

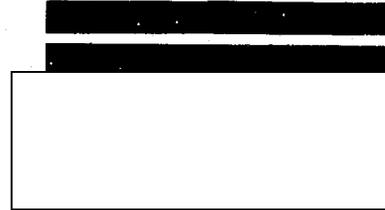
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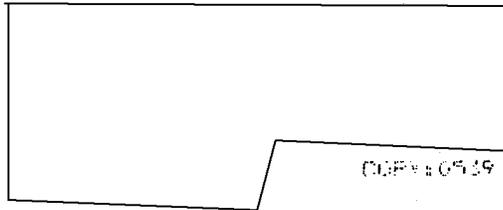
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Much of North Korea's military reaction to the Team Spirit exercise has been routine, but some anomalies continue.

**Comment:**

The North probably remains worried that the Yongbyon reprocessing plant might soon be the target of an air attack.

**RUSSIA: Special Meeting on North Korea Proposed**

A senior Russian Foreign Ministry official yesterday proposed an emergency meeting with the US, Japan, China, and the two Koreas to discuss P'yongyang's announced withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty, press reports say. He urged the international community not to isolate the North. During the past week, Russian media have criticized the North's withdrawal and have called on the US and South Korea to meet the North halfway in addressing its concerns.

**Comment:** Moscow wants to defuse the matter but also to show that it is not just following the US lead. Russian officials probably fear that UN Security Council action would only highlight the issue, harden P'yongyang's attitude, and result in yet another case of sanctions that domestic opponents will exploit to attack Yel'tsin's government. Moscow may press Washington and Seoul for concessions, such as permanent suspension of Team Spirit or inspections of some US or South Korean military facilities to prove that there are no nuclear weapons there, in order to help entice the North back into the NPT. Russia probably will agree to any Security Council consensus but almost certainly will want to be actively engaged in the decisionmaking.

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