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SOUTHEAST KWANGTUNG HIGHWAY NETWORK CARRIES HEAVY TRAFFIC -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 31 Jul 51

Tung-kuan -- Connecting this city with the surrounding country are the Kuan-T'ai highway (Tung-kuan--T'ai-p'ing [new name for Hu-men]), the Kuan-Lung highway (Tung-kuan--Shih-lung), and the Kuan-Chang highway (Tung-kuan--Chang-mu-t'ou). There are also connections from Tung-kuan through T'ai-p'ing with Shen-ch'uan in Pao-an Hsien. [This indicates the existence of a highway skirting the coast all the way from T'ai-p'ing to Shen-ch'uan near the British-leased New Territory.]

Hsin-hui -- As a result of the labor of several thousand peasants and the supply of funds for road-surfacing materials and bridge repair by parties interested in transportation, the highway between Hsin-hui and Hao-shan, including the Tu-yuan and Ching-ken bridges, is now in good condition and is being heavily used. The same is true of the road from Hsin-hui to Kao-ming, including three bridges, to the road in K'ai-p'ing Hsien between Ssu-chiu-hsu in the second ch'u of the hsien and the Hu-shan bridge in the first ch'u. The road passing through San-chou, Kao-ming, and Hsin-hsu, closed for 14 years, and which required the repair of five bridges, including the Ts'ang Chiang bridge, is also in good condition and is being heavily used.

DESCRIBES CONDITIONS ON CENTRAL KWANGTUNG HIGHWAY -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 22 Jul 51

Canton, 21 July -- Following the ceremony on 1 July 1951 marking the completion of the Central Kwangtung Highway which traverses Nan-hai, Shun-te, and Chung-shan hsiens and connects Canton and Macao, it was intended to open it up for through traffic. However, due to heavy and continued rains, the roadbed has been washed out in a number of places. Furthermore, the facilities for crossing the water at San-hung-chi and Pai-hao-tung were still unsatisfactory. Consequently, only portions of the highway were usable. Through traffic was obliged temporarily to use the road which passes from Macao through Chung-shan, Shih-ch'i, Hsiao-lan, Yang-o in Shun-te Hsien, and P'ing-chou in Nan-hai Hsien, and then ferry over to the Chiang-Fo (Chiang-men--Fo-shan) highway and thus to Fo-shan.

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It is now learned that with the exception of about 3 kilometers between Canton and Pai-hao-tung, which still has to be surfaced, the rest of the Central Kwangtung highway through Yang-o, San-hung-ch'i, Ta-chiao, and Shih-chou (in Shun-te Hsien) and Wu-tou and P'ing-chou in Nan-hai Hsien, is now finished. It is expected that by 1 August 1951 it will be possible to cover the distance from Macao to Canton by bus in 4½ hours.

HEAVY TRAFFIC CROWDS FO-SHAN--FORT BAYARD HIGHWAY -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 5 Aug 51

Nan-hai -- The important trunk highway from Fo-shan to Fort Bayard (Chan-chiang) in southern Kwangtung, is now formally open and is crowded with traffic. The highway passes through Hao-shan, K'ai-p'ing, En-p'ing, Yang-chiang, Hua-hsien and Mai-mao.

DISCUSSES HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTED IN SOUTHEAST CHINA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 12 Aug 51

Swatow, 11 August -- For more than half a year the military authorities of South China have been engaged in planning and constructing roads through the mountainous border region of eastern Kwangtung, southern Kiangsi, and southwestern Fukien. This was deemed necessary because without passable roads no large military forces could operate in this area to exterminate counterrevolutionary bandits who make this area their base of operations, or to meet any possible attack on the coast of Fukien by an invading Nationalist force.

In the spring of 1951, the construction was undertaken of a 125-li  $\sqrt[3]{11}$  equal 1 mile highway starting from the hsien city of Ch'ao-an, in Kwangtung, and called the Ch'ao-Feng Highway. From Ch'ao-an the highway proceeds northward to Feng-huang-hsu in the Feng-huang Shan section to Jao-p'ing Hsien, then over and past Ta-lo-k'eng and the Shih-erh P'ai mountains to Mao-chih-ch'ien-hsu, also in Jao-p'ing Hsien. From Mao-chih-ch'ien-hsu, it crosses the Fukien border, and by Fukien provincial roads, passes through P'ing-ho, Yung-ting, and Shang-hang hsien. This highway is now finished.

For communications between Kwangtung and Kiangsi, the newly constructed Che-niu Highway has been completed. This extends from Ta-che in P'ing-yuan Hsien, Kwangtung, to Niu-tou-kuang in Hsun-wu Hsien, Kiangsi Province, a distance of something over 70 li. The construction of this road, with over 44 large and small bridges, was originally begun in 1928 and opened to traffic in 1933. Later, due to damages sustained in the War of Resistance, it has been impassable for a number of years. Now, traffic from the region of Mei-hsien in Kwangtung can reach Hsun-wu, Hui-ch'ang, and Kan-chou in Kiangsi, and the local products of Kiangsi can be brought into eastern Kwangtung. This route also makes it possible to avoid the difficulties and dangers of the road from Tung-shih through P'ing-yuan to Hui-ch'ang via the multiple hairpin turns of San-hsia-chi and Ta-hsieh-ao. Furthermore, military movements in this region may take place at any time, for plans can now be made for a concerted attack against the bandits in this border region by the Third Field Army elements in Fukien and the Fourth Field Army troops in northern Kwangtung and southern Kiangsi.

REPAIRS KWANGTUNG-KIANGSI HIGHWAY -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 26 Jun 51

Canton, 25 June -- The provincial highway from Hsing-ning, Kwangtung, to Hsun-wu, Kiangsi, was repaired by the Transportation Department of the Kwangtung provincial government and was opened to traffic in June 1951.

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REPAIRS KWANGTUNG-FUKIEN HIGHWAY -- Hanoi, T'ai-p'ing-yang Jih-pao, 6 Jul 51

Canton--The 130-li highway from Ch'ao-an, Kwangtung, to Ling-chi, Fukien, through Jao-chih in Jao-p'ing Hsien, and Ho-p'ing, is being repaired by the Kwangtung provincial government. Repair work is expected to be completed before August 1951.

BIG HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT KUEI-LIN COMPLETED -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Aug 51

Kuei-lin, 5 August -- The highway bridge formerly known as the "Chung-cheng Bridge," and renamed the "Chieh-fang Bridge," which has been under reconstruction since mid-February 1950, is now completed and was formally opened for traffic in ceremonies held on 30 July 1951. This bridge spans the Li Chiang and connects the portion of the city east of the river with the main business part of the city. This bridge will make possible motorcar connection with an important section of the countryside, and remove the danger of having the motor traffic with Heng-yang cut off during the rainy season.

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