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After crossing the Jih-yueh Shan, the route enters the extensive grassy plains, where there are few human habitations and drinking water has to be brought by motor truck from distances as great as 100 li. The atmospheric pressure sometimes drops to the point where water boils at 70 degrees centigrade. Fresh vegetables spoil during transportation and are not available for the soldiers' diet. In spite of all these difficulties, the morale of the men is kept up and the work goes forward.

REPAIR HIGHWAYS IN CENTRAL KWANGTUNG -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 8 Nov 50

The government authority in Central Kwangtung Province is pushing the completion of repairs to all main highways in that area by the end of 1950. Completion of the highways will facilitate the flow of military supplies and the plans for economic prosperity. According to available data, 6,263 kilometers, or about 70 percent of the total kilometers of highways in the Central Kwangtung area, are not yet open for vehicular traffic.

The whole project is being handled by the recently established Central Kwangtung Area Highway Reconstruction Committee and, under its supervision, repairs to the following highways will be undertaken immediately: K'ai-p'ing to Hsin-shing, K'ai-p'ing to Sha-p'ing through Tan-shui-k'ou and Hao-shan; Tai-shan to Ch'ih-ch'i through Tu-lu, and Yang-chiang to Hsin-hsing through Yang-ch'uan. To complete the work on these highways, many local inhabitants will be mobilized and help will also be given by the military forces in the Central Kwangtung area and by the construction units of the Kwangtung Provincial government.

REPAIRS HIGHWAYS IN EASTERN KWANGTUNG -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 9 Nov 50

Canton, 8 November -- To strengthen the Third Field Army's defense lines along the coast of eastern Kwangtung, military authorities of the CCP have ordered the Tung Chiang Area Highway Control Office to begin repairs on the following four highways in November and to complete the work by the end of 1950: the 271-kilometer highway from Hui-chou to Wu-hua through Tzu-chin; the 197-kilometer highway from Hui-chou to Hai-feng through P'ing-shan, To-chu, and Kung-p'ing; the 172-kilometer highway from Hui-chou to Tseng-ch'eng through Po-lo; and the 74-kilometer highway from P'ing-shan to Tan-shui. The repairs of these highways will not only facilitate military operations but will also aid in the economic stabilization of this area.

SWATOW TO HSING-NING HIGHWAY IS OPEN -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 12 Nov 50

Swatow -- Repairs on the highway from Swatow to Hsing-ning through Chieh-yang have been completed and the road was opened for traffic on 5 November 1950. Daily passenger and freight services are now available between these two cities at 120,000 yuan per person and 85,000 yuan per 100 chin of freight.

SETS UP COMMITTEE TO REPAIR HIGHWAYS IN KWANGTUNG -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao 23 Nov 50

Canton, 22 November -- On 10 November 1950, the Highway Reconstruction Committee, under the Kwangtung Provincial government and the Kwangtung Military District, was established in Canton. Its duties in conjunction with the Transportation Section of the provincial government are to: (1) supervise repairs on all main highways in Kwangtung Province, (2) plan and supervise construction of new highways, and (3) mobilized junior and senior civil engineering students in the Chung-shan, Ling-nan, Canton, and Kuo-ming universities and the T'ien-yu Higher Technical College for participation in the highway construction program for training and future assignment.

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Repairs on main highways in southern Kwangtung Province around Hao-shan, En-p'ing, Tai-shan, K'ai-p'ing, and Yang-chiang, and those in Kao-ming Hsien, are already in progress. All of the work will be completed before the end of 1950.

REPORTS CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS IN HO-YUAN HSIEN -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 23 Nov 50

Ho-yuan, 10 November -- Most of the highways in Ho-yuan Hsien, Kwangtung, are either already opened, or will be opened for traffic soon. The main highway in this hsien is the Canton--Hsing-ming highway which goes through Ho-yuan and Lao-lung. While the section from Ho-yuan to Lao-lung and to Hsing-ning, and a branch highway from Teng-t'a to Chung-hsin and Hua-p'ing are open for traffic, the section from Ho-yuan to Canton is closed temporarily for repairs.

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