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SECTION III

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(Economic.)

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HONG KONG.KWIZ 67/21.COMMODITY SUPPLY & PRICES.

(1) Shipments of rice continued to arrive in HONG KONG during the last few days, rendering the rice market more active. The price of rice has been falling since 29 JUL. On 30 JUL, Kum Fung Suet (金風雪) rice dropped from MY705 to MY690 per picul. Sunhing (新興) white rice dropped to MY685. There was a general drop again yesterday. In the forenoon Kum Fung Suet was quoted at MY690 per picul and then at MY685. The last quotation in the afternoon was MY680 for Kum Fung Suet, and MY685 for Sunhing white rice. A further drop is expected today. (Dated 1 AUG 44).

(2) Commodity prices in HONG KONG on 2 AUG 44:-

Sunhing (新興) white rice	per picul	MY680/685 (wholesale)
"	per catty	7/7.10 (retail)
Kum Fung Suet (金風雪)	per picul	690/700 (wholesale)
"	per catty	7.00 (retail)
Yautsim (油占) superior rice	"	7.60
Annam rice	"	7.50
Firewood (pine)	per picul	80.00
" (mixed)	"	70/72
Cooking oil	per catty	38.00 (retail)

(Dated 3 AUG 44)

(Dated as shown - Ungraded - Origin: Enemy Press (Heung To Yat Po, Hong Kong)).

(3) On the day when the price (of rice) was at its highest peak, the wholesale rate quoted was MY980 per 100 cattles, but actually some rice dealers were selling at as much as MY13 per catty, a difference of more than MY3.

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KWIZ 67/22.COMMUNICATIONS.

(1) Since the tram service ceased to operate, handcarts have become a popular means of transport. At first only a few were running, but now the number has increased to more than 100. Most of them run between CAUSEWAY BAY and the WESTERN MARKET. Yesterday a few carts were sent to QUARRY BAY and there was a number of passengers. It is learned that if the results are good, more carts will be available for this route.

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