

Code telegram from the representative of the Central Committee of the Military-Industrial Complex (Bolsheviks) to the Central Committee of the CPC I.V. Kovalev to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR V.M. Molotov outlining the questions posed to him by the member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the CPC Chen Yun on trade operations with Hong Kong and the possibility of introducing a single currency in the North-Eastern provinces of China

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On March 12, member of the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party Comrade Chen Yun addressed two questions:

1. Can the Chinese comrades permit a trade operation with the capitalists of Hong Kong, who offer to supply the necessary goods in a short period of time in exchange for 50 thousand tons of various grains.

Comrade Chen Yun added that the sale of grain to Hong Kong would be made without reducing grain supplies to the Soviet Union under the agreement, and that only those goods that the Soviet Union could not supply (rubber products, electrodes, copper mesh, penicillin, streptomycin, tanning agents and artificial leather) would be purchased in Hong Kong.

2. Again raised the question of introducing a single currency for all of Manchuria, including Dalny. He added that in order to support workers and administration at // Dalny enterprises belonging to Chinese comrades, in addition to coal and grain supplies, it is necessary to pay an additional 100 thousand liang of gold (5,000 kilograms of gold) annually. I refrained from any comments or judgments on these issues.

I request your instructions.

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