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What Mrs. Roosevelt Didn't See!

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt may be a well-meaning soul, but there are occasions when her naivete and lack of reportorial training make her dangerous, particularly because of the prestige of her name.

Her effusions since her visit to Russia are particularly notable. She tells of the great advances the Soviets have made in medical science and agriculture, and paints a glowing picture of the achievements of the Communist State.

The lady is both gullible and uninformed. She made no attempt to contact American press representatives in Moscow, who could have given her a true picture, and set her straight as to what she was being shown.

As it is, her statements demonstrate that she doesn't know. She confuses the sample collectivized farm which she saw outside of Moscow and which is maintained for the special benefit of visitors, with the State farms which are the unhappy rule in Soviet agriculture.

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TO BE FARM of the former it is not necessary to be a party member, but membership helps. It is necessary, however, to be docile, loyal and obedient to the party system. For the few who can win acceptance, the reward is a small plot of ground—slightly more than an acre—which the individual may work to his own benefit.

He may raise supplemental food for himself, or he may take his produce to a public market place to sell, if he can, and keep the proceeds for himself.

His main farming operations, however, are communalized and he gets a small pro-rata share of what is left after the State

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