

News of the Day

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#### REPORTS FROM RED CHINA AND HONG KONG!

Elections behind the Bamboo Curtain: Mao Tse-tung succeeded as Communist China's Chief of State. At Peiping the voting includes the ballot of the Panchen Lama, the Red's hand-picked ruler of Tibet. This face, too, is featured in films from the mainland. For in case there was any doubt, he's Liu Shao-chi, hand-picked choice of the National People's Congress.

Later, a celebration! And the world outside will see only gaiety. But behind the scenes there's the familiar story. A new face joins Red China's Mao and Premier Chou En-lai - but not shown are the pitiful refugees who each day flee tyranny. Yes, sharply in contrast is this Hong Kong Report.

Hong Kong, British Crown Colony 12 hundred miles due south of Peiping - today teeming with refugees. A mere speck amid the hostile landmass which is Red China, it is the terminus for an ever-mushrooming underground.

391 square miles of city and townships; hub of one of the world's leading ports, a vital link for commerce and finance - now overpopulated, refugees literally living in the streets.

Population of the entire colony is said to have increased from 600 thousand in '45 to more than two million six hundred thousand. There's been no official count in two years so the numbers must be even greater. Hong Kong remains the West's closest eye on the Bamboo Curtain.