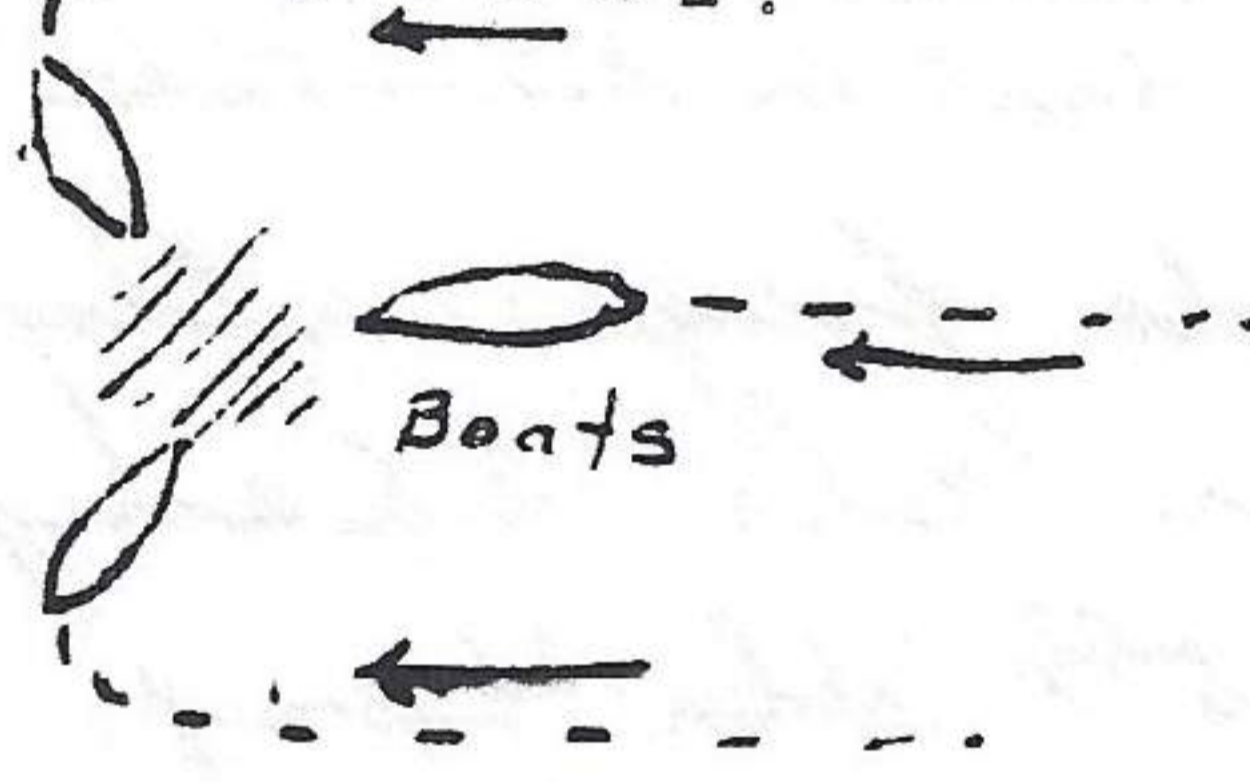


wild life in this country. Here one would expect to see a profusion of birds but during my stay I counted 1 Blue Heron, six egrets and a flock of English Sparrows. No ducks, no shorebirds or animals. The English Sp were flying from one boat to another. Each boat is a farm, pig pen, and complete household for the family. On the upper most strata of this cliff I found a prolific bed of shells indicating that the lake was at one time, in not too great a distance in the past, much higher than it is now or the cliffs have been elevated. This shell strata in an unconsolidated rock and dirt and is several feet thick.

Beside the usual way of fishing with flocks of cormorant observed another most interesting method, which utilized the net and the cooperation of three boatmen.

The net was a scissor like instrument, an expanding mouth of netting with long poles. As the three boats would jockey into position the operator at one end would force the net into the mud some 10 feet below the surface of the water and there by ceasing the scissors would pull the catch up and if some wary fish had been hiding in the mud or on the surface of the bottom would shortly be a victim for the Chinese frying pan.



The boats would arrange themselves in this fashion before working toward a common center where the fish would most likely be congregated from the confusion of the three point attack.

The typical seining system used on Utah Lake is also employed on this lake.

Bird census is not practical and animal recording is impossible. I have never visited a section on the face of the earth that was so devoid of mammals. Something is wrong in China and I haven't been able to figure it out yet. However when it comes to common house rats they take all honors.



Examined one abnormality of hand of one of the Chinese - a young fellow about 12 years old. I have yet to see the long fingernails we see so frequently pictured in books, but again I have not seen all of China, yet.