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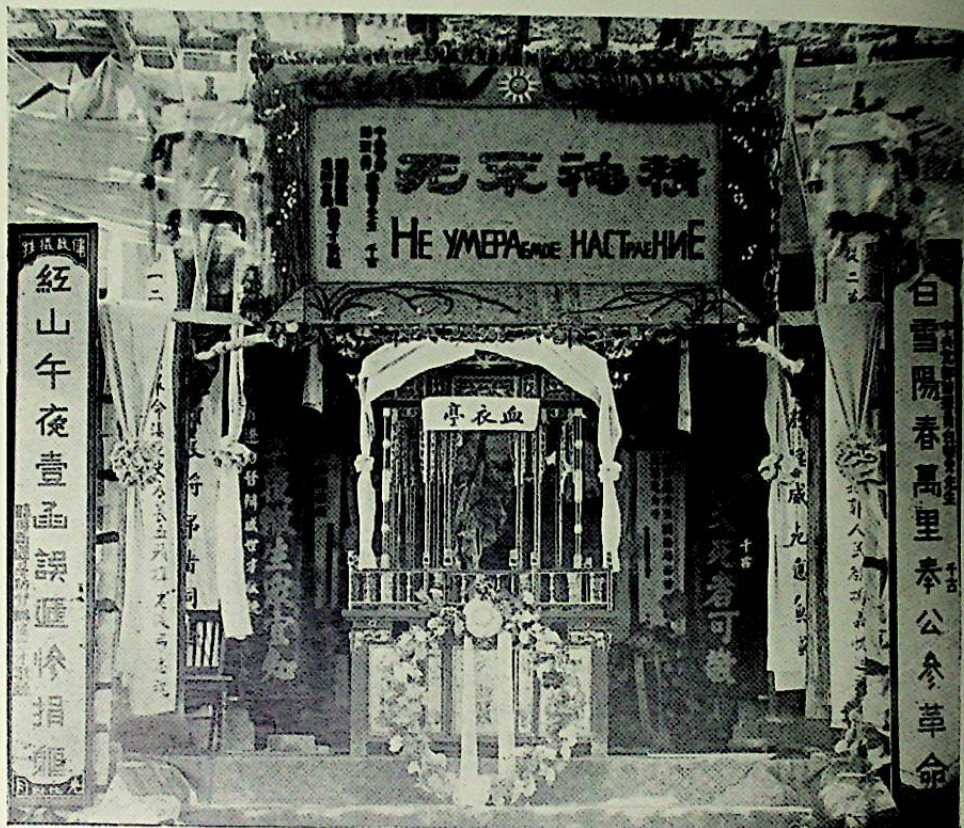
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TO  
THE MEMORY OF  
MY DEAR MOTHER  
WHO DIED SUDDENLY  
WHILE I WAS IN SOVIET RUSSIA



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I would like to add that I have no personal bias for or against any of the persons mentioned in the narrative. I have tried my utmost to give an impartial record of events in that far-away land.

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