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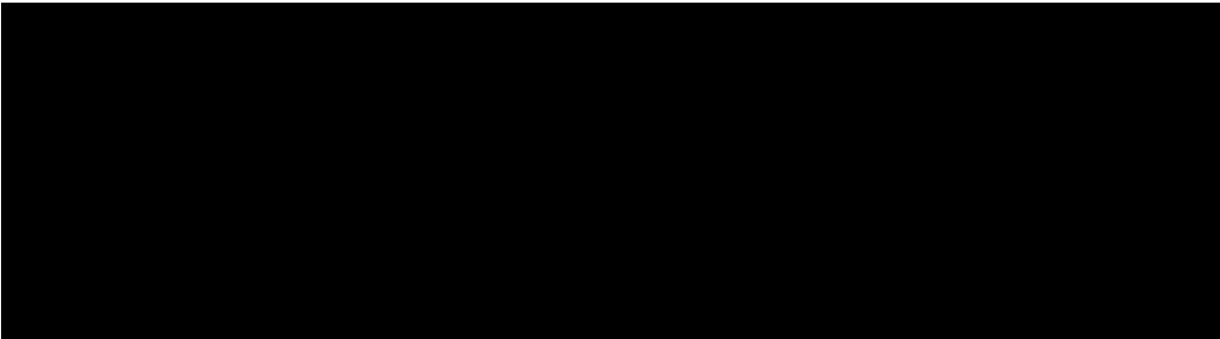
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- 25X1X 1. On 1 August 1950 CHANG Ai-p'ing (張愛萍), Commander of the Chinese Communist East China Naval Area, accompanied eight Soviet advisers (the highest had a rank equivalent to colonel) from Shanghai to Ningpo, then by boat to Tinghai (122-06, 30-03), where they inspected sea approaches, water supply, warehouses, barracks and naval offices. They also inspected the port facilities of Shenchiamen (122-18, 29-58) and Kanlan (phonetic), north of Shenchiamen.
- 2. The group took two gunboats to Changtu (122-16, 30-16) Island, where a naval port is being constructed in the narrow channel dividing the island. They visited Taishan (122-, 30-), Chintang (121-, 29-) and Puto (122-24, 30-00) Islands and carefully inspected the airfields on Tinghai and Taishan.
- 3. After the tour ended on 15 August, the group returned to Tinghai, then went to Ningpo on 17 August and to Shanghai.

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