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CHINESE SHIFT NORTHEAST INDUSTRIES TO NORTHWEST
IN PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE WORLD CONFLICT

According to a Hsin-hua dispatch of 22 September 1951, appearing in the Saigon Hai-wai Chou-k'an, published by Saigon Service Francais d'Information, the importance of Northwest industry is becoming more and more apparent. This is especially true since the transfer of industrial plants from the Northeast and other strategic areas into the Northwest by the Chinese Communists. The dispatch gave the following information:

In 1951, government industrial investments in the Northwest doubled.

Informants who recently returned from the Chinese mainland have confirmed that since the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Chinese Communists have been moving industrial plants from the southern portion of the Northeast to the Northwest. They state that the Communists have changed their original industrial development plans and are now concentrating on the construction of new plants in the inland provinces in anticipation of the possibility that they will be forced to retreat to the Northwest near Sinkiang and the Soviet Union in the event of another war.

The same informants further reported that the Northwest, noted for its petroleum and textile industries, has increased its electrical power 26 percent, machinery industry 38 percent, oil production 32 percent, and textiles 13 percent.

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