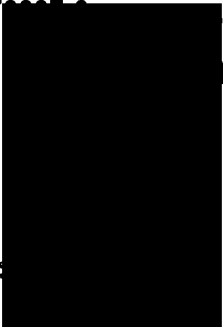


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P-6 1. Soviet troops have withdrawn from their former positions at Shihho (121-52, 39-20) to positions near Chinchou (121-48, 39-06).



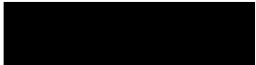
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P-6 2. There are still Soviet troops at Shihho, although they are fewer in number than they were a month ago.



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P-6 3. No Chinese Communist troops were encountered in traveling from Kaiping (122-22, 40-24) to Dairen until the outskirts of Dairen were reached. Previously, many Communist troops were seen in this area.



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P-6 4. There are 160,000\* Soviet troops on the Kwantung Peninsula. 80,000 are in Port Arthur (including airforce personnel), 40,000 men of the ground forces are in Dairen and another 40,000 in Chinchou.  
[\* Previous reports give 75,000.]

P-6 5. All members of the Soviet Army Dairen Headquarters except heads of departments and other top rank persons are changed once or twice a week. Designations in this headquarters are also changed. The reason for this is not known.

P-6 6. There is no sign that the Soviet Army is preparing to evacuate. (Shanghai Note: Shanghai newspapers dated 15 to 20 November have carried stories of a Soviet withdrawal from the city of Dairen. This account was denied and then reaffirmed. There has been no confirmation from classified sources. It is thought that paragraph 15 of this report may provide a possible explanation of this rumor if the account is not true.)

P-6 7. The difference between the Soviet troops now stationed on the Kwantung Peninsula and those who were there five months ago is obvious. The new troops are young (17 to 22 years old), neat, well-disciplined, courteous, and kind.

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to the Chinese civilians. ( [REDACTED] Note: This contradicts paragraph 17 below.) They have good uniforms of olive drab with broad red stripes running up the side of the trouser leg and sleeve. They are proud of their organization and state that they are all members of the Soviet Far Eastern Army.

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F-6 8. On 21 October 1,800 fully armed Soviet troops left Port Arthur by train for Chinchou. On 9 October about 740 Soviet troops arrived at Port Arthur by ship and immediately went to Lao Pei Shan (Lao Tieh Shan, the tip of the peninsula?)

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F-6 9. There are seven or eight Soviet divisions on the peninsula, four or five of which are in the Dairen-Port Arthur area.

F-6 10. Some Soviet soldiers are discharged from military service while on the Peninsula. Some wear full civilian dress; others wear civilian clothes with military caps. They receive the same treatment as the men in the service.

11. Families of Soviet soldiers are being sent to Dairen. (F-3) Machinery and foodstuffs are carried by sea from Dairen to Vladivostok, and the ships bring back the dependents on the return trip. (F-4) Buildings are being confiscated and remodelled for these families. (F-3) The women arrive clad only in underwear and shoes. Their husbands then supply them with clothing confiscated from the Japanese. (F-5)

F-3 12. The Soviet soldier, trained for a rugged life, accustomed to plain food and rough uniforms, makes part of a good fighting machine. He is not good for occupational duties, however, since he is unable to assume leadership over the local people. The soldiers have no money, [REDACTED] Note: See paragraph 17) and are therefore trying to make some by illegal sale of Army goods.

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F-3 13. Soviet forces in Dairen and Port Arthur are of the same strength as in July. Russian military discipline is being relaxed considerably.

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C-6 14. There is considerable target practice with artillery pieces and machine guns in the mountains along the seacoast, south of Port Arthur. The direction of fire is toward the sea, and the targets are usually wooden models. This practice is done between 10 and 12 o'clock at night.

C-6 15. Soviet troops in Dairen have been gradually moving from the municipal areas to the suburb of Hsi Shan Hsia. Dairen appears quieter because these Soviet soldiers are kept out of town.

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- C-3 16. In Port Arthur, the number of Soviets has been increased, particularly in the Hsin Shih Chieh area on the west side of the port. This has always been the main area of Soviet troop concentration, and few Soviet soldiers are now seen in the town proper.
- C-6 17. The pay of each soldier is theoretically 300 Soviet Army notes a month, but they have not been paid for several months. They were originally paid in National Russian notes (Note: Presumably the ordinary Russian currency), but the local merchants will not accept these notes. Only White Russians who expected to go to Harbin later would accept them. Therefore, the Soviet Command is calling in these notes. The morale problem caused by the lack of pay has brought about much misbehavior on the part of the Soviet soldiers. Orders have been issued that no soldier who is off duty may leave the camp without permission. If permission is given, the soldier is disarmed before being permitted to go into town. 25X1A6a
- C-6 18. The Soviet military establishments on the Kwantung Peninsula are maintained entirely on local income, derived mostly from the electric light plant, telephone works, and water works. Chinese and Japanese do the work in these companies, while the Soviet Military Headquarters manages the concerns. In case money is needed for emergency expenses, the Soviet Army can secure subsidies by applying to the Sino-Russian Friendship Association which, in turn, "accepts donations" from wealthy inhabitants of the area. The Soviets justify their dependence on local income by stating that since the Nationalists have arrived in Mukden, no communications, and, therefore, no shipments of specie and supplies are possible between Siberia and the Kwantung Peninsula.
- C-6 19. Russian uniforms are made from cotton cloth produced at the Chinchou Weaving Plant at Chinchou. 25X1X6
- C-4 20. There are 25,000 Soviet troops at Hsingkepu (121-32, 38-53) [? Hsingpu, 121-34, 38-53], suburb of Dairen. There are about 42,000 in the vicinity of Port Arthur, about 23,000 near Sanshihlipao (121-48, 39-16), and about 45,000 at Shihho. [ See paragraph 4. ] 25X1X6
- F-6 21. The Soviet Army Headquarters is in the Port Arthur Technical University. The dormitories are being used as quarters for the Headquarters staff officers. The Yamato Hotel is being used as the Soviet Military Police Headquarters, and Chinese contractors are constructing a guard house adjoining this hotel.
- F-6 22. The former Port Arthur Girls High School is being converted into a hospital. The former Japanese hospital is being renovated, and will be made into a general hospital. It is not known whether this will be an Army or civilian installation. 25X1X6

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- 6 23. There are 10,000 troops in the city of Dairen. The headquarters is at the Ta Ho Hotel (大和) in the Chang Pan Chiao (長板橋) sector.
- C-6 24. Lt. Gen. Knochievlov (Chinese phoneticization of Russian name) commands the Soviet troops in the Kwantung Peninsula. [REDACTED] Note: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 25X1A6aD  
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- C-6 25. There is a Soviet headquarters at Chinchou with about 1,000 troops, scattered about the area in groups of 10 to 20. 300 to 400 Soviet troops are stationed in Pulantien (121-59, 39-24). There is a Soviet headquarters in Liangchiatun (121-57, 39-14) with 3000 to 4000 men. 25X1X6p
- [REDACTED]
- F-4 26. There are 200,000 troops in the Dairen-Fort Arthur area. 25X1X6  
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- C-6 27. The Soviet military headquarters in Fort Arthur has dismissed all its Chinese interpreters. Only the former White Russians are now employed. The action is believed to have been caused by a desire to tighten security. 25X1X6  
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- F-6 28. There are about 40,000 crack disciplined Soviet troops in Dairen. They replaced the troops which originally entered the city. The troops are continuously at work building fortifications and pillboxes in the area. 25X1X6  
[REDACTED]
- F-6 29. There are 40,000 to 50,000 Soviet troops in the Dairen area. Most of them, however, are stationed outside the city of Dairen.  
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