

*Under the Soviet Heel in North China*

AFTER THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, with the aid and direction of the Communist party of the Soviet Union, had established the reign of Communist tyranny in North China, they convened, last year, a rump session of the All-China Labor Congress. Trade union representatives, having no other recourse, attended the session. A Communist envoy told the serfs what they had to do. Without ado, they decided to do it. As the Communist New China News Agency put it, the congress adopted a resolution saying: "Having heard the report by the representative of the Northeast Central Bureau of the Communist party of China, this congress fully endorses the general line and policies of the Central Committee of the Communist party of China in the present stage of the revolution." China being an agricultural country, it is interesting to note that among the tasks assigned the trade unionists was the achievement of unity with the peasantry. "That is to say," the resolution went on, "in the countryside the carrying out of the land reform, and distributing the land of the landlords and the feudal-rich peasants equally." China, like a good many nations, including our own, ignored the need for a comprehensive, scientific agrarian reform. As a result, she has now become the victim of a spurious Communist land reform, a mere redistribution scheme, which will set her agricultural progress back fifty years. Chinese children and adults will come to know famine more generally and more frequently, just as Soviet peasants do. It is a lesson in what happens when a fundamental social problem, such as that presented by an unjust land tenure system, is neglected too long. Will other nations heed it?

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