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2. Further sickness blamed on BW: A 6 March Chinese Communist message states that one of the soldiers of the 345th regiment picked up a UN propaganda leaflet and "was immediately poisoned." The soldier was administered "fever medicine, the fever abated and he is now recovered." All other units are warned not to handle leaflets. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-1421, 11 Mar 52)

Comment: This is the second instance noted of the Communists linking sickness to UN leaflets. These allegations may discourage the enemy soldiers from reading UN propaganda.

3. CHINA/KOREA. Evidence establishes that Chinese and Korean pilots actually engage in combat: In late February and early March the ground-controlled intercept net directing enemy jets in combat over Korea was heard giving specific combat orders in the Chinese and Korean languages. Directions intercepted included: "Attack," "Guard yourselves," and "The enemy is just behind you."

The US Air Force comments that the first evidence of organized Chinese units in aerial combat occurred 27 September 1951. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 50 and 51, 2055Z and 2128Z, 11 and 12 Mar 52)

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Comment: Russian is the language usually employed on this net. These messages establish that Chinese and Korean pilots are engaging in actual combat with UN planes -- not just flying patrols over Korean territory. The 1st Korean Division and the 6th Chinese Division, with about 50 MIG's each, were believed based in the Antung area in February.

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