

More Help For China Urged To Combat Civil War Issue

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WASHINGTON—What do they mean when they talk about "more help for China?"

With any amount of American assistance ever put China on her feet? How much will it cost to produce in China the kind of economic rehabilitation we hope to achieve in the Marshall Plan nations of Europe?

According to the Chinese government's own records, we have spent since the war's end \$519,500,000 in Chinese civilian relief, nearly all of it a gift. In addition we have loaned China \$152,900,000 for reconstruction.

Now in the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) program for China, we are spending \$75,000,000 additional for economic assistance. None of these figures includes the large sums spent since the war, and still being spent on military aid.

What has been the result up to now?

Inflation Gets Worse

An ECA spokesman says the economic position of non-Communist China is continually deteriorating. Inflation is getting worse all the time. Lately he adds the volume of exports and flow of goods from the countryside into the major cities have fallen off sharply. There is a growing reluctance of farmers to sell foodstuffs for depreciating paper money.

The Chinese government's deficit amounts to 65 to 70 percent of total expenditures, he says. That means that the government collects in revenue only 30 to 35 percent of the money it needs to keep going. To pay its bills, it can only print more paper currency.

The immediate cause of China's acute economic troubles is, of course, the civil war eating up economic resources diverting man power from constructive work, disrupting essential services and preventing the increase of production.

The latest disaster has been the loss of Manchuria, which is richer in resources than any other region of the country. The Communists in finally forcing off the province took away the Nationalists' most valuable asset.

If it had not been for the Civil War in the opinion of one ECA official on China, the UNRRA program alone would have been sufficient to restore China at least to the economic position she held before World War II.

Leaving the civil war out of consideration however, what would it cost to put China on her feet economically? The ECA spokesman says the \$275,000,000 in agencies spending is not enough to stem the tide of economic deterioration.

President Truman in asking Congress for ECA funds for China last February, said only that the assistance he proposed "can assist in restoring the current economic deterioration and thus give the Chinese government a further opportunity to initiate the measures necessary to the establishment of more stable economic conditions."

Secretary of State Marshall in his plea to Congress for the ECA funds for China said only that they would "help retard the present rapid rate of economic deterioration."

The ECA spokesman says that the \$98,000,000 worth of supplies which were delivered by ECA to China in the first six months of the program had made a vital contribution in several key sectors of the economy. Without them, he says, the situation undoubtedly would have been worse.

"There is no doubt," he says, "that they have been of substantial benefit in sustaining public

Funeral Services For Joe Lassiter Set This Morning

Funeral services for Joe Lassiter, 23, insurance salesman of Franklin, whose body was found hanging by a belt from a hook in the door of his hotel room, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Franklin Baptist Church.

The Rev. Charles E. Parker, assisted by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Dr. P. R. Terry, coroner, attributed death to suicide. He said no note was left and that the body had evidently been hanging from the hook since about 9 p.m. Tuesday. The body was discovered by a porter.

Officers who investigated said they were told by Asheville hotel officials that Lassiter registered there at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Papers in his pockets identified him as being connected with the Paul Reserve Insurance Company of Massachusetts. Lassiter had previously sold insurance in the Waynesville area for a number of years.

Auto Horn Dodge Fails To Defeat Starlings

MILWAUKEE (U.P.)—Alderman John T. Aspd thought he had the problem of bothersome starlings solved with automobile horns.

Aspd mounted six electric horns across the block whose residents had complained the starlings were noisy. The residents had only to snap on their porch lights and a booming wall from the horns frightened the birds away.

But neighbors in adjoining blocks objected that the horns merely were moving into their throats.

In preventing widespread harassment and unrest and in keeping essential economic functions of public services going.

Ease Pressures

As long as the war continues, we can hardly hope to do any more than help the government ease the economic pressures. If we want to end the war, one State Department spokesman says, it might cost \$5,000,000,000.

If the war were to end, however, "we expect on China believes that American dollars and technical help could bring about a true rehabilitation. Even if the lines were stabilized in their present positions, with Manchuria permanently in Red territory, South and Central China would be undeveloped resources, which could be developed sufficiently to put Nationalist China on her feet."

Manchuria were regained and more came the job would be much easier. He reckons that \$1,500,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 could start China on the road to prosperity.

It would have to be spent over a period of years, he said. In China you could bring about rehabilitation on a massive scale as in Europe. China has barely started her industrial revolution. Labor would have to be trained, especially foreign.

Each plant and industry would have to be modernized one at a time.

But, eventually, he believes, a free and stable China could be created.

BIRTHDAY POSTPONED

CHICAGO (U.P.)—One of the strange items found stored in a furniture warehouse here was a birthday cake. It was discovered in a box after the customer died. The box cake and all had been in the warehouse more than 20 years.



Champion Has Net Income Of \$3 Million

The net income of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company for the quarter ending September 30th amounted to \$3,136,342.25, company officials announced this week.

After deducting provision for preferred dividends, this net income is equivalent to \$2.74 for the common share. The announcement said after appropriations to cover possible losses and increased cost of property replacements a balance of \$2,611,345.25, or \$2.27 per common share, was left for transfer to the surplus account.

Dividend of 50 cents a share were paid on common stock during the quarter.

Because of a change in the ending date of the company's current fiscal year from April 30, 1949, to March 31, 1949, the last previous report was limited to the two months ending June 30, 1948.

For the five months ending September 30, 1948, net income amounted to \$5,257,157.44, or \$4.60 per common share after preferred dividend requirements. Dividends paid on common stock during the five months amounted to \$1 a share.

Officials said the company's policy of investing a large portion of earnings in urgently needed plant improvements and timber reserves is being continued.

Honor Roll Is Announced For Saunook School

The A Honor Roll for the Saunook School for the month just completed has been announced as follows:

First Grade: Clifton Shoek Jr., Bill Shoek, Betty Davis, Lara Dawn Davis, Wade Arrington, and Shirley Sparks.

Second Grade: Ann McClure, Leona Davis, Charles David Beck, Jean McHaffey, Sara Cogdill.

Third Grade: Gerald Arrington, Susie Cogdill.

Fourth Grade: Tom Garrett.

Highway Employees To Hold Meeting Dec. 10

W. B. Ferguson of Burnsville, chairman of the Western Highway Employees, will speak at a dinner meeting of the association at 7 p.m. December 10 in George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville.

Legislators from the 10th highway division, which comprises 14 Western North Carolina counties, are expected to attend the meeting and discuss the legislative program for the highway system.

POLICE TEAM WORKS FAST

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (U.P.)—E. G. Matheny has nothing but praise for the police department after patrolmen Earl E. Thompson and Joe Davis recovered his automobile here 25 minutes after it had been stolen. But for Thompson and Davis the time was slow. Last April the two recovered a stolen automobile and arrested the suspected thief in less than three minutes.

ALL KINDS OF WEATHER

MINERAL WELLS, Tex. (U.P.)—Name your weather and Mineral Wells has it. At one time it was in the thick of competition for the state's hottest spot. Two weeks later, a Basile, La., resident checked out of his hotel here and said he was going home. He was tired of shivering in the cool air.

1948 AP All - America Grid Selections

Position	Player and College	Class	Age	Hght	Wght	Home Town
End	Dick Rifenburg, Mich.	Senior	22	6-3	197	Saginaw, Mich.
Tackle	Leo Nomellini, Minn.	Junior	24	6-2	250	Minneapolis
Guard	Paul Burris, Okla.	Senior	25	5-11	210	Muskogee, Okla.
Center	Charles Bednarik, Pa.	Senior	23	6-3	233	Bethlehem, Pa.
Guard	Rod Franz, Calif.	Junior	23	6-1	208	San Francisco
Tackle	Wm. Fischer, N. Dame	Senior	21	6-2	226	Chicago, Ill.
End	Barney Poole, Miss.	Senior	24	6-3	220	Gloster, Miss.
Back	Bobby Stuart, Army	Senior	21	5-11	175	Tulsa, Okla.
Back	Doak Walker, S. Meth.	Junior	21	5-11	168	Dallas, Tex.
Back	Charlie Justice, N. C.	Junior	24	5-10	165	Asheville, N. C.
Back	Art Murakowski, N.W.H.	Junior	23	6-0	195	E. Chicago, Ind.

Deaths

L. R. McABEE, JR.

Funeral services for Luther R. McAbee Jr., 16, who died of a heart attack Tuesday night in the home at Candler Road No. 23, will be held the morning of 11 a.m. in Calvary Baptist Church in Canton.

The Rev. C. H. Green and the Rev. Doris Miller will officiate and burial will be in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McAbee, one brother, James L. McAbee, five sisters, Mrs. Roy Landford of Canton, Mrs. Belle Moore of Fairfax, Va.; Mrs. Burke Howell of Falls Church, Va.; Mrs. L. Roberts of Canton, S. C.; and Mrs. Florence McAbee of Mullens, S. C.

Crawford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

R. MCKAY COOK

Funeral services for Rebas McKay Cook, 24, formerly of Canton who was killed Sunday in an automobile accident in Williamsburg, Va., were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Lane's Chapel Methodist Church near Canton.

The Rev. A. N. Allen and the Rev. E. E. Mabry officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Palpaters were George, Harold and Roy Cook, George Shumolis and Bruce McLeod.

Cook had made his home in New-pert News, Va., for the past five years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annie Mae Grahil Cook, a daughter, Miss Diane Cook; three brothers, Claud of Canton, James of West Virginia, and Hugh of Newport News; six sisters, Mrs. Jan Foster, Miss Theora Cook, Mrs. J. H. Medford and Mrs. A. A. Shumolis of Canton; Mrs. Edward Shoek and Mrs. Hillar Moore of Asheville.

Wells Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. MARIA JONES

Services for Mrs. Maria Jones, 64, native and long a resident of Swain county, who died Monday at the home of her daughters, Mrs. E. F. Vess, near Swainburg, after a long illness, were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Waynesville First Will Baptist church. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park.

Surviving are three other daughters, Mrs. Zeb Early and Mrs. Clarence Tipton, both of Swainburg, and Mrs. Jerry Caldwell of Spring Creek; two sons, Claude Jones of Swainburg and Charles Jones of Detroit, Mich.

SEARCH ABANDONED

SYDNEY, Australia (U.P.)—Search for the U. S. destroyer Peary, sunk in Darwin Harbor during the first Japanese bombing raid on the Australian mainland in February, 1942, has been abandoned. The Peary went down with her guns firing and 84 of her complement were drowned. It is now thought they Peary broke up and her wreckage was dispersed by the tide.

Up And Over To Score For North Carolina



Hosca Rodgers (70), North Carolina fullback, goes up and over to start a five-yard touchdown run against Virginia at Charlottesville, Va. Chan Highsmith, North Carolina tackle, takes horizontal position just in front of him to help clear the way. Virginia men; Jim Leavitt (90), and Stephen Osisek (96), backs. North Carolina won 34-12 to finish an unbeaten, once-tied season. Shortly after the victory, the New-Orleans Sugar Bowl committee announced that North Carolina and Oklahoma will meet in the 15th annual New Year's classic. (AP Wirephoto).

Don Cossack Will Present Concert Sunday, Dec. 13

The General Chorus of the Haywood County Chorus Association will present a concert Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Haywood County High School.

Bringing this world-famous chorus to Waynesville is an honor which should be proud of. The chorus, which by capacity audience of over a thousand in the last concert given as Washington, D.C., in 1947.

The program to be presented on Dec. 13 is composed of 15 songs of an exultant liturgical nature, of which Greek and Russian choruses, of which Russian folk songs, and of which once heard are never forgotten.

Named after the famous Russian folk singer, General Platoff, whose heroic feats made famous a hero of 20 years ago, the Don Chorus, under the able leadership of its conductor, Kostrukoff, found a home in this country some years ago and is now an American citizens. The chorus has become as much a part of the American music scene as the Blue Opera in Cincinnati and the Boston Pop Concerts.

Artists booked for the concert are and third concerts to be presented by the Haywood County Chorus Association. Concert Association at 111 N. Main Street, William Schatzkammer, J. H. H. H. H.

Highway Signs Statute Will Be Enforced Jan. 1

Strict enforcement of the statute covering the erection of highway signs, starting Jan. 1, is planned, it was announced yesterday by J. C. Walker, division highway engineer.

The signs cannot be placed closer than 50 feet from the center of the pavement. This does not apply to signs erected at a place of business to advertise that business where they do not encroach upon the right-of-way.

Where signs have been located on leased property in violation of the statute the owner shall have 12 months in which to relocate or correct the signs.

The regulations also include prohibitions against erections of signs more than four feet high within 200 feet of an intersection. The purpose of this is to eliminate blind corners for motorists.

The statute was enacted in 1941 but was not enforced during the war because of a shortage of manpower.

Dr. Ramsey Reads Paper At Meeting

Dr. Don Ramsey of Sylva read a paper on "Circulatory Diseases of the Eye" last night at the meeting of the Mountain District Society of Oculometrists at George Washington Hotel in Asheville.

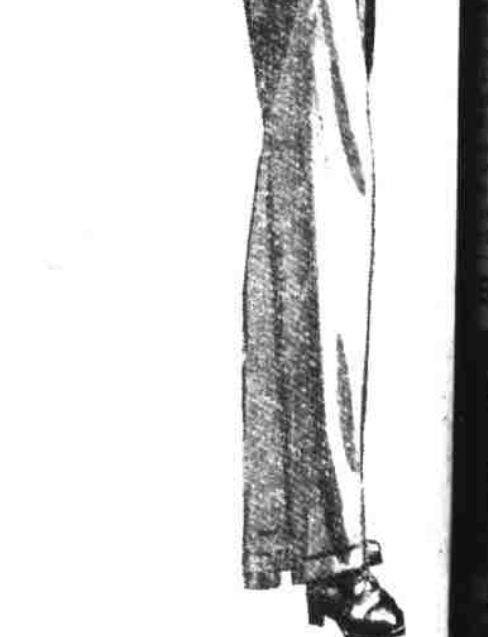
Dr. John Lockard of Asheville and Dr. E. O. Roland of Brevard were program chairmen.

1949 License Plates Are Now On Sale

Quite a few local motorists have already availed themselves of the new 1949 license plates which went on sale in Canton and Sylva Wednesday.

A large number of new tags have been noticed on vehicles in this area during the past few days. Licenses for North Carolina for 1949 have yellow backgrounds with black letters.

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