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Slide 2: Issues

- → The Chinese government is in urgent need of revenue:
  - → China needs capital now to fund its military and industry to combat its enemies in China (CCP, Japan, & Major Warlords).
  - → The weakness of the central government makes it difficult to find new sources of revenue.
  - → The trade agreements that China has also makes it hard to collect revenue.
- → KMT & SOCONY disagreements and conflicts
  - → The stamp tax would hurt SOCONY's profits from exporting kerosene.
    - ↳ The tax is an illegal surcharge on foreign imports.
  - → If SOCONY continues to export, profits won't be as high
- → KMT & SOCONY are well-connected
  - → The Chinese market is incredibly valuable to SOCONY, since they already have a huge portion of the market share.
  - → SOCONY already has its own effecient distribution network in China, unlike other companies
  - → SOCONY and the Yuan Shikai government have a contract,
  - → If SOCONY also join the coordinated embargo, they lose a key source of revenue, & lose out on the opportunities created by their distribution network.