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MILITARY REQUIREMENTS SPUR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND MAINTENANCE IN CHINA

RUSH EASTERN KWANGTUNG HIGHWAY REPAIRS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 5 Sep 50

Canton -- Rapid progress has been made during the past 6 months in repairing highways and restoring traffic in eastern Kwangtung in order to facilitate support for the military forces along the coast by the cities and rural areas of the Tung Chiang.

The 13 trunk highways of this region had an aggregate length of 1,219.7 kilometers, of which only 172 kilometers were in good condition after liberation. The names and terminals of these trunk highways are as follows:

<u>Highways</u>	<u>Terminals</u>
Shao-Heing (韶 興)	Hu-t'ou-shih (虎 頭 石) and Lan-kuan (藍 關)
Teng-Ho (燈 河)	Teng-t'a (燈 塔) Ho-yuan (河 源)
Hui-Chang (惠 樟)	Hui-chou (惠 州) Chang-mut'ou (樟 木 頭)
Hui-Tan (惠 淡)	Ch'en-chiang (陳 江) Tan-shui (淡 水)
Tan-Ao (淡 澳)	Tan-shui (淡 水) Ao-t'ou (澳 頭)
Tan-Shen (淡 深)	Tan-shui (淡 水) Shen-ch'uan (深 圳)
Kuang-Shan (廣 汕)	Li-po-ao (李 伯 駒) K'uei-t'an (葵 潭)
Ho-Po (河 博)	Ho-yuan (河 源) Po-lo (博 瀝)
Hui-Tzu-wu (惠 紫 五)	P'ing-t'an (平 潭) Ta-ching (大 徑)
Tzu-Ho (紫 河)	Ho-lu-k'ou (合 路 口) Ho-yuan (河 源)

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<u>Highways</u>		<u>Terminals</u>
Lung-Hsin (龍新)	Long-kang (龍崗)	Hsin-hsu (新墟)
Tan-Pai-p'ing (淡白平)	Tan-shui (淡水)	P'ing-shan (平山)
Chung-Ting (忠定)	Chung-shin (忠信)	Ting-nan (定南)

Since liberation, repairs have been completed on an aggregate of 519.5 kilometers of the above-mentioned highways, as follows:

On the Shao-Hsing Highway (Shao-kuan to Hsing-ning), between Lien-p'ing (連平) and Lao-lung-ssu (老隆司); the Chung-Ting Highway; the Teng-Ho Highway; the Hui-Tan Highway; and on the Kuang-Shan (Canton-Swato Highway), the section between Tseng-ch'eng and 二-po-ac, and the section between P'ing-shan and K'uei-t'an.

In the course of these repairs seven large permanent bridges, with an aggregate length of 304.6 meters, have been repaired. Four hundred sixty-three wooden bridges, with an aggregate length of 4,294.4 meters, have been constructed or repaired.

The Tung Chiang Highway Bureau is preparing to begin before the end of 1950 the restoration of the highway which runs through the center of this region, passing Hui-yang, Tzu-chin, and Wu-hua, and connects Hsing-ning and Mei-hsien with Canton. Engineers have already been sent out to make preliminary surveys for this project.

#### PLANS EXTENSION OF MILITARY ROADS -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao, Jih-pao, 30 Aug 50

Chung-shan, Kwangtung -- The Ch'i-Kuan Company, which provides motor bus and truck service on the Ch'i-Kuan Highway connecting the city of Shih-ch'i with the Barrier Gate at the approach to Macao (Ao-men), was taken over by the Chung-shan Military Control Committee at the time of liberation. Shares in the company belonging to KMT bureaucrats and rebels were confiscated. Rights to shares held by nonpolitical private parties were not disturbed.

The Kwangtung People's government considers this highway the only really good highway on the west side of the Chu Chiang delta, and as the road first in importance for communications in the military defense of the whole Chu Chiang region. Accordingly, it is being put under military control so that in case of sudden developments of a military nature, it would be available for military transportation. Chu Chao and Cheng Ch'ing-i have been appointed manager and deputy manager of the highway which will henceforth be a provincial highway and not just a local highway.

Information has leaked out of the company to the effect that Yeh Chien-ying, chairman of the Kwangtung People's government, has great plans with respect to this highway and its place in the provincial communication network. He intends to extend it as a trunk line straight through to Canton. By subsidiary roads, it affords connection not only with south-western Kwangtung through Hsin-hui, but via the Wan-ch'ing-sha ferry across the Chu Chiang inner channel it connects with the Pao-an-T'ai-ping Highway and thus reaches points on the east side of the Chu Chiang delta.

In order to secure funds for construction, the Ch'i-kuan Company has been instructed to sell its buildings and other property in Macao, and if the company's funds are insufficient, the Kwangtung provincial government may arrange loans to complete the project.

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SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY TRANSPORT FORGES AHEAD -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pac, 1 Sep 50

Chungking, 14 August -- Of the 8,601 kilometers of national highways in the Southwest Region, 6,483 kilometers have been reconditioned during the past 6 months and are now in operation. These include the following routes:

The new Szechwan-Shensi highway, from Ch'eng-tu vis Mien-yang; Chungking--Ch'eng-tu; Szechwan-Yunnan; Yunnan-Burma; Szechwan-Sikang; Chungking-Hankow; Szechwan-Hunan; Szechwan-Kweichow; Yunnan-Kweichow; Kweichow-Eastern Kwangsi; Kweichow-Western Kwangsi; Hunan-Kweichow; Hunan-Canton; and Kun-mim--Ta-lo (100-03, 21-38).

The largest job accomplished was the widening of the 374 kilometer Szechwan-Shensi highway into two lanes. Apart from 31 bridges between Ch'eng-tu and Hsin-ching which were in good condition, 124 bridges were repaired or newly constructed. This number includes 50 permanent bridges, of which eight are steel bridges, and 42 are semipermanent bridges. In addition to the above work, men are at work on the construction of the 785-kilometer Sikang-Tsinghai highway.

The volume of highway transport carried by privately operated companies during June 1950 over the above-mentioned highways was 4,091,948 kilometer-tons, which was 63.5 percent greater than in February 1950. The volume of traffic handled by the government-operated company during June 1950 was 1,609,794 kilometer-tons. This company is operating at present over distances aggregating 4,903 kilometers in length. These include trips between the following points: Chungking and Ch'eng-tu, Chungking and Sui-ning, Ch'eng-tu and Pac-chi (on the old Szechwan-Shensi highway), Ch'eng-tu and Ya-an, T'ien-ch'uan and K'ang-ting (on the Szechwan-Sikang highway), K'un-ming and Pac-cheng (on the Yunnan-Burma Road), as well as trips between unspecified points on all of the other main highways.

The transport company maintains repair works or service stations at the following points: three in Chungking, at Hai-t'ang-ch'i (on the south bank of the Yangtze River opposite Chungking), and at Kuei-yang, K'un-ming, Sui-ning, Sui-ning, Ch'eng-tu, and Kuang-yuan.

CHECK ON HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE -- Tsinan Ta-chung Jih-pac, 23 Jun 50

Tsinan -- The Shantung Provincial Highway Bureau has sent instructions to its sectional offices to make careful inspection of the below-mentioned highways, and to effect all necessary repairs so that they will be in good operating conditions for transportation through the coming rainy season: Chefoc--Wei-hsien, Chefoc-Tsingtao, Wei-hsien--Hsin-an-chen, Lin-1/south--Chi-ning, Ts'ang-hsien--Chang-tien, Tsinan--Lin-1/north, Te-hsien-Hui-min, Chang-tien--Po-shan, T'ai-an--Lai-wu. [Lin-1(south) is at 118 24,35 07; Lin-1(north) is at 116 52, 37 13].

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