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SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF LIBERALISM AND ANARCHISM IN SIAN
(SHENSI).

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SUMMARY: LIBERALISM AND ANARCHISM CONTINUE TO PREVAIL IN SIAN, SHENSI, WHERE A SERIOUS FACTIONAL CLASH FLARED UP ON 26 MAY IN THE SIAN RAILWAY BUREAU. AS A RESULT, TRAIN SERVICE WAS DISRUPTED FOR TWO DAYS AND RESUMED ONLY AFTER A DIRECT ORDER CAME FROM THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES. COMMODITIES IN THE MARKET REMAIN SCARCE, AND ALMOST ALL DAILY NECESSITIES HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO STRICT RATIONING. WHEAT FLOUR HAS RECENTLY BEEN OUT OF STOCK, AND RICE HAS BEEN UNOBTAINABLE SINCE OCTOBER 1967. THOUGH ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY HAS BEEN RESTORED, FACTORY PRODUCTION HAS NOT BEEN RESUMED; WORKERS ARE DIVIDED IN VIEWS AND SLOPPY IN DISCIPLINE. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SIAN IS ABOUT THE SAME AS

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THE VIOLENT STRUGGLE HAS

NOT DIMINISHED IN INTENSITY; ON THE CONTRARY, A SERIOUS FAC-
TIONAL CLASH FLARED UP ON 26 MAY IN THE SIAN RAILWAY BUREAU,
AND CONSEQUENTLY ALL TRAINS CAME TO A STANDSTILL. TRAIN SER-
VICES WERE RESUMED ONLY AFTER A DIRECT ORDER HAD BEEN RECEIVED
TWO DAYS LATER FROM THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES. THE POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC DAMAGES INCURRED BY SUCH A GRAVE INCIDENT IN SIAN,
WHICH IS THE PIVOT OF TWO VAST AREAS - THE NORTHWEST/AND THE
SOUTHWEST - CAN WELL BE IMAGINED.

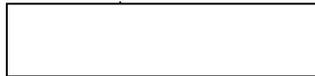
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SCARCITY OF COMMODITIES IN THE MARKET HAS NOT BEEN RELIEVED.
THE ONLY CHANGE IS THAT, BEGINNING FROM JUNE, CERTAIN INDUS-
TRIAL ARTICLES SUCH AS BICYCLES, WATCHES AND SEWING MACHINES
ARE SUPPLIED AGAINST 'INDUSTRIAL COUPONS;' AND DAILY NECESSITIES
SUCH AS CIGARETTES, SOAP, SOYSAUCE, VINEGAR/AND MATCHES ARE
SUPPLIED STRICTLY ON A RATION BASIS. CIGARETTES AND
SOYSAUCE EACH PERSON IS ALLOWED TO BUY 8 PACKS
AND HALF A CATTY (ONE CATTY EQUALS 1.1 LBS) RESPECTIVELY EACH

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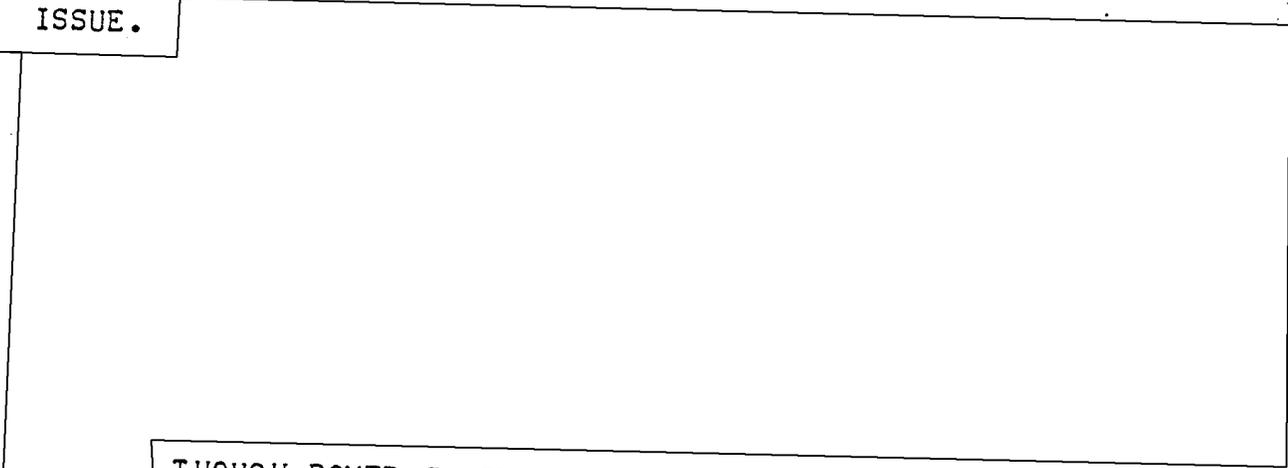
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MONTH. THE RATION OF COAL IS STILL 180 CATTIES PER HOUSE-
HOLD, AND THAT OF GRAIN BASED ON AGE AND THE NATURE OF WORK; BUT
THE SUPPLY OF THESE TWO COMMODITIES IS PARTICULARLY SCARCE AT
PRESENT. WHEAT FLOUR HAS RECENTLY BEEN OUT OF STOCK, AND RICE
HAS BEEN UTTERLY UNOBTAINABLE SINCE OCTOBER 1967. THE COAL
YARDS ARE OFTEN EMPTY, TOO. AS TO COTTON CLOTH, NO COUPONS HAVE
BEEN ISSUED THIS YEAR AND THERE IS NO NEWS ABOUT THE DATE OF
ISSUE.



THOUGH POWER SUPPLY HAS BEEN RESTORED, PRODUCTION HAS
NOT BEEN RESUMED; AS THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OR PER-
SONNEL, THERE IS NO WAY TO REVIVE WORK IN ANY RESPECT. THE
WORKERS, AS WELL AS THE STAFF MEMBERS, ARE FAR FROM BEING UNITED
IN VIEWS OR IN THINKING, AND LABOR DISCIPLINE IS LOOSE AND
SLOPPY. ON THE WHOLE, IT IS INDEED A TYPICAL STATE OF LIBERALISM AND ANARCHY."

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