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3. Enemy units still reporting BW agents in Korea: An unidentified North Korean regiment notified its battalions on 30 March that "the enemy is actively dropping bacterial weapons in general now." All units were to report promptly UN biological warfare attacks.

A Chinese Communist artillery division reported the formation of a five man "health program" committee "in an attempt to check the spread of bacteria."

Preventive measures are still being pushed actively in North Korea as indicated by continuing reports of unit inoculations. One Chinese Communist unit on 24 March reported, however, that inoculations have not been made and that a "grave situation" has developed because "the friendly troops (probably North Koreans) have developed (some sort of disease?)." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-H-1226, 30 Mar; K-1813, 26 Mar; K-1729, 29 Mar 52)

4. Chinese Communist unit helps North Korean civilians: The gist of a 27 March message from the Chinese Communist 7th Artillery Division, deployed in central Korea, reveals that two members of that unit on 23 March "participated in an attempt to alleviate the sufferings of the North Korean people, who are at a loss to supply themselves with food." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-1797, 30 Mar 52)

Comment: On previous occasions, Chinese Communist troops have assisted North Korean farmers in their harvesting. However, recent Chinese Communist messages have indicated that certain supplies are requisitioned directly from the North Korean civilian population.

The distress of civilians in Communist-held areas of North Korea is believed to be serious. All indications point to lower grain yields in 1951 and 1952 and to the continued priority of military supply over the civilian economy.

5. Conventional North Korean aircraft division mentioned: A 29 March message from a North Korean air unit near Pyongyang to air headquarters at Sinuiju mentioned "seed to the LA Division." (SUEDE Det 151 15 RSM Japan CS 397, 30 Mar 52)

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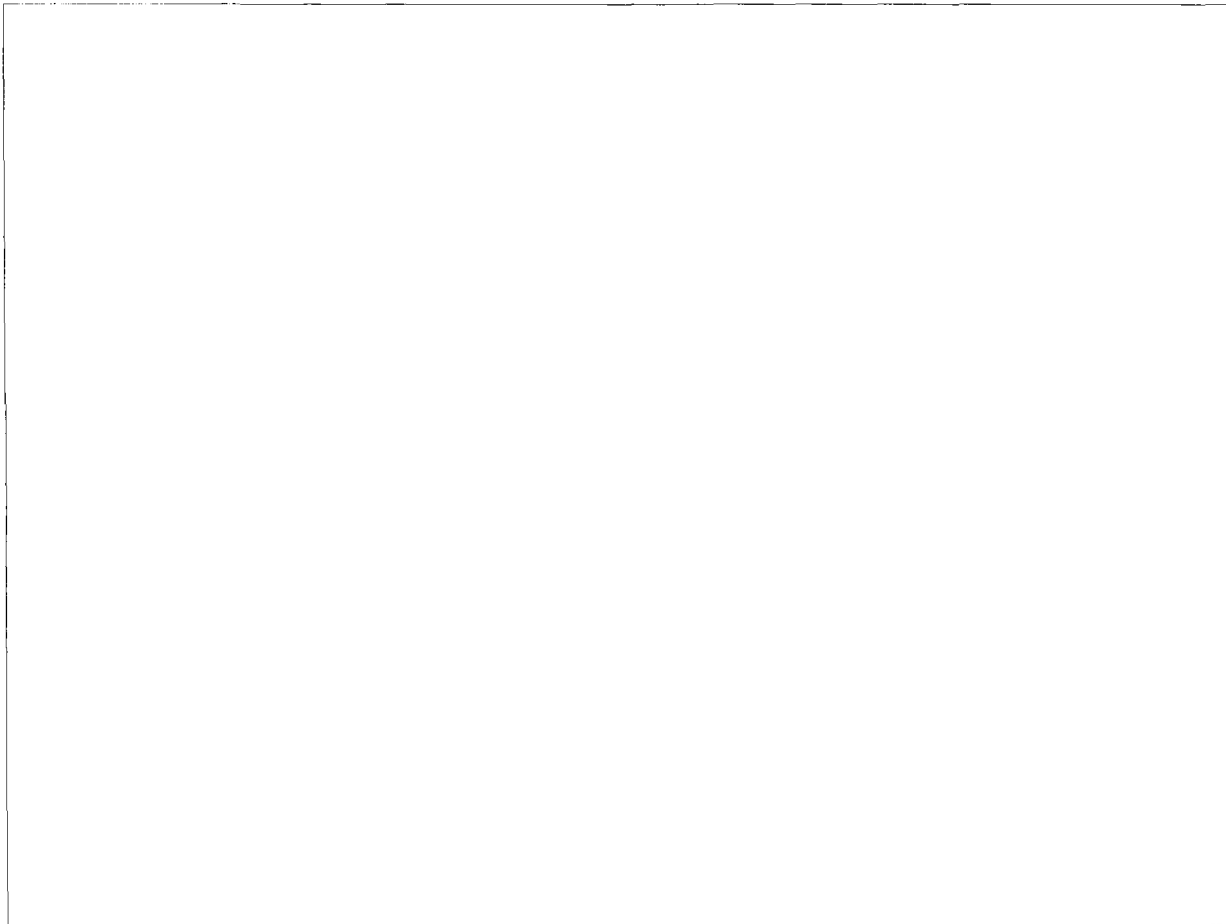
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Comment: The term "LA Division," named after the Soviet-made LA-9 conventional fighter aircraft, has long been identified with the North Korean Air Force, although the term has not recently been observed. Recently, however, North Korean messages have referred to numbered divisions: the MIG-15-equipped 1st; and the 2nd, 3rd, and 10th, which have not been definitely identified. Probably the "LA Division" also bears a numbered designation.

6. Communist "command post" hit by UN bombers: A North Korean message passed between two unlocated units on 27 March states that the "Pyongyang (?) command post was directly hit with four one-ten bombs...on 25 March, resulting in the injury of a number of persons." (SUEDE [redacted] 3018, 28 Mar 52)



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