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- In May 1952 students of Lingnan University in Canton could secure permits to travel to Hong Kong from a police sub-station near the campus of the university.<sup>1</sup> The university acted as a guarantor. The permit showed the date of departure and return and a police chop of approval, and had attached to it a photograph of the person to whom it was issued. It was easier for college students to obtain permits for travel to Hong Kong than for any other class of persons.<sup>2</sup>
- En route to Hong Kong by train, passengers got off the train at Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32), where Cantonese soldiers inspected their travel permits. Passengers then went to the Shench'uan bridge boundary line and registered imported articles such as wrist watches, and if they wished, each person could buy up to \$10 at the exchange rate of \$1.30 per HK\$1.<sup>3</sup> Afterwards, they went through the customs inspection and then went to the north end of the bridge, where soldiers examined their permits a second time. They then walked to the British side, where Hong Kong police examined their travel permits and stamped them with an admission seal. The first inspection of the travel permits at Shench'uan was made carefully, primarily to check the resemblance of the photographs on the permits with the holders of the permits, and a few questions were asked. The customs inspection was routine and the final inspection of the permits was brief.

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- Comment.** In 1951 the Ministry of Public Security issued special regulations for travellers to and from Hong Kong and Macao, according to a New China News Agency report from Peiping on 2 August 1951. Included in these regulations was a requirement that a person applying for such a permit present special papers to the public security bureau or sub-bureau of the hsien or municipal government of his place of residence. These required papers were the individual's census record or appropriate documents of identification from the chu or hsiang government and appropriate documents of identification relating to his profession.

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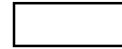
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2.  Comment. It is likely that regulations affecting Lingnan University students have been tightened since May. In July 1952 Communist authorities in Canton were preparing to liquidate Lingnan University, and had ordered the university authorities to conclude their work at the end of the current semester. All students of Lingnan University were to be transferred to the SUN Yat-sen University and were forbidden to leave Lingnan University without the permission of the Communist authorities. Communist cadres at Lingnan University were preparing to launch a three-anti campaign against the teaching staff of the university. Except for about 60 students whose thinking was being questioned, most of the students have been engaged during this semester in compulsory work in the agrarian reform work corps, the five-anti work corps, or the mayor's representative group and have had practically no classroom work. See the Hong Kong Kung Shang Jih Pao of 3 July 1952.
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3.  Comment. As of 30 June 1952 the rate on the open market was JMF 4,831 for HK \$1.

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