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Chapter 3 - If China "Goes Red"

- Month after month during the year 1929, and on into the early part of 1930, disturbing news came from the southern and south-central portions of China. Communist bands, during this period, captured city after city and county after county, and the strength of what came to be known as the "Red" forces was obviously rapidly on the increase.

In case after case the local and even the provincial authorities reported to the Nanking Government that the Communists had become so strong that further resistance had become hopeless. As the area under Communist control spread, it became a no-man's-land. News from the districts held by the Communists was scarce, but now and then Shanghai, Canton, or Hongkong learned from refugees of bloody massacres, of lootings, of burnings, and of the destruction of even the meagre degree of law and order that has previously existed.

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