

Special Service Division Dispatch No. 700

The notification for sending documents re Manchurian Economic Control.

Date: December 29, 1932

To Vice-War Minister, YANAGAWA, Heisuke

From Chief of Staff of Kwantung Army, KOISO, Kuniaki

I hereby notify you regarding a definite plan as per separate text, concerning matters of Manchurian economic control that has been obtained as the result of research in the Army.

If you have any comments, please advise us immediately.

The separate text: The Outline re the General Policy for Manchukuo customs duty.

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Draft of Outline of General Measures regarding Customs Duties in Manchukuo, 12 December 1932, The Headquarters of the Kwantung Army.

1. To decide on a customs policy so as to make Japan and Manchukuo one economic unit shall be the final aim, but for the time being, the following policy shall be adopted.
2. The customs of Manchukuo shall be based on the statutory tariff in principle, but towards Japan the tariff on certain specified articles shall be decided by an agreement. Manchukuo shall be persuaded to keep away as much as possible from making any tariff agreement with any Powers other than Japan. She shall not unconditionally allow other powers to share in the tariff agreed between her and Japan.
3. The statutory tariff of Manchukuo shall be decided, for the time being, through the reasonable revision of the present tariff. Later the general tariff shall be entirely altered.
4. In revising the present tariff, certain articles shall be specified as free goods or those the duties on which shall be reduced, according to the principle of the control over the Japanese-Manchurian economic relations. On the other hand, to make up for the subsequent decrease of revenues, duties on such articles that will not hinder the Japanese-Manchurian trade shall be increased.
5. In the revision of the present tariff, a legitimate consideration shall be taken to prevent the third Powers, especially China and Russia, from making an economic advance towards Manchukuo to the disadvantage of the economic relations between Japan and Manchukuo.
6. A system shall be considered whereby discrimination may be made between the exports and imports of countries friendly to Manchukuo and those unfriendly to it.
7. Consideration shall be taken to devise a system to reduce the customs duties at the border of Manchuria and Korea.
8. Special treatment shall be given to the duties of the special articles necessary for the execution of the common defense of Japan and Manchukuo.
9. The rights already acquired in accordance with the treaties or agreements shall be independent from the statutory and the stipulated tariffs.
10. Regarding the revision and abolition of the Manchurian Customs Law and the Tariff Law, close connection between the Japanese and the Manchurian authorities shall be maintained.

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11. The customs system in Kwantung Province shall remain in general as it is now.

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