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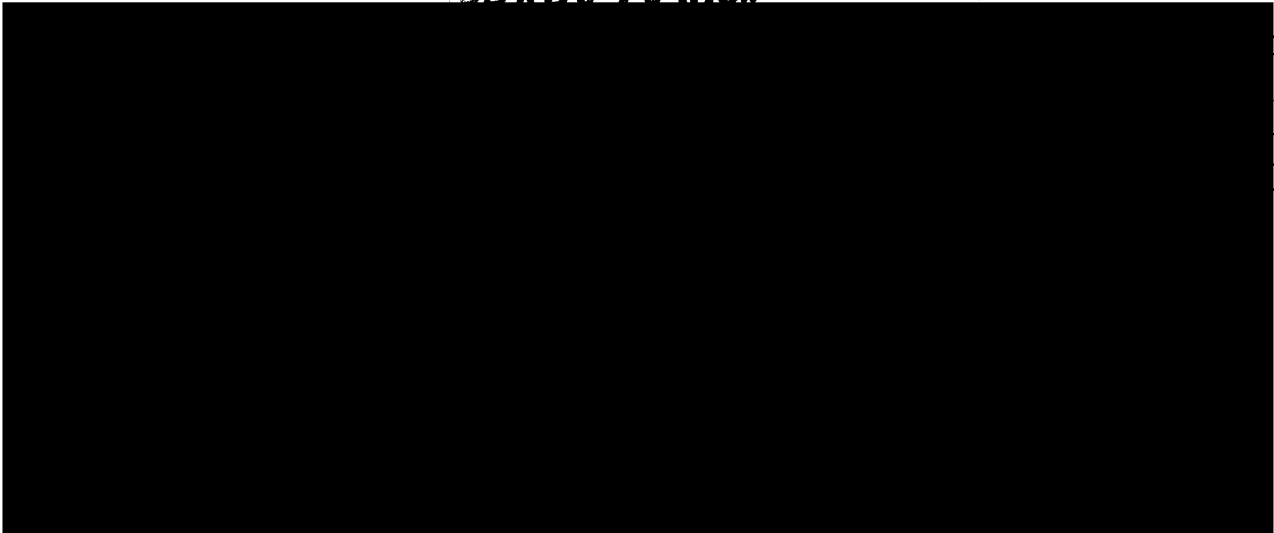
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1. Ordinary clothing is very expensive in the Mishan-Tungan area. Fine clothing sells quite cheaply, as the population fears confiscation of such material by Communist authorities.
2. The price of grain decreases as one goes farther north and east in Manchuria. The Tungan and Mishan area is a grain-producing region, and grain and other foodstuffs are plentiful at present. Source believes that the supply will not last until the next harvest, however, as large amounts of grain and foodstuffs are being confiscated by the Communists for military use. 25X1A6a
3. Salt is very rare and expensive - 100 yen per catty. [REDACTED] Note: Manchurian yen or yuan, which are still in circulation.)
4. Coal costs 800 yen per ton in the Mishan area. [REDACTED] Note: One ton of coal costs 40,000 NEC in Changchun.) The Communists have removed much coal to Harbin from the Hulin (133-38,45-59) and Chilingning (south of Hulin) mines. These mines were formerly under Russian (Soviet?) management and are now operated partly by the Chinese Communists and partly by Soviet civilians. *

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[REDACTED] Note: Previous information on the existence of coal mines obtained from the Director of the Advisory Board for Manchurian Coal Mining, while showing mines in the Mishan area, failed to include the Hulin and Chilingning mines. Hulin is located by other sources at 132-59,44-45 and at 132-59,45-34.

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