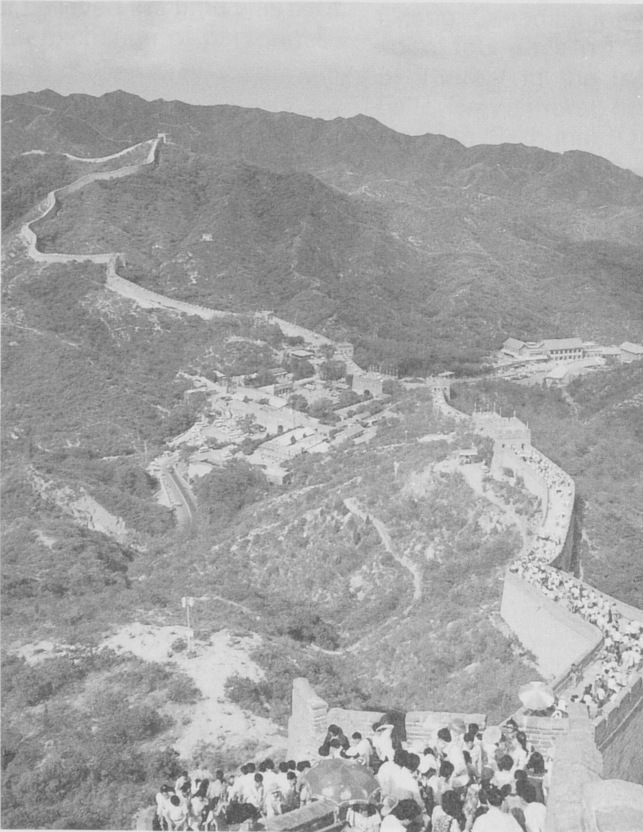


spittoons by each staircase. The station has 38 officers, including 4 women. Their duties are similar to our members in many respects. We visited several pagodas, the Shaanxi Provincial Museum and the Forest of Steles (which are long stone tablets with Chinese writing). They are so old that the Chinese today cannot read all the writing.

Our next stop was in Hangzhou. There were no working sessions slated for our visit to this city. We were given tours of West Lake, a large lake surrounding the city, more pagodas, Spring of Jade, Yellow Dragon Spring, and the largest silk factory in China. It employs more than 6,000 people. Wages run from 80-150 yuan per month (\$30-\$50 Canadian). The process from silk bud to the silk cloth was very interesting. We were given the opportunity to purchase silk for our wives at the factory at affordable rates!

We flew to Shanghai, our final stop, on Thursday night. Having been delayed again, (all flights taken inside China were delayed five hours), our banquet was put over until Saturday night. On Friday we met Ministry people at the Provincial Bureau office before taking a cruise up the Huangpu River in the afternoon. We travelled to the mouth of the river, where the Huangpu and the Yangzi meet.

We attended a Shanghai acrobatic performance in the evening. The two-hour performance was very entertaining and the cast was professional. On Saturday we toured a training facility which was similar to the RCMP Training Academy. We were greeted by a display of large Canadian and Chinese flags and words welcoming our arrival. From there, we went to the Shanghai Public Security Bureau Communications Department, a downtown communications station.



Spectacular view of the Great Wall of China, as seen by RCMP members.