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There were very few coolies in other parts of the harbor. The loading operations were frequently interrupted by rain.

3. The officials performing the various inspections were much kinder and more obliging than on previous occasions, and also accepted food and drinks. The Chinese met ashore were more affable than on previous voyages. The port medical officer  came twice to have chats and get razor blades.  longshoremen in Manchuria and China were better fed and better paid than farmers  there was a famine in the interior, particularly in Yunnan and Szechuan.  new seeds originally scheduled for export were therefore shipped to the interior of the country.  no large amounts of export goods would be available, at least not in Dairen, for the remainder of the year. The soybean crop in some sections had been very poor and had to be retained for the country's requirements.

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4. [redacted]  
 The town was three times as large as Tsingtao and most of the houses were built of stone and represented a mixture of European and Asiatic styles. Some of the streets were broad, well-paved and carried rickshaws, horse-drawn vehicles, and a few automobiles. Silk and chinaware were offered at high prices but were chiefly bought by Soviet soldiers on a barter basis. The traffic was controlled by the police who wore light khaki uniforms and white tropical helmets. Unarmed and well disciplined Soviet and Chinese troops, wearing olive green khaki uniforms, were on the streets. No cripples or beggars were seen on the streets. [redacted] the people felt happier during the Japanese occupation as the Japanese never interfered with their private lives and respected Chinese traditions. Despite the new regime, the higher officials stuck to their old habits. The medical officer, for example, still employed servants. Many of the rich Chinese who had their business and property expropriated, managed to earn a living as commission merchants.

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5. There were jet planes flying, singly or in groups of three to six at altitudes of 4 to 6,000 meters, over the town and harbor daily. [redacted] six airplanes, forming two groups, flew seaward from the northwest. There were no regular patrol flights along the coast.

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6. [redacted] Tsingtao [redacted]

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[redacted] The three northernmost piers had no crane facilities. Three very old, small cranes of between 2.5 to 3 tons were on the southern pier at the harbor entrance. A tugboat of about 300 h.p., two new launches, an old landing craft and several junks were also moored here.

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[redacted] [redacted] the north side of the breakwater had a thoroughfare to a new harbor basin which had a stone pier, about 350 meters long, but no other facilities. The outer breakwater of this harbor basin appeared less strong than the old one.

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8. All loading operations were performed smoothly by Chinese coolies who were well treated, well clad, and worked hard without being spurred. There were no soldiers or warships in port except for Chinese police in khaki uniforms.

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9. [redacted]


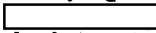
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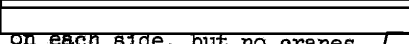
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25X1  There were aircraft on surveillance flights along the Chinese coast about 15 miles from the shore. They were twin engined, olive green planes with projecting noses which flew in groups of two at an altitude of about 1,000 feet and at intervals of about three hours. Two groups of three planes were flying northeast and two groups of two planes were flying southwest.  two large, twin masted junks, with canvas sails rather than bamboo mats, were cruising close to shore. The junks carried large crews and kept together when they executed maneuvers.

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25X1  The pier had low sheds and a railroad track on each side, but no cranes.

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A tugboat, lighters and piledrivers, 4-5 junks, and several sampans were moored in a small basin to the right of the harbor entrance. Several hundred fishing boats were in the bay northwest and north of the pier. Although the harbor area was not fenced, shore parties had to follow a prescribed way to town. Daily shore leave was granted from 3 to 8 p.m.. Small quantities of beer and strong drinks were available at two small coffee houses. Chinese tea houses were off limits to foreign ship's crews. There were many policemen on patrol but no soldiers or military establishments were seen.

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