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China

This month the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Soviet Union will sign a strategic alliance treaty in Moscow. What the Sino-Soviet alliance portended was not even guessed at by the Americans.

The repatriation of Koreans currently in the CCF resulted in about 12,000 men forming in Honan Province.



The men came from the CCF 138th, 140th, 141st, and 156th Divisions. These men and their arms would begin the journey back to North Korea in the near future.



On September 2, 1945 VJ-Day, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnamese Independence. He was granted nominal autonomy as a member of the French Union but within a year war had broken out and the French were trying to quell the uprising.



**ПУСТЬ ЖИВЁТ И КРЕПНЕТ
НЕРУШИМАЯ ДРУЖБА И СОТРУДНИЧЕСТВО
СОВЕТСКОГО И КИТАЙСКОГО НАРОДОВ!**

Stalin will invite Ho to join Mao in Moscow this month, with the admonition:

"Let's add to China's population of 475 million, the populations of India, Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines."

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In February 1950 all Korean units in the Chinese Manchurian Army assembled in Honan Province. They numbered about 12,000 men drawn from the CCF *138th*, *140th*, *141st*, and *156th Divisions*. Some of them had participated in the Chinese Communist advance from Manchuria to Peiping, and all were veteran troops.

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In **February 1950**, the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Soviet Union signed a strategic alliance treaty in Moscow. Only eight months later, China entered the Korean War to "resist America and assist (North) Korea." How was the Sino-Soviet alliance made? Was the Sino-Soviet alliance related to the coming of the Korean War? What role did the Sino-Soviet alliance play in China's decision to enter the war? In what sense did China's entry into the Korean War, in turn, influence the foundation and future direction of the Sino-Soviet alliance?

These questions, certainly relevant to a deeper understanding of Communist China's foreign policy as well as the Cold War in Asia, have not been properly answered in the past largely (but not exclusively) because of the scarcity of Chinese source materials.

With the support of recently-released Chinese sources, this paper will try to shed some novel lights on (1) the making of the Sino-Soviet Alliance, (2) the Sino-Soviet connection with the outbreak of the Korean War, and (3) contacts between China and the Soviet Union during the days when the CCP leadership made the final decision to enter the Korean War.

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1949/12 - Mao arrived in Moscow for 2-month visit with Stalin, resulting in Feb. 1950 Sino-Soviet alliance; Stalin invited Ho Chi Minh to join Mao in Moscow in Feb. 1950: "Let's add to China's population of 475 million, the populations of India, Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines."

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