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- 1. Between April 1950 and 10 September 1950 a German merchant in Peiping imported 700 motorcycles from Germany and sold them to the Chinese Communist authorities.
- 2. On 2 September 1950 MAO Chun-feng\*, commissioner of the North China Trade Bureau, ordered 150 boxes of penicillin, 100 bottles of unspecified size per box, from the Ta Chung (大 R) Dispensary, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. The transaction was to be completed by the end of September.

Hong Kong

The British Government sold 100 Spitfires to the Chinese Communist government; thirty of the planes had been delivered by the beginning of September 1950. The intermediary in the sale was reported to have made a profit of US \$5,000 per plane. Lausers, trucks, half-tracks and small tanks have also been offered to the Chinese Communists by British agencies, but the Communists are more interested in obtaining ammunition for Thompson sub-machine guns and carbines.

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