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"A" USSR. USSR Reported Organizing "International" Force For Korea. [redacted]

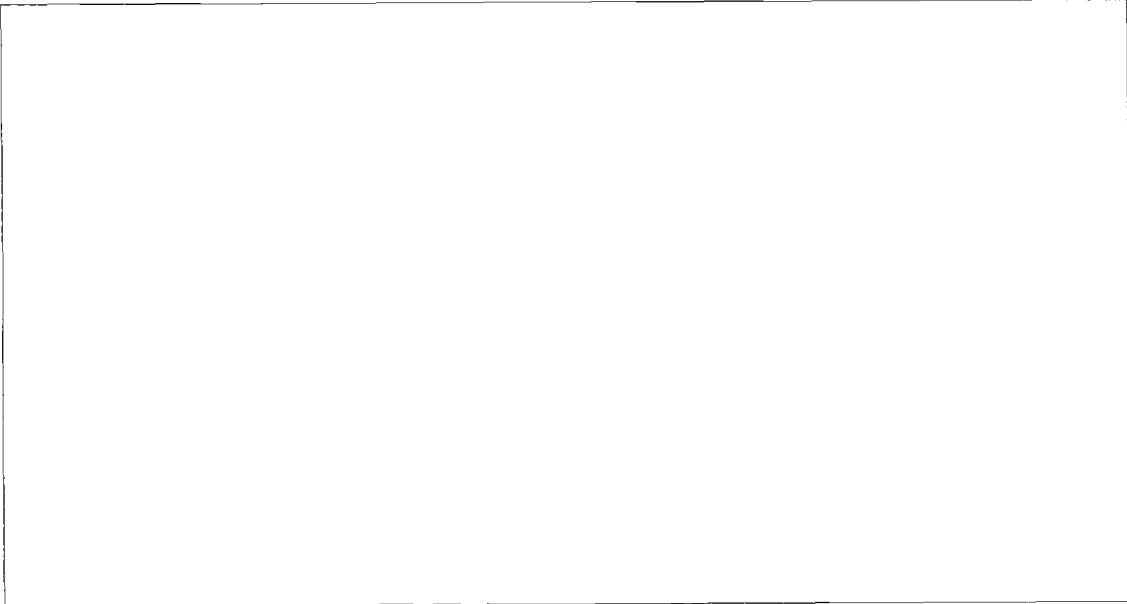
[redacted] the USSR is organizing an international volunteer force consisting largely of Mongolians to participate in the Korean war. [redacted]

COMMENT: [redacted]

[redacted] a "international volunteer army" composed of "volunteers" from the USSR, China, Outer Mongolia, Japan (presumably POW's) and European Satellites. In view of Communist China's abundance of military manpower, it would appear that, aside from such technical and specialist assistance as a force of this kind could provide, the main value of an "international army" would be to demonstrate the same kind of support for Communist China as was evidenced by token contributions from various UN members in support of US action in Korea. [redacted] noted the arrival of a

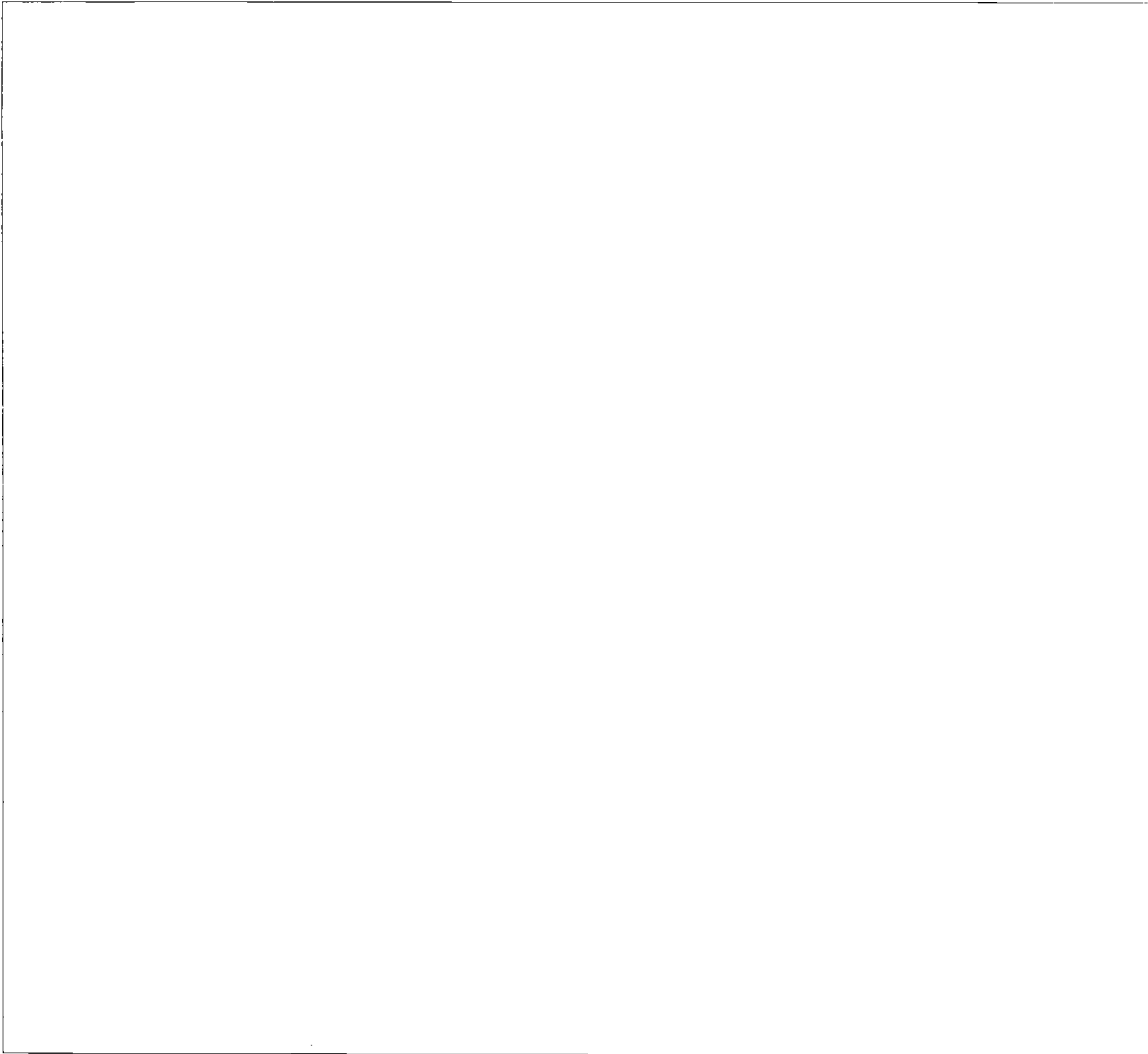
Soviet anti-epidemic unit in Korea. [redacted]

[redacted] deductions were being taken from Rumanian workers' pay for Korean relief, and that Rumanian doctors had been asked to register for service in Korea. Hungary collected funds which were used for a field hospital sent to Korea and also dispatched medical personnel at that time, in July 1950. The Hungarian press announced this month that the first group of medical personnel had returned and that replacements were already at work in Korea. As yet there is no reliable evidence of "volunteers" being raised in Eastern Europe for Korean military service.



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"A" CHINA. Chinese Communist Military Operations. [redacted]

[redacted] Chinese Communist military and political leaders conferred on 4 March and decided (1) to carry on the war in Korea, (2) to replace the 4th Field Army in Korea with units of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd FA's, (3) to assign the 4th FA to South China coastal defense, and (4) to employ other elements of the 3rd FA in an operation against Chinmen Island. [redacted]. COMMENT: There is evidence that the Peiping regime intends to persist in its Korean venture, that the 4th FA is to be withdrawn from the battle line in Korea, and that elements of the 3rd FA are preparing to attack Chinmen. [redacted]

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"A" KOREA. Enemy Air Operations in Korea. [redacted]

[redacted] the Chinese Communist command in Korea, concerned over the serious effects of UN air operations on the morale of Communist forces, has decided to dispatch 30 to 50 jets and a small number of other planes on regular flights over Korea for the purpose of raising the spirits of the troops. [redacted] 80% of the experienced pilots are "hired Soviet personnel" who will not be permitted to enter dangerous areas or to engage in combat, as their identification might lead to unwelcome complications.

[redacted] COMMENT: POW reports confirm [redacted] the effects of UN air operations on Communist troop morale. There have been many reports of Soviet participation in enemy air operations in the Korean theatre, and the evasive tactics of enemy pilots suggest a desire to avoid positive identification.

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