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1. In March 1952, when a shortage of firewood in Macao raised its price to 19 patacas per picul, fishermen in the Wanshan Islands began cutting trees on the islands and selling the wood in Macao. For a number of days, the amount of wood from the Wanshans reaching Macao was as much as 10,000 catties per day. Aware of the wood-cutting activities of the fishermen, the Chinese Communists called a meeting of the Fishermen's Association in the islands, and announced that cutting of wood in the islands was prohibited, and that, apart from specially designated areas where fish might be dried, fishermen were to confine their shore activities in the islands to an area within 50 feet of the shore line. It was further announced that fishermen from the Wanshans would not be allowed to go to the mainland without valid travel permits.
2. By mid-April the price of firewood in Macao dropped to 12 patacas per 100 catties, as the result of a large shipment of firewood which had arrived in Macao from Wuchow (111-19, 23-29). On 21 April six junks arrived with a cargo of 1,500,000 catties of pine firewood, and several days later three junks brought in an additional 900,000 catties. The wood had been sent by the Joint Management Department of the Chinese Communist government of Wuchow, with the approval of the Foreign Trade Bureau.

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