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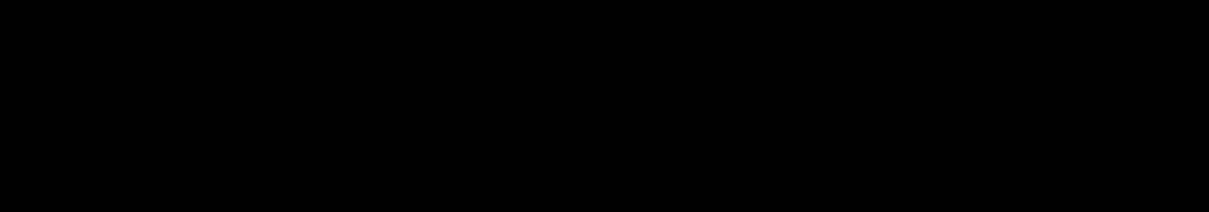
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1. Tsinan

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(a) Quotation of Prices	1 January	1 August
Millet (per catty)	40 CNC	300 CNC
Wheat " "	60 CNC	305 CNC
Soy Beans " "	35 CNC	230 CNC
Kaoliang " "	35 CNC	200 CNC
Rice " "	140 CNC	850 CNC
Corn " "	35 CNC	220 CNC
Peanut Oil " "	150 CNC	700 CNC
Sesame Oil " "	250 CNC	1,480 CNC
Sugar " "	580 CNC	4,400 CNC
Kerosene oil (per gal.)	7,000 CNC	65,000 CNC

(b) The average wages per day of workers in Tsinan is approximately 4,000 CNC per day.

(c) Exchange Rate 1 January 1 August

Buying	64,000 CNC	200,000 CNC (per ounce)
Selling	70,400 CNC	220,000 CNC (per ounce)

2. Changtien (118.04-36.51)

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(a) Quotation of Prices: (as of August 1, 1946)

Wheat	340 Per catty	CNC
Millet	220 " "	"
Beans	250 " "	"
Kaoliang	190 " "	"
Soy Beans	200 " "	"
Peanut Oil	1,600 " "	"

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(b) A workman's average daily wage in Changtien is 2,000 CNC. (Source: HO Hwa-Chen, Director of Service of Supply for soldiers and civilians in Changtien.)

(c) Soldiers are charged 600 CNC and civilians are charged 1,200 CNC for a catty of pork. Firewood is 10 CNC per catty for soldiers and 30 CNC for civilians.

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(d) Prices on main foodstuffs, such as millet, kaoliang, and wheat, have tripled since November 1945. The average worker cannot buy wheat flour or rice, but must live on bran or millet.

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(e) Changtien received 6,000,000 CNC from CNMRA in May for relief purposes. Approximately 50% of the average harvest is expected this year. (China Headquarters Note: Source: HO Hwa-chen, Director of Service of Supply for soldiers and civilians in Changtien.)

25X1X6 Choutsun (117-51, 56-51)

(a) Quotation of Prices:

Wheat	300 CNC per catty
Millet	275 " " "
Peanut Oil	1,000 " " "
Pork	1,200 " " "
Eggs	70 CNC each

Prices of wheat flour, rice, and peanut oil have increased 300% since November 1945. (China Headquarters Note: This information was obtained by questioning people on the streets in Choutsun and personnel in the Catholic Mission in that city.)

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(b) There is no gold market or exchange of gold bullion in Choutsun, and no exchange on American currency.

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(c) According to information received from the Catholic Mission, Choutsun received 4,000,000 CNC from CNMRA in May 1946. (China Headquarters Note: This information was said to be correct by SHIH Yinching, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Choutsun.)

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Note: An unconfirmed report states that from 9 July to 1 August, 50,000 men from Changtien and vicinity were commandeered for defense construction with no remuneration by the Chinese Nationalist Army. The resulting lack of money and food caused much suffering among the families of these men. [redacted] noted that poverty and suffering were more widespread in Changtien than in any other towns visited, and believes that this situation was caused partially by continued Communist occupation of much farm land near the town. Communist troops could be found within a radius of four li in all directions from Changtien.)

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