the Revolutionary Military Council ordered field armies and
major military areas to organize anti-epidemic committees rapidly in subordi-
nate units, give more attention to medical services and anti-epidemic work
during spring months, and make periodic epidemiological reports. A summary of the
order follows:

a. Epidemics are breaking out in succession in the various areas of China as
a result of abnormal winter weather and the scattering of germs in the
Northeast and coastal regions by American imperialists. To protect the
health of Chinese Communist Army personnel, the Revolutionary Military
Council specially orders all military areas and each army unit to organize
anti-epidemic committees speedily.

b. Company and higher units of field armies, and military sub-districts and
higher organizations must form anti-epidemic committees headed by their
leading cadre. All personnel must be trained in anti-epidemic work, and
reach proficiency. This will be a direct blow against the American
imperialists.

c. Medical units of military districts, and divisions and higher units of
field armies must organize medical inspection teams to inspect enforce-
ment of medical services in the units under their commands. Weekly
health lessons must be given, showing specimens of germs, etc., to these
units.

d. Intensive sanitary cleaning must be done each Saturday and Sunday. A
health movement week must be started 10 days after receipt of these orders;
during this week strenuous efforts must be made to eliminate rats, lice,
flies, spiders, etc.
The prevailing belief that anti-epidemic measures can wait until summer must be corrected. The measures should begin during April. All medical personnel must leave their offices to inspect troops at their stations.

f. Anti-epidemic inoculations must be given to troops in epidemic areas.

g. All units must make periodic reports on epidemic conditions to their superiors, even when no epidemics exist.