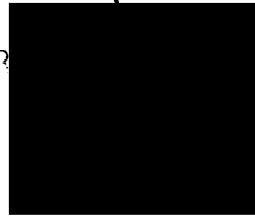


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SUPPLEMENT



- 1. All food in Dairen is rationed. Children, people too old to work, and non-Communists are not given ration cards.

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- 2. The reports of starvation on the Kwantung Peninsula are Nationalist propaganda. Very few people in the Port Arthur-Dairen-Chinchow area will starve because of a shortage of cereals.

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- 3. The Soviet Army has forced merchants to sell their grain at prices fixed by the Army. The result is that corn, the cheapest cereal, has soared to 40 Soviet Army notes per catty. Note: Corn here may mean kaoliang, or it may refer to a cheap cornmeal made from maize. The price is lower than those previously quoted for either.) Many people will starve this winter because of the high cost of cereals. 25X1X6

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- 4. The lowest living expenses for a mother and four children for a week are 3,000 Soviet Occupation dollars. At the house where source stayed, there were also a Japanese man and his wife and their four children. Living expenses for one month were 10,000 Soviet dollars. The staple food was kaoliang. In the mornings they ate bean soup and pickled food. Dinner was boiled food, pickled food, and preserved food. Note: Boiled food might refer to boiled rice, vegetables, etc. Pickled food is the standard Chinese or Japanese pickled vegetables. Preserved food is perhaps sugared preserved fruits.) Supper was fish or meat with pickled food. For afternoon tea, cakes or fruit were served.

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5. Japanese refugees get 30-60 Soviet dollars a day for doing washing, and perhaps 35 Soviet dollars per day from the Labor Union. Japanese women who are store clerks and waitresses get 500 to 1,500 Soviet dollars a month. Few of the Japanese men have steady work. Some are street vendors. With their earnings they buy kaoliang or okala (the residue after the curd has been extracted from soy beans.) This, with soy bean sauce, is their only food.

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6. Food is scarce in Dairen because, under existing Soviet regulations, there are only a few places from which it can be imported: Manchuria, Korea, Shantung, and a little from Siberia. [REDACTED] Note: A regular junk traffic between Tientsin and Dairen via Hulutao and Chinguangtao has been reported. It is probable, however, that the above regulations are the official ones, and that therefore comparatively little food is brought in from other areas. Junk captains have commented that they must have papers saying that they are going to or coming from Communist ports if they are to enter Dairen.) Another reason for the food shortage is that the greater part of the food brought into the peninsula is earmarked for Soviet troops, most of whom are stationed at Port Arthur. The Soviets have also bought local foodstuffs, going as far north as Kafengtien (Fuhstien, 122-02,39-38) to buy them. This has also caused prices to rise.

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