

# RED CHINESE BUILDING NEW JET AIRFIELDS

fuge in these statements. It was pointed out that one of the first military axioms a young officer learns is that military planning must be based on enemy capabilities, not enemy intentions, and that to try to guess what the enemy intends to do can lead to disaster.

In view of this, it was believed that the key to the presidential decision will not be what the Chinese Communists intend to do with Quemoy and Matsu if they capture them, but what they can do with them.

## PROBLEM WORKED ON.

That, according to Pentagon reports, was the problem the Joint Chiefs worked on today.

Dulles seemed to have made up his mind on Communist intentions. In his speech, read carefully and cleared by the President, he said "the Chinese Communists seem to be determined to try to conquer Formosa."

Among reports which support this conclusion was the one that the Red Chinese are building a number of jet airfields on the mainland within striking range of Formosa. Lack of such fields in the past has been a major weakness in Red preparations for a Formosa invasion.

Chinese Nationalist Premier O. K. Yui said Tuesday that unless the Chinese Reds are prevented from completing those fields Formosa may be under heavy air raids within six months.

## AUTHORITY GIVEN.

In Washington, it was pointed out that Congress has given President Eisenhower authority to order United States air and Navy units into action to break up mainland concentrations obviously meant to support an invasion of Formosa, and that these airfields conceivably could fall within that category.

It also was pointed out that the long military conferences Carney and Adm. Felix Stump, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, held in Formosa during and after the Dulles visit indicated the United States and Nationalist China were getting down to brass tacks in their defense planning.

One official hinted that the decision on whether or when to defend Quemoy and Matsu will rest on the use the Chinese Reds make of air power. This official suggested that the United States would not take action as long as the fighting was confined to artillery duels between the islands and the mainland.

But he said it might be that if the Reds attacked the islands from the air, the United States Fleet and Air Force might be ordered to step in.

favor of straight cash sales would be a "very great mistake."

He added:

"I see no reason for it. I think it would dry up the market and I think it would have an effect on the sale of new equities."

## DOUBTS RIGGING.

Smith declared that if the Fed-