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CANTON RAILWAY SUBBUREAU UPS RATES -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 12 Feb 51

Canton, 31 January 1951 -- The Canton Railway Subbureau, on instructions from the Heng-yang Railway Bureau, will put into effect as of 1 February 1951, an increase of rates for passenger traffic, baggage, and parcel service. Passenger tickets, tickets on express trains, sleeping car tickets, student term tickets, special service fees, and fines in connection with passenger traffic will be increased 30 percent above the 1 December 1950 rates. Baggage and parcel fees, and the minimum charges for such fees, will be increased 10 percent above the 1 December 1950 rates, with the exception that the minimum charges on "special arrangement" packages shall remain as of 1 December 1950.

It may be noted that the 1 December 1950 rates were only 34 percent of those in force before the war [July 1937].

The cost of tickets from mid-summer 1950 to 31 January 1951 was based on a rate of 105 yuan, People's notes per person per kilometer for hard-seat accommodations on ordinary trains.

According to the new rates, the cost of tickets for hard-seat accommodations on ordinary trains from Canton to other points will be as follows.

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Mileage (km)</u>	<u>Cost of Ticket in Yuan, People's Notes</u>
Shen-ch'uan	147	20,500
Shao-kuan	231	30,900
Heng-yang	552	68,300
Ch'ang-sha	736	87,100
Nan-ch'ang	1,053	113,400
Hangchow	1,689	157,200
Shanghai	1,876	166,300
Nanking	2,188	184,700
Kuei-lin	914	101,800
Peiping	2,332	192,700
Tientsin	2,433	199,000

Tickets for soft-seat accommodations are double those for hard-seat accommodations. Tickets on express trains cost more than on ordinary trains. Sleeping car ticket rates are for one night only.

The minimum charge for baggage will be 3,300 yuan. The minimum charge for parcels of a general nature or of perishable fresh fruit will be 3,300 yuan; for those coming under the "special arrangement" category, the minimum charge will be 100 yuan. Baggage will be charged at the rate of 1.10 yuan per kilogram for each 10 kilometers. Parcels containing goods of a general nature will be charged at the rate of 4.40 yuan per kilogram for each 10 kilometers. Parcels containing fresh perishable goods will be charged at the rate of 1.65 yuan per kilogram for each 10 kilometers.

REPORT PROGRESS ON LUNG-HAI RR EXTENSION -- T'ai-yuan, Shansi Jih-pao, 16 Dec 50

Sian, 11 December (Hsin-hua) -- Work on the extension of the Lung-Hai Railroad from Pao-chi through the steep and narrow gorges of the Wei Ho to T'ien-shui, and from T'ien-shui toward Lan-chou, continued during October at the rate of 10,000 man-days of labor for the month. Up to the end of October 1950, 4,356,000 fang of earthwork on the former section, and 2,200,000 fang on the latter section, had been completed. In past years, landslides in the gorges affecting the railway averaged 430,000 fang, and in 1949 they amounted to 640,000 fang. But in 1950, as a result of work accomplished, they amounted to only 40,000 fang. During October, 12 large bridge, culvert, and tunnel projects were completed.

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TO TRAIN SZECHWAN RR WORKERS -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 27 Dec 50

Shanghai -- On orders of the Ministry of Railways, a team of 24 men experienced in road-maintenance work has been selected by the Shanghai Railway Bureau to go to Chungking, where they are to serve as a model team for the instruction of Szechwan laborers on the Ch'eng-tu--Chungking Railway now under construction. The team left Shanghai on 25 December 1950 and expects to return in about 6 months.

REPAIRS UNDER WAY ON T'UNG-P'U RR -- T'ai-yuan, Shansi Jih-pao, 16 Dec 50

The Engineering Department of the T'ai-yuan Railway Bureau advertises for contractors to present bids for the construction of three temporary wooden bridges along the line of the T'ung-p'u Railway in Shansi, in the section between Yuan-p'ing and Hsuan-kang-chen. Properly registered contractors desiring to present bids, besides applying for copies of the specifications, should personally inspect the bridge sites, which are located at the following kilometer points:

1. At kilometer 203 plus 473.7 meters -- a seven-span 10.5-meter I.B. [sic] wooden frame bridge.
2. At kilometer 209 plus 484.8 meters -- an eight-span 10.5-meter I.B. [sic] wooden frame bridge.
3. At kilometer 195 plus 589 meters -- an 18-span 4.5-meter bridge with tracks to be attached.

All materials are to be provided by the Engineering Department. The contract is to cover all the labor involved in excavations, concrete foundations, and erecting of stagings and structures.

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