

Tibet becomes a Chinese Colony

The Roof of the World invaded



Crossing the Yangze

On October 7, 1950, 40,000 Chinese troops entered Tibet and advanced towards Chamdo, the capital of Kham province. Outnumbered, the Tibetan Army was unable to offer serious resistance to Mao's soldiers. Tibet's independence was lost.



The Chinese troops parading in Lhasa (September 1951)



General Zhang Jingwu commanding the Chinese forces



Signature of the 17-Point Agreement

In May 1951, a 17-Point Agreement was forced on Tibetan delegates in Beijing. Tibetan seals were forged for the purpose. Article 1 of the Agreement stated: *"The Tibetan people shall unite and drive out imperialist aggressive forces from Tibet; the Tibetan people shall return to the big family of the Motherland — the People's Republic of China."*

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Tibetan girls marching in Lhasa after the so-called 'liberation'



Seals on the Agreement



Tibetans engaged in road construction



Chinese officials inspecting the 'Liberation' Army (1951)