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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

TWO NEW CLASS DESTROYER ESCORTS, SIMILAR TO THE ONE IDENTIFIED AT THE SHANG-HAI NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD CHIANG-NAN DOCK CO, ARE OBSERVED.

2. REMARKS:

THE NEW CLASS DESTROYER ESCORT (DE 209) OBSERVED AT SHANG-HAI IN JAN 66 WAS PROBABLY BUILT AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS IN 60 BUT BEFORE MID-64. THE EXACT ORIGIN OF THE SHIP REMAINS OBSCURE.

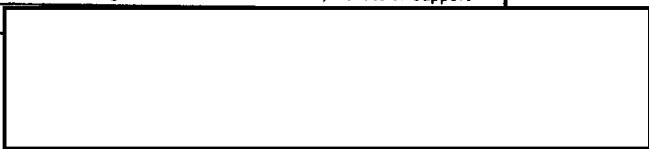
THIS NEW CLASS DESTROYER ESCORT APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST MAJOR CHINESE COMBAT SURFACE SHIP NOT ENTIRELY OF SOVIET DESIGN. ALTHOUGH THE SHIP'S HULL IS THE SAME LENGTH AS THE SOVIET "RIGA" AND APPARENTLY WAS BUILT TO "RIGA" - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, MAJOR CHANGES ARE EVIDENT ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE. THE MAIN

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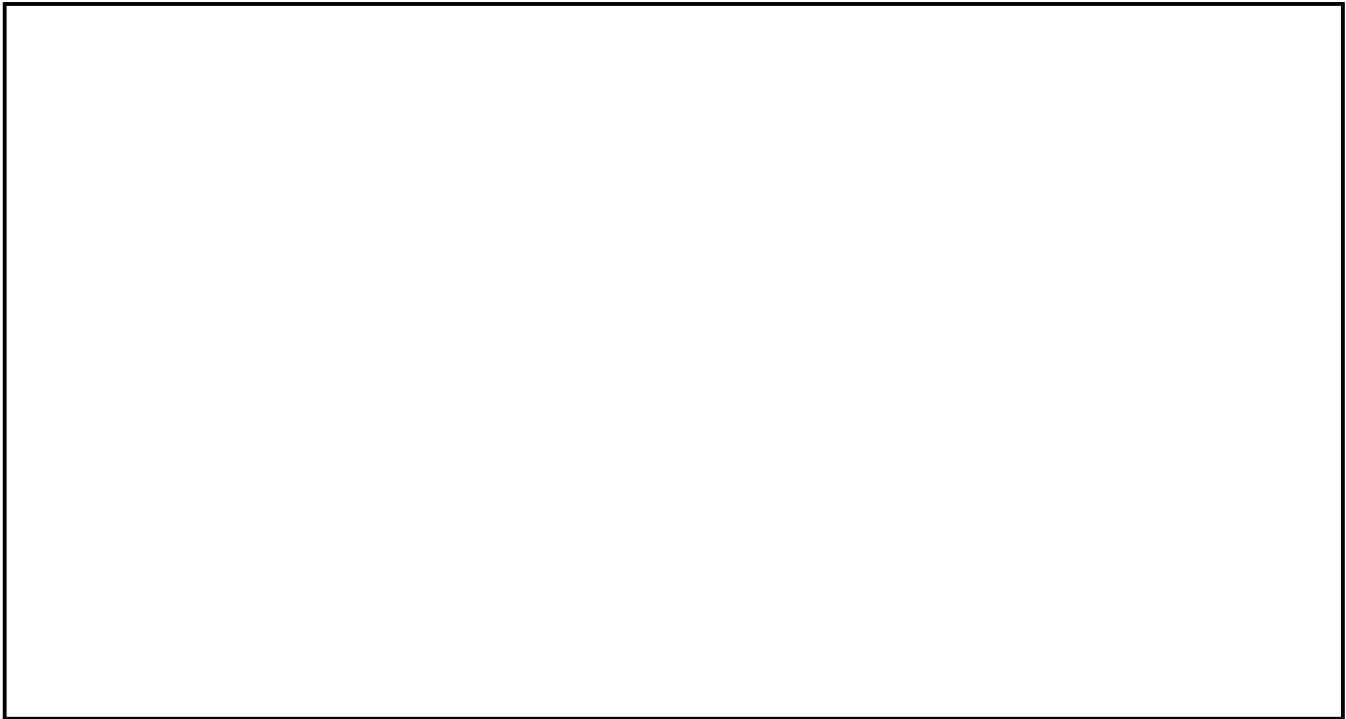
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DECK HAS BEEN RAISED ONE DECK HIGHER AND A LIGHTER MAST HAS BEEN INSTALLED. ONE OF THE DECK GUNS HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE STERN AND TWO MORE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN MOUNTS HAVE BEEN ADDED. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY PROVISION FOR TORPEDO TUBES, WHICH ARE STANDARD ON THE "RIGA".

3. LOCATION:

IN SOUTHWEST KUANG-CHOU ON THE CHU CHIANG (RIVER) AT 2304N 11315N.



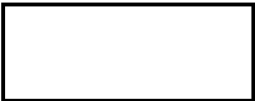
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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

SHIPYARD:

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6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

SHIPYARD: AND AT LEAST 3 KH-4 MISSIONS.

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8. DIMENSIONS / SPECIFICATIONS:

NEW CLASS DE

LENGTH -

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BEAM - AT THE WATERLINE.

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DRAFT - UNDETERMINED, BUT PROBABLY MORE THAN

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"RIGA" - CLASS.

DISPLACEMENT - 1,500 TO 1,800 TONS (ESTIMATE),  
FULL LOAD.

ARMAMENT - THREE 3.9"/56 DUAL PURPOSE MOUNTS  
AND FOUR 37-MM AA TWIN MOUNTS.

9. MISSION READOUT:

TWO NEW CLASS DESTROYER ESCORTS (TENTATIVELY DESIGNATED CHIANGNAN CLASS) ARE OBSERVED. ONE APPARENTLY IS OUTFITTING AT THE MAIN QUAY AND THE SECOND IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE BUILDING WAY. A POSSIBLE THIRD DE HULL IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE BUILDING WAY. ONE LST-1-CLASS LST IS AT THE MAIN QUAY. SEVERAL CARGO

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VESSELS ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

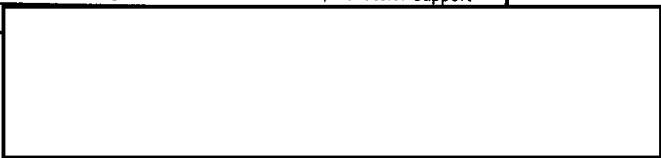
A NEW 2-BAY FABRICATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE BUILDING WAYS, APPEARS TO BE STRUCTURALLY COMPLETE.



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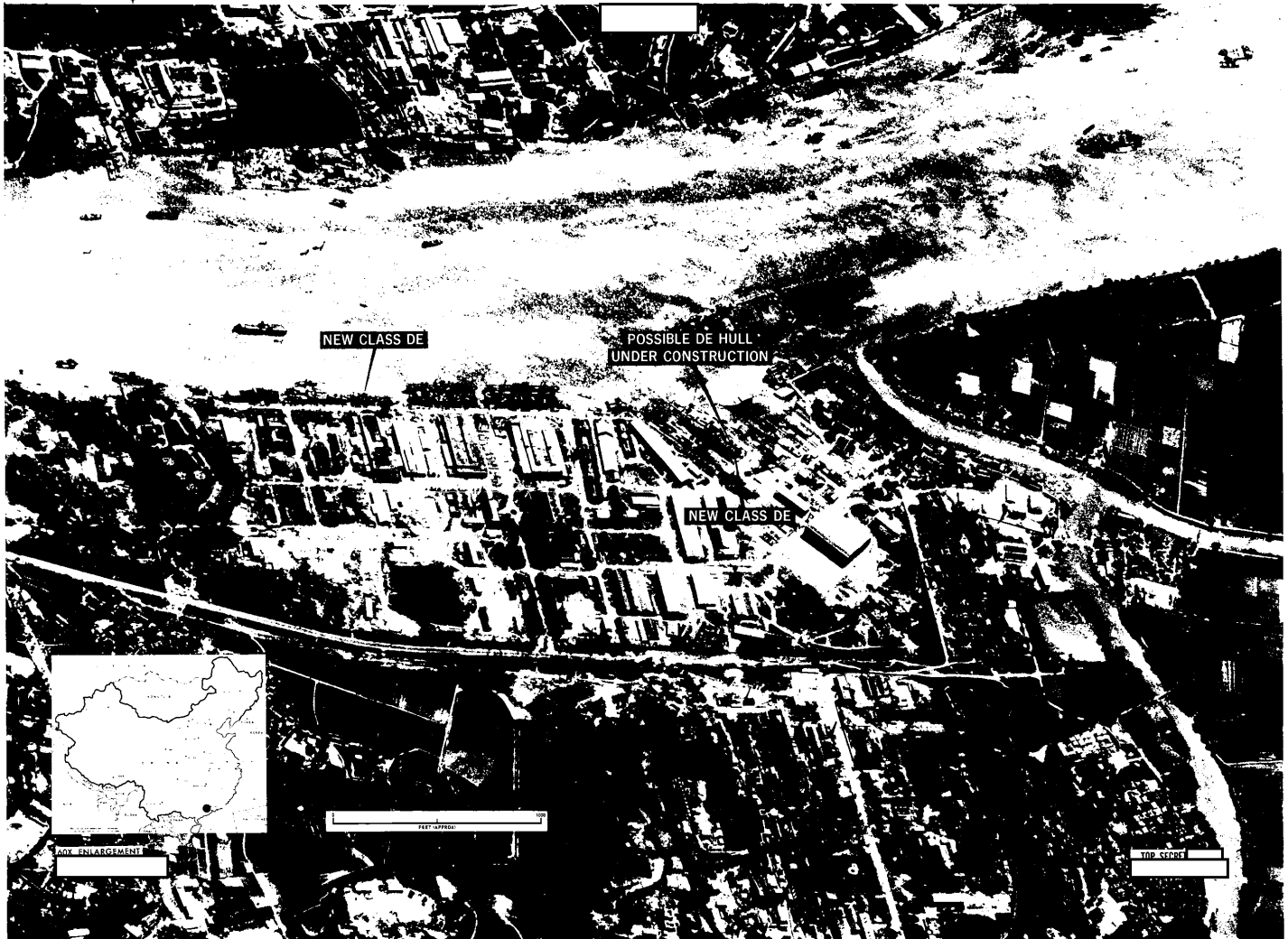
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