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1. In spite of the gradual decline in the number of Soviet citizens in the Shanghai Soviet community as a result of the repatriation program, activity among local Soviet groups such as the Soviet Consulate, TASS, Torgpredstvo and Inturist has gradually increased.

2. M. Soulevich and the "inner Soviet staff" of his Union Steamship Agency are also extremely busy, although the Union Steamship Agency has little direct work connected with the functions of a shipping agency, as it is now difficult to charter steamers. Cargo transactions, which are extremely few, are handled by Torgpredstvo. (Note: Marden interests are presently chartering Soviet ships.)

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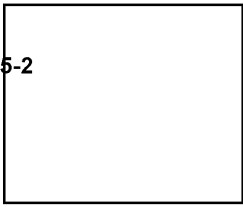
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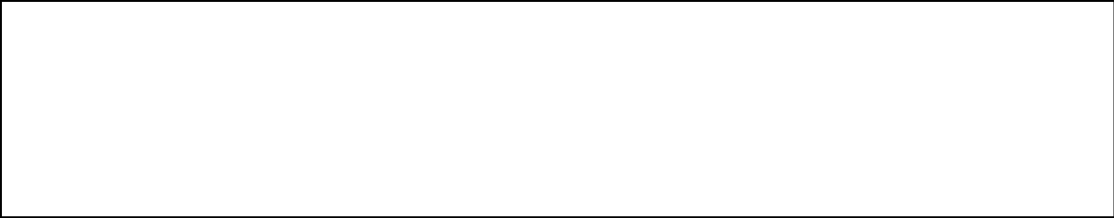
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6. The Shanghai Torgpredstva office, with its large staff including experts sent from Moscow, has little to do as far as functions of trade representatives of the USSR are concerned, as little cargo is available for shipping either to or from Shanghai. The locally-hired staff of Torgpredstvo is busy exclusively with various statistical matters, economic reviews, routine trade information, etc.

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