

### **Here is China, 1943**

Narrator: Here is China, cradle of civilization in Asia, homeland of 450 million human beings, more than one-fifth of the population of the Earth. Like our own America, China is a vast and beautiful country with wide extremes of climate and contour. Scenes like these have inspired its poets and painters from time immemorial. China once seemed almost as remote as the moon to us here in America, but the airplane has brought it within 50 flying hours of our coasts, and our common struggle has brought its people close to our hearts. Today, our soldiers and theirs fight together on many battlefields. Our flyers and theirs guard the skies of China side by side. So we want to know more about these people of China, our friends and our allies – how they live and work, and about their country, which many of us will visit in the days to come.

China is a land of rivers, great and small, and an important staple of food is fish. In this type of fishing you don't have to bait a hook or worry about whether the fish will bite. The cormorant takes care of all that. These birds are slaves of a notorious appetite, a fact which the Chinese fisherman wisely turns to his own advantage.