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1. [Redacted] the Shihching Arsenal and the 15 Motor Car Repair Workshop at Shahe (沙河), Canton, were amalgamated under the name of Hsinnan (新南) Arsenal. The management of this arsenal is now under the direct control of the Chinese Communist Central Government.
2. The temporary head of the arsenal is TAN Chi-jung (佢季榮), who was sent from Peiping and who has been responsible for the readjustment of staff and pay. All the senior staff, who have been there since the Nationalist regime, have been discharged. These are CH'EN Chao (陳照), Chief of the Waste Materials Store of the Instruments and Materials Section, and YU Sheng-lung (行生隆), HU Hsiao-chin (胡孝金), MAI Guang (麥廣), WANG Hsing (王璽) and WU Fu (伍復).
3. Apart from manufacturing rifles, machine guns, shells and cartridges, the arsenal repairs guns and arms. It also makes spare parts for machinery, re-casts copper and iron parts, overhauls all types of vehicles, and designs and rigs vehicle bodies.
4. It is equipped with two one-half ton foundries, one two ton iron foundry, and one 13 eye smelting furnace, which is capable of re-casting articles of approximately one ton in weight.
5. The arsenal is also equipped with two sets of machinery for producing oxygen. Each 'valve' (SAI 塞) can produce 12 bottles of oxygen. The installation of machinery for reconditioning used rubber tires has been completed and a total of 300 re-conditioned sets can be made monthly.
6. In order to be self sufficient in the supply of spare parts, the arsenal has succeeded [Redacted] in making pistons. In motor car repair it is capable of handling any kind of damage, including paint-spraying.
7. [Redacted] the arsenal received a consignment of machinery from Soviet Russia. Two Soviet experts, Ma-erh-fu-ko-fu (馬爾夫科夫) and Pa-hsi-no-fu (巴西諾夫), and two Chinese mechanical engineers, HIFH Jung-fu (聶榮夫) and T'U Han-yu (屠漢餘) are supervising the installation [Redacted]. After this the arsenal will be capable of making copies of new foreign weapons.

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