

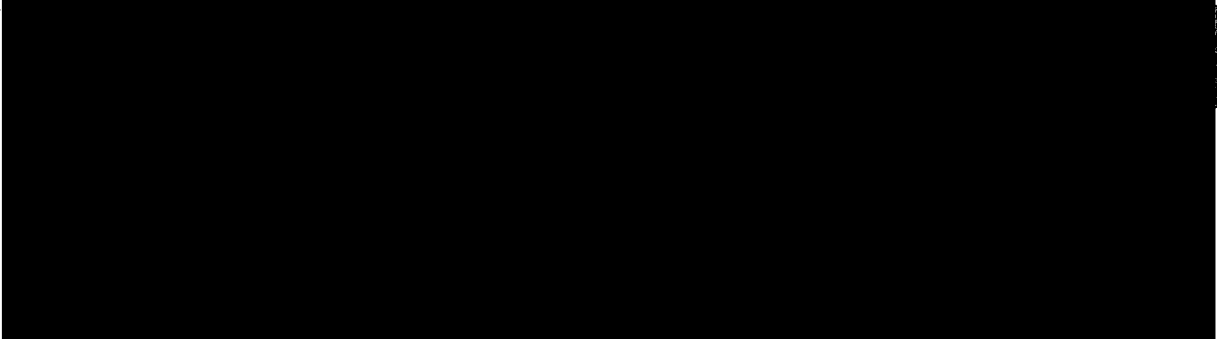
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- The Social Affairs Bureau of Tsingtao, upon instructions from the Ministry of Social Affairs in Hanking, recently released the following statistics regarding the population in Tsingtao:
 - As of 27 April 1948 the total residents population was 848,721.
 - In addition, there were approximately 250,000 refugees. Of these, some 90,000 lived within the city proper in refugee camps set up by the Municipal Government, and about 160,000 lived in the outer areas of the city.
 - Of the 848,721 residents, 435,072 are children between the ages of one and eighteen. Among these, 151,875 are destitute or homeless.

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- The highest pre-war population total for Tsingtao was 579,445, in June 1937. This was all-inclusive as there were no refugee groups at that time.
- By February 1938 the population had dropped to 306,728, according to the first population total published by the Japanese Puppet Government then established in Tsingtao. By 1 January 1939 the population had increased to 451,198.

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- The number of refugees in Tsingtao has grown steadily since April 1946, when statistics showed a refugee population of 1,262. A year later this figure had grown to 51,202, and by April 1948 it had reached approximately 250,000.

25X1A [Redacted] Comment: The above figures do not include U. S. Armed Forces personnel or their dependents, who constitute an additional 6,000 persons. The city is seriously overcrowded with more than twice the normal population. Many believe that the present overcrowding is all part of the Communist scheme for creating internal problems in Tsingtao by forcing and encouraging a mass movement of refugees into the city.)

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