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7. German POWs allegedly to fly jets in Manchuria: [redacted]  
[redacted] about 300 German prisoners-of-war have been sent from  
Komsomolsk to Mukden and Changchun to pilot jet aircraft for the Chinese  
Communist Air Force. [redacted]

Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] Although German POWs have often  
been reported among Soviet advisory-technical personnel in Shanghai, it  
is doubtful that the USSR would entrust jet aircraft to them.



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11. KOREA. North Koreans to use civilians in POW returns: [Redacted]

[Redacted] North Korean authorities are gathering refugees and ordinary citizens together in rear area camps. These people reportedly will be designated prisoners of war and used in any exchange of prisoners growing out of the Kaesong cease-fire talks. [Redacted]

Comment: The great disparity between the large number of prisoners of war held by the UN forces and the small number held by the Communist forces may have induced the North Koreans to resort to such a subterfuge; however, this activity is unconfirmed.

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4. KOREA. ROK unification activities may be embarrassing North Korea: Ambassador Muccio feels that the strange failure of the North Korean propaganda mechanism to seize upon ROK anti-cease-fire and unification activities may be due to embarrassment. He observes that unification sentiment in North Korea is equally as strong as in the ROK, and that the volume of ROK activity has probably had the effect of "stealing the thunder from the North Koreans." [redacted]
5. ROK unification activities lagging: Ambassador Muccio reports that anti-cease-fire and pro-unification activity, while still at a high pitch, is "certainly not increasing...." Muccio observes that the subject "has taken on the aspects of an old story" to many Koreans and that the government is meeting increasing difficulty in arousing enthusiasm. He observes, in addition, that a "considerable number" of Koreans have become more realistic and are prepared "to accept de facto division...." [redacted]

Comment: It has previously been observed that despite the intensity with which the ROK government was pushing the unification line, meetings held in support of this stand were not large and seemed to be disorganized.

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