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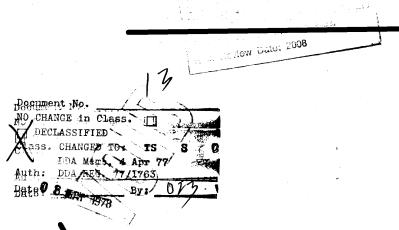
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II Tsung-jen resents the tight control which the Central Government attempts to exercise over him. In his own words, he is "completely powerless".

- 2. He is particularly bitter over the fact that government secret operatives circulate freely in Peiping and that he has no control over them.
- LI stated that when PAI Chung-hsi took over command of Bandit Suppression Headquarters at Hankow, KANG Tse, one of the Generalissimo's men, was assigned to command the defenses in the northwest portion of the Hankow region and may have acted as a "check-rein" on PAI. LI added that KANG, who was not a military man and had no ability to command, was responsible for the debacle in his sector and was apparently captured by the Communists (in July) and later was killed by them.



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