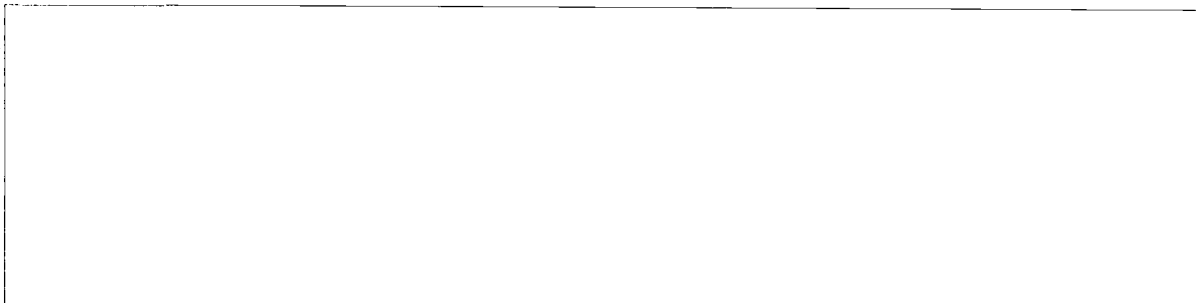


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11. KOREA. Communist combat troops favored over rear area troops in rations:
On 23 October, according to a preliminary field translation, a supply officer of the North Korean 7th Railroad Security Regiment in Hamhung reported to Pyongyang the movement of provisions (possibly for civilians as well as military) to towns further north on the east coast. He noted "about the 41 freight cars of meat, only the front line and Chinese Volunteer troop(s) can get it." (SUEDE CM IN 47791, Hamhung-Pyongyang, 24 Oct 51)

Comment: This provides further confirmation of the priority logistic position of Communist combat troops in Korea. The burden of supporting the 600,000 troops in Korea has worked great hardships on the mass of the Korean civilian population.

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