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SOVIET CONSUL TO LEAVE CHANGSHA.

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RESOLUTION OF PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE.

As reported in the Harkow Herald, the Soviet Consul at Changena has been asked by the Chinese authorities in Hunan to leave the city. The following is the text of the letter addressed to Mr. J. G. Sorokin, the Soviet Consul, by Mr. Theodore E. Hsiao, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for Hunan, advising him to leave Changsha owing to the recent disturbances in the city as in other districts like Liuyang and Liling. caused by irregular soldiers, bandit forces and understrable elements!

Oct. 3, 1927.
The Honorable J. G. Sorokin.
Consul of the U. S. S. R.

Changsha, Hunan.

Sir,-In view of the recent disturbances in the city as well as in other districts like Liuyang and Lilling, caused by irregular soldiery and bandit forces and undesirable elements, the question of the safety of foreign residents in general, and the foreign Consulates in particular, has been discussed in the meeting of the 80th session of the provincial Committee on the 1st inst. A resolution was passed to the effect that U.S.S.R. Consul should be advised to leave Changsha for the time being.

Neither the American Consul nor the British Consul will return to Changsha until local conditions warrant their safety, and, in like manner, your absence will greatly lessen the responsibility of the

Hunan Government.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

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MR. PORTER'S STRONG PROTEST.

HOLDS CHINESE RESPON-IBLE FOR LOSSES.

FOREICH COMMISSIONER BLAMES B.C.C. OCT 2 6 1927

Hankow, Oct. 15. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Hankow received the British Cigarette Company factorifollowing note from the British; Consul-General at Hankow concerning the alleged boycott of the cigarettes of the British-American munism imported from Moscow and Tobacco Company. The British carried out under professional Rus-Consul-General, in his note, threatens to hold the "Nationalist Gov- struction of British commercial inernment in general and the local authorities in particular responsibles for any loss or damage suffered by the British-American Tobacco Company and the British Cigarette Company as a result of the boycutt measures.

The text of the British note fol-

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, previously published by the Wuhan News Agency. in which on the grounds you stare you officially support the illegal and terrorist actions of the subsidized leaders of the boycost against the British-American Tobacco Co.

"You are fully aware, from the negotiations which have taken place in your office, between representatives of the British Cigarette Company and union officials, that the Company is and has alway been only too willing to reopen their factories subject to reasonable conditions. It is just because the conditions sought to be imposed by the union leaders have been unreasonable that the factory has remained closed. The responsibility

for any distress which may have been suffered by the employees, the vast majority of whom have no quarrel with the Company and are only too anxious to resume work. rests with the union entirely.

There was no trouble in the es prior to the arrival of the Nationalist Government with policy of extreme labour and comsian advice with a view to the deterests

"This policy has been only too successful and the results are now apparent in the poverty and distress of the people who have been made to pay the price for this and other disastrous experiments of the Nationalist Government.

"It is useless to try and lay the blame on the foreigner. The time will come, and is even now approaching, when the people can no longer be duped with this type of propaganda and will realize the true position of affairs.

"In the meantime I must hold the Nationalist Government in general and the local authorities in particular responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the British-American Tobacco Company and the British Cigarette Company as the result of the boycott measures they are so heartily supporting.

"I have no objection to this letter being published by the Wuhan News Agency.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration. (Signed) HAROLD PORTER.".

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THE COMMUNISM OF HUNAN

Varying Opinions as to the Prospects of a Peaceful Winter in

the Province: Tang Seng-chi's Influence

NOV 1 0 1927

FARMERS VERSUS BRIGANDS IN THE COUNTRY

As far as external appearances | go, Changsha is not very different from what it was last April and is certainly much pleasanter. There are no anti-foreign posters on the streets, the shopkeepers are delighted to welcome foreign customers, and though all the small children have not forgotten how to shout "Down with the imperialists" the formula has generally changed to "Foreign teacher, are you well". There were great celebrations recently in memory of the glorious revolution. The government interdict of processions and meetings was relaxed and, in the morning, speeches and plays were to be given in the Educational Square, the scene of the April massacres; in the evening a lantern procession was to trail round the town. Stages were erected for the entertainment, the streets decorated with greenery and lanterns; placards showing the "People's Three Principles" as a light guiding the good citizens of China to peace and happiness covered the walls and the people of Changsha gave themselves up to a day of rejoicing over the Revolution and over the returning prosperity of the city due to the abundant harvest and the restoration of the silver coinage.

All Not Yet Well

There was but one reminder that all is not yet well with Hunan. In the middle of the speeches, some one on the outskirts of the crowd threw a bomb and the people scattered in terror. The streets were cleared, arrests made, martial law proclaimed and the procession abandoned, but the ringleader escaped, and as long as this and other activities show that the Communists are still at work there can be no hope that the worst has already happened. Sooner or later

most people believe that the Communists will regain their power.

Opinions vary as to the prospect of a peaceful winter in Hunan. The officials say confidently that the present government will last a year at least and proudly point out their achievements and reforms. Tang Seng-chi is looking after the affairs of Changsha very closely, as he has of course always relied on Changsha as a refuge, and he has stationed a number of his picked troops here to support the administration. Though some of the officials are the same men who allowed the April Terror, others are new-young foreign-trained students with immense faith in their ability to maintain order and to establish prosperity immediately. The Communists are being sternly suppressed. A list of supposed Communists has been prepared and every day, two or three are executed on the new motor road just outside the East Gate. The unions are all said to have been dissolved; public meetings and processions are forbidden; and Chounan the oldest girls' school has been confiscated as its students were always said to be "red" in sympathy.

The proclamation that no middle schools were to open this term still stands, but by now no fewer than eight institutions have obtained permission to hold revision classes. Each students, however, must register, his record is carefully scrutinized and all school unions are forbiden. A few days ago the police made a systematic tour of all the schools in the city, primary and middle, and searched the premises for communist literature.

The Important Currency Question

The currency seems to be normal. There is plenty of silver and copper about and no paper is in

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businesses have lost very heavily, but a great deal of silver is going up to Changsha by every boat: Plans were made to start a Bank of Hunan, and more than \$30,000 was spent by those interested in printing bank notes, but Tang Seng-chi on his last visit refused to authorize the company and the notes are being burned in great bonfires outside the station. It is proposed to have a state bank of Hunan, Hupen and Kuangsi and to use the money recently extracted from the Bank of Communications for this purpose. The most important factor that makes for peace is the harvest, which contrary to all expectations is abundant. Rice which is \$8 in Hankow is only \$4 here, and the price of other food stuffs is also low.

Communists Not Brought to Account

All this is to the good and the government is to be congratulated on so soon restoring apparent peace and order, but disturbing signs are not lacking. First, no one trusts Tang Seng-chi, or has any confidence in his revolutionary principles or military integrity. He will probably try to hold Changsha, in case his plans for Central China fail, but no one thinks that he would not, for his own advantage, sacrifice his party or his province. It is said that he has been asked by Ho Chien, to retire, and he may not be unwilling to take the hint as he has made a good deal out of Hunan during his year of office. Again, none of the Communist leaders have been brought to account. Insignificant subordinates have perished and the government is making a great show of its activities against the movement, but the leaders themselves are at large and more or less openly working. Chuan San, the oldest revolutionary society which is known to have trained some of the most violent extremists last April, has just obtained permanent headquarters from the government. Moreover, the merciless taxation is steadily driving away all the former wealthy families and merchants.

另国为長少之分析:治纸帮流車一次人了了了了多好

land has in most cases been given! back to the owners, but in spite of the good harvest they receive almost nothing from it. A landowner told me recently that out of 200 tan of rice, the government took 100; the farmer 25; taxes for edu-cation of peasants' children came to five and 20 had to be put aside for next year. The 50 tan left were sent into the city to be sold, but before they reached the market, more than \$70 had been spent on military taxes, likin, market dues, etc. As unhusked rice sells for \$1.60 a tan, the owner made just \$10 on the whole transaction. In the city taxes have already been paid to two different governments this year, and now the taxes for the next two years have been collected.

Conditions are even worse in the country. Bands of brigands, most of them soldiers who have deserted with their arms, roam about, blundering, killing, and holding for ransom. In the south of the province a force of more than 500 men goes from place to place, seizing the population of a whole city and holding them in terror till enough money has been collected. In many country places the organization of the Farmers Union is still complete, and men meet in secret from time to time. At Liling recently, a group of men drove out the magistrate in the name of Communism, and this was believed to be the beginning of a widespread plot. There seems no doubt in the minds of the people that the Communists are working and cannot eventually be suppressed,

Secret Meetings of Farmers

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SERIOUS CONDITIONS AROUND SHANGHAI.

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P.TT: WOOSUNG FORTS.

Shanghai, Nov. 14.
Conditions are serious these days in the vicinity of Shanghai and Wassung. Vastarday, some par-

Woosung. Yesterday some persons were found destroying the railroad at the Chen-zeu station on the Shanghai-Nanking railway. Meanwhile, the Pei-Hai fleet made several attempts to bombard the forts of Woosung and Chinghai. Although nothing was accomplished on the part of the offenders in both cases, the authorities of the Shanghai and Woosung garrison have adopted special precautions against repetition of these incidents. Martial law has been intensified. Night trains are not allowed to run at a speed more than.

Soochow is also reported to be in a state of commotion. Pro-communist posters are found at variations streets. More than this, communist proclamations with seals of organizations distinctly communistic have appeared repeatedly on the

walls .- Kuo Wen.

15 miles per hour.

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NATIONALISTS AND REDS.

pondent writes :-

The Nationalists of Nanking and Shanghai are making a lot of outery against the lieds at the present time. There is no doubt that the Reds are organizing a last desperate move to control the Nationalist party, the move to consummate this winter. If it fails the Reds know their number is up. The move contemplates much more violent industrial strikes winter than have taken place during the last two or three years, and to this end all opposition to agitators is to be met with death to those and their families who resist.

Knowing this the Nationalists are describing as Red any and all movements in opposition to Nationalist dictation. The recent attack upon the Nationalist camp at Ishing on the northwest of the Tai-hu was described as Red, though the banners carried by those who took part therein proclaimed death to Reds parading as Nationalist soldiers. The demonstration was one of the usual premature outbursts in China before the general movement is consolidated. It was an enthusiastic outburst of the peasants and farmers against the Red actions of the soldiers in the regions controlled by the Nationalists. This move is not confined to Ishing but is widespread in southern Kiangsu, southern Anhui, the whole of Chekiang, north Fukien, the whole of Kueichow and the greater part of Yunnan.

The peasants and farmers are without arms and munitions or other implements of warfare than farm tools and timber axes, but they are full of determination utterly to destroy those who have ruined the country under the plea of the "Three Principles." It is part of the new move to "do in" all isolated parties of Nationalist soldiers wherever the peasants think they are strong enough to overcome these bodies. terror has been forced into the hearts of the Nationalist runaways, then the bigger programme of exterminating the Nationalist politicians who have deceived the people with spurious principles will be undertaken. The vengeance against these pocket-filling politicians will be all the greater for the enforced delay. It may be slow in coming; it will therefore be the more deadly sure .-N. C Daily News.

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THAT PROVOKING CONSULATE

Pelition for the Removal of the Bolshevik Headquarters

A MENACE TO THE SETTLEMENT

In connection with the reported intention of the Soviet Authorities to import 50 Red guards for the protection of the Consulate in Whangpoo Road, we are in receipt of a copy of a petition to he addressed to the Consular representatives, the Municipal Council, and the Chinese Authorities. asking for the removal of "this menace" from the confines of Shanghai.

The petition which can be signed at the offices of Mr. B. Firth, Mesers. Wheelock & Co.. 2 French Bund, or Mr. H. P. King, Room 512, Glen Line Building, reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, residents of Shanghal, protest to our Con-Bular representatives, the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the Chinese authorities against the activities of the Red Russian element residing in the U.S.S.R. Consulate General, at No. 1, Whangpoo Road, and which is the Consulate-General of a Power with which the internationally recognized Government of China has broken off diplomatic relations, after exposing to the world its subversive activities in fomenting trouble in China. These people are the instigators of all the lawlessness, strikes, assas-

sinations of loyal workers, intimidation, and general chaosi existing here and elsewhere in China. Their recent display, on: November 7, was a direct incite-i ment to reprisal by the White! Russians, and resulted in their shooting of several of the latter, and which can only be described; as deliberate murder and attempted murder. Their principal aim! is to create anarchy, and to bring about the ultimate ruin of the port of Shanghai. We, therefore, call upon the above-named authorities to take such steps as the situation demands, and to remove this menace from the confines of Shanghai.

"In view of the fact that Soviet: armed forces are now on the way to Shanghai ostensibly to defend the Soviet Consulate here, it is all the more important that no time be lost in presenting this: petition to the authorities, as the undersigned residents of the International Settlement of Shanghai need scarcely emphasize that whilst it would be a comparatively simple matter to close the Consulate now, a more difficult problem would arise should armed forces become entrenched there and who would be likely to offer

armed resistance."

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Local Consulate Not Importing Armed Men Against "Bandit N.C.D.N. Attacks"

We publish the following statement sent us by the Tass News Agency in the exact terms in which it was received, and we have no doubt that readers will appreciate the significance of the language used.

The Bolshevik consulate has never been attacked by bandits and consequently it may be perfectly true that it is not importing armed men for defence against that particular form of aggression. What is wanted, nowever, is an unequivocal statement to the effect that the Bolshevik consulate is not importing any men. -armed, or to be armed on arrival -for the defence of the building in question or for any other purpose envisaging breaches of the peace on one side or the other.

The language in which the contradiction is couched is not satisfactory, and must, in any event, be accepted exactly for what it is

worth.
The statement is as follows:-Shanghai, Nov. 24.

The "Tass News Agency" has been authorized by the Consulate General of the U. S. S. R. to contradict a report that has appeared in certain local newspapers re the alleged shipment to Shanghai from Vladivostok of an armed detachment to defend the Consulate from possible repetition of bandit attacks.

A report that has similarly appeared that the Consul General has left for Vladivostok is also without any foundation.

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SHANGHAI LABOUR'S FIERY CROSS NOV211927

Inflammatory Attempts to Rouse Workers to a General Strike: Agitators' Admission of Murder N.C.D.N.

SITUATION BECOMING MORE ACUTE

and its environs is becoming more mind in the least even if we lose acute daily. About 25,000 workers our lives provided conditions are are idle, due either to strikes or to i made easier for them. In the eyes lockouts subsequent to strikes. The of the capitalist, the labourer is radical elements are, and have been, lower than a dog. At first they advocating a policy of armed resist- instructed the foremen to oppress ance to loyal milihands, and propose us, but they later employed police-shooting down "capitalists," as they men for this purpose. Now they say, and seize the reins of local buy fire-arms for the use of "labour government. Foremen and those thieves," who beat and even kill us. in charge are murdered without a When we object, we are sent to chance for their lives and workmen prison, or executed. The best evidence of this can be found in the ment by hundreds, fearing assas-; arrest and massacre of more than sination.

the Japanese papers, who were in protest against such actions, more their quarters on Robison Road, cruelties will be inflicted upon us were attacked by a number of arm-1 in the future. A general strike is ed men in the employ of the former ! Shanghai General Labour Union, and were shot immediately. On the other hand, pamphlets of the Red! body state openly, that the Communists have adopted a programme or bloodshed and, "we executed a labour traitor."

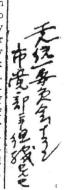
Workers are intimated secretly and are forced to leave their positions. The police have tried to cope with a situation that baffles them, and the extremists are able at night to post placards and distribute handbills, a copy of which-it speaks for itself boidly-follows below. We are publishing the document for general information, indicating the sort of literature being used to inflame the workers. But we are not to be taken as endorsing any of the statements of alleged fact therein contained, though the admission in the last sentence of the proclamation is not without sinister inter-N est:-

FROM THE SHANGHAI GENERAL LABOUR UNION TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT LABOURERS!

The labourers in the Eastern District suffer more than any others from oppression. They work more than 10 hours a day, and the only recompense accorded to them is cruel treatment. The capitalists can

The strike situation in Shanghal; never be satisfied. They do not 10 workers by the Wing On Cotton On Friday two men, according to Mill management. If we do not necessary to emphasize our dissatisfaction with these conditions. The General Labour Union will support you in giving effect to this decision.

> The labourers in the western district are now prohibited from speaking to one another by the capitalists. When they disobey this rule, they are sent to prison. Many of the western district labourers have been thrown out of employment owing to the decrease in wages. We already have had much experience with our employers. What we should do now is to unite and fight for a rank equal to that held by our employers. The General Labour Union will assist us in the fight. Seizure of political power and establishment of a Soviet Government should be our object. Let us overthrow the Unification Committee of Shanghai Labour Unions. Let us call a general strike. Let us seize the political power_



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Additional Accusations

Unsatisfied with the murderous activities of the Kuomintang; the capitalists of the Wing On Co. in co-operation with others, have organized a special Fascisti to massacre workers. massacre workers. As a con-sequence, on October 2, the workers of the Wing On Co. were trampled upon by the S. M. P., who arrested several tens of workers and seriously wounded a number of others. Moreover the capitalists of the Wing On Co. have declared that they are willing to purchase arms and ammunition to the value of \$200,000 to be used against the workers. In short, it would seem that they are planning to shorten our existence, and check our movement. Therefore, we should endeavour to fight desperately with the capitalists in order to destroy them.

The workers in the Eastern district have been on strike several days and about 2,800 workers of the Shanghai Cotton Mill No. 1 have also joined this strike as a token of their sympathy towards the Wing On Cetton mill workers. It is reported that our comrades in the Ewo Cotton Mill, Oriental Cotton Mill etc., will also join the strike. There are also signs that the strike will be extended to all Japanese cotton mills. Consequently the Japanese capitalists have arranged to get Japanese soldiers to guard their mills with a view to checking our movement. They also employ labour traitors to promote the same object secretly. This is indeed unbearable. As a sign of our indignation we executed a labour traitor named Annui Lau-32 of the Shanghai Cotton Mill No.

The workers' blood is flowing incessantly. It is being shed by the swords of the Imperialists, militarists, influential gentry and capitalists. The blood of the revolutionary workers murdered by the Kuomintang Party may be compared to a great flood. This will soon overflow and break the influence of the capitalists and the gentry. The "Red" tide will be

irresistible.

THE GUILT OF THE SOVIET

Striking Allegations in Provisional Court: Subsidy C.D.N. of \$1,000 a Strike

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PAYMENT BY SOVIET CONSULATE

veiation was made in the course of Settlement and that the Judge of the trial of one Lo Siau-mei and should six colleagues, including one woman, them who were charged by the Settlement irrespective for police with intimidation and inciting offenses. to strike in the Wing On Company's Deputy.

Ample evidence was submitted by trial Counsel for the Chinese authorities announced that he had a communication from the Defense Commissioner and evidence to submit proving that the accused were wanted for similar offenses in Chinese territory. In the Defense Com-missioner's communication was set forth the unqualified statement that this particular group received from the Soviet Consulate General \$1,000 for each strike that they get in motion by agitation or intimidation, that the striking mill hands, from and foremen is again tracethat the loss of monthly profits to the this year.

That the Soviet Consulate General | mills that they had already crippled was paying directly to one small meant a loss of \$20,000 monthly to group of labour agitators the sum of the "Nationalist" Government, pre-1,000 for each factory strike that sumably in taxes. Counsel for the they succeeded in fomenting was Defense Commissioner asked that the among the evidence submitted in prisoners be turned over to the Chidocumentary form vesterday morn- nese authorities for trial and punishing, in the Provisional Court, by ment. To this Mr. Goldring ob-Counsel for the Shanghai Defence jected, saying that they were then Commissioner. This sensational re- being tried for an offense in the pass sentence upon for the local offense, extra-Settlement

Judge Yung agreed with Mr. Goldmill. Mr. Goldring prosecuted for the ring and gave each of the agitators police before Judge Yung, with Mr. a sentence of one year and three Meinhardt sitting as Senior Consul's months imprisonment, the understanding being that if the Chinese authorities still wanted them when the police, but in the course of the this term had been served they could have them.

The open charge against the Consulate General of the U.S.S.R. of financing the subversive activities of the prisoners, who seemed to have no occupation other than that of trouble makers, was already widely known and was the subject of much comment in foreign circles, the assumption naturally being that the whole recrudescence of labour unrest, intimidation and of other criminal acts against loyal workers the mills that they succeeded in able to the same fountain head from closing received nothing of this, and which it was inspired in March of 我的我不了中多多的成也是人人 一千天的

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INTIMIDATION OF LOCAL LABOUR

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Workers Anxious to Remain at their Posts but N.C.D.Y. Frightened by Agitators

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA'S FIRM STAND .

that there is a misconceived idea amongst the labouring classes that they are not receiving their just due. This idea, as recent happenings show, has been instilled in the minds of workers by paid agitators, paid by forces above them whose sole idea is to paralyze the little trade which now is being carried on and which keeps hundreds of thousands of the Chinese labouring class at work. The continuance of mill strikes, the recent tramway strike and now the strike of employees in various industries, exclusively operated by Chinese, conclusively shows that the movement is not anti-foreign but is as a result of the intimidation of loyal workers willing to carry on, and thus maintain the trade of China, of which she is badly in need.

Yesterday's reports show that employees of Chinese jewellery shops, who had previously suspended work, were unable to reach any decision at their conference, with employers and their strike accordingly pemains in force. Chinese paper shop employees have ceased work, undoubtedly as a result of threats, as four intimidators were yesterday arrested by the S. M. police, caught in the act of threatening workers if they dared to return to their work.

More Trams Running

In the case of the tramway strike. the fitters and others who ceased work are still out and reports show that as a result of the posting on trams of plain clothes officers (foreign and Chinese) arrests have been effected of agitators who, on boarding cars, have threatened conductors, Notwithstanding this intolerable situation, the trams have operated and many loyal workers have signified their intention of carrying cn. They state that they are quite satisfied with the treatment afforded them by the company who, it will be remembered, have liberally dealt with

Recent events undoubtedly show employees as occasion offered. The Tramway Co, are adopting a firm attitude and have refused to be coerced by threats in doing that which they know to be unwarranted. The bulk of their employees are behind them and it is a significant fact that yesterday twelve cars were cherated from Bubbling terminus and eight from Wayside against a total of twelve operating en Monday.

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the reign of terror practised by paid agitators about a year ago is being attempted, and that loyal workers

in many branches of trade go to their work in fear and trembling of

the outcome.

Wharf coolies and godown-keepers, a week has elapsed since the strike H iye was declared. There are many loyal workers quite willing to carry on under conditions which they deem entirely satisfactory and the shipping company have deciared themselves firm in the matter. They refuse to be forced into making concessions which they realise are entirely inequitable. Strikers are embarrassing loyal workers and the company have definitely stated that if the intimidation continues they will drop all "negotiations" further have notified their various compradores that if work is not resumed by 9 a.m. to-day they will engage new hands, and from Japan if necessary. A number of the socalled strikers have offered themselves to the company ag intelligence agents and have stated that the strikers are without funds and are corrying on their strike on account of threats and intimidation. They harbour no ill will to the company but are afraid to resume work on account of the threats to their families by paid agitators, Chapei Shopkeepers' Strike There was a strike of shopkeepers in Chapei on Monday brought about by a visit by an official of the socalled Stamp Tax Bureau. 'This official visited a small shoe-maker's shop and demanded to examine the shoemaker's account books. He did so and complained that the books did not bear the stamp tax of the Bureau. The shopkeeper would be fined \$40 which he was required to pay there and then. He strenuously objected and after considerable argument the official agreed to reduce the fine to \$15. He then went to another store engaged in the selling of foreign goods; there he went through the same procedure and fined the owner \$15. An uproar occurred in which the alleged collector was requested to produce his eredentials: he had none; and as a result. all shops in that particular district closed at 10 a.m. and remained so. until 3 p.m. when, on the advice of the chief of the Woosung and Shanghai Constabulary they opened for business, minimum Reports show that a repetition

ROUND UP OF COMMUNISTS IN HANKOW N.C.D.N.

Anticipated Deportation of All Soviet Official

from the Port

Hankow, Dec. 16.

Hankow awoke to intense excitement this morning with the exRussian and ex-German Concessions occupied by Chinese troops carrying on a systematic house to-house search for suspected communists. Deing Bolishevika and were released at noon.

The Soviet Consulate received first attention, all its occupants, both Russian and Chinese being avrested, while other houses and cabarets occupied by Russians were later visited, the round-up being carried out in a thorough manner.

It is estimated that every communist or suspect in Hankow was captured.

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ing witnessed Russians of both sexes being marched off in their night attire, in some cases barefooted and roped together, while women were weeping hysterically.

girj jumped out of the second storey of a house and was severely injured. It is likely that a number of per-

the staff of the Consulate were taken to the Garrison Headquarters ... It appears that the Soviet Consul-General was also taken to the Head-In one , case a terrified Russian quarters of the Garrison. About 200

other Russians were arrested.

It is stated that the Garrison Headquarters authorities intend to

were unavoidably arrested, but it is expected that they will be released. Fearing possible activity of compatible activity of compatible in the exercise station, while it is at Barm to day and prohibited in presumed that the Soviet Consular staff are being detained at the Chinese in the exercise of the consular staff are being detained at the Chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the consular staff are being detained at the chinese in the chines

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IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL.

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 29, 1927.

THE KUOMINTANG'S SINCERITY

Were the Kuomintang a mere revolutionary party founded to create disturbance, it would not be surprising if members or local bodies attached to it were solely intent on participating in illegal activities. But according to the Kuomintang constitution, the Party is the Government and, therefore, the activities of the Party or any branch there of become ipso facto governmental activities. In the light of this fact, the conduct of the Party in connection with the B.A.T. strike in Pootung and Shanghai takes on an importance greater by far than a labour trouble to which, unhappily, we are fast becoming accustomed. The B.A.T. strike is political. Its object is political. It is being supported by the Government and by the Kuomintang. For instance, the "Sin Wan 'Pao" on December 21 reports that the B.A.T. Factory Striking Workers Supporting Society has petitioned the Military Council to instruct military men to suppress the smuggling of "enemy goods" by military men, and in reply the Council states that orders would be issued to that effect. Why are cigarettes manufactured and sold by a British company, "enemy goods?"

On the following day, the "Min Kuo Jih Pao," official organ of the Kuomintang reported that the headquarters of the Kuomintang Party, Fourth District, has been exerting its utmost in assisting the B.A.T. strikers. Good results were

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