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1. The Shanghai branch of TASS is closely connected with the local office of the All-Union Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (VOKS), which is under the direction of G. V. Kryukov, Soviet vice consul. [REDACTED] Comment. G. V. Kryukov is reported to have the rank of attache at the Embassy but is permanently stationed at the Shanghai consulate general.)
2. Directives from Moscow with regard to propaganda for Chinese consumption are passed on to the journalists and other workers concerned at weekly conferences, held either at the TASS office, 26 The Bund, or in the Novaya Zhizn offices, 130 Rue L. Lorton. V. N. Rogov or his deputy, Mikhail P. Yakshamin, transmits the instructions from Moscow and explains the directives.
3. The connection between TASS and the Soviet consulate general in Shanghai is very close. The consulate general receives copies of all instructions sent to TASS, and Rogov discusses questions relating to propaganda with acting Soviet Consul General Chernonebov.
4. Instructions with regard to propaganda directed toward the Shanghai Soviet community are passed on by TASS or the Soviet consulate general to the Culture and Education Department of the Soviet Citizens' Association (SCA) and to the Soviet Citizens' Club.
5. Materials for lectures are supplied to the Culture and Education Department of the SCA by TASS or VOKS. Lecturers are instructed to follow closely the materials supplied. Their lectures are examined and approved by TASS.
6. Boris S. Romyantsev, vice chairman of the SCA and head of the Culture and Education Department, maintains close contact with Rogov and Yakshamin.

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