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1. In early October 1952 the Polish merchant ship SS KILINSKI arrived at Taku Bar with a 10,000-ton cargo, consisting mainly of iron and engine parts from Czechoslovakia. Her captain stated that T'angku harbor could be entered only by vessels with a maximum draft of 23 feet, and that vessels exceeding this draft had to be lightened as previously in Taku Bar. The SS KILINSKI, which drew about 29 feet with her 10,000-ton cargo, offloaded some cargo to lighters in Taku Bar until a draft of 23 feet was reached, and was towed by several tugs into T'angku harbor where the rest of her cargo was unloaded. She was the first Polish merchant ship to enter the new T'angku harbor.¹

2. T'angku harbor has a pier permitting the simultaneous berthing of three or four ships of the size of the SS KILINSKI. The pier has a railroad spur, several electrical cranes and several open storage sheds. A railroad connects T'angku harbor with Tientsin. The captain stated that it took him two and one-half hours to go from T'angku to Tientsin when he made a visit to the agent of the Polish Ocean Lines.

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3. The SS KILINSKI was loaded in T'angku until the permissible draft of 23 feet was reached and took on the other cargo in Taku Bar. On 29 November 1952 she bunkered in Suez on her homeward trip from China and, subsequently, called at Constanta, Rumania, where she unloaded 250 tons of hemp and 30 tons of walnut kernels. The master stated that this cargo was for East Germany.

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4. On 6 January the SS OAK HILL,² under Polish charter, took on 100 tons of acetic acid, 300 tons of gas tubes, 100 tons of aluminum foil, 30 tons of paper, and 40 tons of engine parts. It was reported that this cargo would be transhipped to the SS KILINSKI in Gdynia.

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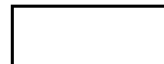
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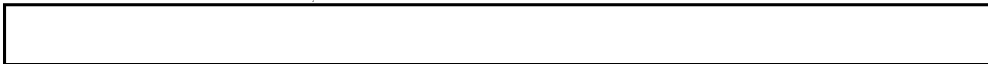
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1.  Comment. The German shipping paper Hansa, Issue Number 48 or 29 November 1952, indicated that, according to the official Chinese Communist press agency, the new port of T'angku would be opened to traffic on 17 October 1952.

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