The Mao Era in Objects

Money: Four receipts from the late 1960s

收 据 编号 004 196 年 12月27日 今收到 香河县城关之艺美术生圣念作礼 共议50年 百年36元 航版软件 交 来 ¥ 1802 人民币(大写) 基值势比论了 的建于新品格的 交款人 收款人 68.4.103 收 赦 单 第 一联 存 根 河县統一发貨 票 杏 购貨人:北个 196 年 月 H 金 单位 单价 规 格 最 貨物名 致 数 十万千百十元角分 第 100 ac 联 发 小成教育 票 合计人民币(大写) 以来 Ti-企业名称(盖章) 会计 复核 制单 心 她王子是国家 佔票 6.日 宇第 购货人, 购货人:北 宇第 H 易 货物名称 规格 註 货物名称 规格 数 十元内分 第 008 500 10 3000 6150 联 08 0.04 我 500 5 4000 1000. 爱 0,10 2 500 /2 04 450 100 000 合计人民币(大写)/2/13 合计人民币(大写 企业名称(盖章) 会计 复核 制单 企业名称(盖章)

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DESCRIPTION

Translation of receipts top down, left to right:

Receipt 1: #0044, 27th December 1967

On this day received from: Xianghe County Chengguan Arts and Crafts Production

In exchange for 50 kgs of aluminium sheets @ Y 3.60/kg

The sum of one hundred and eighty (180) RMB.

Added in different handwriting: one hundred and eighty RMB in cash 10th April, 1968.

Receipt 2: Xianghe county standardized invoice, 29th November 1967

Buyer: No 3 Beijing Municipal Works Corporation

Product: five-pointed star commemorative badges

Quantity: 500 pcs @ 0.08 RMB/piece

The sum of: 40 RMB

Total amount: Forty RMB

Comment added: Bars [i.e. with the words "Serve the people" on them] not included

Receipt 3: Invoice, 16th January 1968, No 3 Beijing Municipal Works Corporation

Five-pointed star [badges]: 6,150 pcs @ 0.08 RMB/piece, the sum of 492 RMB

Military bars [i.e. with the words 'Serve the people' on them]: 1,000 pcs @ 0.04 RMB/piece, the sum of 40 RMB

Fighting self-interest and repudiating revisionism [-bars]: 450 pcs @ 0.1 RMB/piece, the sum of 45 RMB

Grand total of: 577 (Five hundred and seventy-seven) RMB

Receipt 4: Invoice, 22nd January 1968, No 3 Beijing Municipal Works Corporation [written in abbreviated form here]

Fighting self-interest [and repudiating revisionism] star [-badges]: 500 @ 0.1RMB/piece, the sum of 50 RMB,

Five-pointed star [badges]: 500 @0.08/piece the sum of 40 RMB,

Horizontal bars: 500 @0.04 RMB/piece, the sum of 20 RMB,

Grand total of: 110 (One hundred and ten) RMB

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