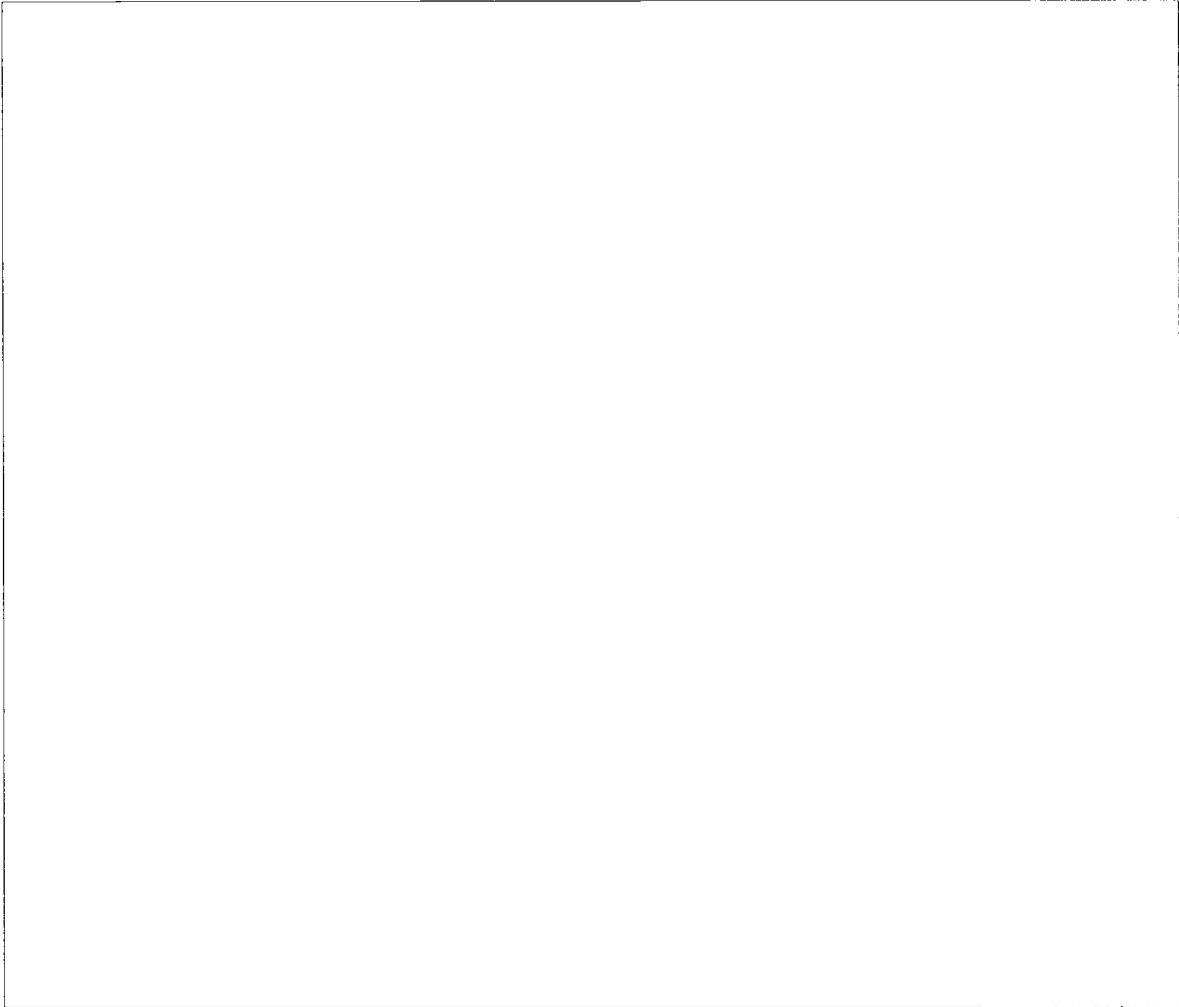


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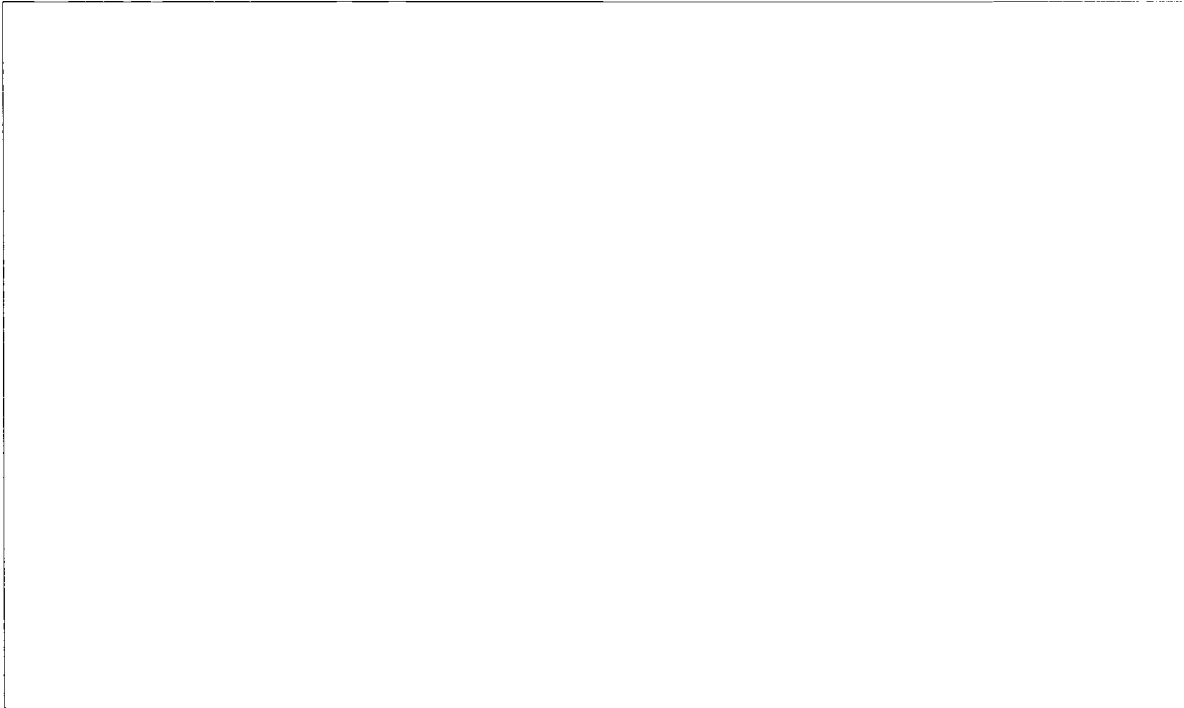
A tank-supported Communist attack of unknown size has been scheduled for 14 April, according to an intercepted Chinese message. A tank unit located in the Chorwon area and supporting elements of the Chinese 23rd Army reported on

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11 April that all combat preparations had been completed and that eight tanks would take part in the action.

Comment: On the night of 23-24 March elements of the Chinese 23rd Army, supported by this same tank unit, captured "Old Baldy" west of Chorwon. The attack planned for 14 April probably also has a limited objective since no indications of a major offensive are apparent.

Such attacks are probably designed to gain key terrain prior to any cease-fire which might result from the current negotiations.



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