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1. The best customers the Estonian markets have are residents of Leningrad who come to Tallinn regularly to do their shopping. Bread bought in Tallinn for fifteen rubles per kilogram sells in Leningrad for 120 rubles.
2. The official price of a newspaper is only twenty kopecks, but editions are limited and a newspaper brings one or two rubles on the black market because it is used as cigarette paper.
3. Chocolate is smuggled from Finland to Estonia. The Finns import it from Sweden.
4. The average income of a worker is 250 to 350 rubles a month.
5. Below are black market prices for important commodities reported for February:

Commodity	Unit	Price
Bread	1 kg.	15 rubles
Butter	1 kg.	120 - 140 rubles
Pork	1 kg.	80 rubles
Beef	1 kg.	60 rubles
White bread	1 kg.	50 rubles
Bacon	1 kg.	150 - 180 rubles
Potatoes	100 kg.	200 rubles
Sunflower oil	1 kg.	200 rubles
Sugar	1 kg.	120 rubles
Honey	1 kg.	120 rubles
Coffee	1 kg.	120 rubles
Chocolate	100 gr.	60 rubles
Shag tobacco	100 gr.	20 rubles
Papirosi	20 each	4 - 5 rubles
Cigarettes	each	1 ruble
Mahorka tobacco	50 gr.	4 - 5 rubles
Matches	1 package	2 rubles
Coal	100 kg.	160 rubles
Men's shoes	1 pair	400 rubles and up
Women's shoes	1 pair	200 rubles and up
Pencils	each	20 rubles
Watches	each	3,000 rubles and up
Newspapers	each	1 - 2 rubles
Razor blades	each	3 - 5 rubles

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