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- Chinese Communist authorities in the Yunnan-Burma border area are making great efforts to win the sympathy of the Shans and Kachins. Propaganda films have been shown to the local inhabitants of Lungch'uan (97-55; 24-20), T'engch'ung (98-29; 25-01), Mengmao (97-52; 24-02), and Wanting (97-55; 24-00). The Communists have also made free distributions of woolen yarn, selt, matches, and other commodities to Kachins in the Kachin Hills in an attempt to win their support. Two groups of fiteen to twenty Kachins who were sent from Kangai (98-05; 24-46) and Senta States (97-52; 24-45) to Kurming for courses of political indoctrination have now returned and are engaged in spreading Communist propaganda among their fellow tribesmen.
- 2. Kachins, Shans, and Shan Chinese were invited by Chinese authorities to send representatives to a Communist-sponsored festival which was held at Paoshan (99-09; 25-07) from 29 May to 2 June. Prominent leaders of the Kachin National Congress, including its president, MARAN LASHAN, are believed to have attended.
- 3. In May the Communists held meetings at Mengmao and Lungch'uanet which the following points were discussed:
  - a. The establishment of a Kachin Free State2
  - b. The protection of Burma from Anglo-American exploitation
  - c. The elimination of the WMT rewnants in Burma
  - d. The recruitment of personnel for the Chinese Communist Army
- 4. A conference for Kachin leaders is to be held in Peining. A similar conference for Shan Sawbwas is believed to have been held at Parshan in mid-June. By 12 June the following Sawbwas had assembled for this meeting:

KHAN CHIN HTAY

Sawbwa of Mengmao

TAM YOUR MYIN

Sawbwa of Lungch uan

KAT WAN SHIN

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