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HONGKONG.

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FINANCE AND BANKING.

The Hongkong News dated 3rd October announced an increase in the Japanese Banks' interest rates. Interest on Deposit accounts is raised from 3% to 4.5% and on Current accounts from .5% to .7%.

(3 Oct 44 - Ungraded - Origin: Enemy Press, Hongkong News (thro' BAAG)).

Comment:

Further indication of Jap financial difficulties.

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COMMODITY SUPPLY & PRICES.

Supply:

Empty 50 gallon drums are in great demand. On 15th October the Japanese shipped 400 drums to HONGKONG.

Prices:

Wood oil is now selling at the same price as Peanut oil - MACAO \$430 per picul, as against \$180 at the beginning of the year.

(4 Nov 44 (Sig) - Graded C3 - Source: Ajax (BAAG)).

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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Minor Shipyards:

1. WING ON SHING (永安成) Shipbuilding Yard:

This is the former Chinese owned WING ON SHING Shipyard in CHEUNG SHA WAN (188600). After Japanese occupation, the yard was taken over by the OMACHI (大町) Butai, which was transferred to SINGAPORE in June 1944.