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JAPANESE ARRESTS OF CHINESE "PUPPETS": (Contd.)

C3 PETER CHIU, ex editor of South China Morning Post, is still detained. Reason for detention was because a friend, M. K. WAI by name, also from AUSTRALIA, wrote him an indiscreet letter from CHUNGKING urging him also to go up there as he was in comfortable financial circumstances and would provide for him. He was arrested immediately after receipt of this letter. (Source:60).

C3 POLICE TRAINING:

At present 140 new candidates being trained. Very much ill-treated by their instructors. Their training consists only of knowledge of government orders, ordinary drill and rifle drill. There is no training in the use of arms. The training school is in the St. Paul's Church, and quarters in the St. Paul's College Hostel. Former Police Reservists in charge. Enough arms for all men stored there. Revolvers for 10 senior men and rifles for trainees. (Source: M Group).

RECRUITING OF CHINESE FOR GENDARMERIE continues: no educational qualification is needed, but applicants must be physically fit. Pay is M.Y.40 per month during training and M.Y.60 per month after graduation. Training includes use of rifle and revolver.

ECONOMIC - HONG KONG:

FOOD: (Source: M Group)

C3 Essential commodities such as rice, oil, sugar, salt and flour, though hard for the poor man to buy, can be bought in the black market in any quantity. Supplies for the black market come from the Gendarmerie Rationing stores with the approval of the Japanese in charge.

C2 Godowns of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., West Point, HONGKONG, contain:

- 100,000 bags of rice,
- 10,000 bags of sugar,
- Large quantities of newsprint in rolls,
- Large quantities of tinned goods.

C2 METALS: (Source: M Group)

Aluminum scrap is being assiduously collected - screw caps from bottles, shaving scrap holders, etc., etc.

Nickel: "A large quantity" of old Hongkong nickel coins are stored in POND Godowns at TAIKOTSUI (exact position not yet known to A.H.Q.).

Motor Cars: Two reports from M Group state respectively, a) Only 200 cars are left on the Fehoi Sports Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, the remainder having been melted for scrap; b) All cars parked on Police Recreation Club grounds, Boundary Street, Kowloon, are being scrapped after removal of engines. (It is not clear whether these reports refer to the same place or not).

C3 Ore Mines at LINGHANG and NETUNGSHAN have been re-worked since last November. 200 men are now employed there.

Fire Engines