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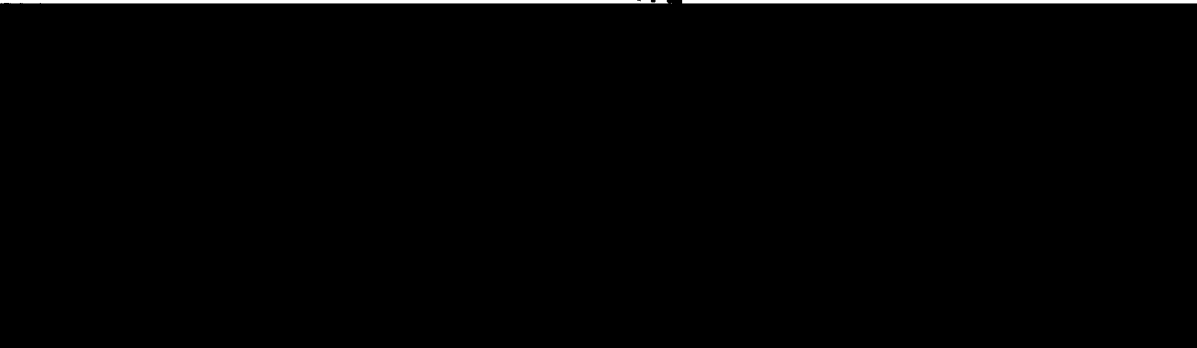
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1. In February 1950 the Ministry of Railways established the Northwest Railway Engineering Administration to construct railways in Northwest China. YEN K'uei-yao (阎揆要), Chief of Staff of the 1 Field Army, was appointed director; however, YEN has been P'ENG Te-huai's Chief of Staff in Korea since February 1951. WANG Shih-t'ai (王世泰), Political Commissar of the 2 Army Group and Vice Chairman of the Kansu People's Government, was appointed director in July 1951.
2. The construction of the Paochi (106-58, 34-16)-T'ienhsui (105-28, 34-36) railroad which was begun in March 1950 has been completed.¹ However, traffic has been suspended because of collapsed roadbeds and lack of rolling stock.
3. The T'ienhsui-Lanchou railroad is 376 km long. The route has been changed several times because of the poor roadbed between T'ienhsui and Huachialing (华家岭). The route now runs from T'ienhsui via Kanku (105-07, 34-46), Wushan (104-44, 34-43), Lunghsi (104-30, 35-01), Tinghsi (104-26, 35-35), and Yuchung (104-01, 35-53) to Lanchou. The 1 Railway Engineering Corps, a division of the 2 Army Group, and 10,000 laborers have completed the rail laying between T'ienhsui and Nanhoch'uan (南河川).² Rail laying between Nanhoch'uan and Kanku will be completed by the end of 1951. The entire line will be ready for operation by June 1953.
4. The survey of the T'ienhsui-Ch'engtu railroad was begun in January 1951, and the major survey work has been completed. The survey is being performed by the 2 Survey Corps of the Ministry of Railways.
5. Survey work on the Paot'ou (110-03, 40-36)-Yinch'uan (106-19, 38-28) railroad has been completed. Since August a survey corps of the Ministry of Railways and the 3 Survey Corps have been working on the Yinch'uan-Lanchou railroad. Survey work on this line is planned for completion within six months.
6. Two survey corps of the China Construction Company are working on the Lanchou-Yumen (97-13, 40-15) section of the Kansu-Sinkiang Railroad. Survey on this line will be completed by June 1952.

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to a report from another agency, track laying has been completed on the section between Paochi and T'ienshui. It also reported that a severe shortage of railway equipment existed in the area.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. A Communist news report of 2 October stated that the rail laying between T'ienshui and Nanhoch'uan was completed on 17 September, and that the first train had reached Nanhoch'uan Station on 28 September.

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