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In order to maintain the Chinese Communist Army for a long war and to provide adequate manpower replacements, the Revolutionary Military Council (RMC) has decided to expand the organization of local militia throughout China, to provide a unified command structure for local militia units and to give them a unified training program so that they may easily be converted into army reserve units. In accordance with this decision the RMC drafted an organization statute for the Workers and Peasants Militia which was approved by the 84th meeting of the Government Administrative Council on 23 June 1951 and has been transmitted to the various major administrative and military areas for implementation. Various articles of the statute are summarized as follows:

- a. This Organization Statute for the Workers and Peasants Militia has been promulgated in accordance with Article 23 of the Joint Program of the People's Consultative Conference, which states that a system of non-remunerative military service shall be enforced to maintain local order and to create a foundation for national mobilization.
- b. The creation of the Workers and Peasants Militia must be coordinated with our present political tasks of resisting the United States, aiding Korea, and defending our country; a sense of responsibility must be aroused among the workers and peasants so that they will join the militia voluntarily.
- c. All workers, poor peasants, tenants, middle-class farmers and handicraft workers whose personal histories have been faultless, who have shown enthusiasm, who are strong in physique and who are between 18 and 30 years of age may be organized into the Workers and Peasants Militia.

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- d. All militia organizations in the provinces, the hsien and the cities shall henceforth be known as the Workers and Peasants People's Self-Protection Armed Forces, which will be under the central control of the People's Armed Forces Command of the PRC. They shall, according to the established hierarchy, accept supervision from the People's Armed Forces Command of the various military areas, of the military districts, and of the military sub-districts.
- e. In accordance with the militia organization regulations, the lowest unit shall be the "administrative village" which shall raise one militia platoon or one company; each sub-division of a hsien shall raise a militia battalion; and each hsien shall raise a militia regiment.
- f. The individual militiamen, as a rule, shall not leave his local productive duties during formation and training of the militia units. Militia cadres of the platoon level will be selected from the most enthusiastic militiamen and will receive a small payment. Cadres of company and higher grades shall be selected by supervisory agencies of the military sub-districts.
- g. Militia training shall be divided into two parts; the first shall be a three-month period of political training, and the second shall consist of six months of basic military training. Insofar as possible this training shall not interfere with local production duties and production hours.
- h. Each hsien must complete the organization and training of one Workers and Peasants People's Self-Protection Regiment before June 1952.

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Comment. Informant stated that the Workers and Peasants People's Self-Protection Regiment mentioned above is, in effect, an army reserve regiment. Regulations transmitted to the Central and South China Military Area stated that 2,190 of these regiments, with a total strength of 3,285,000 men, will be organized throughout China by June 1952.

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Comment. Reader's attention is called to [redacted] on para-military forces in Kwangtung, west Hunan and Anhwei.

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