

# DONG FANG HONG series Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. (CSC)

## Steamships of Pre-1949 Origin

### 1949 年以前的“东方红”系列长江轮船航运总公司轮船

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An executive order of the Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. on 25 November 1966 decreed that large Yangtse steamers with JIANG, MIN and XIN names were immediately (evidently effective 1 December) to be renamed in a new DONG FANG HONG series. Shanghai-Hankow mainline vessels were given numbers from DFH 1 to DFH 10. A daily sailing on this route required seven vessels to be in service each week.

Smaller vessels on shorter routes were given two- or three-digit numbers. Branch allocations for vessels with three digits were DFH 1-- (Chongqing Branch), DFH 2-- (Wuhan Branch), DFH 3-- (Wuhu Branch) and DFH 4-- (Shanghai Branch).

The official *List of ships of Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. 1976-1977* identifies those vessels still in service at that time. Several older vessels had apparently been decommissioned, probably including ex KANGTING, probably also ex LUNG ON, DFH 109, etc. Yangtse passenger ships (excluding cruise ships) built after 1949 are covered in our Post-1949 list.

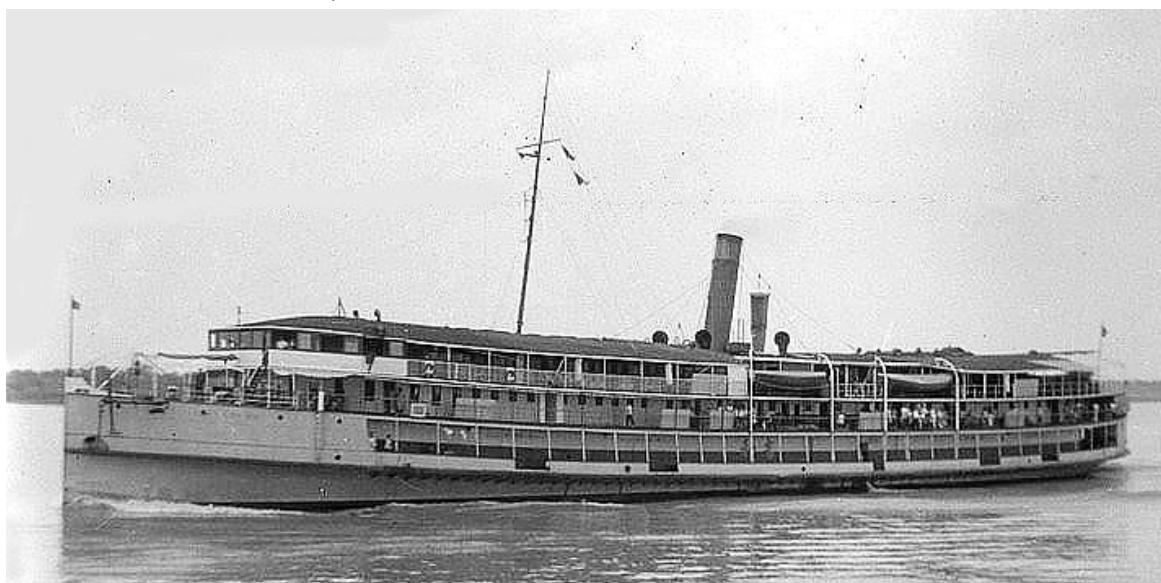
On 1 July 1984 a new executive order advised that all DONG FANG HONG vessels were to be renamed with JIANG names and a number, namely JIANG YU (Chongqing Branch), JIANG HAN (Wuhan Branch), JIANG WU (Wuhu Branch) and JIANG SHEN (Shanghai Branch). It is likely that some of the vessels with names in the range DONG FANG HONG 1 to 9 briefly bore the as yet undocumented names JIANG HAN 9, JIANG HAN 10, JIANG HAN 11 and JIANG HAN 12 before they were laid up and retired soon afterwards.

## DONG FANG HONG 1 to DONG FANG HONG 10

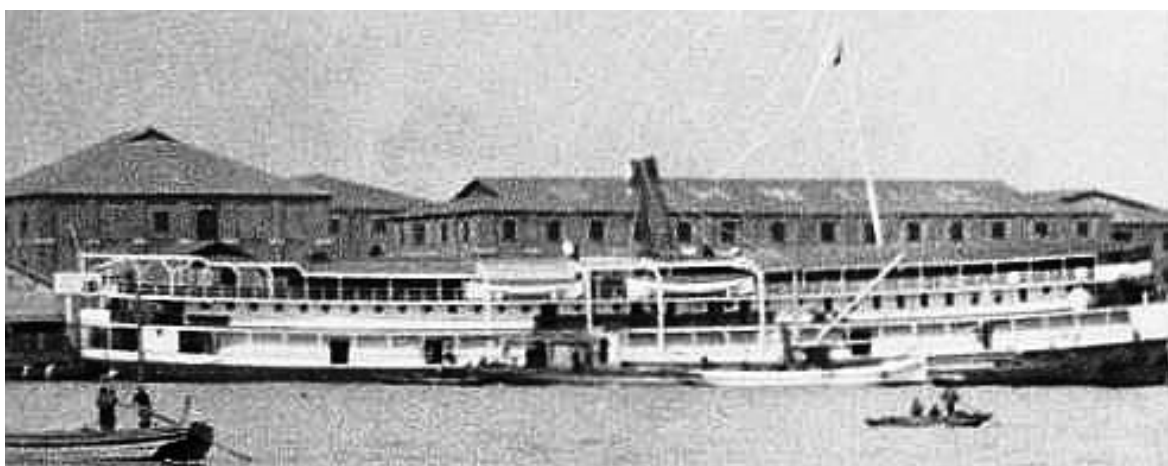
*(10 largest steamers operating daily Shanghai-Hankou, 10/65 sailing Shanghai 7:30 a.m., arriving Hankou 3 days later at midday; Sailing Hankou 7:00 am, arriving Shanghai 2 days later at 2 p.m.)*

**DONG FANG HONG 1** 2665/95 (290 x 43', 2sc, T3cyl x 2)

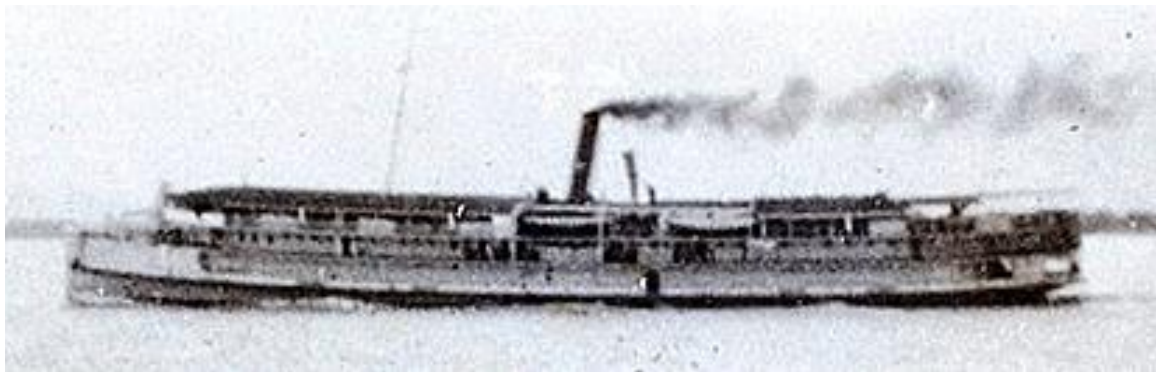
Built by London & Glasgow Eng. & Iron S.B. Co. Ltd, Glasgow for Indo-China S.N. Co., London as KUT-WO (?吉禾). 8/12/41 seized by Japanese at Hankow. 6/42 to Toa Kaiun K.K., Tokyo r. RENZAN MARU. Became casualty but salvaged and reverted to ICSNC. 5/47 t/f to joint venture An Wo Industries Ltd, Shanghai r. AN KONG 安康. 5/49 under Communist control. 1952 to Ming Sung Shg. Co., Shanghai r. MING CHU 民主. Later t/f to Yangtse Maritime Bureau. 1958 name romanised as MIN CHU. By 1959 rebuilt with modernized hull form and larger superstructure. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 1. Early 1980s withdrawn from service, NFI.



KUT-WO in 1930s, notable sheer for a Yangtse steamer (Alan Lee colln).



1920s KUT-WO or SUI-WO at Shanghai (US Naval History & Heritage Command NH77134).

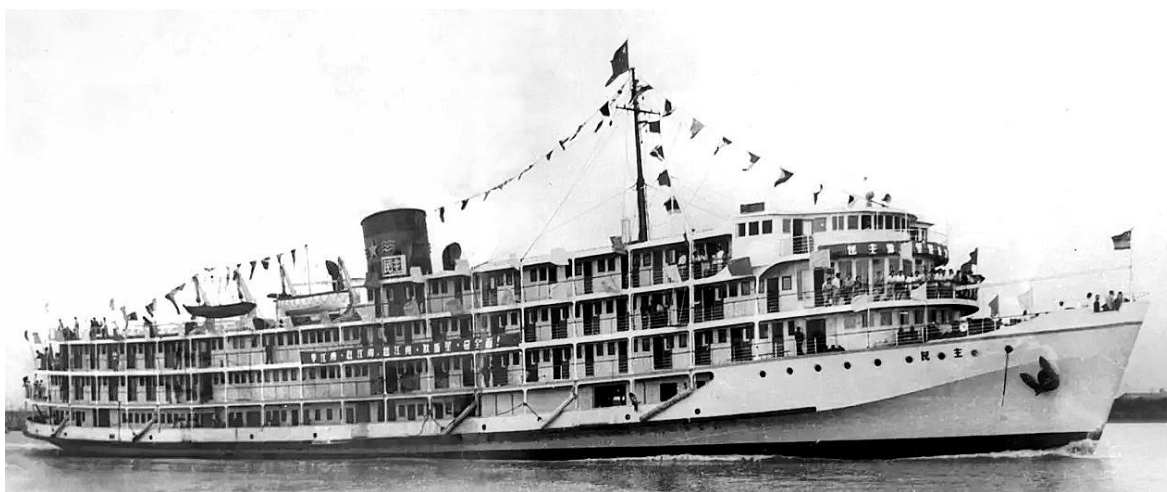


KUT WO c.1931 near Shanghai "after being refloated" (Jack Ephgrave/UoB Ep01-234)



Rebuilt MING CHU ex-KUT WO outward bound in Shanghai

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MIN CHU (image.baidu.com).



MIN CHU approaching Shanghai in 1959 (Dr. George Wilson).





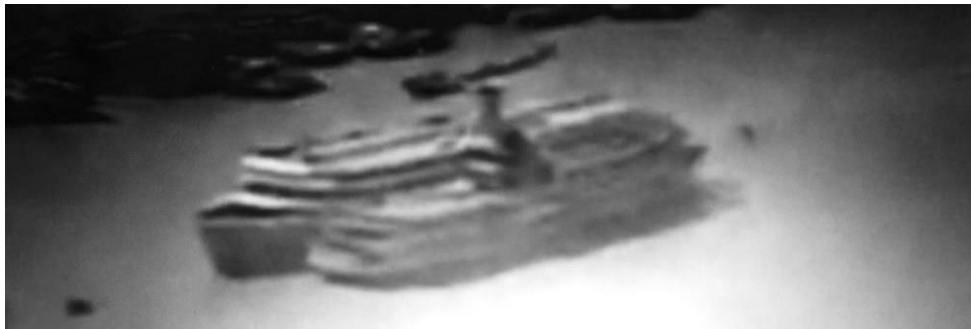
MIN CHU (Hubei Pictorial - [https://m.sohu.com/a/193841045\\_256096/](https://m.sohu.com/a/193841045_256096/)).



Final guise of DONG FANG HONG 1 ex-MIN CHU in late 1970s (Ted Scull).



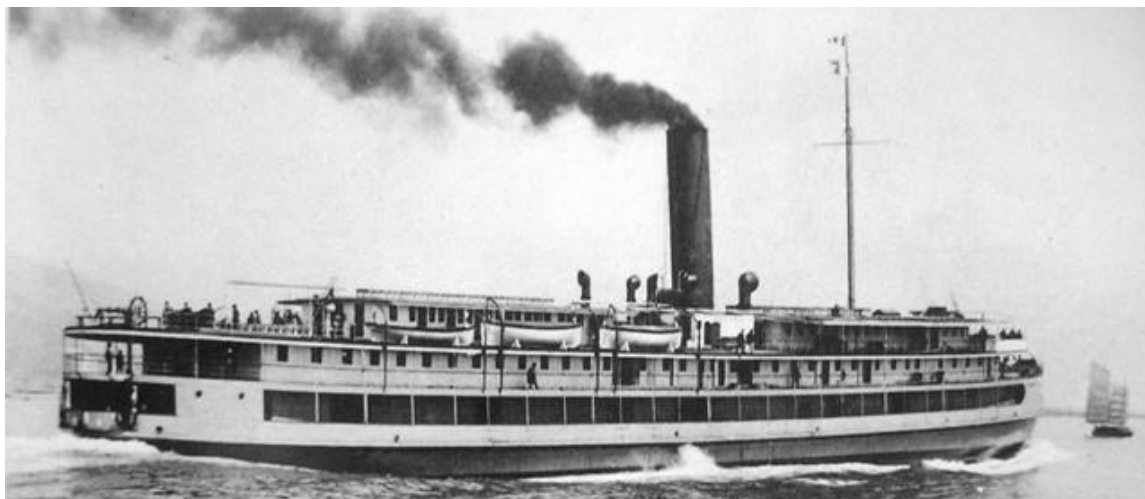
DONG FANG HONG 1 moored behind coastal steamer GONG NONG BING 19 (3839/64) at Shanghai in 1979 (Jean E. Norwood, LoC colln).



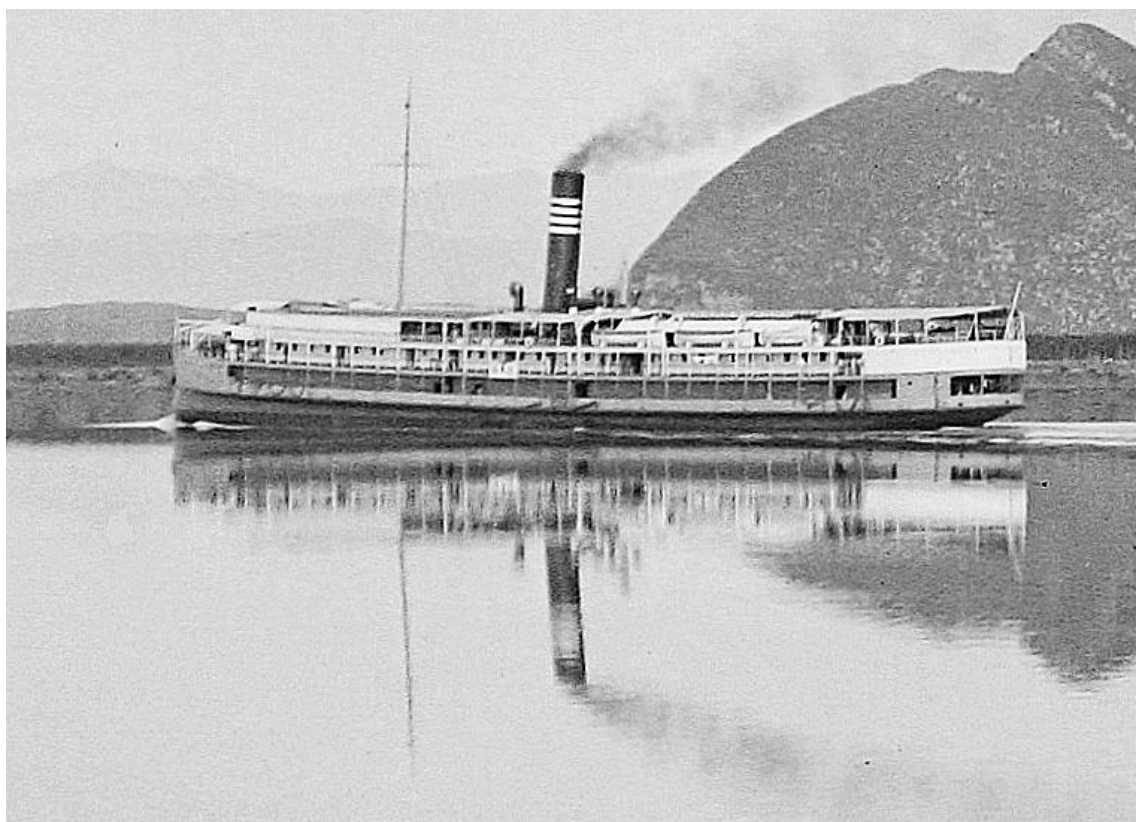
Probable DONG FANG HONG 1 alongside new 5000-ton DONG FANG HONG 11 class c.1980 (YangtseBoats@YouTube).

**DONG FANG HONG 2** 3298/06 (310.0 x 44.0', 2-sc, T6cy/243 nhp)

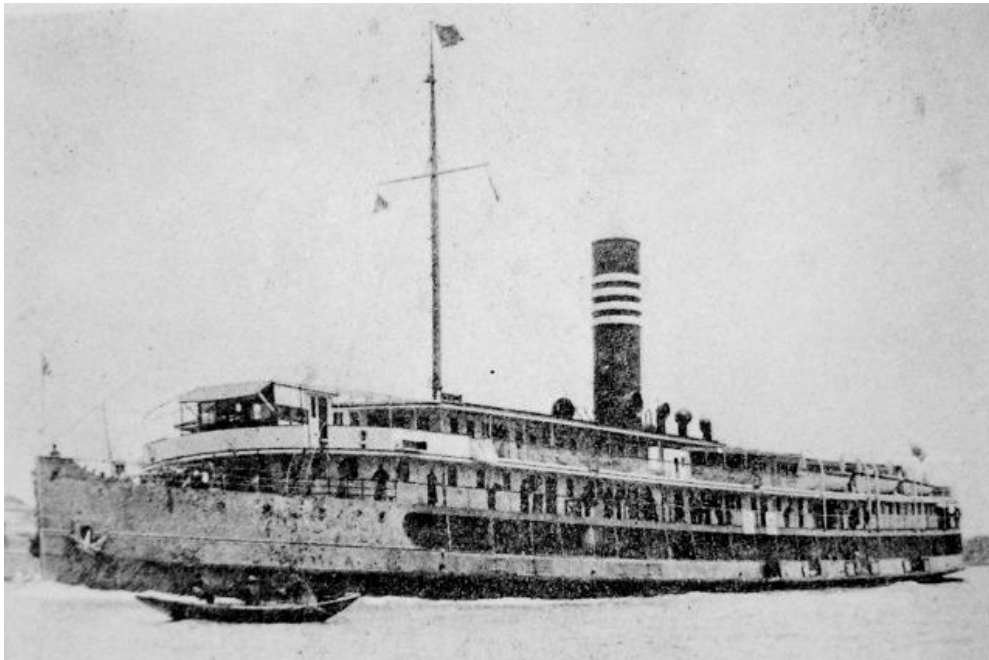
Built by Kawasaki Zosensho, Kobe for Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Tokyo for Yangtse River as YOH YANG MARU. 1907 t/f to Nisshin Kisen K.K. 15/8/37 left Shanghai for Nanking, where seized by Chinese Gov't forces and allocated to China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai r. KIANG HAN 江漢. Mid-1939 hauled into Upper Yangtse. 23/6/49 sailed from Nanking with 1000 CCP cadres, arriving Hankow 28/6. 1949 CPSNC, name romanised CHIANG HAN. 12/53 successfully achieved 6 day round trip. 1958 name romanised JIANG HAN. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 2. Rebuilt at Wuhan, new machinery. 28/9/73 received award for safe completion of one million nautical miles. 8/84 seen laid up upstream of Wuhan, NFI.



YOH YANG MARU running trials off Kobe for NYK (Kawasaki H.I.).



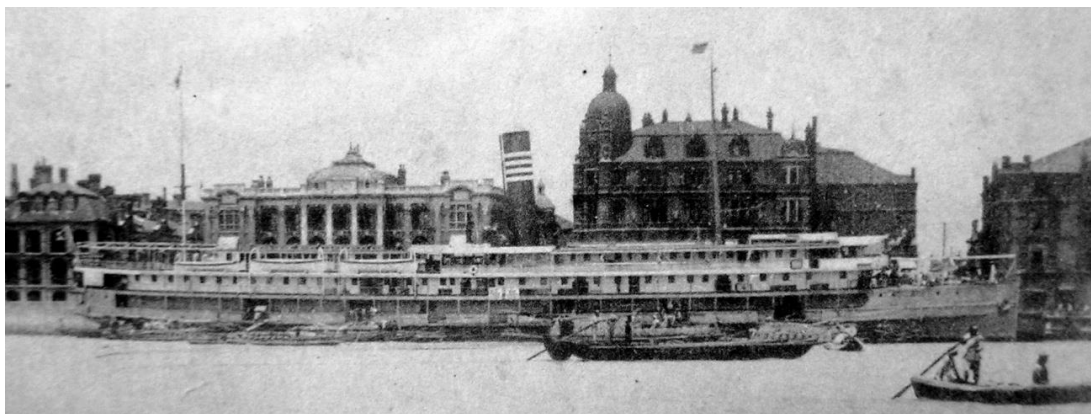
YOH YANG MARU at speed on the Yangtse (Warren Swire/UoB Sw13-030).



YOH YANG MARU from the Nisshin Kisen history.



YOH YANG MARU damaged after a collision with KIANG HSIN, date unknown (Warren Swire colln).



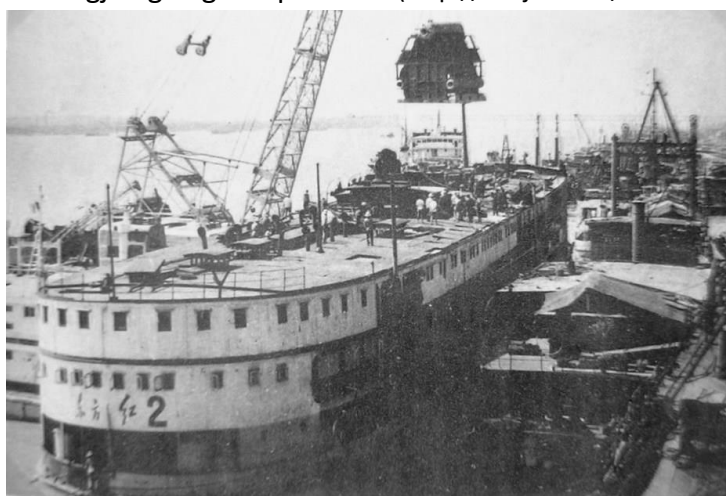
YOH YANG MARU at Hongkew wharf (postcard in SK colln).



KIANG HAN in late-1940s (coll. Yao Kaiyang).



CHIANG HAN in Changjiang Shg. Corp. colours (<http://ndcjzd.com/NewsInfo.aspx?Id=1228>).



DONG FANG HONG 2 under major refit, evidently receiving a new main boiler. Stern plating/porthole arrangements match YOHYANG MARU identified by LR as CHIANG HAN (*The Yangtse River*).





DONG FANG HONG 2 after refit (<http://ayuczds.blog.163.com/blog/static/22154207320135173213612/>).



DONG FANG HONG 2 at Shanghai in 1973 (Michael Rogge *Shanghai 40 Years Ago* @ YouTube).

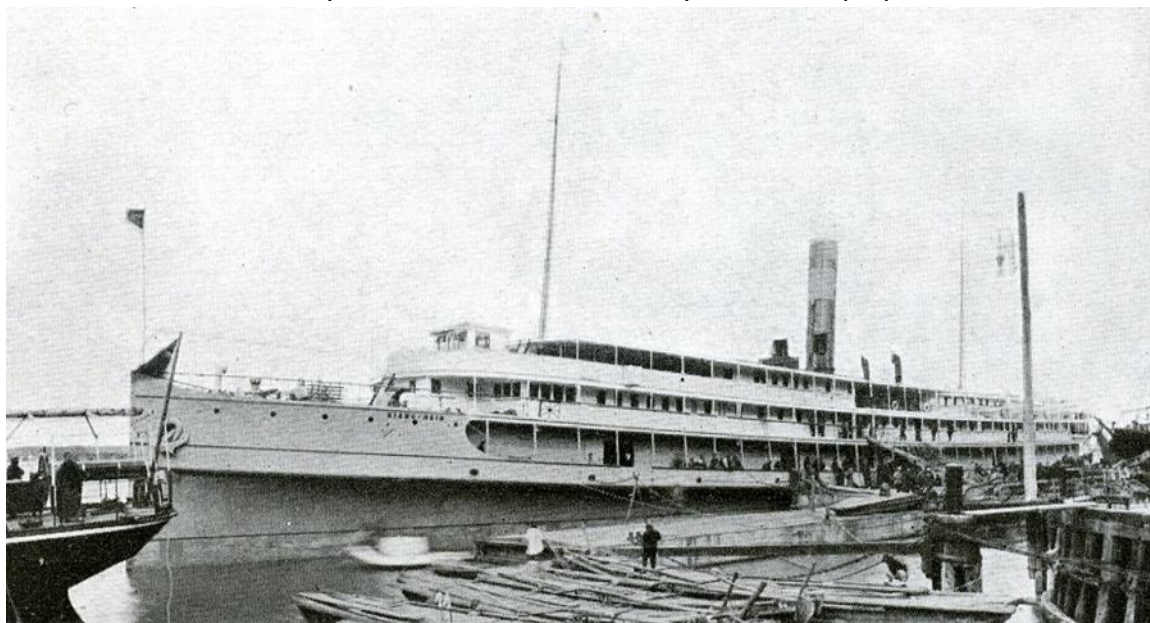


Later fitted with broader funnel, as photographed upstream of Wuhan in August 1984 (Donald Anderson).



**DONG FANG HONG 3** 3372/05 (325.0' x 44.0', 2-sc, T6cy/311 nhp)

Built by S.C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Shanghai for China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG HSIN 江新. 23/6/38 sunk by Japanese aircraft in Yangtse near Yochow with loss of 1000 refugees - raised and 6/39 hauled into Upper Yangtse, repaired. 22/5/49 sailed Shanghai for Taiwan but shelled in estuary, captured by Communist forces and returned to Shanghai. 5/9/49 sunk by bombing by Nationalist aircraft at Pootung. 16/11/52 raised, refitted and 19/1/55 re-entered service for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as CHIANG HSIN. 1958 romanised JIANG XIN. 16/7/66 used by Mao Tse-tung during his swim in the Yangtse. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 3. 30/11/70 boiler explosion, 17 dead. 1981 still in service. Early 1980s still in service but by 8/84 laid up upstream of Wuhan. NFI.



KIANG HSIN (20th Century Impressions of Hong Kong, Shanghai).



KIANG HSIN being surveyed by dockyard and insurance staff after sustaining damage in an undated collision with YOH YANG MARU. Funnel top and base have been repainted yellow, presumably to safeguard the corporate image (Warren Swire colln).



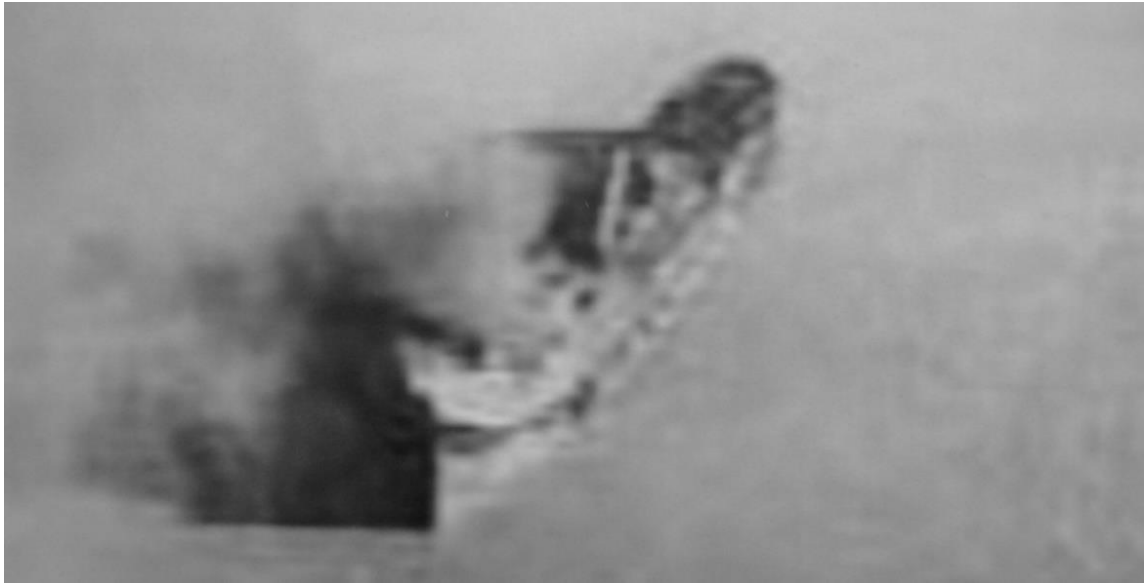
KIANG HSIN c.1930 (Alan Lee colln).



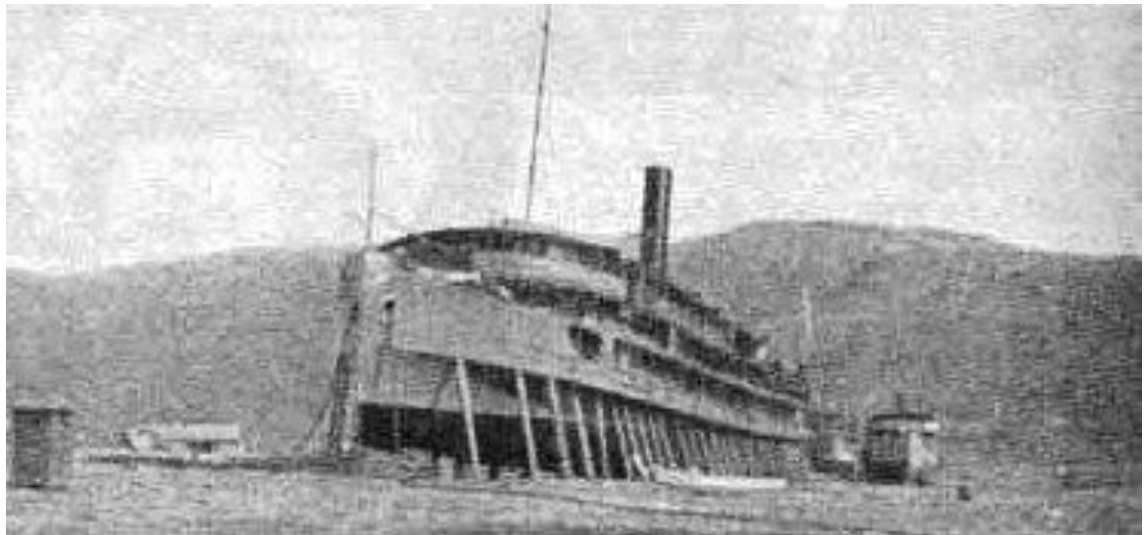
KIANG HSIN at Shanghai ca. 1937 (SK colln).



KIANG HSIN on fire after bombing attack 23/6/38 (SK colln).



KIANG HSIN on fire after bombing attack 23/6/38 (SK colln).



Large river steamers, most probably KIANG HSIN foreground, being repaired during WWII on the banks Of the Yangtse at Tangchiato, just outside Chungking (<http://60.250.180.26/ss/6156.html>).

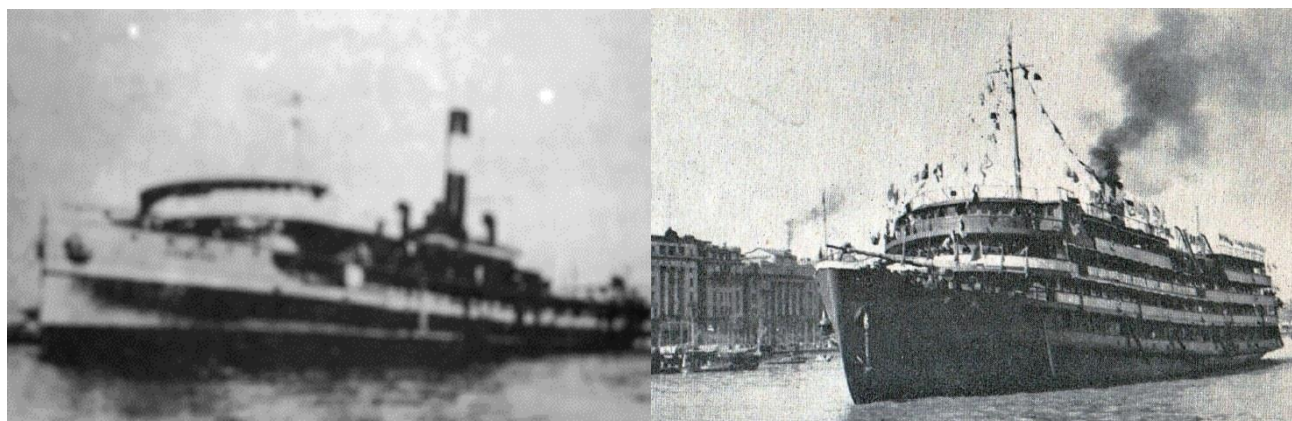


KIANG HSIN at Shanghai in 1947-48 after full restoration (<http://60.250.180.26/theme/theme-41/41-index.html>).

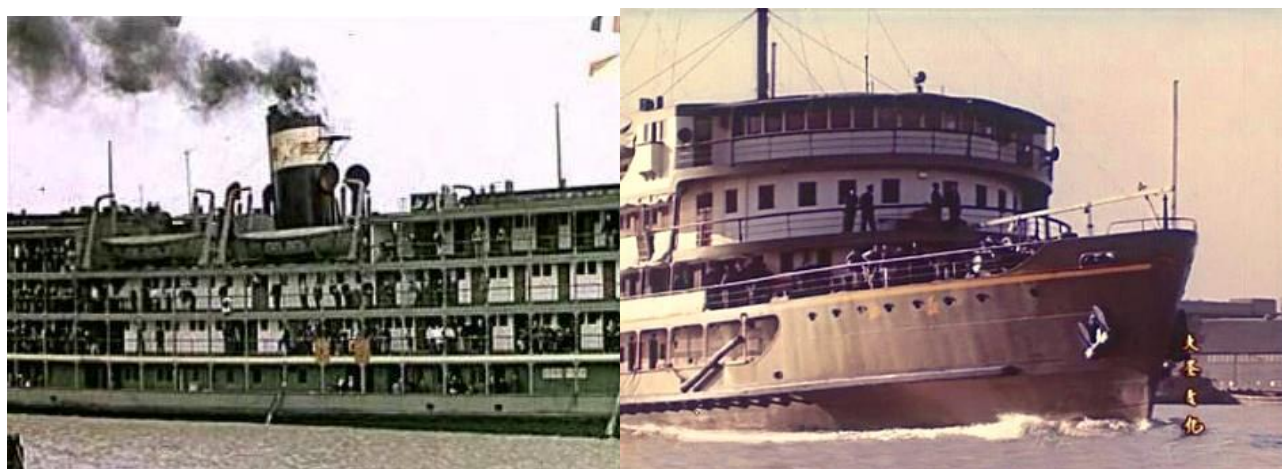




Troops being loaded on KIANG HSIN in 1948-49, probably at Hankow (Internet).



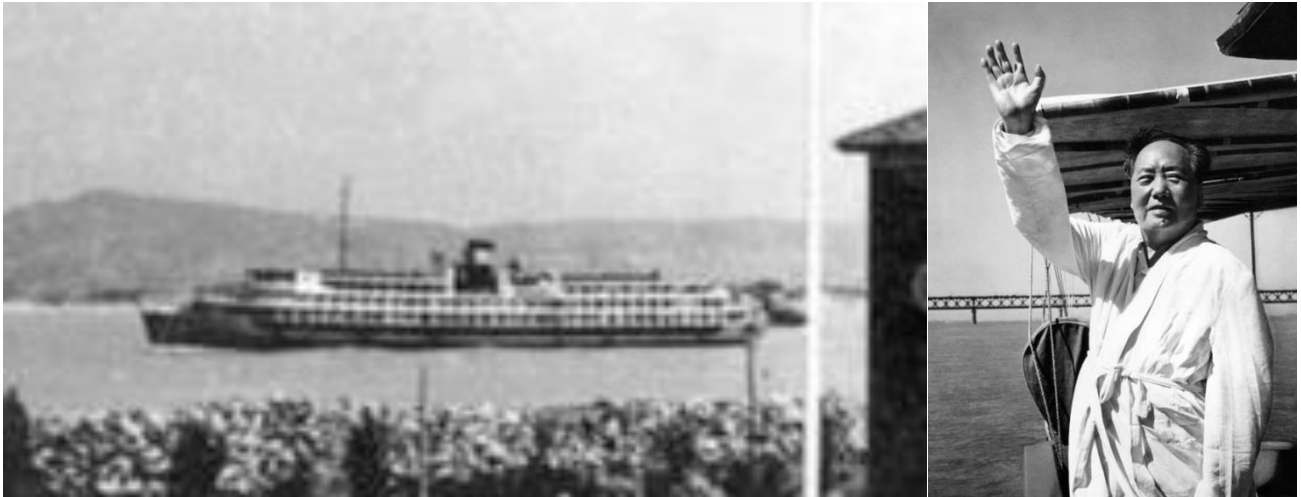
After the 1949 bombing CHIANG HSIN was raised in 1952 and rebuilt, re-entering service in January 1955.



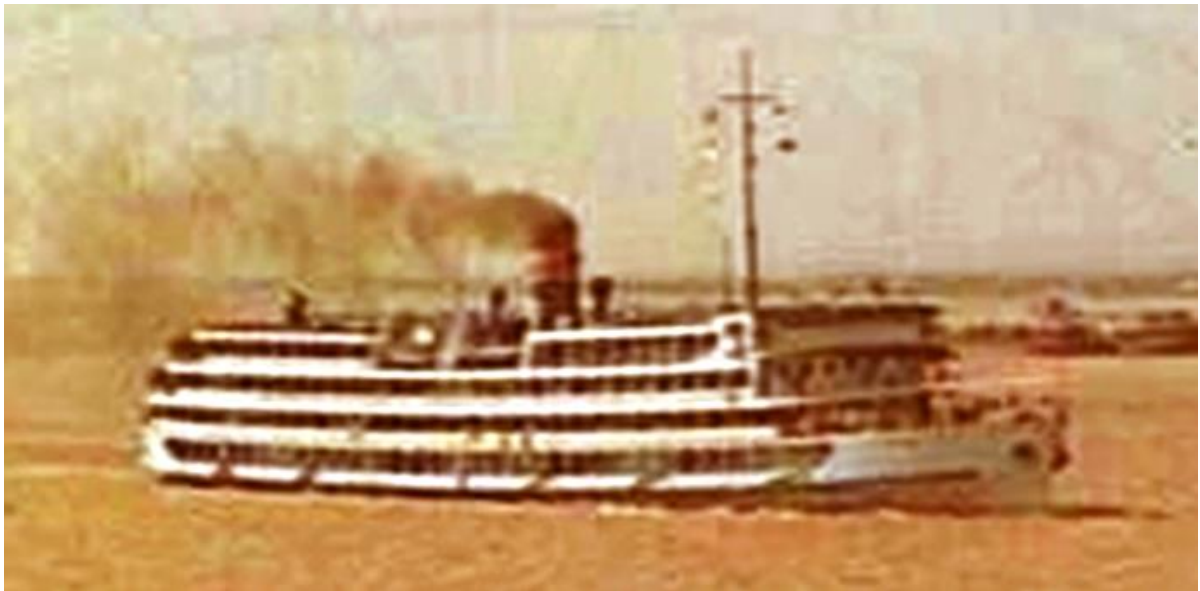
Later CHIANG HSIN wore a brown hull with yellow ribband. The superstructure was white with brown trimmings.

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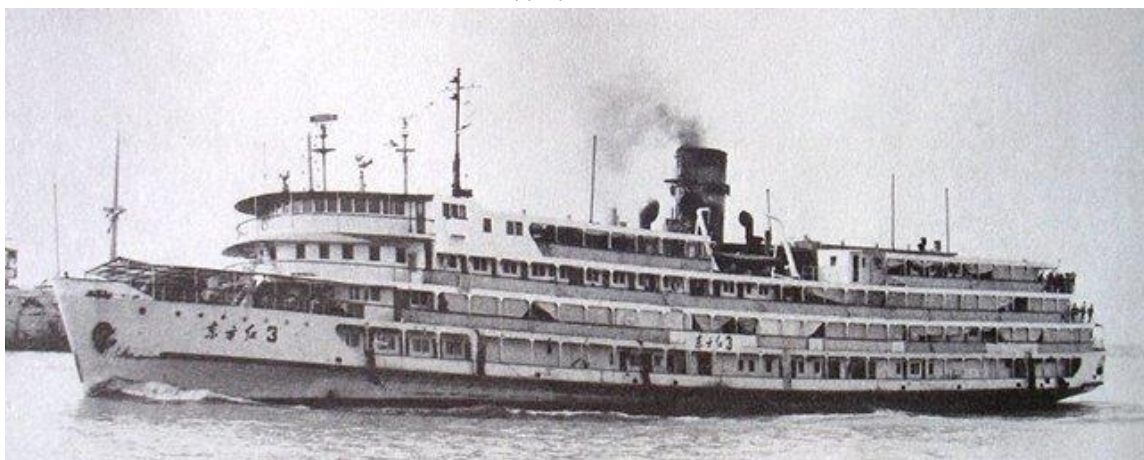




Left: From the grounds of the Jiangsu Maritime Institute at Nanjing; Right: Mao Zedong aboard KIANG HSIN for his famous swim in 1966 (<http://www.jmi.edu.cn/72/1d/c1235a29213/pagem.psp>, Xinhua).



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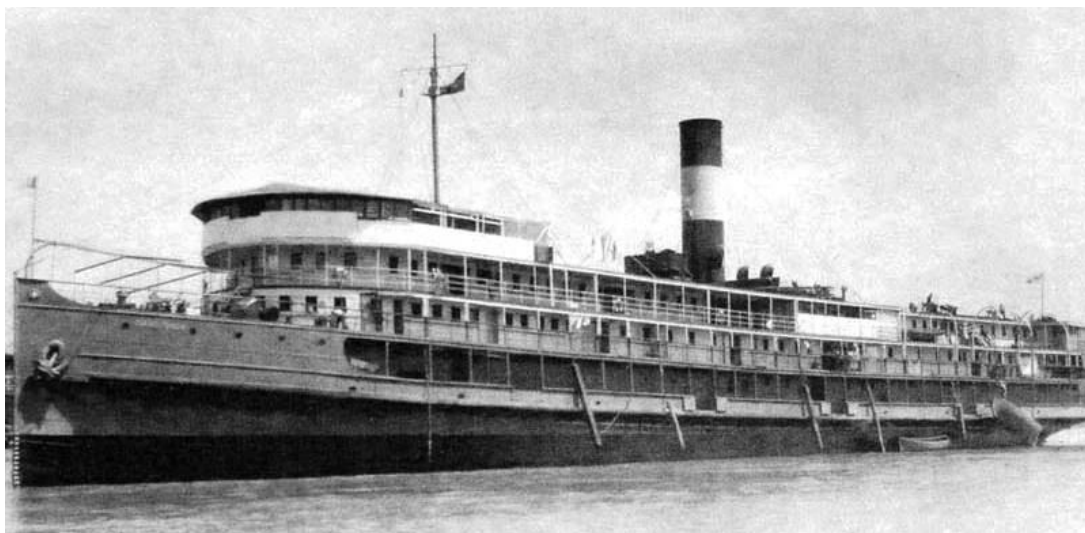
After a further rebuild, mast shortened, upper deck now partially enclosed behind bridge  
(Ted Scull, *Steamboat Bill Winter* 1979).



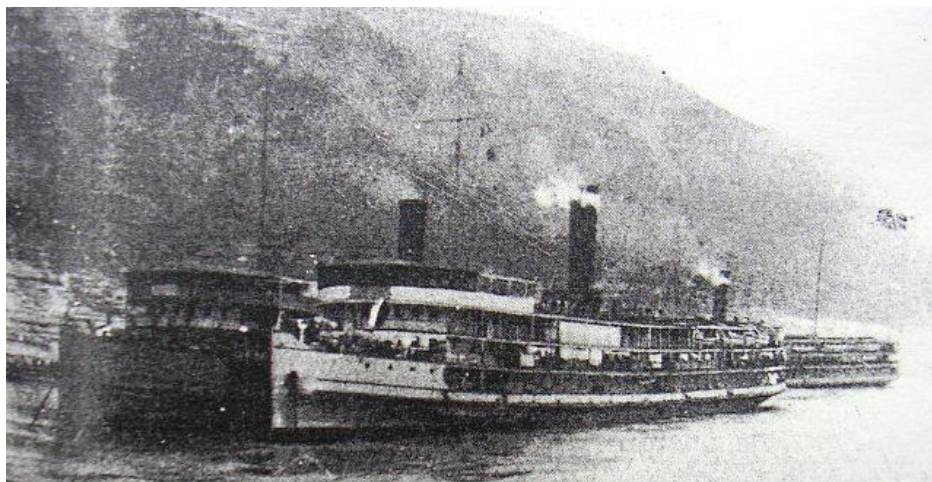
DONG FANG HONG 3 ex KIANG HSIN (large nearer ferry) laid up, Aug. 1984. DONG FANG HONG 2 ex KIANG HAN with slightly raked mast is behind (Donald Anderson).

**DONG FANG HONG 4** 4327/21-2 (330.4' x 47.4', 2-sc, T6cy/275 nhp)

Built by Shanghai D. & E. Co. Ltd, Shanghai for China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG SHUN 江順. 7/39 hauled into Upper Yangtse. 1949 CPSNC, name romanised CHIANG SHUN. 12/53 successfully achieved 6 day round trip. Refitted 1956. 1958 name romanised as JIANG SHUN. 12/66 renamed DONG FANG HONG 4, received further, extensive, refit. Early 1980s still in service but by 8/84 laid up upstream of Wuhan. NFI.



KIANG SHUN as built (<http://60.250.180.26/theme/theme-33/33-index.html>).



From left, KIANG AN, KIANG SHUN and KIANG HSIN in 1938, probably at Ichang (*Ships of China*).





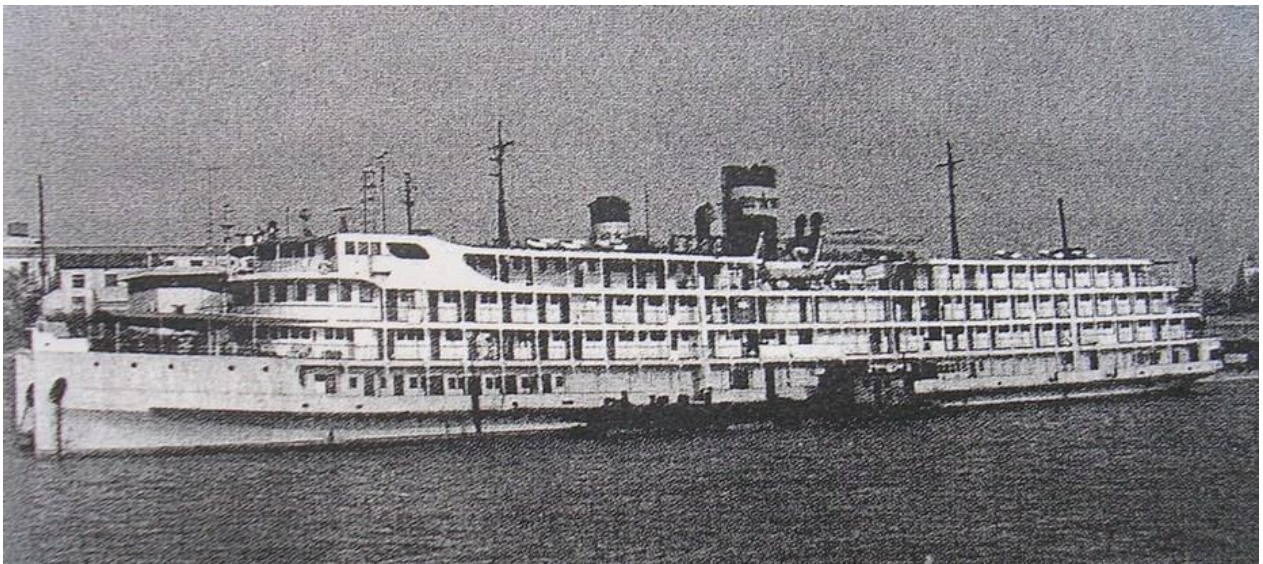
CHIANG SHUN sailing down the Whangpoo in the 1950s, very similar to prewar appearance.  
(From a Shanghai brochure in SK colln)



Photos, thought to be of rebuilt CHIANG SHUN, with revised bridge and mainmast newly fitted  
(<http://ayuczds.blog.163.com/blog/static/22154207320135173213612/>).



Folding masts, shorter funnel fitted circa 1956  
(<http://ayuczds.blog.163.com/blog/static/22154207320135173213612/>).



DONG FANG HONG 4, moored alongside DONG FANG HONG 6 circa 1980 (from *Steamboat Bill*).



At Zhongshan Pier, Nanjing on 2 Oct. 1983 (Leeroy W. Demery Jr. @ Flickr).

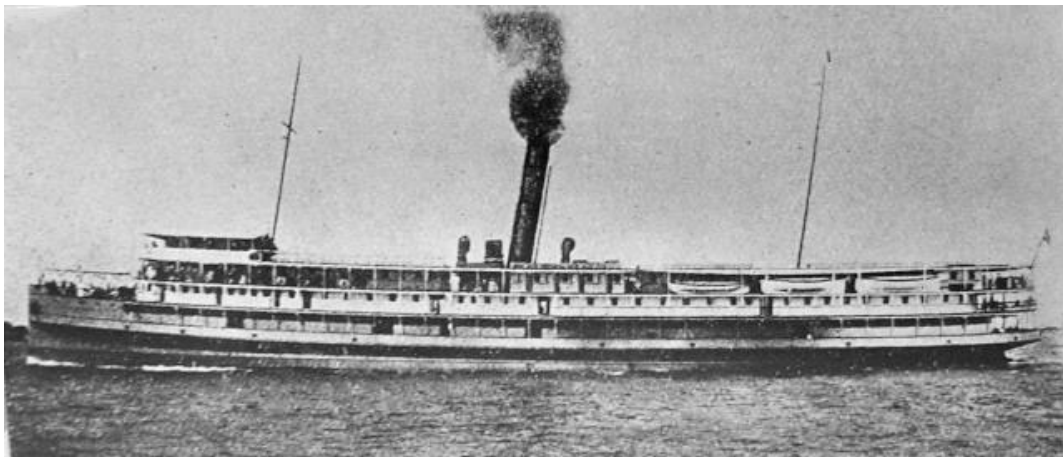




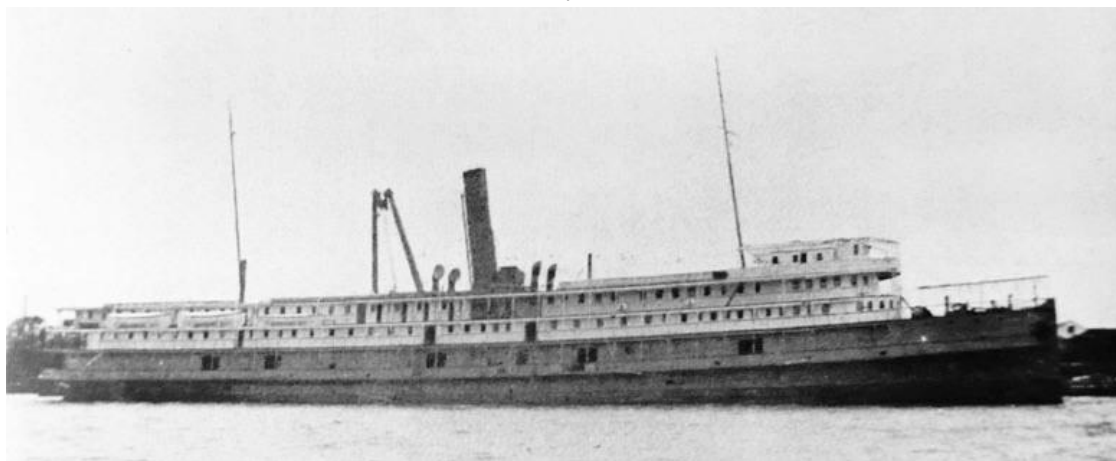
DONG FANG HONG 4 laid up between DONG FANG HONG 233 and DONG FANG HONG 7 (farthest right blue-hulled vessel) in August 1984 (Donald Anderson).

**DONG FANG HONG 5** 3692/12-8 (340.0 x 46.0, 2-sc, T6cy/175 nhp)

Built by Kiangnan D. & E. Works, Shanghai for China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG WAH 江華. 3/1/33 holed in collision with *President van Buren* (10533/20) in Whangpoo. 1939 hauled into Upper Yangtse. 8/41 damaged by Japanese bombing near Tsaishanghsien, superstructure burnt out. Postwar reconstructed, romanisation KIANG HWA. 1949 CPSNC, name romanised CHIANG HUA. 12/53 successfully achieved 6 day round trip. 1958 name romanised JIANG HUA. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 5. Still in service 10/65, 8/84 seen laid up upstream of Wuhan. NFI.



KIANG WAH early view (CMSNC).



KIANG WAH prewar (<http://60.250.180.26/theme/theme-33/33-index.html>).



KIANG WAH burnt out in 1941 (<http://60.250.180.26/ss/6138.html>).



Identified in <http://m.sichuanlong.com/a/2018/0510/192190.html> as DON FAN HONG 5.

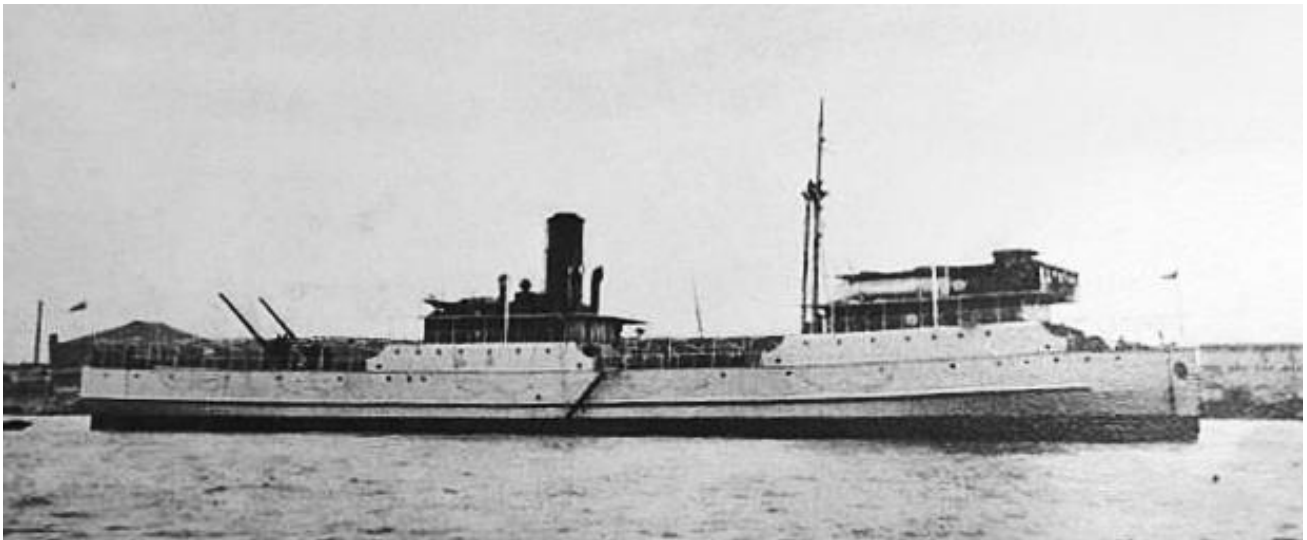


Possible DONG FANG HONG 5 moored astern of coastal steamer GONG NONG BING 19 (3839/64) at Shanghai in 1979 (Jean E. Norwood, LoC colln). See also the 1984 photo of DONG FANG 8 below.

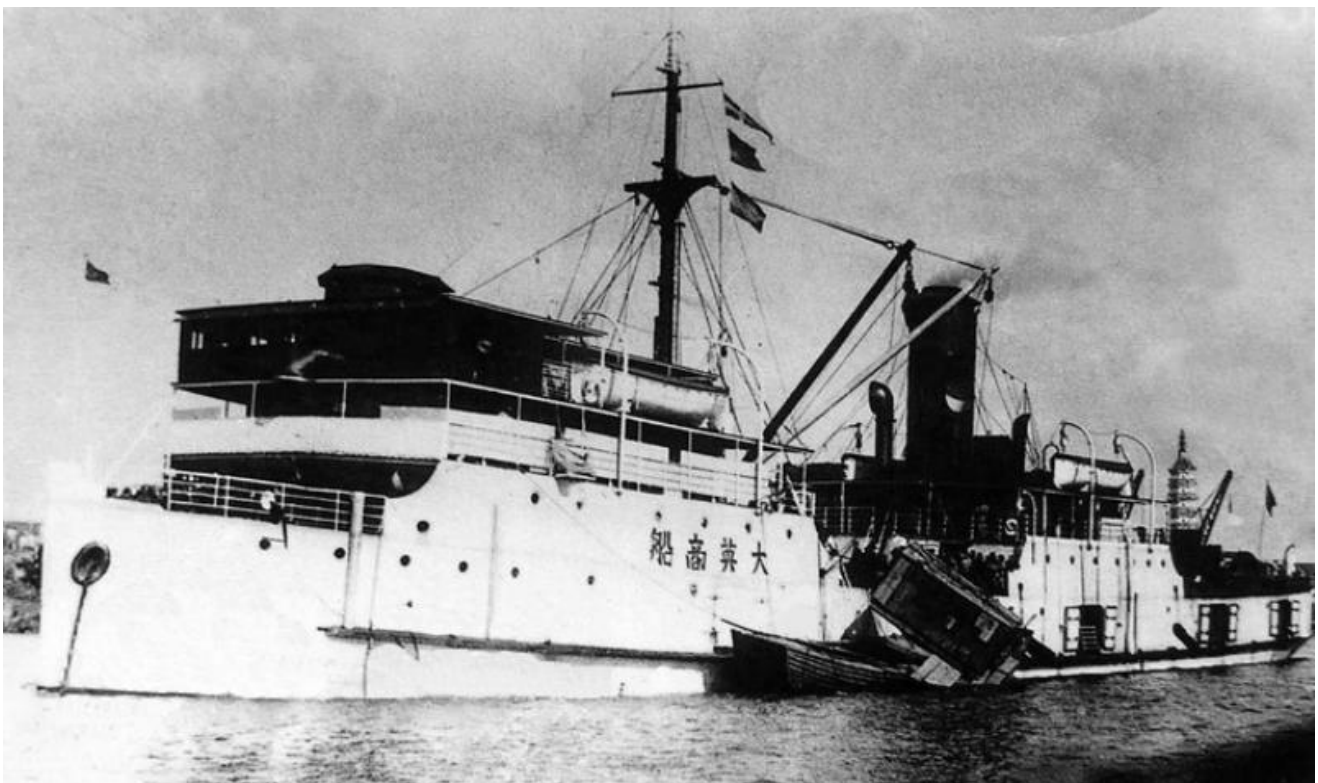
**DONG FANG HONG 6** 2671/22 (290x46.2', 2 sc, T3cyl x 2)

Built by New Eng. & S.B. Works Ltd, Shanghai for Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd, London for Middle River service as cargo ship PING WO 平禾. Early-1935 rebuilt to increase passenger capacity, aft cargo hatch removed. 1938-39 on Pearl River. 1940 at Haiphong as storeship. 12/41 req. by R.N. as water carrier for use at Singapore. Fitted with 12-pounder gun, sides of forward superstructure removed to improve firing arc. 2/42 towed damaged HMAS *Vendetta* from Batavia to Albany. 19/5/42 paid off. 22/5/42 comm. by RAN for use as stores ship. 1/45 under conversion to repair ship. 6/46 redel.

to ICSNC in Hong Kong and used as accommodation ship. 9/47 sold to Hoong On S.N. Co. Ltd, Shanghai r. TEH ON 德安. 1949 under control of People's Republic of China on Yangtse service, reported refitted in 1951. 2/53 placed on Shanghai-Ningpo service, late-1953 or early-1954 r. MIN CHU 4. 4/58 placed on Shanghai-Ningpo-Wenchow service. Ca.1960 re-converted for Shanghai/Wuhan river steamer service, rebuilt to increase cabin passenger capacity to 726, forward cargo hatch removed r. JANG DE 江德. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 6. 19/2/71 collided with and sank barge at Nanjing carrying 1000 tons of ore, 4 dead. By late 1970s withdrawn from service and laid up at Hankow, where photographed 8/84 in very poor condition. Subsequently sold and refitted for use as an accommodation ship for Wuhan port authority on the Wuchang river bank between the Second Wuhan and Wuhan Erqi Yangtse River Bridges. 11/2017 broken up in situ.



PING WO on completion in 1922 (New Engineering & S.B. Co.).



1920s "British Merchant Ship" signage in Chinese (ai.ai.blog).

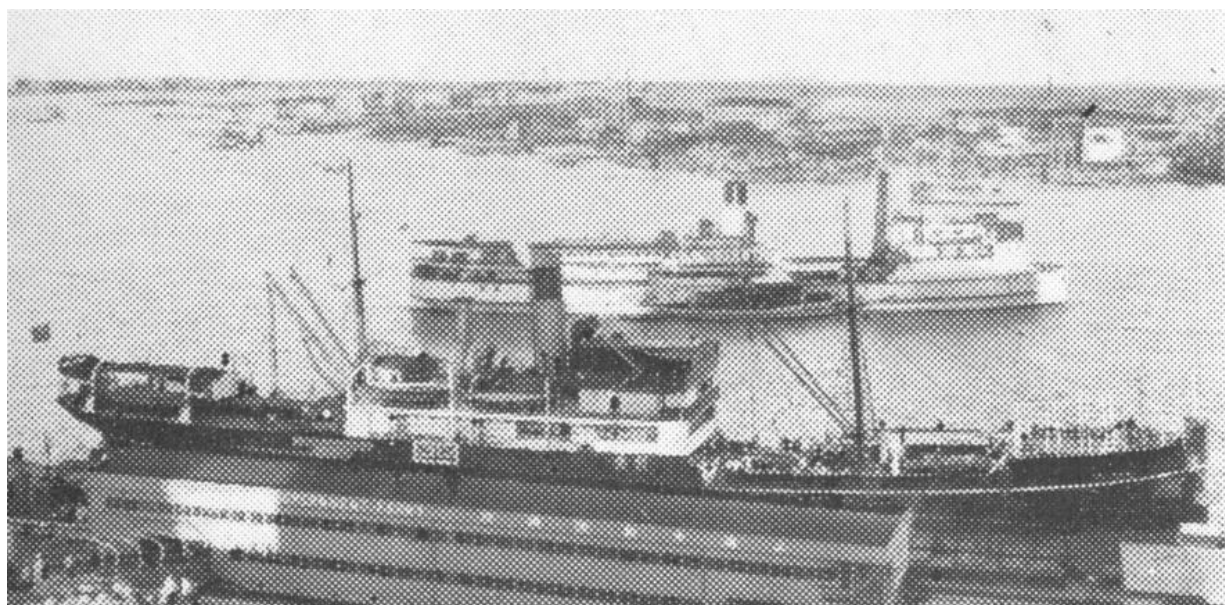




As built, PING WO had minimal superstructure (Internet).

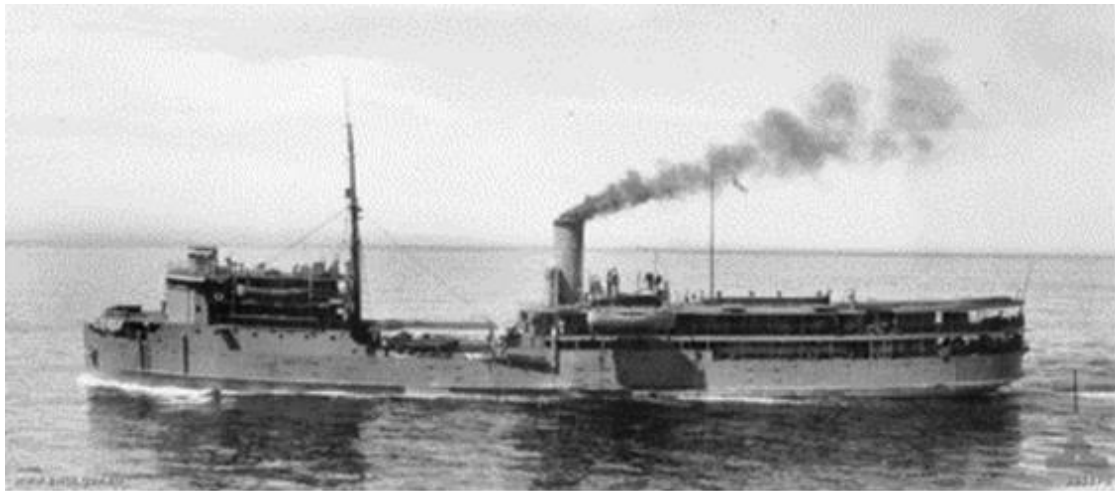


PING WO at Ichang in 1926, and in the late-1930s on the outside berth at Hankow. Superstructure now closed in forward and extended aft, but still good facilities for cargo-carrying (L: John Swire & Sons, R: *China Proper Vol III*).



PINGWO (offshore) at Shanghai, pub. 1938 (*Five Months of War*, NCH C/- Graham Thompson).

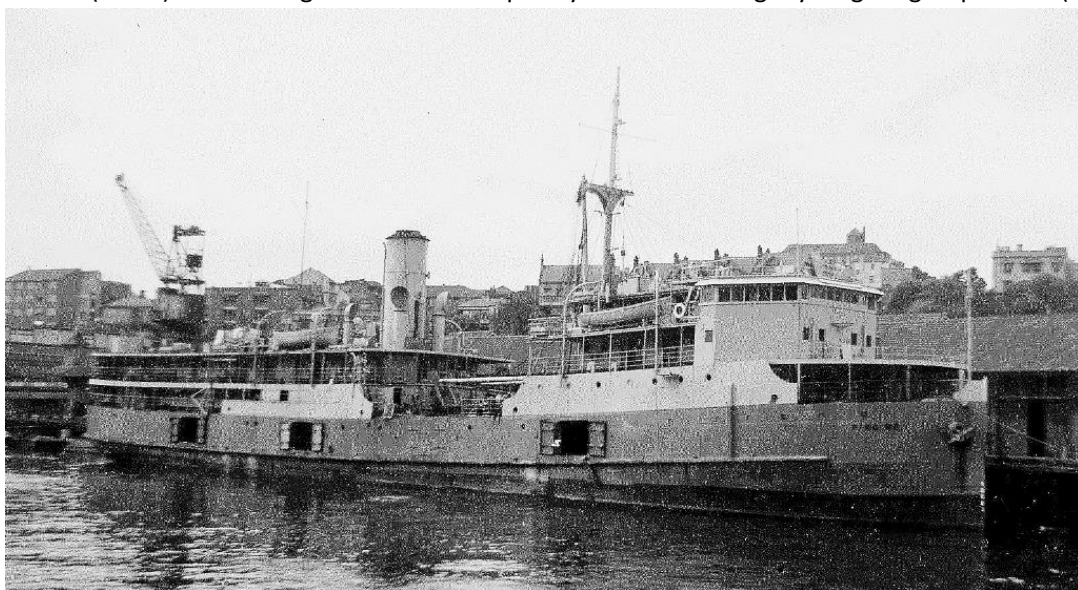




H.M.A.S. PING WO, gun removed with deeper grey RAN hull, off Port Stephens, NSW in Sept. 42 as tender, store carrier and works ship (AWM Neg No.301176).



H.M.A.S. PING WO with 12 pounder gun mounted at Port Stephens, NSW and as a headquarters ship in Madang, New Guinea (AWM). Naval ensign hoisted on temporary mainmast to signify a fighting ship at war (*Flickr*).

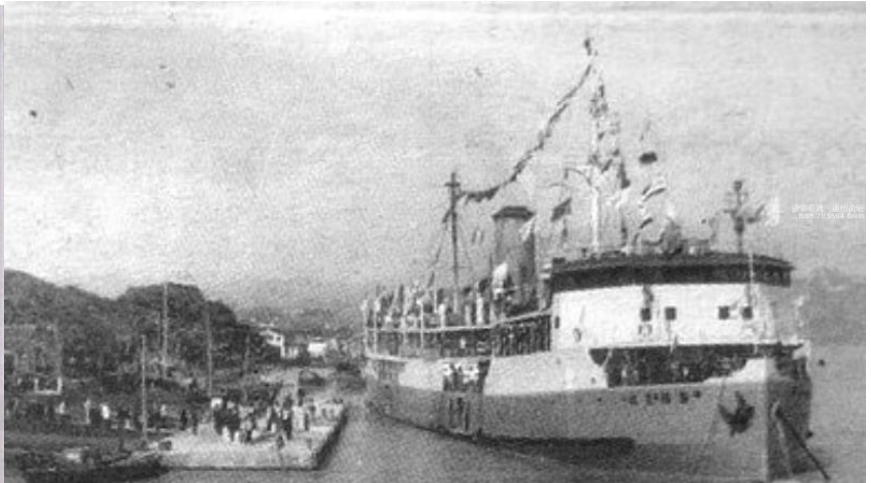


H.M.A.S. PING WO in Sydney 4/46 preparing for the return voyage to China

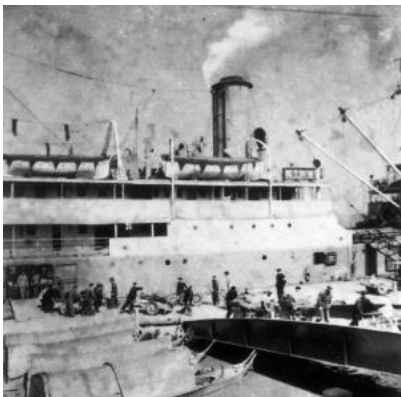
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H.M.A.S. PING WO



MIN CHU 4 first arrival at Wenzhou 17 April 1958.



MIN CHU 4 handling cargo and loading passengers at Wenzhou (from the *Wenzhou Port History* (<http://www.66wz.com/dsb/system/2008/05/03/100542098.shtml>)).



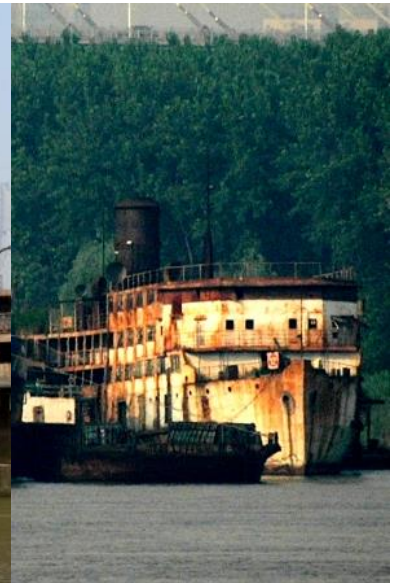
MIN CHU 4 at Ningpo terminal.







Laid up DONG FANG HONG 6 at Wuhan, August 1984 (Donald Anderson).

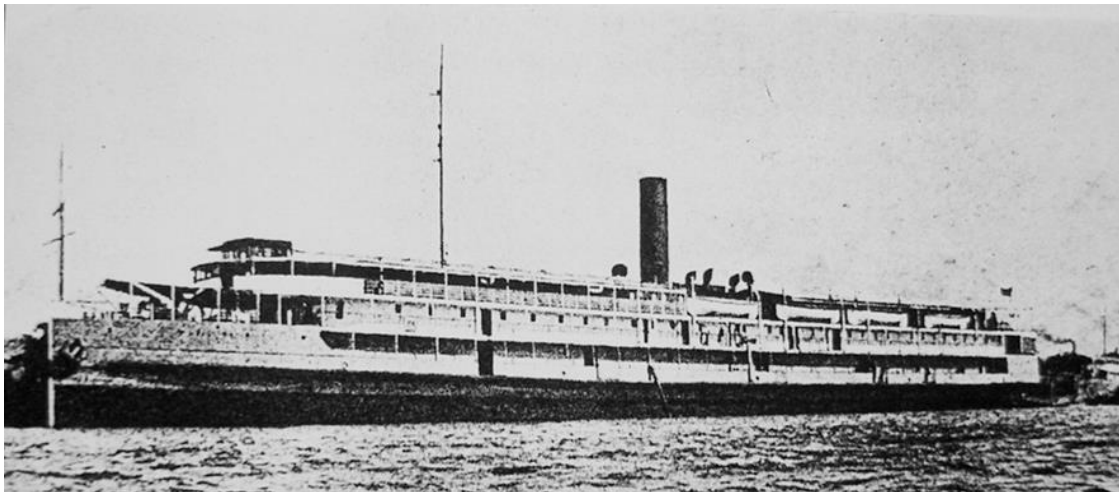




Refitted (with white-painted hull) ca.2015 at Wuhan (Gerolf Drebes; [dd@bbs.cnhan](mailto:dd@bbs.cnhan)).

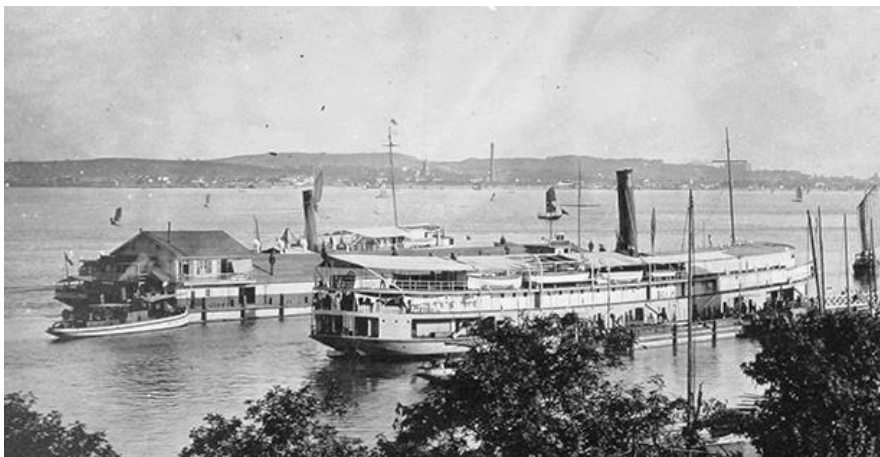
**DONG FANG HONG 7** 3770/04 (330 x 46.1', Q4cyl x 2, 228 nhp)

Built by London & Glasgow Eng. & Iron S.B. Co. Ltd, Glasgow for Indo-China S.N. Co., London as TUCK WO (?德禾). 5/12/37 at Wuhu received direct hit in engine-room during Japanese air raid - gutted after fire spread to cotton cargo. LR rep. broken up c.1939 but 8/56 hulk under repair at Shanghai and 6/58 resumed service for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as JIANG PING 江平. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 7. 8/84 seen laid up upstream of Wuhan. NFI.



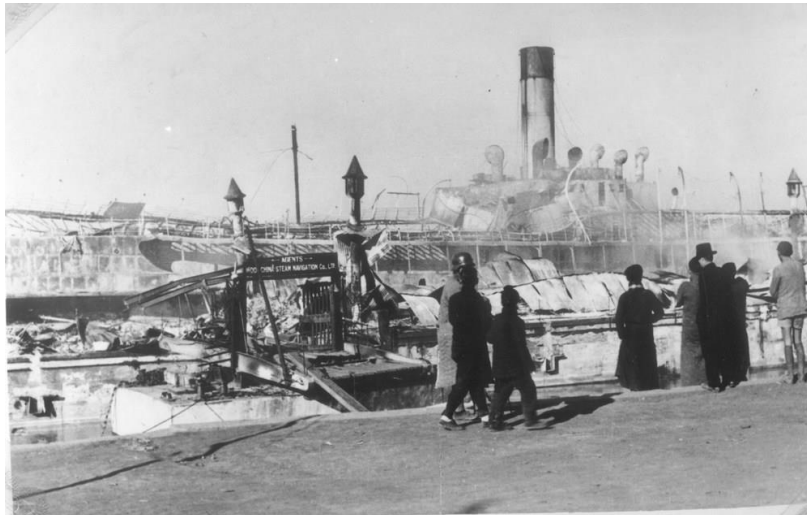
TUCK WO (Wright & Cartwright, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Impressions of Hong Kong, Shanghai).

Upper wheelhouse later removed.

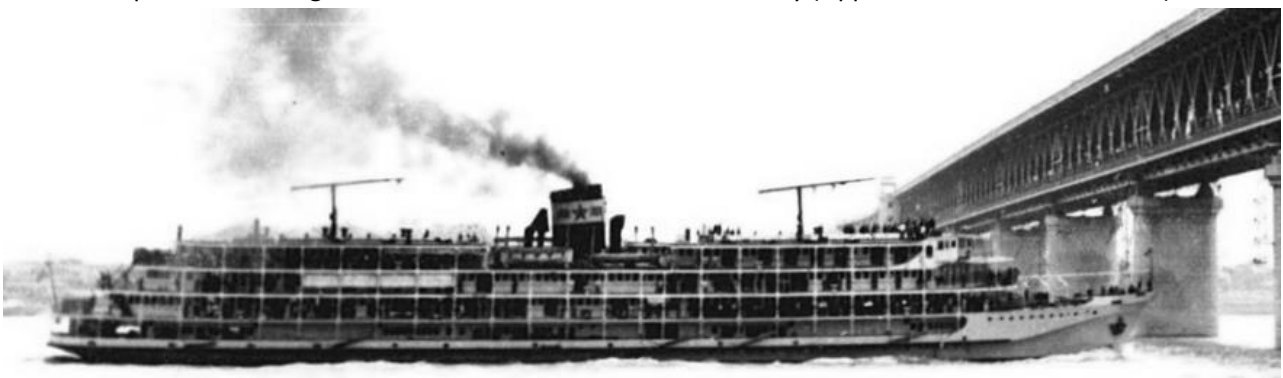


TUCK WO class at Jardine wharves, Hankow. TUNG WO (1914) at outside berth (Edward Wilkinson/UoB Wi03-18).





TUCK WO on fire and being abandoned, and subsequently heavily damaged by fire after 1937 Japanese bombing raid at Wuhu, but not the end of the story (Upper: SK colln\* Lower: JM&C).



JIANG PING ex-TUCK WO, probably on maiden voyage 1958, with masts folded for passing under the newly completed (1957) first Yangtze bridge at Wuhan  
([http://60year.cjhy.gov.cn/60y01/quzhe/200909/t20090903\\_133780.html](http://60year.cjhy.gov.cn/60y01/quzhe/200909/t20090903_133780.html)).



JIANG PING represented a very full reconstruction of both hull and superstructure (R. Varns).



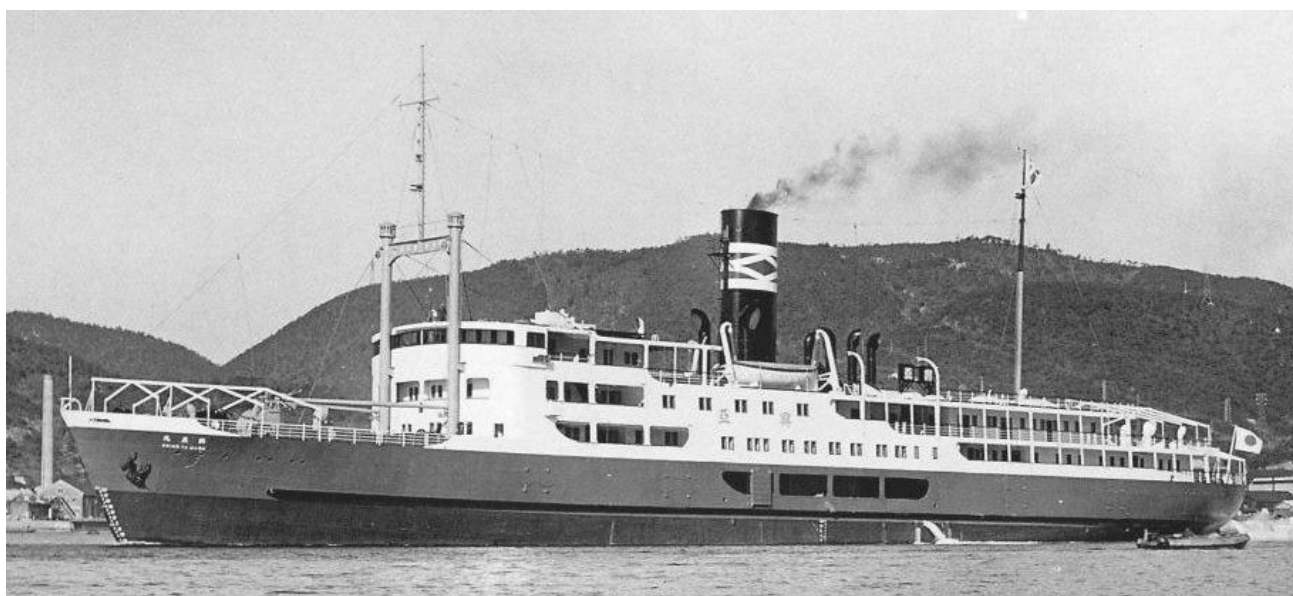
DONG FANG HONG 7 ex TUCK WO at Shanghai 1977-79, new radar and searchlights, shortened masts (Ted Scull\*).



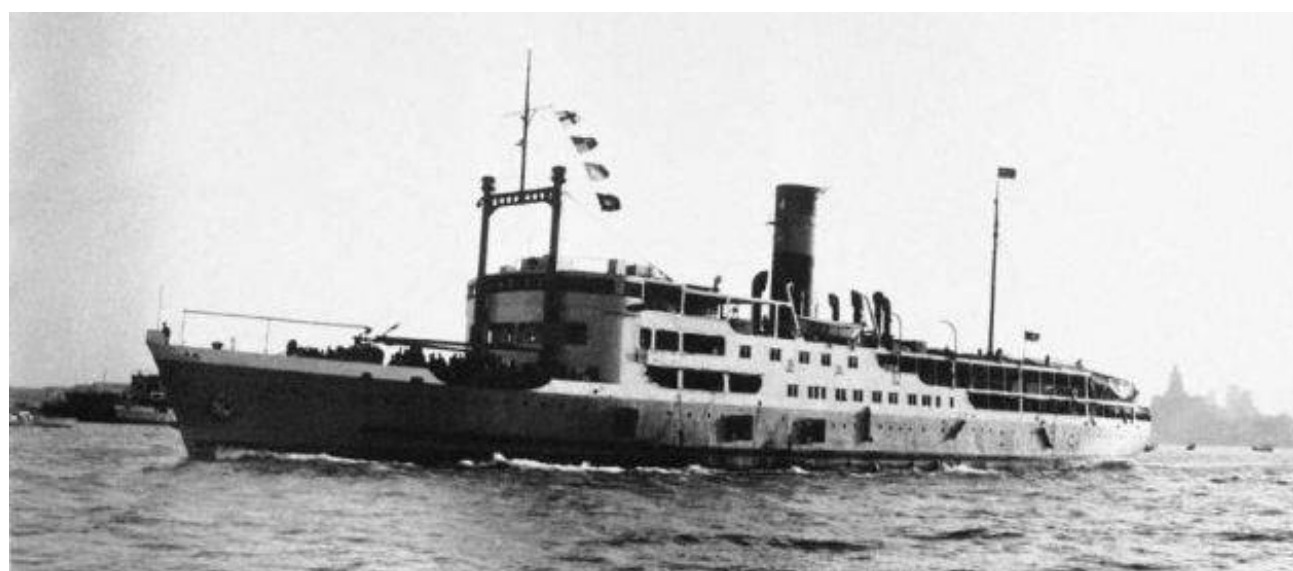
DONG FANG HONG 7 at Shanghai in 1982-83 (Chris Mackey).

**DONG FANG HONG 8** 3731/40 (322.1 x 50.0', 2sc. reciprocating 4359 ihp)

Built by Harima S.B. & E., Aioi. Ordered by Nisshin Kisen K.K. but completed for Toa Kaiun K.K., Tokyo as HSING YA MARU. 8/45 surrendered and allocated to China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG YA. 3/12/48 struck mine and sank off mouth of Yangtse bound Shanghai/Ningpo (rep. 4000 lives). 10/56 CHIANG YA 江亚 raised and repaired - 2/59 re-entered Shanghai/Hankow service for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as JIANG YA. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 8. 30/1/79 collided with and sank JIANG XIA (II) in the Caoxie narrows at Nanjing. Reported 1983 withdrawn from service and after lay-up upstream of Wuhan became accommodation vessel at Wuhan Port Moon Bay marina. 6/00 delivered to breakers at Wenzhou (sic, cited by multiple sources), 8/7 severely damaged by fire when oil in engine room ignited. Demolition completed by 2/01.

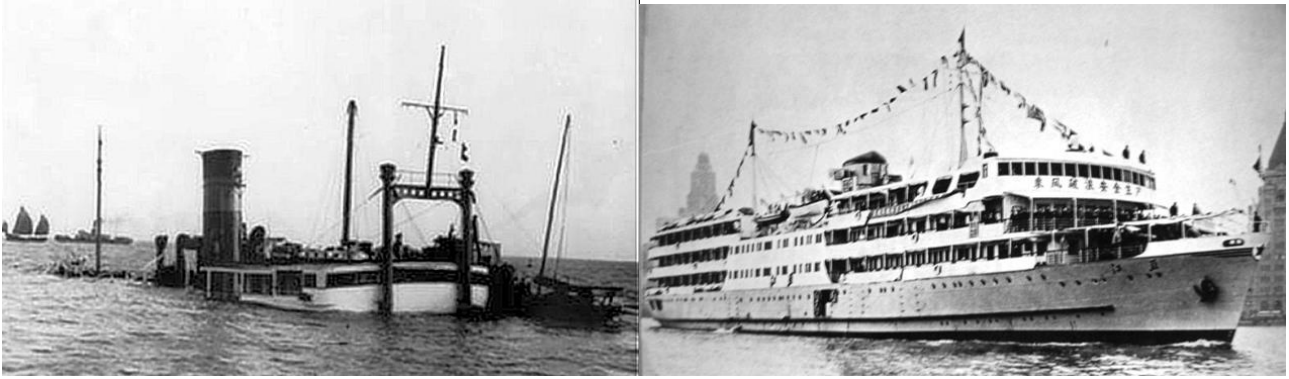


HSING YA MARU getting underway at Aioi (builders).



KIANG YA (Wikipedia).





Left sunken and right reconstructed CHIANG YA (Wikipedia & Xinghua).



CHIANG YA, still with fixed masts in the period 1955-57.

(<http://ayuczds.blog.163.com/blog/static/22154207320135173213612/>).



Artistic depiction of CHIANG YA with non-existent 5<sup>th</sup> deck bridge (from a poster).



CHIANG YA in deep water taken before her 1966 renaming (SK colln).



DONG FANG HONG 8 laid up above Wuhan in August 1984. DONG HANG FONG 5 is behind (Donald Anderson).



DONG FANG HONG 8 in retirement at Wuhan, and on fire 8/7/00.

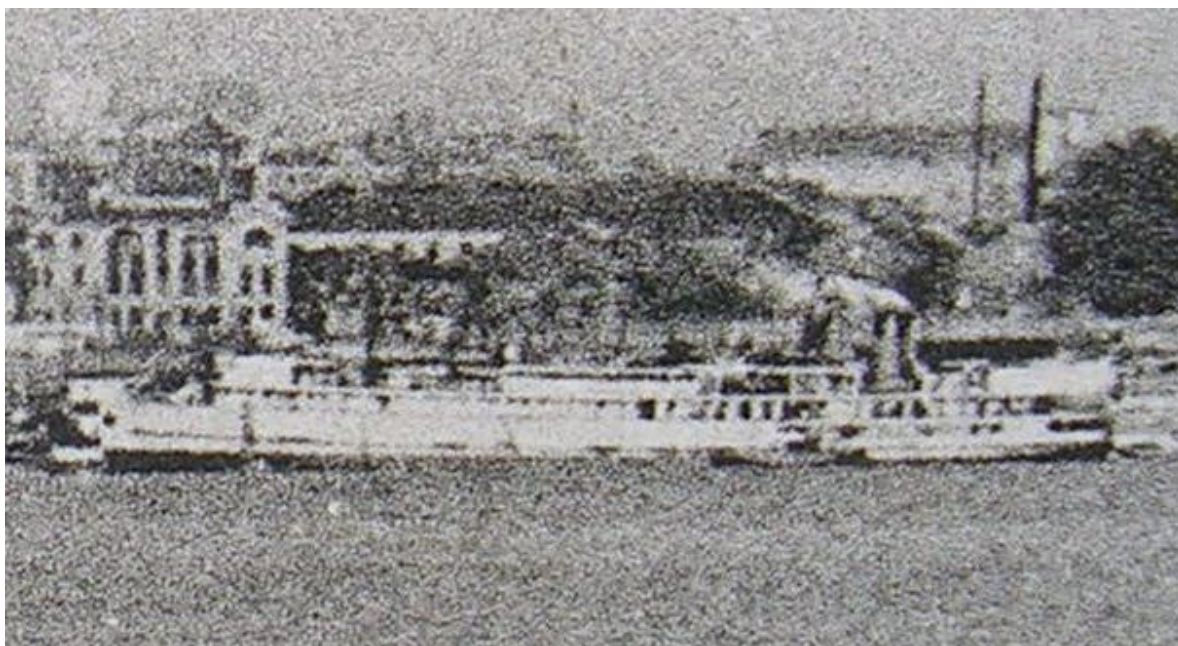
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<http://www.famouscase.net/show.php?contentid=4999>).



**DONG FANG HONG 9** 22517/30-11 (280.6 x 48.1', T3cyl x 2)

Built by Shanghai D. & E. Co. Ltd, Shanghai for Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd, London as PAOWO for Middle River service. 8/12/41 seized by Japanese at Hankow. 6/42 comm. as RAZAN MARU. 8/45 surrendered and reverted to ICSNC as PAOWO. 10/46 sold to Feng Hwa S.N. Co. Ltd, Shanghai r. SZE MING. 1949 taken over by People's Republic of China and 4/50 t/f to China People's S.N. Co. r. CHIANG MING 江明. 1958 name romanised as JIANG MING. RLR 1961 but rebuilt with new top deck. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 9, evidently 1973 in military use but later operated by Changjiang (Yangtze) Shg. Corp. By 1984 withdrawn from service and laid up, NFI.



PAOWO at Hankow prewar with hatch abaft the bridge (enlargement from postcard SK colln).



DONG FANG HONG 9 hatch removed, top deck built up, funnel raised one deck (7788.com).





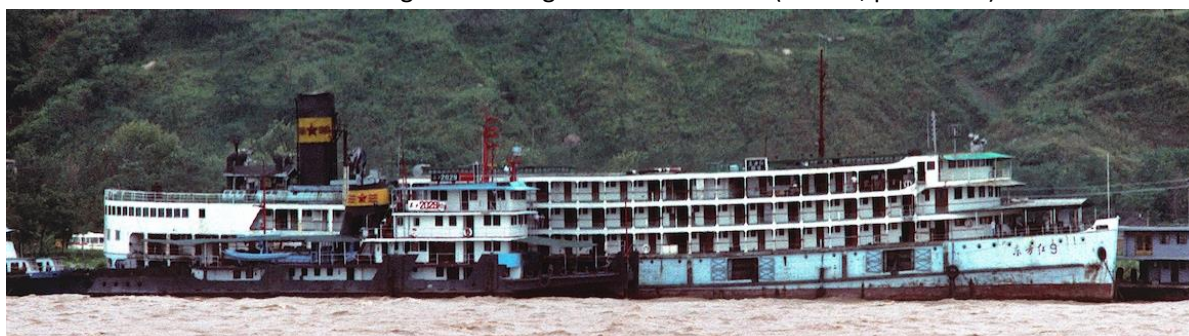
Partial DONG FANG HONG 9 in 1973, still in military green (Karsten Petersen).



View at Shanghai published in *Steamboat Bill*, Winter 1979 (Ted Scull).



Later view at Hangkou showing further rebuild aft (Xinhua, pub. 1980).



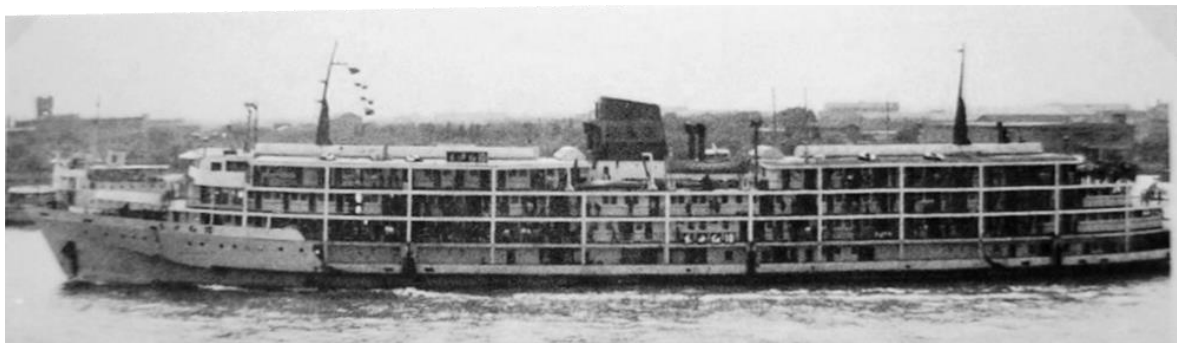
DONG FANG HONG 9 light ship and laid up, August 1984 (Donald Anderson).



**DONG FANG HONG 10** 4327/21 finally 4610/21, (330.4' x 47.4', 2-sc, T6cy/275 nhp) 1205 pass  
Built by Shanghai D. & E. Co. Ltd, Shanghai for China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG AN 江安  
- 27/11/20 launched. 7/39 hauled into Upper Yangtse. 4/50 to China People's S.N. Co. romanised as  
CHIANG AN. LRS 6/51 reported transferred to PLA. 1958 romanised as JIANG AN. 12/66 r. DONG FANG  
HONG 10. Ca.1973 extensively refitted. 1/7/84 renamed JIANG HAN 13. Subsequently withdrawn  
from service and sold for use as an accommodation ship.



KIANG AN at Hankow prewar (Warren Swire colln).



DONG FANG HONG 10. Forward section rebuilt similar to DONG FANG HONG 1 and DONG FANG HONG 7.  
Aft two-thirds very similar to DONG FANG HONG 4 (Furukawa).



JIANG HAN 13 ex-DONG FANG HONG 10 in retirement as an accommodation ship [source wrongly identifies as  
DONG FANG HONG 3] ( [http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog\\_a504d6ea0101ctkn.html](http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_a504d6ea0101ctkn.html)).

The following photograph by Donald Anderson, taken upstream of Wuhan in August 1984, shows laid up mainline Lower River steamers pending retirement, from the left on the outside DONG FANG HONG numbers 8, 3 and 4 and against the riverbank, DONG FANG HONG numbers 5, 2 and 7. The smaller vessel alongside DONG FANG HONG 4 is the 1967-built DONG FANG HONG 233.



### **Dong Fang Hong 60 Series (Shanghai-Chongqing route)**

*As at 10/65 sailing Shanghai 8:30 am on "4" and "9" days, arriving Chongqing one week later at 6 p.m.; sailing Chongqing 8:00 am on "3" and "8" days arriving Shanghai 5 days later 6:00 a.m.*

**DONG FANG HONG 61** 1077/20 (67.81 x 10.06m, steamer 2650 shp, 276 pass)

Built by Kiangnan D. & E. Works, Shanghai for China Merchants S.N. Co., Shanghai as KIANG KING. 11/25 ashore on rocks in Middle Yangtse - 5/26 refloated. After repairs re-entered service as NGO MEI. 6/33 stranded on Huatantzu Reef near Peichow - mid-5/34 refloated and taken to Shanghai for repairs. 1937 rebuilt by Kiangnan D. & E. and relaunched 26/6/37 as CHIN KIANG. 13/8/37 sunk by Japanese aircraft at Nantao. Refloated and 10/38 wreck under repair for Wm Hunt & Co., Shanghai (British flag). 12/41 seized by Japanese commissioned by IJN as utility ship in Yangtse r. HAYASE. 1945 recovered by China Merchants S.N. Co. r. KIANG HO 江和. 1949 CPSNC, name romanised CHIANG HO. 9/50 recommenced Shanghai-Chungking service. 1958 name romanised JIANG HE. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 61. 1976 still existing but by 1983 no longer listed.







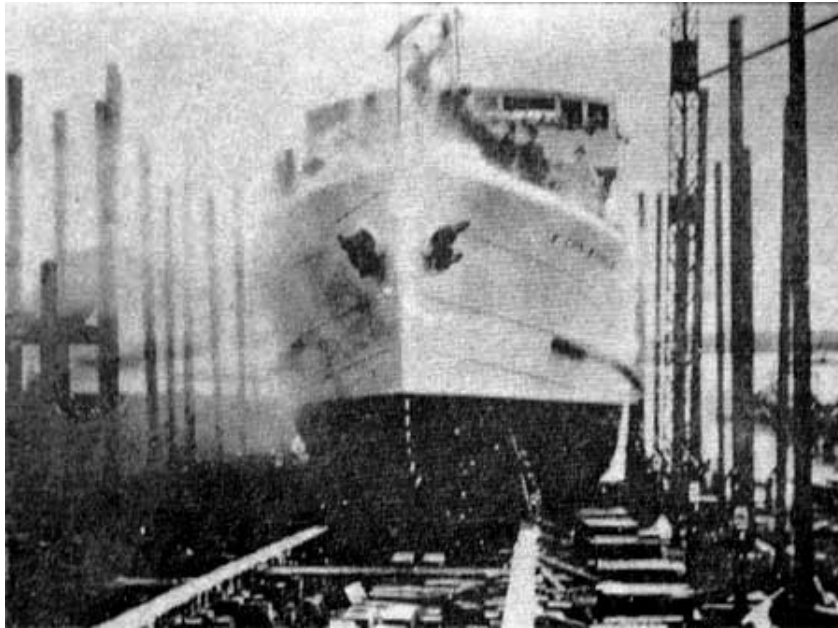
Above 2: KIANG KING ashore in 1925 (SK\*).



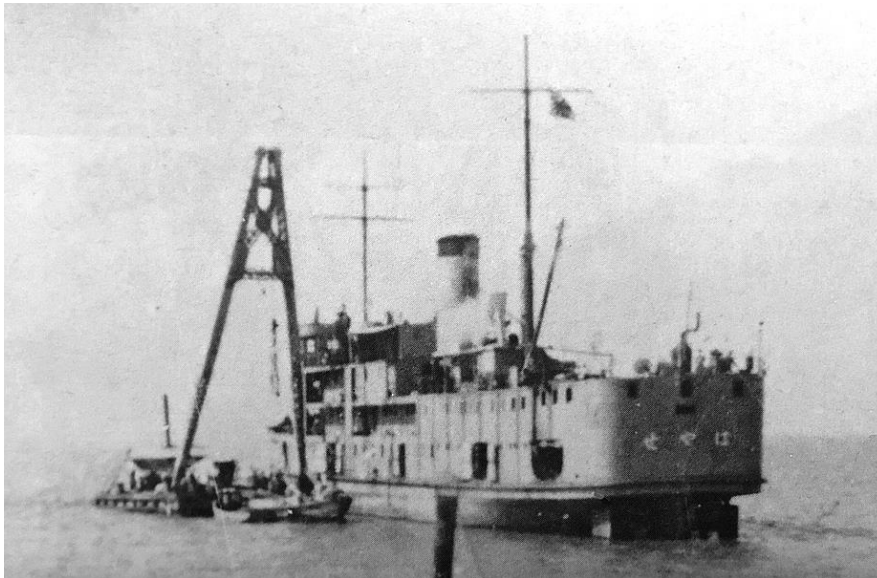
NGO MEI at Hankow (Internet).



Probable NGO MEI aground in 1933 (Warren Swire colln).



Re-launch of renamed CHIN KIANG (<http://60.250.180.26/ss/6138.html>).



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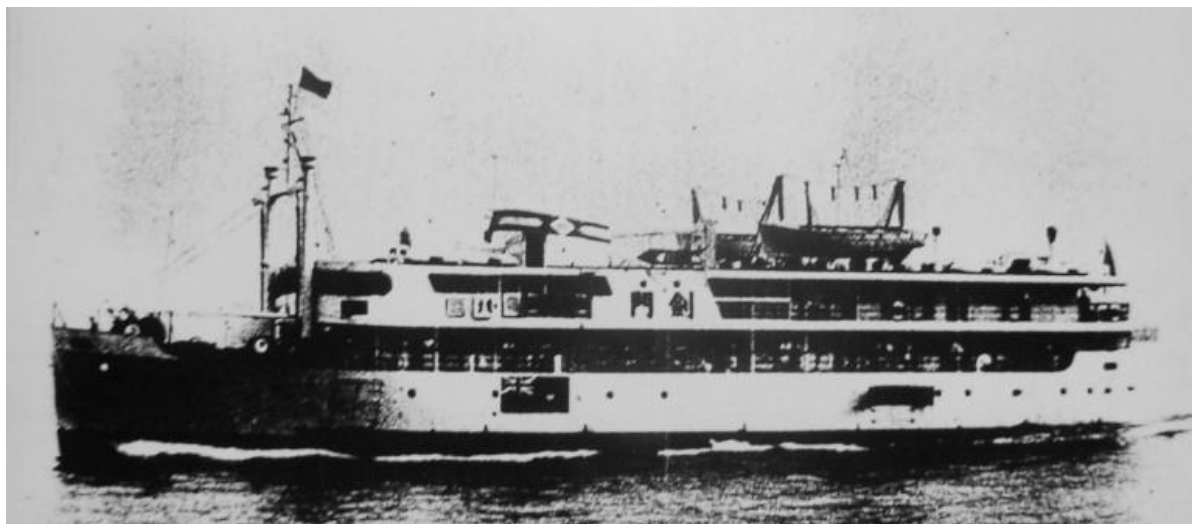


DONG FANG HONG 61 (<https://tieba.baidu.com/p/5176696818>).

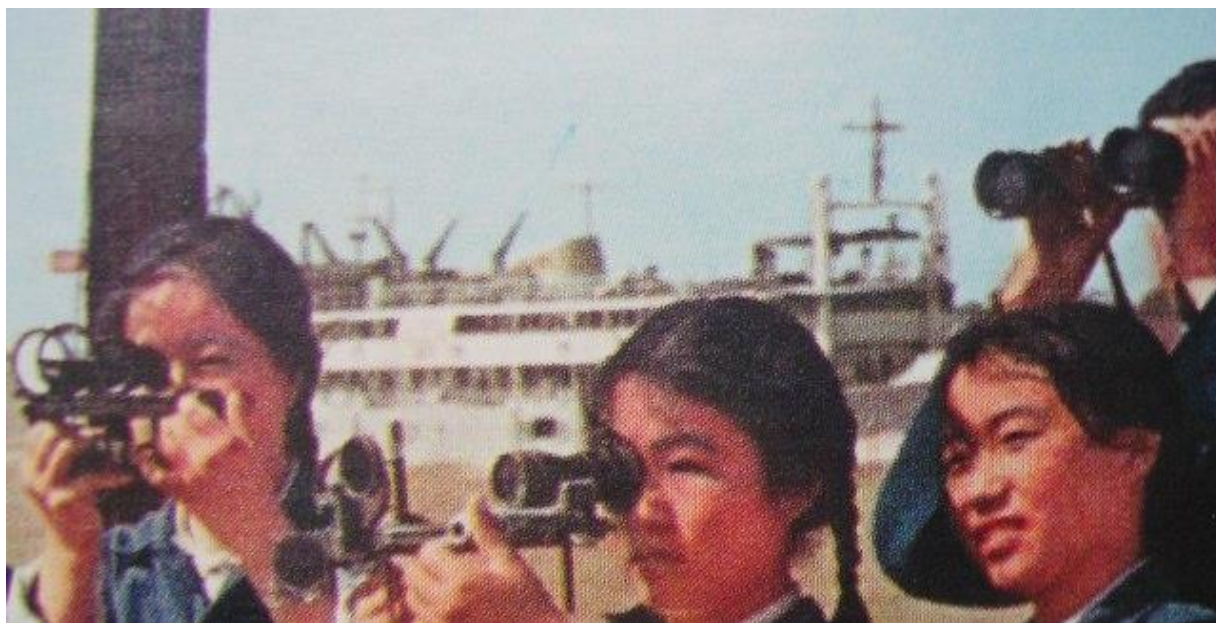


**DONG FANG HONG 62** 909/48-9 (63.4x10.03m, 2-sc. 2x 12cyM/2500 bhp by General Motors Corp., Cleveland, Oh., 266 pass.)

Built by St Lawrence Metal & Machine Wks Inc., Quebec. Launched as WAN CHOU but del. to Ming Sung S.S. Co., Canadian flag, as KUEI MEN 夔門. Post-1949 taken over by Changjiang (Yangtse) Maritime Bureau, used on Shanghai-Chungking route with fortnightly sailings. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 62. 1976 still listed by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. but NFI.



Sister CHIEN MEN of Ming Sung under the Canadian flag (SK colln).



Former CHING MEN or KUEI MEN on the Yangtse (*The Yangtse River*).

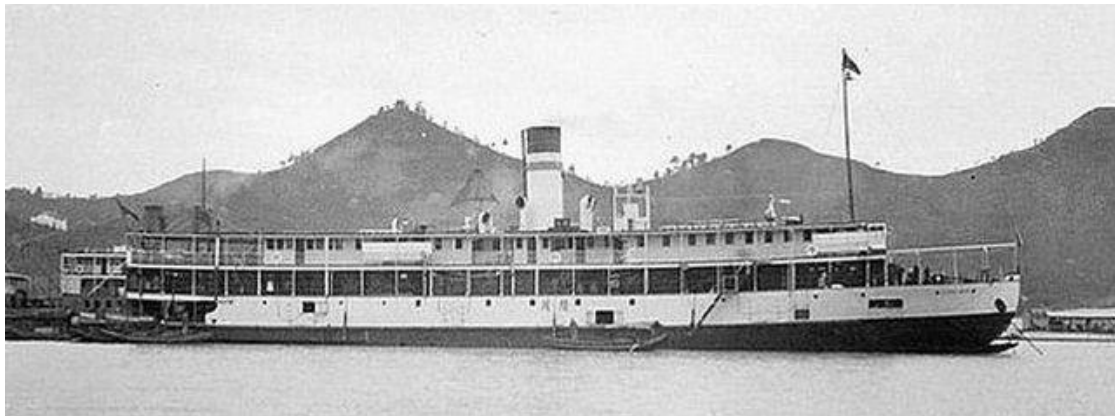
**DONG FANG HONG 63** 1198/20 (postwar 64.31 x 9.45m, Yangtse MB gives as 66.7 x 9.4m, 2-sc., 2xT3cy/2775 shp by J.I. Thornycroft & Co., Southampton, 260 pass.)

Built by Kiangnan D. & Eng. Works, Shanghai (#328) for Mackenzie & Co. Ltd, Shanghai for Upper Yangtse, intended to be QUEEN OF THE GORGES but 2/3/20 launched as LOONG MOW, 17/6 dep. Shanghai for Ichang-Chungking service. 14/7/20 bow crushed when struck bank 12 m. above Ichang. 1921 reg. to General Manager, W.A. Argent, Shanghai. 4/21 Butterfield & Swire freight and passage agents. 9/23 sold to China Navigation Co. Ltd, London r. WANLIU 萬柳. 29/8/26 attacked by Chinese

troops of General Yang Sen. 5/30 t/f to Taikoo Chinese Nav. Co. Ltd, London and re-reg. at Hong Kong. 31/5/32 abandoned after stranding at Changshouchai 40 m. below Chungking bound for Ichang, broke back, CTL. 5/33 salvaged in two parts, rebuilt and lengthened by subsidiary Ta Chung Hua S.B. Works, Shanghai for Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd, Shanghai as MING CHUAN 民權, 26/4/35 reentered service Shanghai-Chungking. During Sino-Japanese War (1937-45) seized by Japanese and r. MARI MARU. 8/45 recovered and reverted to Ming Sung as MING CHUAN. 1949 under PRC control, 1957 refitted, t/f to Yangtse Maritime Bureau. 1958 name romanised and simplified as MIN CHUAN (QUAN) 民权. 10/65 operating Shanghai-Chungking every 14 days. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 63. 1969 rep. broken up (WikiSwire), but 1976 still listed by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp., 8/84 laid up upstream of Wuhan. RLR 1971/72 [Shanghai Times, 17/6, 24/6/20. As built 18 First, 50 Second 100 Deck pass.]



QUEEN OF THE GORGES fitting out in Shanghai (Ivon A. Donnelly).



LOONG MOW early 1920s in MacKenzie colours (W. Swire Colln).



Lengthened and completed 1934 as MING CHUAN (<http://60-250-180-26.hinet-ip.hinet.net/ss/6242.html>).





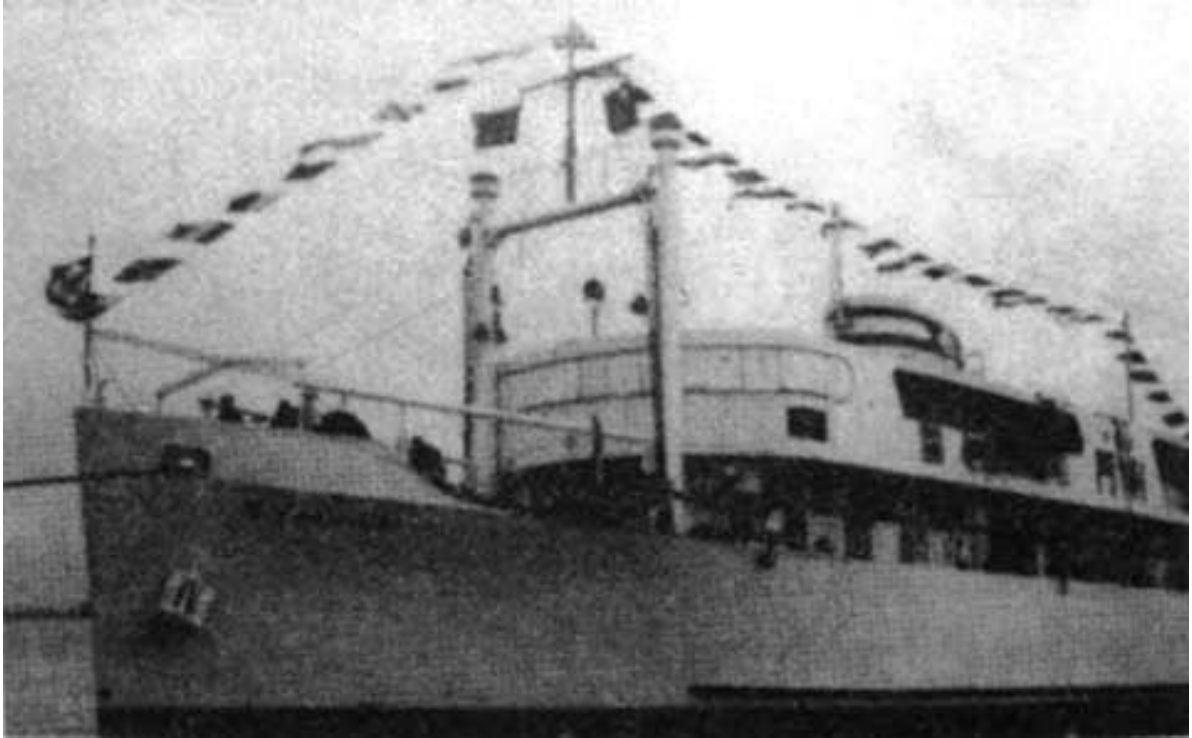
DONG FANG HONG 63, superstructure extended forward (*The Yangtze River*).



DONG FANG HONG 63 laid up upstream of Wuhan in August 1984 (Donald Anderson). Kiangnan Dockyard built around ten similar 1000 grt Upper River-capable ships in the 1920s but only KIANG KING and LOONG MOW are known to have survived to the 1950s.

**DONG FANG HONG 64** 909/48-9 (63.69 x 10.03m, 2-sc. 2x 12cyM/2500 bhp by General Motors Corp., Cleveland, Oh., 245 pass.)

Built by Geo. T. Davie & Sons Ltd, Lauzon for Ming Sung S.S. Co., Canadian flag as CHING MEN 荊門. Post-1949 taken over by Changjiang (Yangtse) Maritime Bureau, used on Shanghai-Chungking route with fortnightly sailings. 10/65 as CHING MEN operating Shanghai-Chungking timetable every 14 days. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 64. 1976 still listed by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. but subsequently converted into shoreside accommodation. NFI.



CHING MENG (<http://60.250.180.26/ss/6242-6.html>).



DONG FANG HONG 64 at Yunyang, Chungking in 1972 (Internet).





DONG FANG HONG 64 (ex CHING MEN) in retirement.

Note:

DONG FANG HONG numbers were not allocated between 65 and 100.

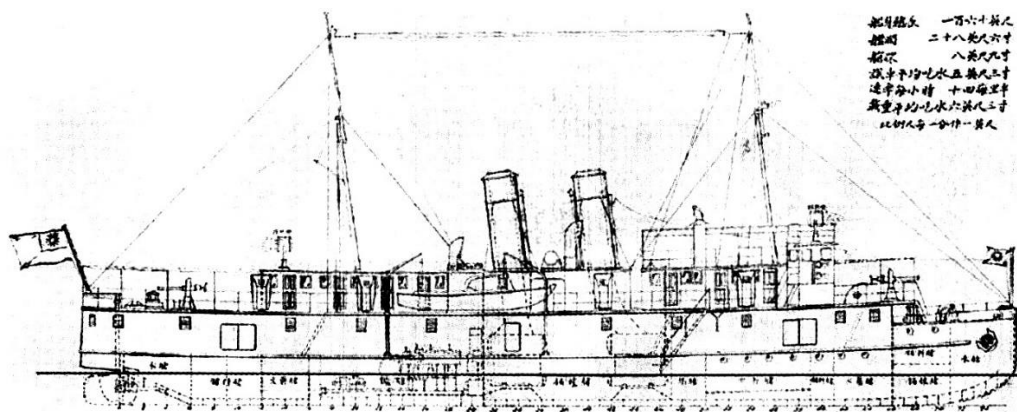
### **Dong Fang Hong 100, 200 and 300 Series**

*(100 series based in Chongqing, operating to Yichang; 200 series based in Wuhan operating middle river and locally below Wuhan, 300 series based in Wuhu and operating locally.)*

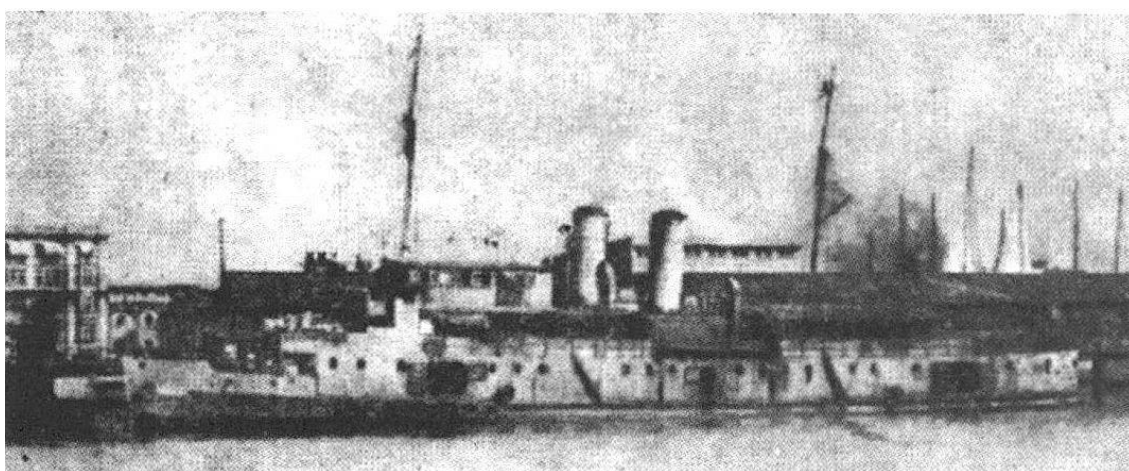
**DONG FANG HONG 101** was built by Jiangnan in 1958 and is covered in the Part II document.

**DONG FANG HONG 102** c.600/35 (160' (155'b.p.) x 28.5', 2030 shp 12k, 162 pass.)

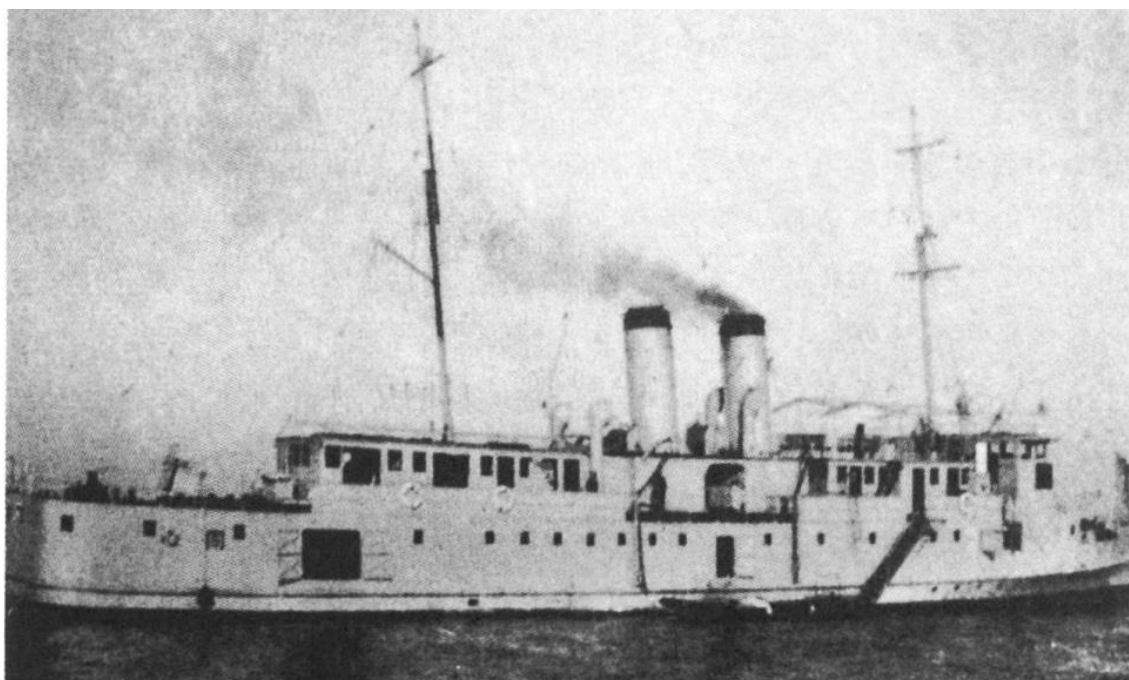
Built by Kiangnan D. & Eng. Works, Shanghai as TUNG HSIN/TONG XIN 同心 for delivery to ROC Navy, Canton, also rep. as Chinese Bandit Suppression Headquarters as gunboat but deployed as troop transport on Yangtse. 12/8/41 sunk by bombing from Japanese aircraft at Zhonggui Shimen in Hubei, raised and repaired at Chungking. 1946 in use as transport. 1949 taken over by Logistics Department of the Central South Military Region in Hankow. 5/53 to Yangtse River Navigation Administration of the Ministry of Communications. 1955 conv. at Chungking to civil passenger and freighter r. CHIANG FENG/JIANG FENG 江豐(丰). 8/66 r. DONG FENG 2. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 102. 14/1/78, in Fengjie County, Sichuan Province hit by barge being towed, capsized on left side left, 14 lives. 7/79 refloated and scrapped.



TUNG HSIN and TUNG TE (below), original naval profile. They drew upon Kiangnan's experience in building USS *Guam* and USS *Tutuila*, similar size and layout (*National Marit. Research* 26).



TUNG HSIN (*National Marit. Research* 26).



TUNG HSIN (*National Marit. Research* 26).





DONG FANG HONG 102. (yycqc.com).

**DONG FANG HONG 103** 646/35 (160' (155'b.p.) x 28.5', 1910 shp 12k, 168 pass.)

Built by Kiangnan D. & Eng. Works, Shanghai as TUNG TE/TUNG TEH/TONG DE 同德 for delivery to ROC Navy, Canton also rep. as Chinese Bandit Suppression Headquarters as gunboat, but deployed as troop transport on Yangtse. 31/8/41 bombed and sunk in Wanhhsien, Szechuan by Japanese forcers, raised and repaired and refitted at Chungking. 12/9/45 serious damage in grounding at Yueyang, returned to Chungking for repairs. 1946 in use as transport. 1949 taken over at Chungking by Chungking Military Control Commission, subsequently in use on Yangtse as CHIANG FA/JIANG FA 江发. 5/61 reported towing 20 lighters in the period when best suited to towing five to seven lighters. 8/66 r. DONG FENG 3. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 103. 12/80 discarded for scrapping.

**DONG FANG HONG 106** 883/40 (76x7.62m 137x25' 248 pass)

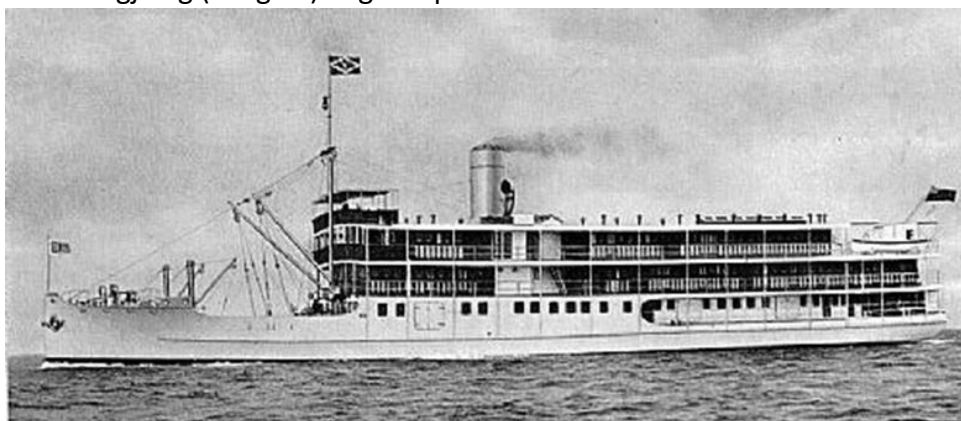
Built by Ming Sung DY, Shanghai for Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd as MING WU (民武). 1950s to Ming Sung Shg. Co., Shanghai, later merging to Yangtse Maritime Bureau, 1958 name romanised as MIN CHU. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 106. NFI.



MING WU, later DONG FANG HONG 106 (<http://www.zgsyb.com/news.html?aid=640204>)/

**DONG FANG HONG 109** 868/22 (203.9 x 33.0', 2-sc, T6cy)

Built by Yarrow & Co. Ltd, Glasgow/Taikoo D.Y. & Eng. Co. Ltd, Hong Kong for Mackenzie & Co. Ltd, Hong Kong for Upper Yangtse as WANHSIEN 万州. 1925 sold to China Nav. Co., London. 30/8/26 seized at Wanhien by Chinese troops of General Yang Sen - 5/9 recovered after attack by British naval party. 1930 t/f to TCNC. 2/41 sold to Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd r. MING WAN (presumably 民万). 12/41 reported sunk at Hong Kong. Raised c.1946, returned to Yangtse and subsequently to, refitted with larger superstructure for Yangtse Maritime Bureau. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 109. 1976 no longer listed for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI.



WANHSIEN as originally conceived (Clydesite).



WANHSIEN at Ichang (Warren Swire coll).



DONG FANG HONG 109 in the Cultural Revolution period (photosanxia.com).



**DONG FANG HONG 230** 1041-570dwt/31 (63.9 x 9.2m, 2sc. 800 shp, 570 pass.)

Built by Hu Wan Shin Dockyard, Shanghai for Yu Hsing & Co., Shanghai as HSIN JEN HO, in service Shanghai-Haimen. 1948 sold to Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd, Shanghai r. MING HO 民和. 1950s t/f to Yangtse Maritime Bureau. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 230. 1976 no longer listed by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI. 1992 RLR as MING HO.

**DONG FANG HONG 231** Ex YA HSI. Details to be advised.

**DONG FANG HONG 232** 701/46 (53.83 x 8.8m, 1750 shp, 853 pass.)

Built by Ming Sung DY, Shanghai for Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd, Shanghai as MING HSIEN 民宪. 1959 rebuilt for Yangtse Maritime Bureau. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 232. 1976 still listed for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI. 1992 RLR as MING HSIEN.

**DONG FANG HONG 302** (430net/41 (44.78 x 8.53m, M 600 bhp, 1100 pass.)

Probably built at Shanghai, subsequently based at Wuhu as HSIN YUEN 新元. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 302. 1976 still listed for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp.. NFI.



Probable HSIN YUEN. Photo sold on kongfz.com in 2014



At Wuhu published 1980 (Xinhua).



Photographed at Wuhu 9/10/83 (Leroy W. Delroy Jr. @Flickr).

## Dong Fang Hong 400 Series

*Based in Shanghai, operating in Yangtse estuary*

**DONG FANG HONG 401** was built by Zhonghua in 1964 and is covered in the Part II document.

**DONG FANG HONG 402** 1456/23 (216.01 x 35.99' / 65.84 x 10.97m, 2sc. T3cy/1200 shp, 1194 pass.) Built by Yangtsze Poo Dock Co., Shanghai for Ta Ta (Ta Dah) Steamship Co. Ltd, Nantao as TA CHIE/ TA CHI 大吉 (877 grt). 3/31 gutted by fire 85m. from Woosung o/v Shanghai-Yangchow (200 lives). 1932 salvaged and refitted as TA YU 大豫 (1456 grt). From 1934 operating Shanghai-Tungchow-Yangchow. 1938 t/f to G. Stamatelatos, Piraeus r. ATHENA. 1945 reverted to TDSC r. TA YU. Post-1949 operated by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as HSIN YU/XIN YU 新豫. 1959 RLR as TA YU, but still existing, 12/66 r. **DONG FANG HONG 402**. 1976 still listed for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI.

[Reported launched 18/12/1922 as TA CHIE. LR31 (not before or after) lists as TA CHIE 1456/23. The China Yearbook 1931 and 1932 (reflecting Customs list 1929) as 1456/23, CVB 1934-38 as TA YU 1445g (reflecting 'Statistics of Shanghai' 1933). LR 1941 onwards as ATHENA 1456/21 ex TA CHIE, 215 x 35'. 1921 build date is used in Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. data.]



TA CHIE after gutted by fire on 11 March 1931 (<http://60.250.180.26/ss/6285-2.html>).





Likely TA YU, at Shanghai with open lower deck (SK\*).



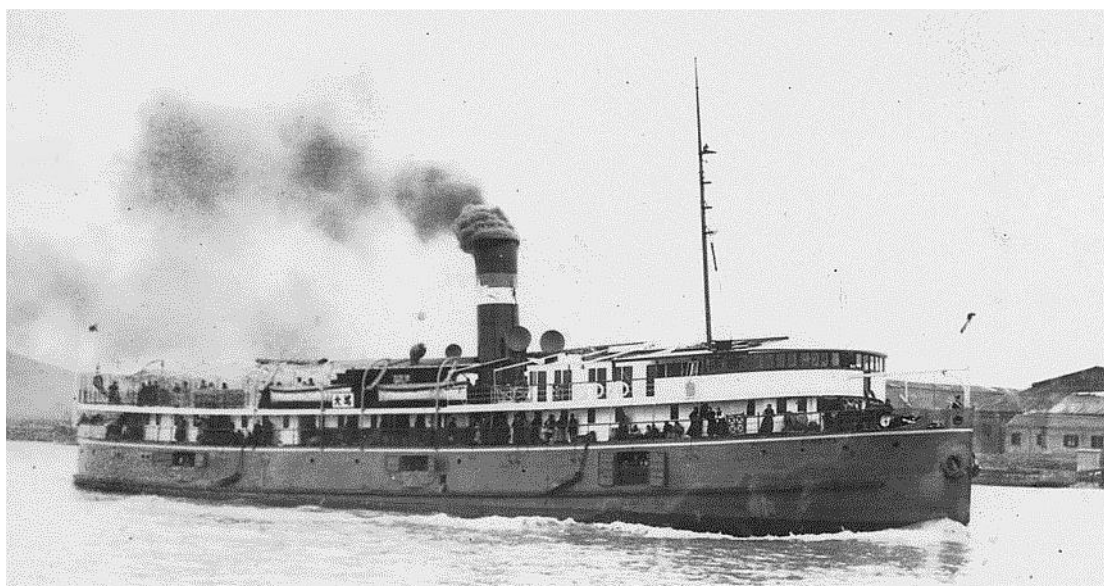
DONG FANG HONG 402 at Shanghai in June 1982 (Chris Mackey).



DONG FANG HONG 402 in 1982-83 (Chris Mackey).

**DONG FANG HONG 403** 1372/24 (211.74 x 34.55'/64.54 x 10.53m, T3cy/700 shp, 1111 pass.)

Built by Kiousin S.B. & E. Works, Shanghai as HUNG TA 鴻大. 1945 recovered. RLR 1955 but post-1949 operated by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as HSIN HUNG/XIN HUNG 新鴻. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 403, in military use at least 1971-73. 1976 still listed by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI. [LR dimensions 213' x 34'. Prewar listed as carrying 41 first, 42 second, 138 third class pass.]



HUNG TA on the Whangpu, January 1928 (SK\*).



HUNG TA, autumn 1945 (SK\*).



DONG FANG HONG 403 in evident military colours (*YouTube* - Shanghai & Beijing, 1971 Part 1).

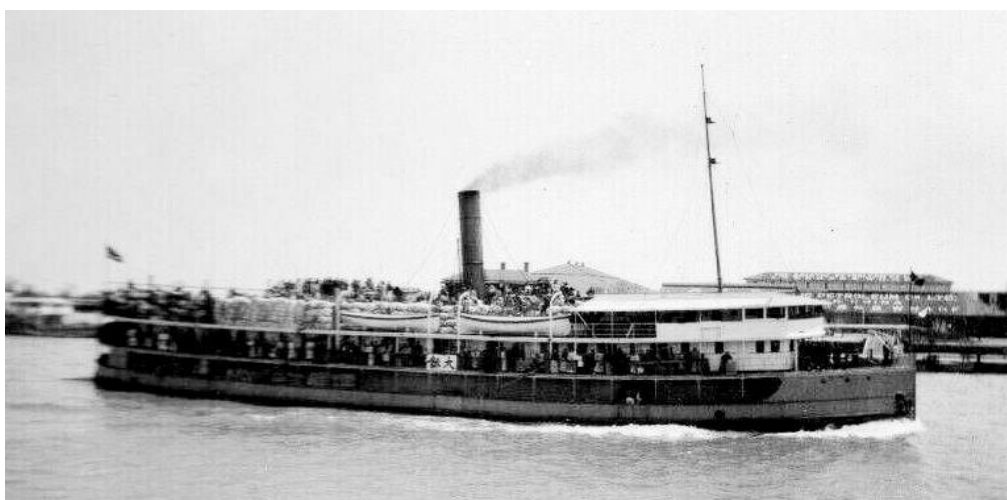




Likely DONG FANG HONG 403 at Pootung in 1973 (Harrison Forman, UWM Libraries).

**DONG FANG HONG 404** 1406/21 (208.98 x 38.02'/63.7 x 11.59m, 2-sc T3cy/650 shp, 1214 pass.)  
 Built by Kiangnan D. & E. Works, Shanghai for Ta Ta (Ta Dah) Steamship Co. Ltd, Nantao as TA CHING  
 大慶. 1938 t/f to G. Stamatelatos, Piraeus r. ATTICA. 1945 reverted to TDSC r. TA CHING. Post-1949  
 operated by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as HSIN CHING/XIN QING 新慶(庆). 12/66 r. DONG FANG  
 HONG 404. Still existing 6/82. NFI.

[China Yearbook 1928, 29/30 as 861/22. CYB 1931, 1932 (reflecting Customs List 1929) as 1406/20. First listed LR31 as  
 202.1x38.1'. From 1934 operating Shanghai-Tungchow-Yangchow]



TA CHING arriving Shanghai in 1920 (Internet).



DONG FANG HONG 404 in 1981 (Internet).



TA CHING, lower deck closed forward (SK\*).



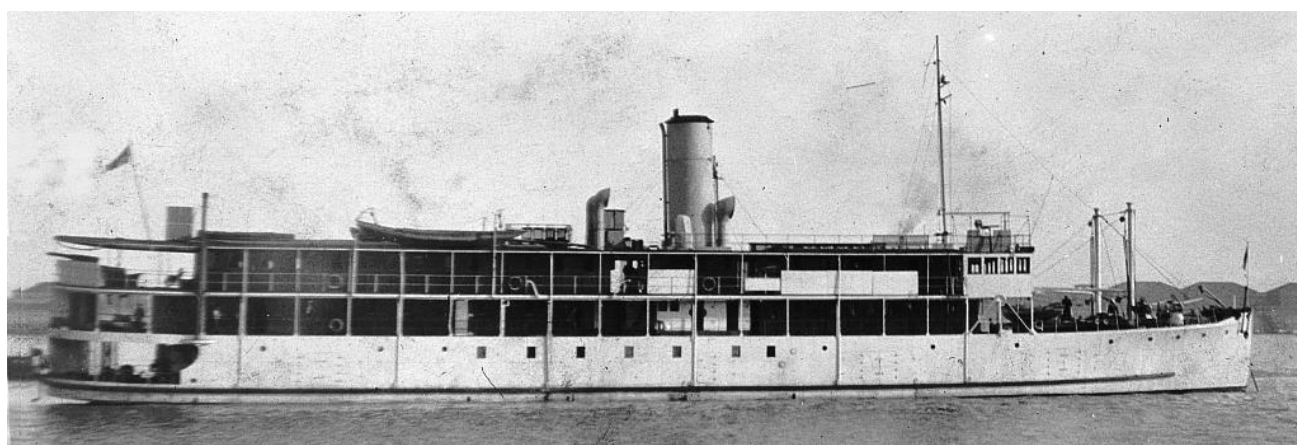
DONG FANG HONG 404 at Shanghai, June 1982 (Chris Mackey).

**DONG FANG HONG 405** 939/25 (202.46 x 33.53'/61.71 x 10.22m, 2-sc., T3cy/840 shp, 946 pass.) Built by Kiangnan D. & E. Works, Shanghai (#490) for Indo-China Steam Nav. Co., Shanghai for Upper Yangtse as KIA-WO 嘉禾 (1310 grt, 202.25 x 33.1'). 1926 requisitioned and commissioned by RN during anti-British disturbances. 27/9/38 grounded reef on west bank at foot of Kuangyintan Rapid, settling on reef and breaking back in two places as river fell. 18/5/39 refloated, 22/5 arr. Ichang under own power, laid up. 6/8/39 gutted by fire after bomb hit stern during Japanese raid. 8/12/41 hulk seized by Japanese at Ichang, repaired and 7/43 comm. as MATSUSHIMA MARU. Late-1945 recovered by ICSNC. 1/47 sold to Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd, Shanghai r. MING FUNG 民豐. 4/48 stranded and sank at Hsiehtan in Upper Yangtse, also reported as at Ichang. Raised and rebuilt for Yangtse estuary service, operated by Changjiang (Yangtse) Maritime Bureau, later Yangtse Shg. Corp. as HSIN FENG/XIN FENG 新豐(丰). 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 405. Still existing 6/82. NFI.





Stranded KIA-WO in Jardine colours (JM&C)

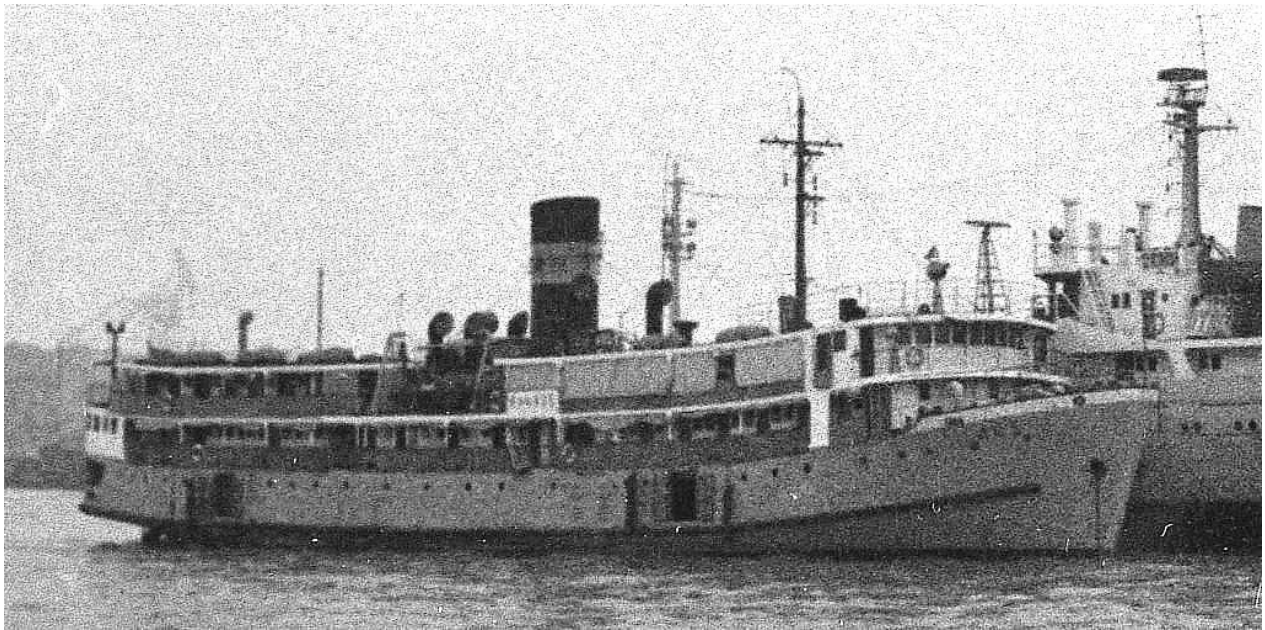


HMS KIA-WO in profile (coll. Graham Thompson).



HMS KIA-WO arriving at Ichang (naval-history.net).





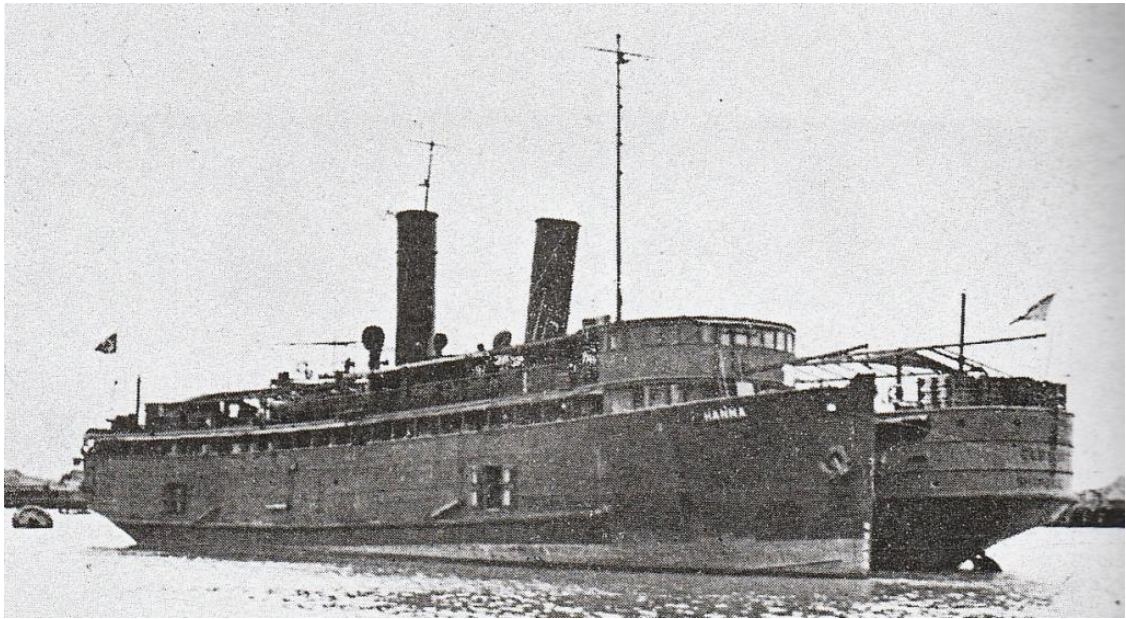
DONG FANG HONG 405 ex KIA-WO with rebuilt bow (Alan Lee colln).

**DONG FANG HONG 406** 1040/28 (196.19 x 27.49'/59.8 x 8.38m, T3cy/550 shp (Kiangnan), 850 pass.)  
*Tentatively identified as the vessel built as TAH HSING 1040/27 62.5 x 8.5m steamship:*

Built by Hongchang E. & S.B. Works, Shanghai for Tah Hsing S.S. Co., Shanghai as TAH HSING. By 1928 sold to Chuan Shan S.S. Co., Shanghai r. CHUAN SHAN. By 7/28 calling at Pootoo Island in the Chusan Archipelago en route to and from Shanghai to Ningpo, advertised for Chuan Shan S.N. Co., Nantao Bund. 1938 t/f to Dr A. Nolte, Rudolf Laurenz & Gustav Rohreke for Carlowitz & Co., Shanghai (German flag) r. HANNA (205 x 28'). 1945 reverted to Chuan Shan S.S. Co. as CHUAN SHAN, active at Shanghai in late-1940s. If identification is correct, probably subsequently operated by Ta Ta (Ta Dah) Steamship Co. Ltd, Nantao, post-1949 operated by Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. as HSIN TA/XIN DA 新达(達). 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 406. Still existing laid up 10/83. NFI.



CHUAN SHAN at Shanghai, 1937 (Harrison Forman, UWM Libraries).



HANNA, German flag and evidently laid up alongside ELBHOF c.1941 (*Sekai Shosen Yoran* p.99).



Above 2: CHUAN SHAN with built-up superstructure, loading uniformed foreign personnel under a Red Cross flag in May 1948 (both photos from a British Pathe film).





Above 2: Probable DONG FANG HONG 406 at Shanghai 1/10/83 (Leroy W. Delroy Jr.@Flickr).

**DONG FANG HONG 407** ???/27 (140.32 x 24.28'/42.77 x 7.74m, 600 shp, 570 pass.)

Unidentified small steamship. Early name likely to have featured SHENG 生. By late-1950s in use in Shanghai/Yangtse area as HSIN SHENG/XIN SHENG 新生. 12/66 r. DONG FANG HONG 407. 1976 still listed for Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. NFI.

## Changjiang (Yangtse) Shg. Corp. vessel with different-style name

**HUA CHUNG/HUA ZHONG** 646/24 (150.0 x 26.5', 2-sc, T3cy/56 nhp, 2xWTB mfd. 1917)

Built by Kiangnan D. & Eng. Works, Shanghai for Yangtse Rapid S.S. Co. Ltd, Shanghai (U.S. flag) for Upper Yangtse as CHI PING. 5/35 sold to Taikoo Chinese Nav. Co. Ltd, London r. KANGTING 康定. 1942 t/f to CNC, moored at Chungking. 1948 sold to Chu Wei Sung (formerly C.N. Co.), subsequently under control of PRC as HUA CHUNG. 1958 name romanised as HUA ZHONG. 1961 reported withdrawn from service, 1989 seen ashore at Chongqing by former Swire personnel as storage vessel. NFI.



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