

Chinese CP Calls on Leaders To Participate in Manual Work

PEKING—The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party has issued a directive instructing leading personnel at all levels in the country to take part in physical labor as frequently as possible.

The directive said that the participation by leading personnel in direct production work would enable them to discover and settle problems in good time so as to improve their work of leadership. "This," said the directive, "will make it easier for the leadership to avoid and overcome many bureaucratic, sectarian and subjective errors. It will also help to change the general social attitude of looking down on physical labour."

It was held that "leading personnel of the government and

people's organizations, including the Party's Central Committee members, should devote part of their time to doing some manual labor every year if they are capable of doing so."

The directive suggested a number of jobs that could be handled by personnel above the rank of magistrate. Such work included weeding, reaping, water-carrying, road and dike repairing and clearing away debris.

Plans to encourage rank-and-file office workers, military officers and servicemen, school teachers and students to take part in physical labor will be worked out later, to be carried out on a voluntary basis.

The directive stated that the participation by leading personnel in manual labour was a way

gradually to combine mental and physical work and a system to popularize the Communist Party's tradition of constant contact with the masses and hard work.

The directive recalled that during the civil war period between 1927 and 1936, many of the Party's functionaries and officers and men of the Workers-Peasants Red Army had devoted part of their time to production. It also recalled that during the War of Resistance to Japanese Aggression, many leaders in Yen-an and other areas had taken part either in agricultural work or in handicraft work. This practice of physical work by leading personnel had greatly improved relations between the leadership and the people, taught the rank-and-file members and intellectuals to get used to physical labor and increased production in the liberated areas at that time.

The directive said that the tendency to look down on physical labour and pay attention only to self-interest and position was "very dangerous" and that the Party must resolutely oppose it.

The directive called on all government and people's organizations to limit the non-productive staff to the minimum. It said that all Communist Party members should prove that they could fulfill the task entrusted to them by the Party.

to halt nuclear testing can successfully cheat for long.

As for the second argument, what the American people want (as do the Russians) is not an agreement to make free enterprisers out of the Soviets or socialists of themselves, they want an agreement to halt the arms race, to lift the fog of fear of nuclear catastrophe that blankets the world.

If certain government circles are not anxious to dash public hopes it can only be because they realize fully how determinedly eager the country is for disarmament. Both congress and the White House ought to be told that the nation will not stand for any trifling with disarmament while death waits in the wings, that the people want serious and sustained negotiations until agreements is reached.