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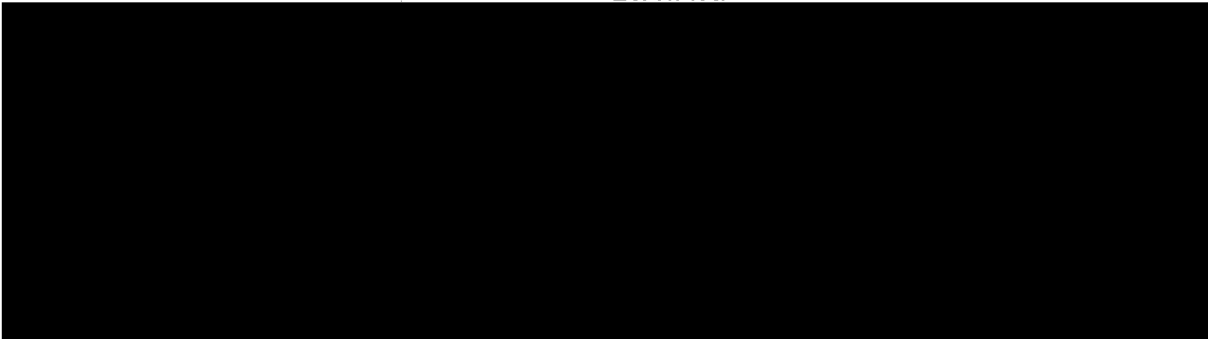
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1. There are no Chinese Communist or Soviet Army troops in Harbin.
2. There are about 200 railroad police in Harbin belonging to the Soviet army. These are organized according to the Soviet system and their uniforms, ranks, etc., follow the Soviet pattern. They are equipped for ground fighting and for defensive operations against air raids:

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Comment: It is quite possible that there are no regular Chinese Communist soldiers in Harbin and that police and irregular units have replaced any regular troops which were in the city. Previous reports have indicated a larger number of Soviet railroad troops (or "police") in Harbin, or have mentioned a larger number of railroad troops in Harbin on leave, but the figure above is believed to be more nearly correct.)

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