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FINAL PROTOCOL.
(BETWEEN U.S.S.R. AND MANCHUKUO)

Signed at Tokyo, March 23, 1935.
Effective from March 23, 1935.
Published March 25, 1935.

In proceeding this day to the signature of the Agreement between Manchoukuo and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Cession to Manchoukuo of the Rights of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway), the Plenipotentiaries of Manchoukuo and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have agreed upon the following stipulations:

ARTICLE 1.

1. It is understood that the handing over of archives, records, papers and documents as stipulated in Section 1 of Article 3 of the Agreement is not intended to involve anything in the nature of rendering accounts.

2. Whereas the new administration of the Railway is at liberty whether to adopt or not the advice given by the advisers mentioned in Section 2 of Article 3 of the Agreement, the said advice can on no occasion result in any responsibility being imposed on the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or on these persons.

ARTICLE 2.

The stipulation of Article 5 of the Agreement concerning the property which is to be placed under the occupation and management of the community of the citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Harbin shall not in any way

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preclude the application of the law of Manchoukuo as to the said property, its occupation and management.

ARTICLE 3.

The Government of Manchoukuo agree to grant subsidies, in the same manner as up to the date of the coming into force of the Agreement, to schools which are under the management of the 4th Section of the Educational Department of the Office of Pin-Chiang Province and used for the education of children of the employees of the North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway) who are citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for three months after the coming into force of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4.

The school inventory purchased from funds supplied by the parents who are citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as well as the stage appurtenances acquired, by the former Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway), are to be turned over to the Consul General of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Harbin as property not belonging to the North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway).

ARTICLE 5.

The Government of Manchoukuo take no exception to the liquidation of the cooperative society of the employees of the North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway) in accordance with its Articles and will permit certain members of the society who are citizens of the Union of Soviet

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Socialist Republics and whose presence is required for purposes of such liquidation to remain in Manchukuo till the completion thereof.

ARTICLE 6.

Until the conclusion within the prescribed period of the separate agreement concerning the telegraphic connection provided for in Article 15 of the Agreement, the status quo of such connection shall be maintained.

The present Final Protocol shall constitute an integral part of the above-mentioned Agreement and come into force simultaneously with the said Agreement.

Done in duplicate in the English Language in the City of Tokyo, this twenty-third day of the third month of the second year of Kangte, corresponding to the 23rd day of March 1935.

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I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of Archives Section Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document in English hereto attached, consisting of 3 pages and entitled "Final Protocol".

is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Signed at Tokyo on this
17th day of Sept., 1946

(signed) K. HAYASHI
Signature of Official

Witness: (signed) Nagaharu ODO