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1. In order to increase the defense of Peiping, Tientsin and the North China coastal area, the Chinese Communists ordered NIEH Jung-chen to place 350,000 (sic) regular troops of the North China Military Area along the Peiping-Mukden railway and coastal area around Tientsin.<sup>1</sup> All weapons for the above troops were to be Soviet-made.
2. On 20 October 1951 the Tientsin municipal government, using 7,000 coolies, began to repair trenches and tunnels connecting forts in the coastal area around Tientsin. These forts have been placed under Soviet command, with Polish and Japanese gunners. The Tunnels are 4.5 meters wide and are equipped with water and electricity.

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