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LIVING CONDITIONS IN HONGKONG (Source - 99).

Food.

The Japanese in Hong Kong are facing a difficult food situation. All employees working in big factories, docks etc., are to have their rations - not salary and wages - cut down or cancelled. Some of them have already stopped getting them, e.g.,

- (a) The workers in the Acid manufacturing works in TO KWA WAN, who used to get 12 cattles of rice monthly, have now ceased getting them any more. Their tiffins, which were provided, will be cancelled by next month; 50 cents will be paid in addition as substitute.
- (b) The workers in NGAN TAU KOK will have their ration, which previously was not limited, reduced to only 1 catty per person per day.

Due to the seriousness of the food situation, the Japs. have had to evacuate more of the population in H.K. so as to maintain the peace. They are trying to get away all the unemployed. Most of these are those who dress poorly, but sometimes, even well dressed people also fall victims. Families of Government servants have to obtain certificates to avoid this.

(Source - 63)

Searching became much less strict about a month ago and only occasionally takes place at the Ferries.

If a man buys a ticket in the New Territories for KOWLOON he must be prepared to give his address and state his business, but needs no papers.

"Repatriation". 65 writes:

"The Japs. are offering every inducement to the population to evacuate. Posters with 'Back to the Land' appeal are appearing in the street."

65 says people in the street are arrested between 0800 hrs. and 0900 hrs. and 2300 hrs. and 2400 hrs. and "repatriated". This has been going on for 2 weeks. If those arrested can produce a shop guarantee they are sent to KONGTSON or TAIPIING by junk.

HAINAN (Source - 65). For several months they have been engaging labour for HAINAN and advertisements have appeared in vernacular papers.