

## ***Use Aeroplanes If Burma Road Falls to Enemy***

San Francisco, Feb. 17. — (AP) — Aeroplanes will ferry essential materials to Chinese war factories if the Burma road falls, the Chinese ministry of economics said in a broadcast heard here yesterday by the C.B.S. listening station.

Simultaneously the Chungking radio forecast that Chinese troops, now fighting on the Burma front with Indian and British troops, could safeguard the road with proper aerial protection.

Chinese war industry is self-sufficient, except for a lack of steel, an unidentified high official of the ministry of economic affairs reported. The government is trying to increase the country's iron and steel output to meet its needs.

Some 300 camouflaged war factories are operating at scattered points in the interior, all with "easy access to raw materials," he said.

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