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MILITARY AUTHORITIES RUSH KWANGTUNG HIGHWAY REPAIR;
RR SELL THROUGH TICKETS, KUANG-CHOU--PEI-P'ING

MCC PUSHES REPAIRS ON KUANG-CHOU HIGHWAY -- Hong Kong Hsin-sheng Jih-pao, 23 Feb 50

Hong Kong -- Rapid progress has been made in carrying out the orders of the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission, issued near the end of January 1950, to rush repairs on the Kuang-chou--Shen-ch'uan section of the Kuang-chou--Hong Kong highway. The reason for the rush order is to provide usable highway connections with Hong Kong in case the Chinese section of the Kuang-chou--Chiu-lung Railroad, or any of its bridges, should be put out of commission by Nationalist bombing units.

All highway bridges between Tung-kuan (Ueda: 4765, 9880) and Shen-ch'uan have now been repaired or strengthened so as to be passable for loaded 3½ ton trucks. It is reported that the Kwangtung authorities are considering trying to reach an agreement with the Hong Kong authorities for through motor-truck transportation, without transshipment, in both directions across the boundary separating the two areas. Chinese merchants are much concerned over this matter. According to their views, since the volume of goods at present being moved from Hong Kong to Kuang-chou is greater than that in the reverse direction, in case it should be impossible to arrange for full reciprocity, then the Kwangtung authorities should agree to a one-sided arrangement permitting trucks licensed in Hong Kong to operate across the boundary in Kwangtung.

Many Hong Kong merchants consider that goods from Hong Kong destined for Kuang-chou need not be carried all the way by motor truck, but at Shih-lung or Tung-kuan they could be loaded on river steamers for the rest of the journey. While the cost of such a combination of transport, including transshipment charges, might be greater than all-rail transport without transshipment, nevertheless it would be cheaper than all-truck transport and safer than all-rail transport, since motor trucks can operate singly and river steamers can travel at night.

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KWANGTUNG HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPAIRS BEING RUSHED -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 25 Feb 50

Hui-yang, 24 February -- Repairs on the provincial trunk motor road No 2 from Kuang-chou through Tseng-ch'eng to Hui-yang, Ho-yuan, and other points in the Tung Chiang valley are being rushed. Although the newly constructed ferryboat landings at Tseng-ch'eng take care of the traffic from Hui-yang and the Yang-ts'un districts, there are many bridges still out in the vicinity of P'ing-ling, Pu-ch'ien and Hsiao-ho-pu. Hence, public buses cannot operate through services, and traffic must rely largely on military transport facilities. The local governments of more than ten hsien, including Po-lo, Tseng-ch'eng, Lung-men, and Ho-yuan, have been ordered to cooperate with the Tung Chiang Highway Engineering Bureau by mobilizing the people along the way in order to complete the repairs by 15 March 1950.

KUANG-CHOU--PEI-P'ING DIRECT SERVICE STARTS -- Hong Kong Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 22 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 22 February (via long-distance telephone)-- The first direct train service from Kuang-chou to Pei-p'ing will begin today by joint operation of the Yueh-Han and P'ing-Han lines. Upon reaching the Yueh-Han station in Han-k'ou [after crossing the Ch'ang Chiang by ordinary ferry] it is necessary for passengers to walk approximately one and two-thirds miles to the Ts-chih-men station to board the P'ing-Han train.

Through tickets to Pei-p'ing, good for use within 13 days, went on sale today. The third-class tickets in ordinary coaches are 145,200 yuan, and second-class tickets are 290,400 yuan. The distance is 2,327 kilometers, and the journey requires 5 days.

KUANG-CHOU TO PEI-P'ING RR FARES -- Hong Kong Kung-sheng Jih-pao, 23 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 22 February -- Although through train service between Kuang-chou and Sh'ang-hai has been in progress for some time, the Railroad authorities are just now inaugurating through ticket service between Kuang-chou and Pei-p'ing and intermediate points via the Yueh-Han and P'ing-Han lines. Advance sale of through tickets is to begin today at the Kuang-chou east station. Upon reaching Wu-ch'ang, passengers must cross the Ch'ang Chiang and board the P'ing-Han train in Han-k'ou. The journey will require about 5 1/2 days. The schedule of distances and fares, in people's yuan from Kuang-chou to the principal points on the P'ing-Han line is as follows.

Stations	Distance (km)	Fares by Ordinary Express Trains	
		3d Class	2d Class
Hsin-yang	1,329	92,600	185,600
Yen-ch'eng	1,490	103,600	207,200
Cheng-chou	1,631	115,600	227,000
Hsin-hsiang	1,711	117,600	235,200
An-yang	1,811	122,900	245,800
Han-tan	1,884	126,600	253,200
Shih-chia-chuang	2,051	133,900	267,800
Pao-ting	2,182	139,300	278,600
Feng-t'si	2,317	144,600	289,200
Pei-p'ing	2,327	145,200	290,400

The second-class fare to Pei-p'ing by the special express trains is 330,400 yuan. In Kuang-chou, sleeping-berth tickets are sold for only as far as Wu-ch'ang; for points beyond Wu-ch'ang, they must be purchased in Han-k'ou.

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KUANG-CHOU TO KUEI-CHOU AND LIU-CHOU RAIL SERVICE -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pac, 24 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 23 February -- Land transportation from Kuang-chou to Kuei-lin, Liu-chou, and intermediate points is now possible on through tickets via the Yush-Han and the Hsiang-Kuei lines. Beginning today, second and third-class passenger tickets will be on sale at the Kuang-chou east station.

The railroad will also sell tickets providing for railroad responsibility for baggage and other parcels or goods during transportation from the time they are checked in at the starting point until claimed at destination. Passengers need to change cars at Heng-yang, the junction point of the two lines. The total distance from Kuang-chou to Liu-chou is 1,087 kilometers, and the journey requires 3 days.

The schedule of distances and fares, in people's yuan, from Kuang-chou to the principle points on the Hsiang-Kuei line is as follows.

Stations	Distance (km)	Fares by Ordinary Trains	
		3d Class	2d Class
Kuang-chou E		-	-
Heng-yang W	559	45,800	91,600
Hung-ch'iao	615	49,300	99,800
Li-chia-p'ing	650	51,800	103,600
Leng-shui-t'an	694	54,300	108,600
Tung-an	739	56,800	115,000
Huang-sha-ho	767	59,400	118,800
Ch'uan-hsien	791	60,600	121,200
Hsing-an	851	63,700	127,400
Kuei-lin N	909	67,700	133,400
Kuei-lin S	915	67,700	133,400
Yang-fu	960	69,300	138,400
Huang-huang	1,011	71,600	143,000
Lu-chai	1,040	73,100	146,200
Lo-jung	1,058	74,600	148,200
Liu-chiang N	1,087	75,600	151,200

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