

LABOUR.

Hongkong News 3 Apr 43 advertises for blacksmiths, ships carpenters, metal workers and coxswains.

HIDEKI TOJO, Premier and War Minister of Japan visited the "National Government of China" from 12 Mar to 15 Mar 43 (Hongkong News 18 Mar 43).

MANCHOUKUO'S production of copper, lead and zinc is the object of strenuous efforts to increase production (H.K. News 16 Mar 43).

KWANGCHOWWAN.

A recent copy of H.K. News mentioned a change in arrangements for the searching of baggage of passengers sailing for Macao and Kwangchowwan. The Gendarmerie no longer do it. This would appear to be because local search at Kwangchowwan can, since the occupation, be tightened up to stop the former easy communication by this route with free China and consequent loss of valuable goods and people to the Japanese. (Z.C.).

EXCHANGE OF MILITARY NOTES AND 'CENTRAL RESERVE NOTES' - HONGKONG.

(Extract from 'HEUNG TO YAT PO' - Hongkong Chinese paper dated 9 Apr 43)

Hongkong Government Governor's Order No.16.

The Governor's Order No.16 of 8 APR 43 amended the Governor's Order No.32 of (1942) re regulations on exchange of currencies, in which there were rules on the exchange between Military Notes and 'Central Reserve Notes' in Hong Kong.

Reasons for the amendment: It has been announced that Central China and South China will cease issuing Military Notes; and H.K., and adjoining territory obviously has to take measures to suit itself under such new conditions.

Main points in the Governor's Order No.16 dated 8 APR 43.

- (1) Persons are allowed to carry into H.K. an amount of Central Reserve Notes equivalent in value to Military Notes 200 Yen.
(Present Rate of exchange: M.Y.200.00 = C.R.N.\$1,111.11)
- (2) These notes may be sold, at the Military Notes Exchanges for the equivalent value in Military Notes.
(Formerly, permit must be obtained for such transaction, but now, if the amount is not above the Governor's Limit, no permit is required.)
- (3) No permit is necessary for the buying of Central Reserve Notes with Military Notes, if the amount does not exceed the Governor's Limit.

The Amendment is made chiefly to give facilities to travellers between H.K. and China.