberia's independence.

Ensign Morgan L. Davison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Davison, 2030 N. Delaware st., has reported to the naval air training station, Corpus Christi, Tex., for primary and basic instrument flight instruction.

## Plan Construction Of Catholic Buildings

Roman Catholic officials today predicted the beginning of a multi-billion dollar construction program for Catholic buildings of all kinds within the next year or 24 months. In order to spur the construction program an exposition will be held in 1948 in Chicago.

## Prices Big Topic For Restaurateurs

1500 Are Expected

At State Convention

More than 1500 persons are expected to attend the 14th annual convention of the Indiana Restaurant association to be held Oct. 7, 8 and 9 in Murat temple.

Keynote of the convention will be the problems of food costs and business operation in the face of rising prices, according to J. E. Schneider, executive secretary of the association.

Several well-known speakers will discuss subjects related to food and economics and a trade exposition featuring restaurant supplies and equipment will be held in conjunction with the program.

Harshman to Address Methodist Meeting  
The Woman's Society of Christian service of the Roberts Park Methodist church will present H. L. Harshman, assistant superintendent of schools, in an address Thursday afternoon at the church.

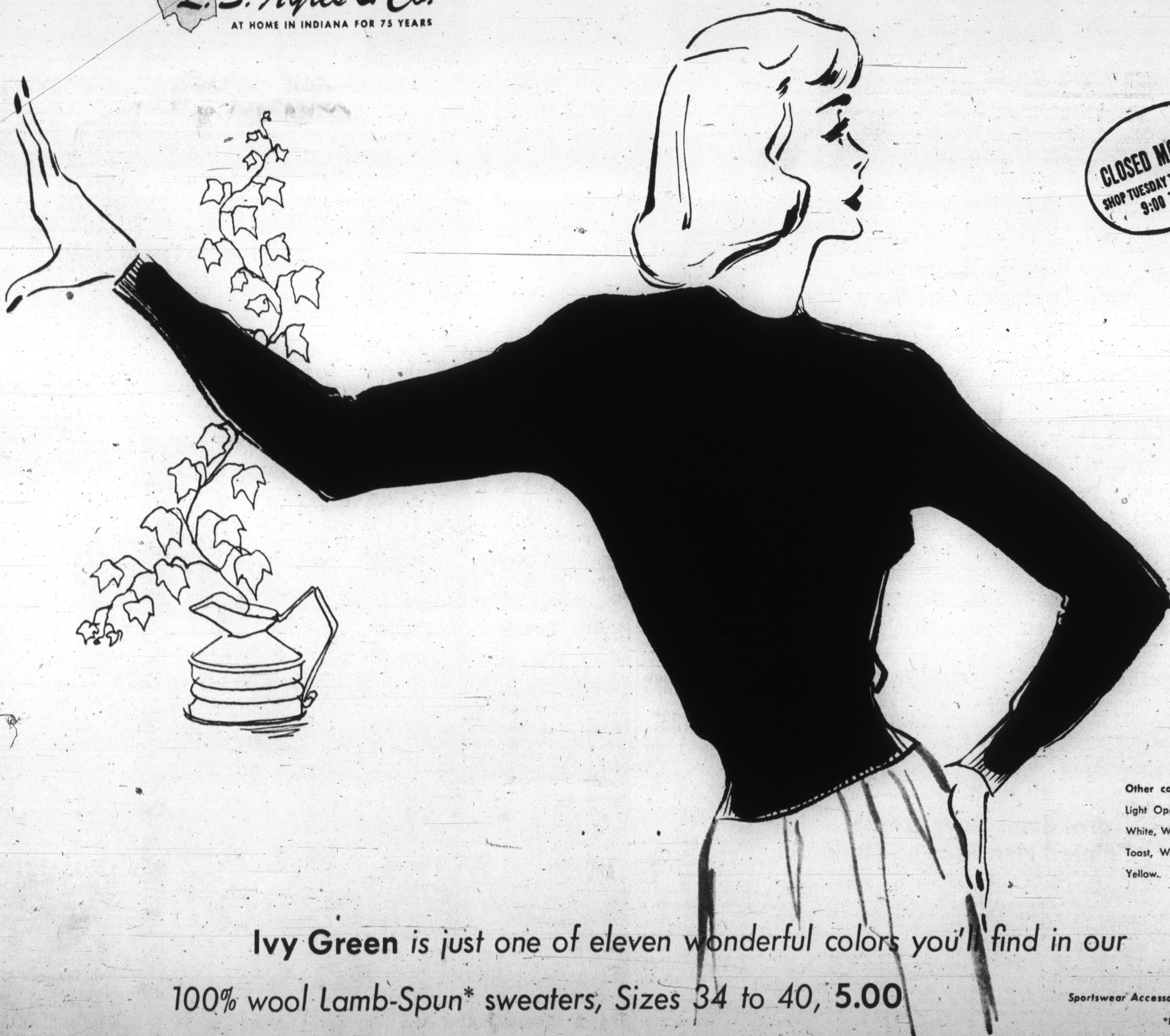
The address will climax an all-day meeting beginning at 10:30 a. m. Others on the program are Mrs. J. H. Smiley and Mrs. Robert McKee. Mrs. C. G. Shriver will preside.

## Honored for 30 Years In Telephone Industry

A jeweled pin has been presented to Walter Honecker, Indiana Bell Telephone Co. engineer, in recognition of his 30 years service in the telephone industry.

Mr. Honecker, who lives at 418 W. 44th st., is a member of the Hoosier State chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

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