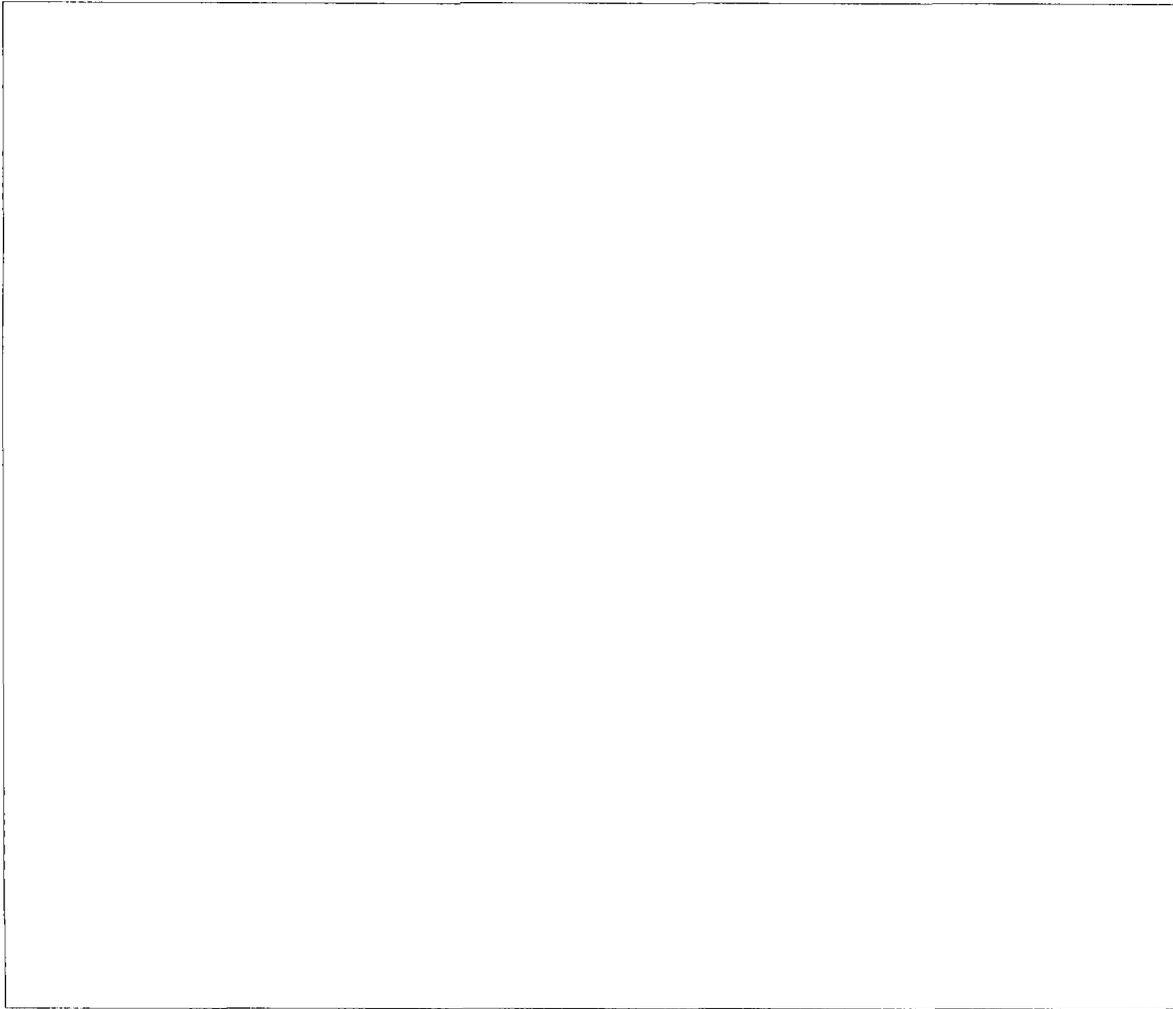


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7. Messages suggest transfer of several MIG-equipped divisions: Messages of 1 and 2 March disclose "test flights" by seven MIG-15's of the Communist 14th and one transport of the 17th Division. Similar flights have preceded unit moves in the past. According to the reporting agency, these messages suggest that the 17th Division, now based at Tangshan in North China, may move to Tatungkou near Antung, and that the 14th which is at Takushan, another Antung area field, may move to Peiping. (SUEDE 6920 Security Group Johnson AB Japan, SG 593 and SG 616, 1 and 2 Mar 52)

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• Comment: Another Communist division of MIG-15's--the 12th--is in the process of transferring from Shanghai to Takushan. Assuming that all these moves occur, Communist MIG strength near the Korean border will be increased from the present two divisions of about 50 MIG's each to three divisions.

8. "Allied" MIG's fly to Korean border from Mukden: Six "allied" MIG-15's flew from Mukden to Tatungkou near the Korean border on 21 February, according to a Chinese flight message. (SUEDE ASAPAC SPOT 30961, 29 Feb 52)

Comment: In mid-February, 24 "allied" (presumably Soviet) MIG-15's flew from Tatungkou to Mukden. The six mentioned above may be part of that group on a return flight, or they may have been replacements. Flights of Soviet MIG's between fields on the Korean border and ones deeper in Manchuria were not noted in intercepts before February.

9. KOREA. Bacteriological warfare in Korea now major Communist propaganda theme: A North Korean east coast defense unit was alerted on 1 March to hold protest meetings among the troops to intensify "hostile feelings" against alleged bacteriological warfare by the UN forces. The addressee was admonished to "make sure they (the troops) are awake at the lecture."

The seriousness with which the enemy is treating the charges of BW is evident from a series of 28 and 29 February North Korean messages which contained such instructions as "the contaminated area must be covered with snow and spray... do not go near the actual place" and which ordered that "injections with number nine (unidentified) vaccine will be made." Another message stated that "the surgical institute members left here to investigate the bacteria bombs dropped on the 29th." (SUEDE AFSA 251, 1000Z, 2 Mar; Det 151, 15RSM Korea, CS 259, 1 Mar 52)

Comment: The entire Soviet Orbit continues to give unusual prominence to the bacteriological warfare charges, and Communist China has reportedly dispatched "anti-epidemic teams" to combat the UN's alleged BW campaign in Korea. A Communist correspondent at the truce talks reported that the charges lend "a most sinister aspect to the new American delaying techniques in the conference tent," and predicted that the full effects of BW will become evident as the weather gets warmer.

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There is still no evidence of an epidemic in North Korea sufficient to justify the current all-out propaganda effort of the Communist world.

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