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25X1 1. [ ] the Pukch'angp'yong-dong (N 42-47, E 129-56) (EC-7637) National Store, which was opened in March 1953, was at EC-766373, west of a road at the north end of the village in a house 10 meters long, 5.5 meters wide, and 2.5 meters high, with a tile roof and mud walls. Six people were employed in the store. There was a manager, an accountant, two sales girls, and two laborers. Commodities were shipped in from Onsong (N 42-57, E 129-59) (EC-8055) by farm vehicles.

2. The commodities sold in this store in June 1953 and their prices were as follows:

Commodity	Origin	Unit	Price in Won
Leaf tobacco		1 kilogram	300
Cigarettes	Hungary	1 package (20)	100
Leather shoes	Hungary	1 pair	2,500
Canvas shoes	Communist China	1 pair	1,400
Cotton sheeting	Communist China	1 yard	550
Toilet soap	Communist China	1 bar	450
Towel	Communist China	1	500
Tooth brush	Communist China	1	200

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Won</u>
Pencil	Communist China	1	50
Thin white paper	Communist China	1 square meter	60
Pen point	Communist China	1	15
Ink	Communist China	1 bottle	40
Bean oil	North Korea	1 toe <sup>2</sup>	800
Pollack	North Korea	1	17
Grass mat	North Korea	1	500
Salt	North Korea	1 kilogram	20
Farmer's cap	North Korea	1	70
Student's cap	North Korea	1	500
Cake	North Korea	1 kilogram	900
Toilet soap	North Korea	1 bar	150
Laundry soap	North Korea	1 bar	200

3. Civilians were allowed to buy any quantity they wanted, but since they did not have the money to buy much, the above items were always in stock in the store.

25X1  Comments.

1. The prices are in North Korean won.
2. One toe equals 0.477 gallon.

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