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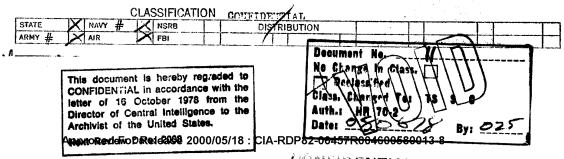
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- About 1 March 1950, two anti-aircraft artillery battalions, one of which was the 2 Battalion of the 6 Regiment, arrived in Canton from Manchuria with 18 anti-aircraft guns. These guns were installed in the Canton suburbs at Kuan Yin Hill (程 音 山), Shih Poai (石 牌), Hsi Tsoun (西 林), and near White Cloud Mountain.
- On 23 February, TSEMG Sheng (宮 生)*, commander of the 37 Army, visited Shih Ch'i (石 岐) in Chungshan Hsien. About the middle of February, a Communist artillery regiment was deployed in the neighborhood of T'ang Chia Van (唐 家海), Ch'i Ao (其 淚), and Chi Po (紅 柘) in Chungshan Hsien (113-36, 22-22). More than twenty thousand troops were being massed near Touren (113-13, 22-14).
- Communist troops in Leichou Peninsula (110-05, 20-55) disguised themselves as Nationalist guerrillas and plundered Maoming (110-53, 21-45), Shuiting (111-05, 21-28), Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) and Yangchun (111-42, 22-08). After this foray, they abandoned their arms and deserted the Communist forces.
- Measures to counter the low morale in Southern Kwangtung were introduced in the form of an anti-feudalism campaign. Military security is also being tightened by the evacuation of local inhabitants in Peihai (109-05, 21-24) and Changchiang (109-49, 22-54), particularly since many of them had already left to avoid Nationalist attacks and difficulties with Communist troops stationed in the area. In Canton itself, the South China Political Bureau ordered the post office to require, as a security precaution, that all air mail show name and address of sender in order to prevent the use of the mails to transmit unauthorized information.
- 5. Fifty conscripts from each pao were ordered for the Communist Army in Southwest Kunngtung. Many men of military age were fleeing to the Hundred Thousand



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Mountains, where guerrilla groups of PAI Chung-hsi's Nationalist troops were still active. In addition to these recruits, on 28 February the Canton Military Control Commission was ordered by Peiping to recruit ten thousand men between the ages of 16 and 19 who were not attending school and send them to Mukden in April for training as railroad workers.

An air-raid defense warning system was established in Canton on 1 March. Warning signals are a prolonged whistle from the power station and the raising of a triangular yellow flag at all main street intersections. Indication that a raid is in progress will be the raising of a triangular blue flag. Upon this, all pedestrian and vehicle movement is to stop except official movement under Military Control Commission orders, and vehicles on official missions must carry a small triangular yellow flag and personnel a yellow armband showing their unit. Air defense command vehicles and personnel movements have priority during this emergency period. The all-clear is shown by raising a triangular green flag.

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