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1. Since 1 September representatives of the Chinese Communist Ministry of Fuel Industry in Canton, Meih sien (116-13, 24-18), Swatow, Chiangmen, and Hsiying (110-24, 21-11) have been recruiting unemployed technical workers and students between the ages of 18 and 25 for work in coal mines, power plants, and oil refineries in Northwest China. The students will be given a short training in Kwangtung. On 4 September a total of 150 men in Canton and Chiangmen had applied for this work and they are all scheduled to take qualifying examinations in Canton on 12 September.
2. In early August Kwangtung authorities began a "cultivate waste land to increase production" movement to raise food production and lower agrarian discontent in Kwangtung. Farmers' associations in Kwangtung are leading this movement, which stresses the following:
  - a. Those who cultivate waste land will be exempt from government land tax for three years.
  - b. Those who cultivate land formerly cultivated but now wasteland will be exempt from land tax for one year.
  - c. Those who desire to cultivate waste land but have insufficient funds to purchase necessary tools can obtain small loans from farming and forestry sections of the hsien government at .38 percent interest per month.
3. In late August 200,000 cattles of rice in Ch'angchou (113-26, 23-04) warehouses will be sent to Macao and will be bartered for military purposes.

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