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Wuhan (2976/3352) Steel Corporation 9 September

20 Kilometres southeast of Wuch'ang (2976/2450)

(N30-30, E114-17)

I. Explanations made by Wuhan Metallurgical Construction General Corporation's Secretary-General, WANG Ch'ân-feng (3765/1498/1496).

As he is the responsible person for construction alone, he does not know about steel manufacturing.

Being a ^{combined} enterprise, it is an integrated enterprise from raw materials to steel manufacturing.

Metallurgical iron and steel are either from open cut mining or from ore treatment plant.

This steel mill is located in Ch'ingshan (3237/1472) and is:

1. A preparation place to place the ore in the blasting furnace
2. Blast furnace
3. Open hearth furnace
4. Rolling mill, rolled sheet, pipe, various types of steel material
5. Coke manufacturing plant
6. Fireproof materials - firebricks etc.

Building site: Lengthwise: 6 kilometres

Width: 4 kilometres, a total of 24 square kilometres

Auxiliary mills: 11 (electricity, metallurgy)

Electricity is through thermal generation of electricity and work on this was launched in October 1955 and by March 1957, it would be possible to transmit electricity.

Water will be taken from Tunghu (lake?) (2639/3275) and the Yangtze River.

Raw materials - iron ore, and dolomite from Hupei (3275/0554); manganese from Hunan (3275/0589); fire-clay mortar from Honan (3105/0589)

The above are all under the supervision of this corporation.

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Construction was begun on 10 August 1955.

Billets for the workers totaling 150,000 square meters have been constructed and furthermore, a 3-story building totaling 70,000 square meters was also built therefore, billets total 220,000 square meters.

Railroads have been built and roads, waterworks and electric wiring work carried out and at present leveling off of a huge site is being carried out.

The electric generating plant and three auxiliary factories are about half completed.

The completion date for the first term is set for 1960 and the goal, 20 ~~wrought iron~~ ^{steel refineries} and 50 open hearth furnaces.

The 2nd term will follow this but I do not know about the production capacity.

Steel manufacturing bases are #1 Anshan (7254/1472); #2 Wuhan; and #3 Paot'ou (0545/7333).

II. Miscellaneous Views

This Secretary-General was in Anshan for two years but he remarked that he had been transferred from some other government agency. He is a Party member of peasant stock and about 40 years of age.

From the scale of this steel manufacturing plant, I estimate the output after completion of the first quarter, at 1,000,000 tons annually therefore, Communist China will still have to depend greatly on Anshan.