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CHINA MERCHANTS STEAMSHIP COMPANY  
UNIFIES YANGTZE RIVER SHIPPING

CMSC ADOPTS UNIFICATION -- Shanghai Hsin-wen, Jih-pao, 27 Jul 50

Shanghai -- A 12-day conference on shipping matters, called by the China Merchants Steamship Company (CMSC) headquarters, adjourned in Shanghai on 26 July 1950 after deciding upon a number of policies and procedures which are to be put into effect. The participants in the conference included the chief delegate of the CMSC, Yu Mei, and representatives of the branch offices of the company and of other hitherto independent companies in cities along the Yangtze River which were taken over by the various Military Control Committees and merged with the CMSC.

The conference decided on unification as regards policies, organization, methods of operation, control of finances, property, ships, personnel, and traffic. The unification is to be centered in the CMSC headquarters with the hitherto loosely attached branch offices and independent companies hereafter operating under the direction of the headquarters as related parts of an integrated whole, with definitely assigned division of functions and responsibilities.

The division of responsibilities in traffic matters assigns to the headquarters office the operation of the long, heavy-traffic runs, those between Shanghai and Hankow, Shanghai and Ch'ang-sha, and Shanghai and Chungking; to sectional offices, as assigned by headquarters, operations on runs between Hankow and Ch'ang-sha, Hankow and I-ch'ang, and I-ch'ang and Chungking; to suboffices, as assigned by headquarters, operations on short runs between points within sections.

Plans also call for the inauguration of regular service, upon allocation of responsibility by headquarters to suboffices as indicated, between the following points:

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Office Receiving AssignmentTerminals of Run

Chen-chiang

Chen-chiang and Ssu-yuan; K'ou-an and  
Chiang-yin; K'ou-an and Nanking

Nanking

Nanking and K'ou-an

Wu-hu

Wu-hu and An-ch'ing; Wu-hu and Ta-t'ung

Chiu-chiang (Kiukiang)

Chiu-chiang and Nan-ch'ang

An-ch'ing

An-ch'ing and Chiu-chiang

Sha-shih

Sha-shih and Sha-tao-kuan; Sha-shih and  
Hankow

Chungking

Chungking and Hsu-chou (I-pin); Chung-  
king and Ho-chiang; Chungking and Fou-  
ling

Special transportation tasks for irregular runs or special cargoes are to be assigned by headquarters. For instance, at present, provisions must be made for runs between P'u-k'ou and Shanghai, Ta-yeh and Shanghai, and Hankow and Chungking (for transportation of materials for the Chungking-Ch'eng-tu rail-road). Regular runs must also be established between Chungking and I-ch'ang, I-ch'ang and Hsing- [second character not given] and Hankow and Shanghai.

In the final session, chief delegate Yu Mei emphasized, among other things, that he hoped unification would soon be realized in such personnel matters as the adoption of standard practices regarding salary and wage scales, bonuses, vacations, pensions and other benefits, and in the employees' labor union organization.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING IN REGULAR OPERATION -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao,  
27 Jul 50

[Shipping notes published in this issue of the paper indicate the names and other data concerning a number of ships now regularly operating in and out of Shanghai.]

| <u>Ship</u> | <u>Company</u>     | <u>Wharf or Pier used</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Other Terminal</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Chiang-hua  | CMSC               | CMSC No 3                 | P,F*        | Hankow                |
| Chiang-an   | CMSC               | CMSC No 3                 | F,F         | Hankow                |
| T'ien-fu    | Huan-ch'iang SS Co | --                        | F           | Ch'ang-sha            |
| Hung-yuan   | Hung-an SS Co      | Ta-ta No 2                | F           | Hankow                |
| Kung-t'ai   | Kung-1 SS Co       | Ta-ta                     | F           | Ch'ang-sha            |
| Sheng-min   | Min-sheng SS Co    | Yang-chia-tu<br>Min-sheng | F           | I-ch'ang              |
| Wu-chiang   | Min-sheng SS Co    | Hongkew Min-sheng         | F           | Chungking             |
| No 6        | Municipal Ferry    | Waterside<br>Restaurant   | P,F         | Tsungming I           |
| No 7        | Municipal Ferry    | Waterside<br>Restaurant   | P,F         | Nan-t'ung             |

\* P, passenger; F, freight.

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SAVAGING CONTINUES ON YANGTZE -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 25 May 50

The Yangtze River Shipping Bureau has reported that 49 various types of ships, totaling 14,810 tons, have thus far been salvaged from the Yangtze River. Of these, 39 ships totaling 13,900 tons are being repaired.

It was also reported that there are 225 sunken ships still in the Yangtze River, and that plans and preparations are being made to salvage 13 of them during the coming winter.

SHIPPING FARES REDUCED ON YANGTZE -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 27 Jul 50

Hankow -- The Yangtze River Shipping Control Bureau reduced both passenger and freight rates on 15 July to increase the volume of freight and passengers. Freight charges were reduced from 14.7 percent to as much as 36.9 percent on some items, and passenger fares had a flat reduction of 20 percent.

SOUTH CHINA COASTAL SHIPPING NEAR NORMAL -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 28 Jul 50

Canton -- Following the liberation of Hainan and the occupation of the Mansan (Wan-shan) archipelago and other small islands along the coast, shipping conditions are rapidly returning to normal. The Shipping Bureau at Canton, which is doing everything in its power to restore shipping to promote economic prosperity, has published the following names of ships now plying the respective routes. The letters P and F, following the names of the ships signify that they carry passengers and/or freight.

| <u>Ship</u>      | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Route</u>   |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Ai-chi, P,F      | 324.016        | Canton, Chan-chiang Hai-k'ou, Pei-hai, Yu-lin-chiang                                 |
| Fu-hsing, F,F    | 294.89         | Canton, Macao, Chiang-men Shui-tung, Hai-k'ou  |
| Tung-feng, F,F   | 67.08          | Canton, Ia-ch'an, Chan-chiang, Hai-k'ou  |
| Tung-li, P,F     | 255.79         | Canton, Chiang-men, Yai-men, Shui-tung, Chan-chiang                                  |
| Hai-yang, F,F    | 355.08         | Canton, Yang-chiang, Sha-pa, Shui-tung, Chan-chiang                                  |
| Fu-hua, F,F      | 196.24         | Canton, Chan-chiang  |
| T'ai-ning, P,F   | 291.67         | Canton, Chan-chiang, Hai-k'ou, Pei-hai   |
| Jui-hua, F       | 285.42         | Canton, Shui-tung  |
| Chien-p'ing, P,F | 144.88         | Swatow, Hai-men, Shan-mei, P'ing-hai, Canton, Chiang-men, Chan-chiang, Yu-lin-chiang |
| I-t'ing, F       | 122.13         | Chiang-men, Shui-tung  |
| Kuang-k'uan, F   | 104.68         | Canton, Chiang-men, Yang-chiang, Shui-tung, Chan-chiang, Pei-hai                     |

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| <u>Ship</u>      | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Route</u>                         |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jui-hua, F       | 285.42         | Canton, Shan-wei, Swatow             |
| P'ing-an, P,F    | 147.10         | Canton, Shan-wei                     |
| T'ien-li, F      | 438.82         | Canton, Swatow                       |
| Hsing-t'ai, P,F  | 96.30          | Swatow, Chieh-shih, Shan-wei, Canton |
| Kuang-k'uan, F   | 104.68         | Canton, P'ing-hai, Shan-wei, Swatow  |
| Hsin-sheng-li, F | 65.63          | Serves Wan-shan archipelago          |

There are nine vessels, each over 100 tons, which ply between Canton and Ta-ch'an, Yuan-te-lin, Chao-an-jung, T'ai-yuan, Ch'ien-chi, Kuang-k'uan, Yung-p'ing-an, Ch'ien-t'ang-chiang, Lien-ch'ang, and Te-li-i.

CANTON--HAI-K'OU SHIPPING SERVICE RESUMED -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 27 Jul 50

Canton, 26 July -- Shipping service between Canton and Hai-k'ou, and a combined land-sea transportation service between Canton and Fort Bayard (Chan-chiang) have been resumed. It takes 3 to 4 days to go from Canton to Fort Bayard partly by automobile and partly by ship.

Normal shipping service from Canton to Swatow will also be resumed from 27 July.

KWANGTUNG'S RIVER BOATS INCREASING BUSINESS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 30 Jul 50

The volume of freight and passengers transported by river boats on the Chu Chiang, Hsi Chiang, Tung Chiang, and Pei Chiang has increased greatly since March 1950. During May and June, there were between 2,200 and 2,300 boats, with an aggregate of 190,000 to 210,000 tons engaged in transportation service on these routes. The amount of outgoing freight transported by these boats from nearby towns and villages around Canton in June was more than 100 percent over the total in May, while the amount of freight entering those places during the same period was 38.2 percent less than the total in May.

The most heavily traveled route is the Chu Chiang, which had a total of 14,000 to 16,000 boats during May and June. The traffic on the Hsi Chiang is also becoming heavier. There were 304 outgoing boats on this river in May and 378 in June; the number of incoming boats was 279 in May and 348 in June. On all the routes the outgoing boats carried a total of 50,007 passengers during May, and 43,150 passengers during June; the incoming boats carried 54,921 passengers in May and 46,920 in June.

BRITISH SHIPPING OPERATING ON CHINA COAST -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 21 Jul 50

Hong Kong, 20 July -- During the past few days both the Butterfield and Swire and the Jardine shipping companies have had ships carrying cargoes, but so far no passengers, between Hong Kong and Shanghai in both directions. With the exception of the Butterfield and Swire steamer Poyang which was intercepted and examined by a Chinese Nationalist naval vessel and then allowed to proceed, other vessels have encountered no interference.

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Shipping circles here are of the opinion that British naval vessels are continuing to extend protection to British shipping on the high seas along the China coast; and it is this presence of British naval vessels which leads to the common reports that the Nationalist Navy is continuing its interference with shipping along the coast. However, these reports do not greatly deter ship movements. Most of the vessels are carrying full loads of miscellaneous cargo.

SHIPPING CLAIMS FOR MILITARY SERVICES TO BE ADJUSTED -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 20 Jul 50

Hangchow -- The Chekiang provincial government and the Chekiang Military District headquarters jointly have issued instructions to be followed by owners of ships utilized for the recent capture of the Chou-shan islands in presenting their claims for reimbursement for use and/or damages. An office for the joint commission has been set up in Hangchow at No 20, Hsia-yang-shih Chieh, and branch offices opened in Huang-yen-hsien and Ning-po. Applications for adjustment of claims must be presented not later than 15 August 1950.

NING-PO REORGANIZES LOCAL SHIPPING AFFAIRS -- Ning-po Jih-pao, 26 Jul 50

Ning-po -- In view of the disorganized state of shipping affairs in the neighborhood of Ning-po existing after the military campaign for the capture of the Chou-shan islands, the Ning-po office of the Shipping Bureau of the Chekiang provincial government has issued regulations providing for the registration of all vessels operating on inland waterways, along the coast, and among the islands lying off shore; and also of all boatmen and seamen.

Registration carries with it the issuance of licenses to ships and boats, and personal identification cards to boatmen and seamen. The Shipping Bureau will also serve as a clearing house for the movement of ships and cargo and for the employment of seamen.

GERIOUS CASE OF CORRUPTION IN SHIPPING AFFAIRS -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 21 Jul 50

Shanghai -- The biggest case of corruption since the liberation of Shanghai has been brought to light and is on trial. The chief culprit is one named Hsu T'ing-hsi who was receiving and issuing clerk at the stockroom of the Shipbuilding Yard. His accomplices were Lu Tsan-jeng and Wang Fu-ken. All have been under arrest since 30 June 1950.

At a mass meeting of the employees of the Shipbuilding Yard recently held, the culprit made a full confession of his misdeeds which involved the theft of hemp rope, wire cables, sheet iron and steel, pipes, electric meters, etc., valued at about 120 million yuan.

FERRY BOAT NANKING RESUMES SERVICE -- T'ai-yuan Shan-hsi Jih-pao, 22 May 50

Peiping, 19 May (Hsin-hua) -- The ferry boat Nanking which was found sunk in the Huang-p'u Chiang when Shanghai was liberated, was refloated, repaired, and, on 11 May 1950, resumed her former service of carrying trains across the Yangtze River between P'u-k'ou and Nanking.

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