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OUTLINES DISPOSITION OF TROOPS IN SOUTH CHINA AREAS

CCF PREPARES TO AID VIET MINH FORCES -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 2 Jul 51

A Hsing-tao Jih-pao special correspondent has reported from Nan-ning that the Chinese Communist Forces are stepping up preparations to aid the Viet Minh Forces, and that the Central People's government has set up an "Aid Viet Nam People's Liberation Committee" with staff offices in Canton and Nan-ning.

The special correspondent stated that three armies of the Second Field Army are stationed in Yunnan, Kwangsi, and Kwangtung provinces, and that the Kwangtung-Hunan Kiangsi Border Region Column, the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Region Column, and the Yunnan-Kwangsi-Kweichow Border Region Column, are assembled near the Vietnamese border awaiting orders.

According to the correspondent, two armies of approximately 30,000 men of the Second Field Army were sent from Yunnan to the Vietnamese border in Kwangsi and Kwangtung, and a transport unit consisting of about 600 men was sent to P'ing-hsiang in Kwangsi to transport materiel into Viet Nam. He added that during June, an element of the Second Field Army was sent to Fang-ch'eng, Ch'in and Ling-shan hsiens in Kwangtung to take over the defense assignment left vacant by two divisions of the Fourth Field Army.

The same correspondent said that there are now three divisions of the Fourth Field Army, two armies of the Second Field Army, and three regiments of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Region Column stationed in Kwangsi and Kwangtung provinces and the region near the Kwangtung-Viet Nam border. He added that the units affiliated with the Second Field Army are disposed in a 50-li /one li equals 1/3 mile/ bow-shaped defense line, centering along the Nan-ning--Pai-se Highway and the Nan-ning--Lung-ching Highway, and extending from Nan-ning to T'ien-pao via Liu-chou, Lung-chou, Pai-se and Ching-hsi. Their duties are (1) to "clean out" the anti-Communist forces, and (2) to step up preparations to help the Communist forces in Viet Nam, the correspondent said.

COMPLETES SOUTH CHINA'S COASTAL LINE OF DEFENSE -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 3 Jul 51

According to a Hsing-tao Jih-pao special correspondent from Canton, the South China military authorities have completed their first line of defense along the coastal region of South China.

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The correspondent revealed that the defense line extends from Swatow Harbor to the Pearl River estuary, and then to Lei-chou Peninsula in southern Kwangtung. He pinpointed the disposition of troops as follows:

1. From Hu-men at the Pearl River Estuary to Swatow Harbor

Elements of the Forty-second, Forty-seventh and Forth-ninth Armies and all of the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Armies of the Fourth Field Army. The Forty-third Army is stationed at Ch'ao-shan, and the Forty-fourth Army is defending the east bank of the Pearl River estuary.

2. From West Bank of the Pearl River Estuary to Lei-chou Peninsula

The Forty-second and Forty-seventh Armies of the Fourth Field Army. The main force of the Forty-second Army was assigned the defense of the west bank of the Pearl River estuary. Of the 3,000 troops of the Fourth Field Army which arrived recently in Chung-shan, one regiment was sent to T'ang-chia-wan and Ta-huan, two companies to Ta-huan-pu and Hsiao-huang-pu, and the remainder to other nearby areas. The defense of a string of islands outside of the Pearl River estuary was taken over by the Fourth Field Army when an element of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Region Column was reassigned and moved from those islands.

Last month the Thirty-eighth Army and the Fortieth Army under the Fourth Field Army were sent to the Canton area from Wuhan to receive replacements. There is a rumor that the Fortieth Army was sent to the Lei-chou Peninsula recently. The Forty-eighth Army of the Fourth Field Army was assigned to defend the Canton-Hankow Railway from Lo-ch'ang to Ch'ing-yuan.

Although the Fourth Field Army has many subordinate units, their T/O's are not filled. For example, the several armies which returned from the North-east lacked a total of 20,000 men. Consequently, they were sent to South China to receive replacements and training. The Lu-shun Detachment and the Public Security Division were assigned to defend Canton; the Nanking Detachment, to defend Hai-k'ou; the Second and Fourth Field Armies, to defend the Kwangtung and Kwangsi and Viet Nam frontier; and an element of the Third Field Army was assigned to defend the areas along the upper reaches of the East River.

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