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1. In April 1953 the Chinese Communists, in their road building program in Tibet, were concentrating on the road between Ch'angtu (N 31-10, E 97-07) and Lhasa (N 29-39, E 91-06). The proposed road was to run from Lhasa through Medu Kongkar Dzong (N 29-50, E 91-44) and T'aichao (Giamda Dzong, N 30-01, E 93-07) to Sho Kha Dzong (N 29-50, E 93-55). From Sho Kha Dzong the proposed road was to proceed north² to join the Gyalam (China road),³ which it was to follow roughly to Ch'angtu.
2. The Chinese Communists had road construction headquarters at Medu Kongkar Dzong, T'aichao and Sho Kha Dzong.⁴

1. Comment. which indicated a different route for the Ch'angtu-Lhasa road, reported that in May the Lhasa-T'aichao road was suitable for jeep traffic.

Comments

2. Presumably up the valley of the Drukla Chu, and to cross the Lochen Pass (N 30-24, E 93-30).
3. at which point the proposed road would join the Gyalam, but presumably this will be in the neighborhood of Alanto (Alado, N 30-41, E 94-16).
4. the location of other such headquarters, but presumed that others exist.

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