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[redacted] a new poison gas defense exercise has been added to militia training in China. College and secondary school students undergoing collective military training during their summer vacation were being trained in defense against chemical warfare (CW) and air raids, as well as regular military tactics. In addition to the formal militia training among students, the Chinese have also started similar training in factories and stores; although no formal militia training has been started among the civilian population, army personnel are now giving lectures during meetings on how to cope with poison gas and nuclear warfare. [redacted]

Comment: Recent Chinese anti-US propaganda has stressed that the US maintains stocks of chemical agents and munitions overseas and that both the US and the USSR intend to initiate chemical and nuclear warfare against China. Consequently, the new CW training exercise may have been added in an attempt to bolster the belief of the Chinese in their own propaganda, as well as being a part of the war preparations campaign war that is going on in China at the present time. [redacted]  
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