

## **Development and Activities of Espionage Group under Taiwan Provincial Security Command during 1950s**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Espionage Group of the Taiwan Provincial Security Command was previously an espionage organization affiliated to the Investigation Office of the Taiwan Provincial Garrison Command in the post-war period. Following the dissolution of the Investigation Office in January 1947, the Espionage Group was moved to the Second Office of the Taiwan Garrison Command, and it was still under the command of the Security Bureau during the 228 Incident. After the 228 Incident, the Taiwan Garrison Command was reorganized into the All-Taiwan Provincial Garrison Command, with Peng Meng-chi serving as the commanding general for a long time and with the Security Bureau gradually losing its control role.

This article attempts to analyze the reasons and effects of the above changes over time. Following its establishment in September 1949, the Taiwan Provincial Security Command was a full-featured intelligence agency compared with the Secrecy Bureau and the Bureau of Investigation of the Ministry of the Interior. The Espionage Group was under the Security Office. There were more than ten regional espionage teams distributed over counties and cities in Taiwan, espionage teams with special missions including postal inspection, culture and education inspection, and public security, as well as espionage teams based in Hong Kong, Japan and overseas. Investigation methods used by the Espionage Group involved mainly setting up insiders to collect intelligence and running new agencies as cover. Arrests and other operations were mostly carried out in cooperation with the local police.

In addition to summarizing the different teams, pseudonyms, distribution, and members of the Espionage Group under the Taiwan Provincial Security Command, this article also explains the characteristics of its work during the anti-espionage period in the 1950s, as well as possible cooperation or competition with other intelligence agencies.

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