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PRESS ANALYSIS
COMMUNIST TRENDS AND ACTIVITIES

"Free Sale Is Precondition for Imports; Agriculture Collapse Moves Swiftly." Under this banner, AKAHATA's lead story today discusses the Yugawara Conference and the Liberal Party's "fecklessness in farm policy." The article says the Liberal Party's recent farm policy is motivated solely by Upper House election considerations and repeats earlier cries of farm crisis. It also notes Agriculture Ministry opposition to the Liberal program. The next most prominently displayed item announces a three-month "peace promotion campaign" while other front-page articles dwell on May Day plans and the east Berlin youth rallies scheduled for late May. Labor news occupies much of the remaining space with Communist Diet utterances noted near the bottom of the page. An article on the "Frightening Police Situation" tops the back page.

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DIET

Councillor Itano Attacks Counterpart Fund: Communist Councillor ITANO blasts the "Yoshida Cabinet's militaristic and colonializing policy" at Wednesday's Upper House plenary session. He accuses the Government of "seeking to make the whole economy, present and future, dependent on the Counterpart Fund."

Lashing out at the Government's "reported" plan to create a new bank for handling the fund, he declares: "The projected special bank would virtually become the central bank of Japan, and the Bank of Japan would be lowered to the status of its subordinate organ. It would be another form of the now defunct Wartime Finance Bank, with the nature of a colonialistic bank of a certain nation." He also objects to establishment of yen credit on the basis of the fund. "As result of this", he concludes, "Japanese overseas trade is likely to be involved in military troubles in Southeastern Asia." (Akahata, 1 April)

Red Dietman Assails Tax Viol Control Law: Bill revising the National Tax Evasion Control Law meets widespread opposition on the Lower House floor yesterday prior to its passage. Representative KAWADA Kenji voices the Communist protest. "Purpose of the bill is to intensify fascistic tax collection procedures," he warns. pointing to a loophole "which would permit violations of dignity in the matter of personal searches of women." (Akahata, 1 April)

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KOREAN DEMANDS

Koreans Probe AG on Enforced Deportation: Representatives of Korean residents in Japan call on Attorney General UEDA Thursday. They demand first to know the truth of the 28 March ASAHI report stating that Korea had asked for the compulsory return of Korean nationals. Following this, they protest the "confiscation" of Taito hall and the "illegal action" of Tokyo District Court in throwing out the suit filed in connection with the Korean League dissolution.

On the same day ten officers of the disbanded league demand the expulsion of Presiding Judge CHITANE Tatsuo and two other judges of the Tokyo District Court. They charge that the three judges "unlawfully disposed" of the league's suit for cancellation of the Korean property seizure. Meanwhile a petition for impeachment of the judges, undersigned by FUSE Tatsuji and 21 other Liberal Bar Association members, is submitted to the Diet Impeachment Committee. (Akahata, 1 April)

FARM STRUGGLES

Farmers' Movement for Racial Independence: In their current onslaughts on tax offices farmers have been shouting: "It's a shame for us to pay such heavy taxes to be used for turning Japan into a military base or colony." In other words, backed by struggling worker groups, they have grasped the idea of racial independence.

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Communist Party Urges Mollusk Protection: Japan Communist Party turns its attention to the fostering of mollusks. In a statement issued yesterday, the Central Committee Secretariat directs all party members to take active part in forming mollusk protection leagues. "Gradually these can be led toward creation of a wide-scale united democratic front for racial independence, protection of peace, and an over-all peace treaty." (Akahata, 1 April)

Nittetsu Said Aiming at Cell Elimination: Today the Japan Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company is to be divided into four firms. Exploiting this chance to reshuffle the employees, management is trying to wipe out the Communist cell. Five union dispute committee members and seven cell members have already been transferred to the Liquidation Office of the former Nittetsu. Supported by the union the cell is contesting the action as "unfair labor practice." (Akahata, 1 April)

Medical Workers Appeal for WFTU Support: All Japan Council of Medical Workers Unions appeals to the World Federation of Trade Unions to support its struggle against state examination of nurses. The medical workers view the state tests as a device to bring about intensification of labor and the "hierarchial" job classification system. (Rodo Sensen, 31 March)

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