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Senate Report on China

Washington

Political liquidations and forced-labor camps in mainland China have taken the lives of more than 30 million people, according to an estimate published yesterday by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

The study covering the 50 years of the Chinese Communist movement was written for the subcommittee by Richard L. Walker, director of the Institute for International Studies at the University of South Carolina.

Entitled "The Human Cost

of Communism in China," the study was ordered printed by the subcommittee on July 27, after President Nixon had announced his forthcoming "journey of peace" to Peking. The subcommittee's chairman, Senator James O. Eastland (Dem-Miss.), said in an introduction to the study that its publication "comes at a particularly opportune moment."

He expressed hope that alienated American students who "brandish the banner of Mao Tse-tung" and intellectuals disposed to sympathize with Communist China will

study the report and weigh its implications.

In the study, Walker compared the role of Mao Tse-tung, the Communist party chairman, with that of Josef Stalin in Russia. "There has been the same monumental inhumanity and the same commitment to political terror as a means of crushing the opposition," he wrote.

While Walker credited the Chinese Communist leaders with having achieved remarkable progress in some areas, he said the cost has been "too high for the conscience of the world to ab-

solve its perpetrators."

"Those who wish to rationalize public assassinations, purges of classes and groups, or slave labor as a necessary expedient for China's progress are resorting to the same logic which justified a Hitler and his methods for dealing with economic depression in the Third Reich," he wrote.

Walker said various estimates of the cost in human lives of the Chinese Communist movement range from 34,300,000 to 63,784,000.

The figures include the toll

Purges

of civil wars in China and the Korean war but the great bulk of the deaths are blamed on mass executions and forced labor.

Walker also said that "yet another high human cost" of Communist rule has been with a massive displacement of people, with millions of Chinese fleeing the mainland to Hong Kong and other places.

Senator Eastland said that accommodations or alliances of convenience between basically hostile powers are "not only desirable but well-nigh

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unavoidable" in certain circumstances.

"But if we are to have relations with Red China, let us do so with our eyes open," he said. *Associated Press*