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1. The two large cotton mills of the Chung Fang Company and Sheng Hsin Company, which were dismantled in November 1950 in Shanghai, were re-erected near Chenghsien (113-40, 34-45) in February 1951. They were re-named the Hsin Yi Fang Chih Company. The new site is about 2 km. x 1.5 km. in area. The buildings are all low brick sheds. The two tall chimneys of the factory can be seen from the train at Wulipao, five miles south of Chenghsien Station.
2. The factory went into production again on 1 May 1951. It is under the control of a Joint Committee of South and East China, subsidiary to the Light Industry Bureaus of the East China and Central and South China Areas.
3. The factory uses raw cotton from Honan and Shensi. Most of its output goes to a blanket factory in East China and one in Central and South China. The remainder is sent to Peiping. No cotton cloth is sold locally.
4. The spinning mill has 100,000 spindles, of which 75,000 are in use. The weaving mill has 2,000 shuttles, of which 1,000 are in use. Maximum output is 75,000 lbs. of thread and 3,000 rolls of cloth per day. The total labor force is 5,680 workers in two shifts of 2,840 each, plus 260 staff workers, making a total of 6,500. The standard wage is 300-350 catties of wheat for a skilled worker, 150-200 for a semi-skilled worker and 100 for an unskilled worker. There is dissatisfaction among the workers over lengthened working hours.

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