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SOUTH CHINA TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AGAIN OPERATING

INTERNATIONAL FACTOR IN RR DELAY -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 27 Oct 49

People in Kuang-chou (Canton) now believe that the main reason for the delay in reopening the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung (Kowloon) Railroad Line is not simply a matter of technical and operational problems on the British and Chinese sections, but one that is deeply involved in international diplomacy.

So far nothing conclusive has resulted from the negotiations being conducted by the head of the British section of the line with the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission concerning the immediate reopening of this line for normal traffic. Apparently, the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission does not have the authority to decide the question of resumption of through traffic until such time as it receives a definite directive from the Administrative Council of the Pei-p'ing government.

It is the general belief in Kuang-chou that the Pei-p'ing government is deliberately delaying the decision until formal recognition of its government by the British government. Until such time, there will be no normal train traffic resumed on this railroad line. This view appears to be verified by the action of the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission. While avoiding any agreement concerning this line, they are imposing no restrictions on the export, by private merchants, of goods and materials from Hong Kong to Kuang-chou and Kwangtung Province. In fact, they are encouraging merchants to use whatever transportation systems are available.

COMMUNISTS TAKE OVER RR BUREAU -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 29 Oct 49

The Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung (Canton--Kowloon) Railroad Bureau was officially taken over by the Communists on 26 October 1949. All the workers were retained and reassigned.

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KUANG-CHOU--CHIU-LUNG RR LINE STILL OUT -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 25 Oct 49

The head of the British section of the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung railroad line returned to Hong Kong on 24 October 1949 from Kuang-chou after negotiating with the Communist officials on immediate reopening of this railroad line. He reports that although the negotiations were not a failure, there are several technical matters which must be ironed out before normal traffic can be resumed.

Another report states that, beginning 24 October 1949, the administration of the Chinese section of the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung line was taken over by the Communist officials. At present, the Chinese section is open for traffic only between Kuang-chou and Shih-lung.

HONG KONG REGULATES SHIPS AND PLANES -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 22 Oct 49

Hong Kong -- On 21 October 1949, the Hong Kong government proclaimed the law, known as the 1949 Emergency Regulations, which controls the movements of ships and planes within the territory of Hong Kong. These regulations authorize the Governor of Hong Kong to prohibit any ships or planes from entering or leaving Hong Kong whenever he deems it expedient, in the interest of security, or of the conservation of the colony's stocks of supplies. The law forbids the furnishing of supplies or making of repairs to any plane or ship that violates these regulations and authorizes the confiscation of any such ships or planes by the courts.

The proclamation of 21 October also authorizes the governor to order Hong Kong naval forces to stop and search ships outside of the harbor of Victoria.

HONG KONG--KUANG-CHOU TRANSPORTATION STILL DIFFICULT -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 25 Oct 49

While air, land, and water transportation between Hong Kong and Kuang-chou (Canton) are not yet completely restored to normal operation, many people are making the journey between these two cities by a combination of rail, foot, and boat travel. From Hong Kong, a traveller may take a train at Chiu-lung (Kowloon) for Shen-ch'uan, but from Shen-ch'uan, he must travel by foot to T'ai-p'ing where he may board a boat to Kuang-chou. At present, this is the safest, fastest, and most economical route.

NAN-CH'ANG--CHIU-CHIANG RR RUNNING -- Wen-hui Pao, 23 Oct 49

Nan-ch'ang, 29 October (NCMA) -- The whole length of the railroad from Nan-chang to Chiu-chiang (Kuikiang), 128 kilometers, has been in operation since 15 October 1949. In May 1949, this line was badly damaged by the retreating Nationalists and since then has been undergoing urgent repairs.

CMSNC SHIPS WILL NOT SAIL UNDER FOREIGN FLAG -- Hsin-sheng Wan-Pao, 26 Oct 49

The manager of the Hong Kong office of the China Merchants' Steamship Navigation Company announced that a small portion of his company's ships will be taken from the regular service and offered for rent to private merchants. He denied the rumor that the names of CMSNC ships are being changed and that the ships are sailing under the flags of foreign nations.

Concerning this rumor, a prominent member of the Chinese shipping industry remarked that business has dropped sharply since the beginning of the Nationalist blockade, and about 100 large and small ships are now tied up in Hong Kong due to lack of business. However, he does not believe the rumor saying about a dozen

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of these ships have already changed their registrations to foreign countries. Although he admitted that two former Chinese ships now sailing under the Panamanian flag, he stated that he does not know of any others which are taking such a step.

RESUME SHIPPING BETWEEN KUANG-CHOU AND MACAO -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 28 Oct 49

Shipping between Kuang-chou (Canton) and Ao-men (Macao) will be resumed 28 October 1949. The first ship to leave Kuang-chou on this run is the SS Kuei-hua. Although the fares are exorbitant -- 150 yuan for the third class -- people are fighting to get tickets.

SHIPPING BETWEEN MACAO AND SHIH-CH'I RESUMED -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 29 Oct 49

Ao-men (Macao), 28 October (AP) -- Shipping between Ao-men and Shih-ch'i has been resumed. The first ship which made the trip from Ao-men to Shih-ch'i reports that Communist troops are not yet in that city.

SHIPPING BETWEEN MACAO AND CHIANG-MEN IS RESUMED -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 27 Oct 49

Ao-men (Macao) -- The first shipload of vegetables from Chiang-men (Kongmoon), since the liberation of that city, arrived here on 26 October 1949. However all the ships running between these two places must pass frequent inspections by the blockading Nationalist gunboats.

Although shipping between Chiang-men and Kuang-chou has not yet been resumed several shipping men in Chiang-men are planning to hire small boats to resume passenger service between those two places immediately.

COMMUNISTS TAKE OVER SHIPPING BUREAU -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 30 Oct 49

The Kuang-chou (Canton) Shipping Bureau, which was recently taken over by the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission, is now collecting pertinent information concerning the ships belonging to the shipping companies in Kuang-chou. Every shipping company is required to submit to the Shipping Bureau complete information about each ship.

FERRY SERVICES BEING RESUMED -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 31 Oct 49

The Shih-lung Ferry resumed its service on 30 October 1949; and Hsin-t'ang, Hsiao-lan, Chung-shan, and Ta-liang ferries are to resume their services today, 31 October 1949.

The ferryboats for Tung-kuan, Hui-yang, and Lao-lung-ssu have already returned from Kuang-chou, and are being readied for service.

Practically all of the ferries at various river crossings around Kuang-chou (Canton) are expected to be in service within a few days.

POSTAL, TELEGRAPHIC SERVICES SUSPENDED OR CURTAILED -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 22 Oct 49

Hong Kong -- On 21 October 1949 the Hong Kong Post Office issued another announcement to the effect that due to continued hostilities it is still unable to resume regular postal service to Kwangtung. Therefore, until further notice, it orders the public to stop depositing in the boxes mail destined for the areas of Kuang-chou, Shan-t'ou, and Hsia-mei.

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Since hostilities have caused the breakdown of telegraphic service to Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the Hong Kong Telegraph Office announces that until further notice, it will not accept for transmission telegrams to places in these two provinces, including the cities of Kuang-chou, Shan-t'ou, and Hsia-men. The Telegraph Office, will not accept responsibility for delays in the transmission and delivery of telegrams to places in other parts of China.

TAIHOKU-SOUTH CHINA TO OPEN RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICE -- Kuang-shang Jih-pao,
24 Oct 49

Taihoku, 23 October (UP) -- Radiotelephone service will be opened soon between Taihoku and K'un-ming, and Taihoku and Kwei-yang.

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