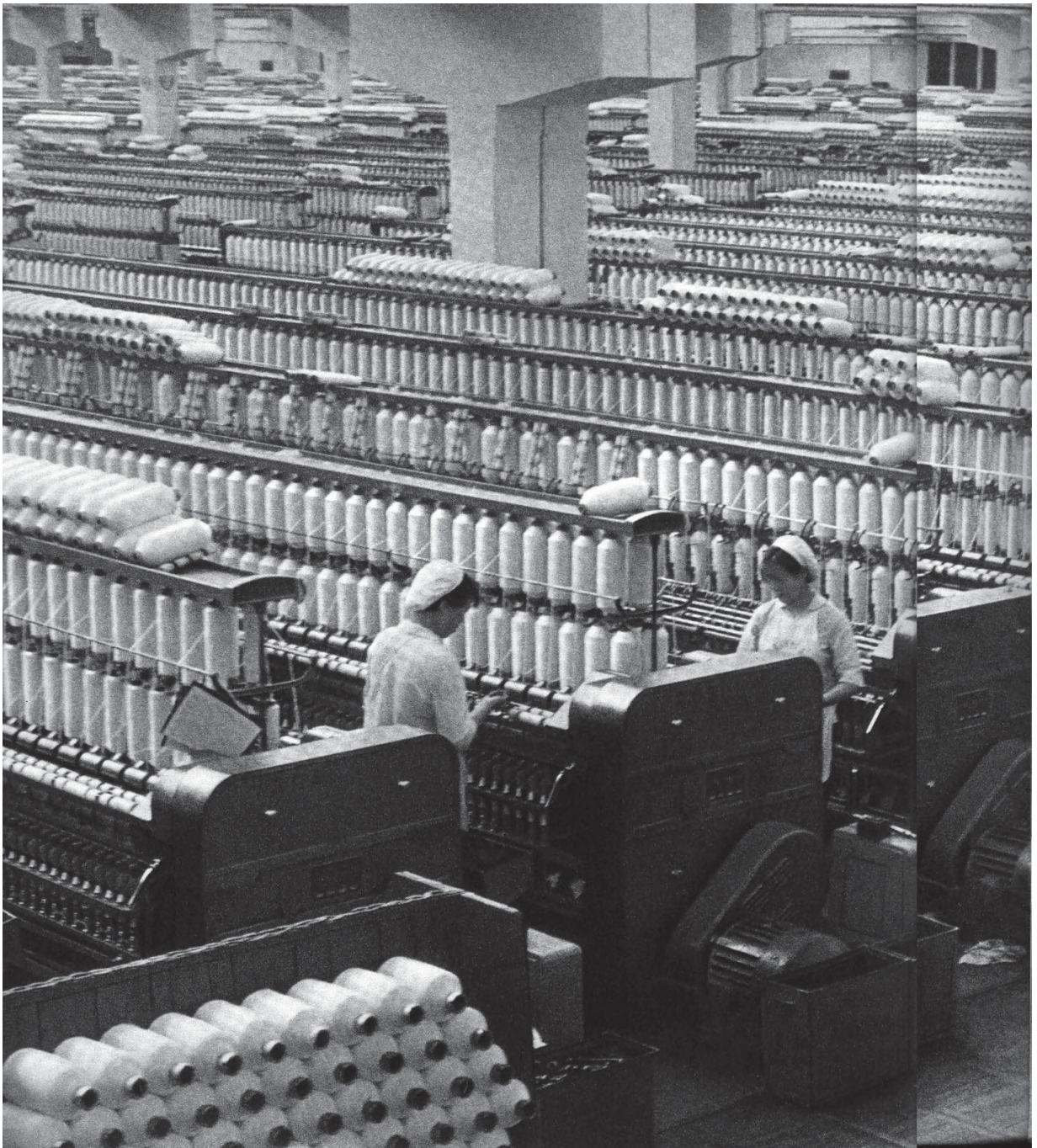


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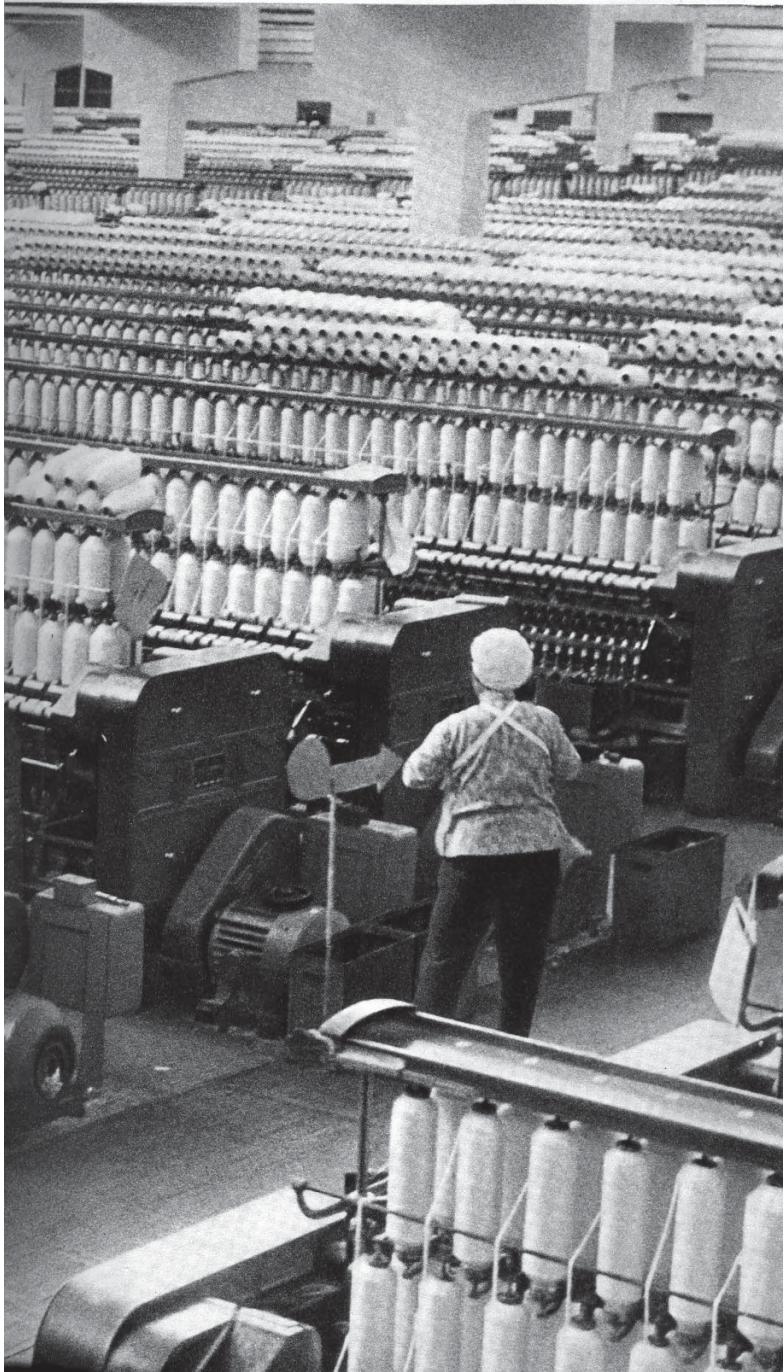
Spinning shop of the Wuhan No. 2 Cotton Textile Mill which was commissioned last year



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In the beaming shop of the Szechuan No. 1 Cotton Textile Mill



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CHINA'S first modern cotton textile mill was established in Shanghai in 1890 by the Ching government. On the eve of liberation in 1949, that is, after some 60 years, there were only 5,000,000 spindles in the country, most of them installed by the imperialists for their own aggressive purposes.

On the other hand, in 1965 alone, 1,400,000 new spindles and corresponding weaving, printing and dyeing machines were put into production in China. It was the peak year in textiles since liberation. Cotton yarn produced each year by the new spindles can be woven into more than 1,000 million metres of cloth.

New textile mills have been built in cotton-producing areas of the interior and in provinces where there were only few. This step of rationalizing the distribution of textile works enables different areas to use local materials to fulfill their own needs.

The Ministry of Textile Industry has organized technical personnel throughout the country to ensure the progress and quality of the projects. Running enterprises with diligence and thrift, and revolutionizing the designing stage have saved over 10 million yuan in investment.

The new mills are now manufacturing quantities of excellent fabrics, mostly cotton goods suitable for the countryside.