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CHINESE TO BUY 3 RUSSIAN SHIPS;
COASTAL VESSEL SINKS NEAR HONG KONG

TO BE SOLD FOR 275,000 HONG KONG DOLLARS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 11 Feb 50

There is a rumor that three Russian ships, the Shen-hua-nu-pao, the Shih-wei-shih-t'ai, and the Pi-li-tun-chi-li-wei-chih, Chinese approximations of Russian, now anchored in Hong Kong are to be sold to a Chinese firm for 275,000 Hong Kong dollars. These ships belong to the Far Eastern Shipping Company in Vladivostok.

SHIP RAMS ROCK -- Wen-hui Pao, 14 Feb 50

The coastal vessel Yung-hsing, enroute from Hong Kong to Hsia-men, rammied a rock and sank 90 nautical mines northeast of Hong Kong on 12 February 1950. This ship, owned by the Ta-hsing Shipping Company, weighed 563 tons, had accommodations for 200 passengers, a loading capacity of 200 tons of cargo, and carried a crew of 50.

RIVER FREIGHT CHARGES REDUCED -- Wen-hui Pao, 6 Feb 50

Shang-hai, 5 February -- The Shipping Control Bureau of the East China District has reduced freight charges on the Ch'ang Chiang by 25 to 30 percent, effective 1 February 1950. This action was taken in accordance with the bureau's policy set forth at the meeting of the All-China Shipping and Highway Workers' Union's representatives to stimulate the flow of goods on the Ch'ang Chiang.

HIGHWAY REPAIR TO BE COMPLETED -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 3 Feb 50

Kuang-chou -- The Kuang-chou Military Control Commission yesterday ordered the Kuang-chou Highway Bureau to complete repairs on the highway between Kuang-chou and Shen-ch'uan by the end of February 1950. In the event that the Kuang-chou-Chiu-lung railroad is disrupted or damaged by Nationalist

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bombing, this highway would be the alternative route on which freight from Hong Kong could be transported to Kuang-chou.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC INCREASES -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 12 Feb 50

Chang-mu-t'ou, 11 February -- Scheduled passenger and freight services are now available on highways between Hui-yang and Chang-mu-t'ou, P'ing-shan, Tan-shui, and Shen-ch'uan. Although there is no service available from P'ing-hu to Tan-shui through Lung-lang, the road is now open to traffic.

HAI-CHU BRIDGE TO BE REBUILT -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 1 Mar 50

Kuang-chou, 21 February -- The Kuang-chou city government is planning to rebuild the Hai-chu Bridge, which was partially demolished by retreating Nationalists before Kuang-chou fell. The work will be divided into three sections: the first is to clear the wreckage and other debris in the river bottom, the second is to repair the bridge piers, and the third is to repair the bridge spans.

HUANG HO RR BRIDGE BEING IMPROVED -- Wen-hui Pao, 9 Feb 50

The first phase of improvements on the Huang Ho railroad bridge on the Pei-p'ing--Han-k'ou line, begun on 27 December 1949, was completed on 4 January 1950 by the Cheng-chou Railroad Bureau, with the help of Russian engineers. Three test runs were made following completion of repairs, and on the third trial an aggregate weight of 1,270 tons crossed this bridge in 32 minutes at a speed of 15 kilometers per hour. Prior to improvements, it was necessary to divide an ordinary train into two sections and travel at a rate of 5 kilometers per hour, taking almost 3 hours to cross the bridge.

Efforts to increase the permissible weight and train speed on the bridge continue.

COMMUNISTS RENAME 4 RR STATIONS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 9 Feb 50

In order to avoid confusion, the Ministry of Railways has renamed the following four stations:

The Yang-ch'i and Ta-pao stations on the Yueh-Han line have been renamed An-k'ou (Ueda: 2309, 1141) and Ta-p'u-chieh (1946, 6169, 10620), respectively.

The Sha-ho station on the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung line has been renamed T'ien-ho (1947, 6045).

The Hsing-an station on the Heng-yang--Kuei-lin line has been renamed Hsing-an-hsien (9630, 2309, 8972).

RR TRAFFIC DROPS DUE TO BOMBING -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 10 Feb 50

Subsequent to the bombing of Shen-ch'uan on 5 February 1950 by the Nationalists, the number of passengers on the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung railroad line declined considerably. More people are now traveling between Kuang-chou and Hong Kong by way of Macao, though it takes longer and costs more than to go by train.

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From Kuang-chou, they first go to Shih-ch'i by ferry, then to Macao by automobile, and from Macao to Hong Kong by ship.

These passengers, shifting from railroad to shipping, are causing overcrowding on both the ferry boats between Kuang-chou and Shih-ch'i, and the ships between Macao and Hong Kong.

KUANG-CHOU SELLS THROUGH-TRAIN TICKETS -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 8 Mar 50

Hong Kong -- Since 24 February 1950, the Kuang-chou Railroad Bureau has been selling through-train tickets from Kuang-chou to all points in China. It costs 210,000 yuan in People's notes, or less than 7 US dollars [sic] (at the exchange rate of 34,500 yuan to one US dollar as of 1 March 1950), to go from Kuang-chou to Man-chou-li on a third-class coach, while the second-class fare is twice as much as the third-class fare. The third-class fares from Kuang-chou are as follows (in yuan, People's bank notes):

<u>Station</u>	<u>Fare</u>
Shang-hai (through Chu-chou, Nan-ch'ang and Hang-chou)	101,700
Han-ching <u>[through Shang-hai]</u>	124,900
T'ien-ching <u>[through Shang-hai, Nan-ching]</u>	148,200
Han-k'ou	77,100
Pei-p'ing <u>[through Han-k'ou]</u>	145,200
Hsi-an (through Han-k'ou and Cheng-chou)	136,400
Ch'ing- <u>tao</u> (through Chu-chou, Nan-ch'ang, Hang-chou Shang-hai, P'u-k'ou, and Chi-nan)	178,300
Shen-yang	174,800
Ch'ang-ch'un	185,700
Ha-erh-pin	192,600
Man-chou-li	210,000

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