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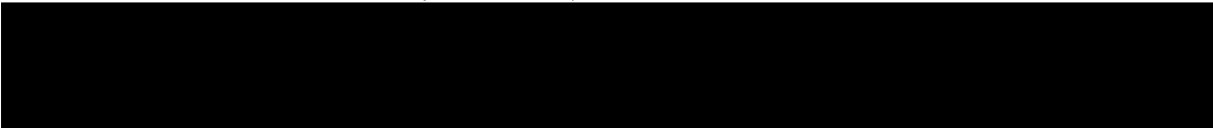
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1. A Chinese employee of the Shanghai Telephone Company reported that the Soviets in Shanghai were setting up an independent telephone system for their own use. One laborer employed on this project was a German prisoner of war who had "USSR" tattooed on his neck and left wrist. The Chinese telephone employee said that there were from three to five thousand German prisoners of war, mostly technicians of various kinds, working in Shanghai, and that more were arriving at regular intervals.
2. The Chinese Communist authorities in Shanghai were mobilizing, in late April 1950, physicians, nurses and medical students for service in the Kiangsu-Chekiang border area, to treat Chinese Communist soldiers suffering from parasite diseases. The doctors were to be restricted to their posts and not permitted to leave the area until their patients were completely cured. The disease was reported to have reached epidemic proportions, but the exact number of persons affected was unknown.
3. The Shanghai authorities had also, under the supervision of the Soviet physicians, Boroyev and Lossovsky*, commandeered pharmaceutical and drug products and pharmacists from the China Biological Laboratories, New Asiatic Chemical Works, and Sine Laboratories and Company, all of Shanghai, and sent them to troop stations on the Kiangsu-Chekiang border to accelerate the manufacture of vaccines** for the army.

* These names are approximations based on Chinese phonetic renditions.

** [REDACTED] In view of the reported parasitic nature of the disease, it is probable that the [REDACTED] used the term "vaccine" in the sense of any preventive medication.

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