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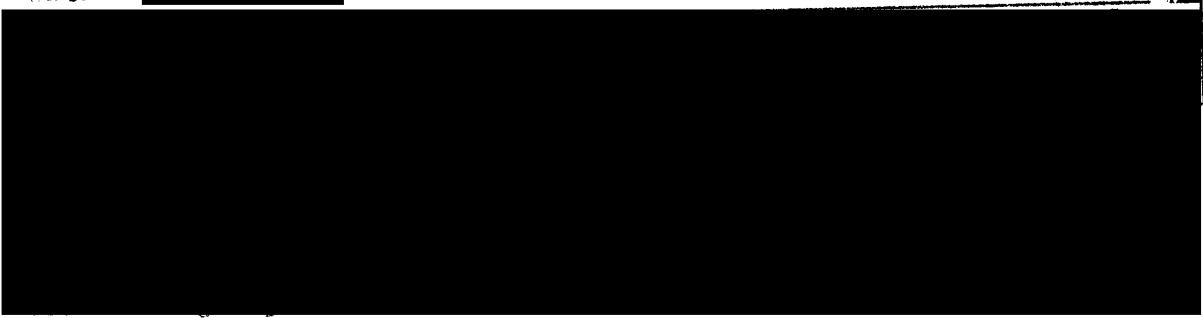
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the Kwangtung Coastal Activities Conference¹ was held in Weihaiwei, Tungshan (東山), Canton, by YEH Chien-ying, chairman of Kwangtung Province. Those attending included FANG Fang, CHU Kuang, LI Tao-chih, FANG Tso-yao, HUANG Shih-min (黃兆民), director of the Whampoa Harbor Construction Administration, HUNG Hsueh-chih (洪學智), deputy commander of the Kwangtung Military District, LIN P'ing, director of the Hainan Fishermen's Administration, and LO Kuei-chi, preparatory chief of the Pearl River Harbor Fishermen's Association, and about twenty other leading Communists in the coastal area. The following decisions were made at the conference:

- a. To strengthen the South China coastal defenses in coordination with military technicians.
- b. To take precautions against the entry of merchant marines into important ports where there are military installations.
- c. To prohibit the crews of foreign ships from going ashore while in port.
- d. To intensify efforts to bring fishermen together by raising their sense of patriotism as a move to halt attacks and the infiltration of spies.
- e. To organize fishermen into fishermen's associations and unions and divide them into teams by the end of August.
- f. To render financial assistance to fishermen and develop the fishing industry.
- g. To unite and educate fishermen, increase their sense of patriotism and resistance to the United States, and stress their responsibilities for coastal defense activities.
- h. To prevent fishermen from helping transport guerrilla troops.
- i. To prohibit fishing boats from operating in foreign waters.

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1. Comment. YEH Chien-ying was reported to have held conferences from 15 to 20 July and on 21 July at which the strengthening of Kwangtung coastal defenses and other military matters were discussed.

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