

Session 7 China part 1

Activity 6

Chinese in the American Lexicon

Per the Department of State website

<https://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/ho/pubs/fs/90689.htm>

1938: Indusco Founded

To help the Chinese produce materials for their fight against Japan, U.S. authors and journalists Helen Foster Snow and Edgar Snow joined with a few other foreigners to create Industrial Cooperatives (Indusco) small factories that could be established anywhere with very little money. Both Nationalists and Communists picked up on this idea, and cooperatives were set up throughout Chinese held territory. In addition to making an important contribution to China's early war effort, the Chinese name of the project, with its spirit of concerted and collective action, provided a new word for the English language: gung ho.

Study Indusco in order to discover the adoption of the word 'gung ho' into the American lexicon. Using gung ho as a model, find other Chinese words that have entered the English language. Determine if they are used throughout the English speaking world (America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand).

Note how the words 'arrived' and were adopted by different English speaking countries

Website with lists and information about words to find (please note that these are non-academic websites that use heavy advertising):

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/chinese/2016/02/29/chinese-words-used-in-english/>

<https://www.translationdirectory.com/glossaries/glossary155.htm>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/english-words-borrowed-from-chinese-688248>