

October 1950

Soviet Council of Ministers Resolution on Sending Soviet Troops to China

Citation:

"Soviet Council of Ministers Resolution on Sending Soviet Troops to China", October 1950, Wilson Center Digital Archive, Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense, RF-A, Fond 16, Opis 3139, Delo 16, Listy 162-165. Translated by Kathryn Weathersby with assistance on military terminology from Mark O'Neill.
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/118664>

Summary:

Soviet Council of Ministers Resolution listing Soviet forces to be sent to China to train and support Chinese troops.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Leon Levy Foundation

Original Language:

Russian

Contents:

Translation - English

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS USSR

RESOLUTION NO. ____

From __ October 1950 Moscow, Kremlin.

The Question of the War Ministry USSR.

The Council of Ministers of the USSR RESOLVES:

1. To obligate the War Ministry of the USSR (Com. Vasilevsky) to send to the territory of the Chinese People's Republic:

(a) four fighter air divisions with supply and service units; in each air division to have 30 MIG-9 aircraft for each of the two fighter regiments, with a total of 62 combat aircraft in the division. In forming the indicated divisions to appeal to the 328th fighter air division of the Moscow region PVO [Protivovozhdushnaya Oborona, Anti-Aircraft Defense] and 144th fighter air division of the Minsk region PVO;

(b) 16 Yak-17-UTI [uchebno-trenirovochny istrebitel, training planes] aircraft, two planes to a regiment;

(c) one Shturmovik [ground attack] air division with supply and service units composed of two Shturmovik air regiments with 30 IL-10 aircraft in each, with a total of 62 combat aircraft in the division;

(d) one Shturmovik air regiment composed of 30 IL-10 aircraft served by an air-technical battalion.

In forming the Shturmovik air division and the Shturmovik air regiment to appeal to the 186th Shturmovik air division of the 45th Air Army of the Trans-Baikal Military District;

(e) 10 combat sets of ammunition, 10 of fuel and a corresponding number of oil for all the aircraft being sent;

(f) ten separate tank regiments with 30 T-34 tanks with 85 mm guns, 6 IS-2 tanks, and 4 ISU-122 self-propelled guns in each regiment. To have a total in the ten separate tank regiments of 300 T-34 tanks, 60 IS-2 tanks and 40 ISU-122 self-propelled guns.

To carry out the formation of the indicated ten separate tank regiments on the basis of the 5th tank division, 11th tank division and 14th mechanized division of the 6th mechanized army of the Trans-Baikal Military District;

(g) five combat sets of ammunition and five of fuel for all the tanks and vehicles sent.

2. To complete the concentration on the territory of China of the fighter air divisions by 15 December of this year, the Shturmovik air division, Shturmovik air regiment and tank regiments by 20 November of this year.

3. The task of our aviation, that which is being sent and that which is already located on the territory of China, is re-training Chinese pilots and providing cover for the largest cities of China, according to an agreement with the Chinese military command confirmed by the War Ministry of the USSR.

The use of our aviation at the front [and for covering troops and objects close to the

Chinese-Korean border-this phrase marked through with a line] is categorically forbidden.

The task of our tank regiments is the training of Chinese tankists.

The use of tanks with Soviet markings at the front is categorically forbidden.

4. After the conclusion of the retraining, to transfer all materiel of the combat aviation, tanks, weapons and military technology of the four fighter air divisions, the Shturmovik air division, the Shturmovik air regiment, the tank regiments and supply and service units to the government of the Chinese People's Republic and to return the personnel of these units to the Soviet Union.

5. To obligate the War Ministry (Com. Vasilevsky), to transform by 10 November our 151st fighter air division which is located on the territory of China into two fighter air divisions of MIG-15 aircraft with supply and service units. To have in each new air division 30 MIG-15 aircraft in every two fighter air regiments, with a total of 62 combat aircraft in the division.

While forming the divisions, to continue the retraining of Chinese pilots, in accordance with the orders given earlier, and to take all measures so that one of the divisions can be quickly fitted out with Chinese pilot and technical personnel.

6. To authorize the War Ministry USSR, for the purpose of supplying the preparation of Chinese pilots and tankists, to send with the troops secret training allowances, following the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Union SSR of 22.3.50 No. 1146-420ss.

7. To authorize the War Ministry of the USSR to send the personnel of units going to China in Soviet military uniforms, but upon arrival in China to change into Chinese military uniforms.

To remove Soviet identification markings on airplanes and tanks before sending them and to put Chinese markings on them upon their arrival in China.

8. To commission the War Ministry of the USSR through General of the Army ZAKHAROV to resolve with the Government of the Chinese People's Republic all questions connected with the use of our air units for covering the largest cities of China and with the retraining of Chinese pilots and tankists, and also with the deployment and provisioning of the personnel of units on the territory of the Chinese People's Republic.

9. To disseminate in full to all personnel sent to China, Resolutions of the Council of Ministers USSR of 9 August 1949 No. 3424-1425 and of 3 October 1949 No. 4200-1743.

10. To obligate the Ministry of Foreign Trade USSR (Com. Menshikov) to make, with the Government of the Chinese People's Republic, a corresponding calculation of expenses connected with the implementation of measures in accordance with the present Resolution.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS UNION SSR

I. STALIN

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS UNION SSR
M. POMAZNEV