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UNDERGROUND AMMUNITION DUMP TO BE BUILT NEAR CANTON;  
 COMMUNISTS SEIZE CIVILIAN FIREARMS, ORGANIZE BICYCLE CORPS

3,000 WORKERS BROUGHT FROM OTHER PROVINCES -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 4 May 50

Canton, 3 May -- An informant has revealed that in Sha-ho village, located northeast of Canton, more than 3,000 construction workers have been brought in from Hunan and Hupeh provinces by the Communists during the past few weeks to be used for the construction of a large underground ammunition dump in Shou-kou Shan, located east of Canton. These workers are quartered in temples in Sha-ho, and they are not allowed to leave their areas. Although many construction workers are needed for this job, the Communists are not hiring any local laborers because they fear leakage of the secret.

According to another informant, work is to begin on 5 May 1950, under the supervision of ten or more Russian construction engineers who also arrived recently. If all 3,000 workers are used every day, the project will be completed in 6 months. When finished, the ammunition dump will have various safety and fireproof devices, air conditioning, and air-purifying systems.

TROOPS TAKE FIREARMS FROM CIVILIANS -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 4 May 50

Macao, 3 May -- Suspecting that the civilian population is responsible for continuous guerrilla activities, the Communist troops in Hsin-hui, Kwangtung Province, began seizing all firearms hidden among the civilians. According to a recent arrival from Hsin-hui, the Communist troops raided Ch'ao-lien village recently, and seized 250 rifles, 13 light machine guns, one mortar, and several other firearms. However, suspecting that more arms were hidden in the village, they sent troops to put on a mock bandit attack during the night. The village people, unaware of the Communist trick, began shooting with what they still had in their possession, and were soon disarmed.

A news item from Shih-lung has reported that the Communist authorities, disturbed by continuous guerrilla activities in eight local districts in the

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delta area of Tung-kuan Hsien, sent out several search parties and seized 2 heavy, 2 light, and one submachine guns, 17 rifles, 18,000 rounds of ammunition, and a few explosives from the civilian population in that area.

CHUNG-SHA HSIEN ORGANIZES BICYCLE MILITIA -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 27 Apr 50

Chung-shan, 26 April -- Over 6,000 bicycles are registered in Chung-shan Hsien for freight- and passenger-carrying purposes, 2,000 of them for individual use.

The Military Commission, perceiving the advantage of this type of transport for police force mobility, with the aid of the local police, has commandeered 1,000 bicycles from local bicycle shops. It has also announced a training course for able-bodied bicycle riders who wish to enlist in a bicycle militia corps to assist the authorities in preserving order.

CANTON KMT SPECIAL AGENTS CAPTURED -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 8 May 50

Canton, 7 May (Hsin-hua) -- The Canton Public Security Bureau announced that during January through April, some 253 KMT special agents, including the chief and deputy chief of the Canton KMT special agent unit, were arrested. Captured equipment included 19 radio transmitter sets, 102 small arms, 79,400 rounds of ammunition, and 80 cattles of explosives.

It also reported that during the same period, some 400 KMT special agents surrendered voluntarily to the Communist authorities.

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