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1. The present (June 1948) population of Chiamussu (130-21,46-49) is over 200,000 persons. Industries and commerce are prospering there, and large companies such as Yi Fah Chung (益發中), Tai Chin Ch'ang (大晉昌) and Jui Hsiang (瑞祥) are allowed to conduct their own affairs freely within the limits set by the Chinese Communists in their economic control regulations. Factories formerly owned by the Japanese, such as the starch mill, paper mill and fish cannery (which cans fish caught in the Sunghua River), have been reopened by the Chinese Communists. Products from these factories, except what is needed locally, are shipped to Siberia.

Harbin

2. Before their surrender, the Japanese had planned to build four dams for the Chingpo Lake (128-,43-) power plant. On 15 August 1945 the construction was two-thirds completed. In mid-August 1946 a Japanese engineer named ITO (伊藤) was ordered by Chinese Communist authorities to complete the construction. By 1 June 1948 the work was almost finished and a trial planned. The electric power supplied by all four dams will meet the needs of all of the factories in North Manchuria and of the residence areas along the Sungari River. Harbin is now supplied with electric power from the Hsiao-fengman power plant, which went into operation on 15 April 1948 (F-2).
 3. Seventy percent of the capital of the Chung Tung (中東) Oil Company is from Soviet interests. Soviet interests have put up \$400,000 of the \$500,000 capital of the Chung Hsing (中興) Company, and the majority of the company's administrative personnel are Soviet citizens.
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- Comment. The figures given probably mean US equivalent of Communist currency. [redacted] gives information on the capital of the Chung Tung Company.)

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