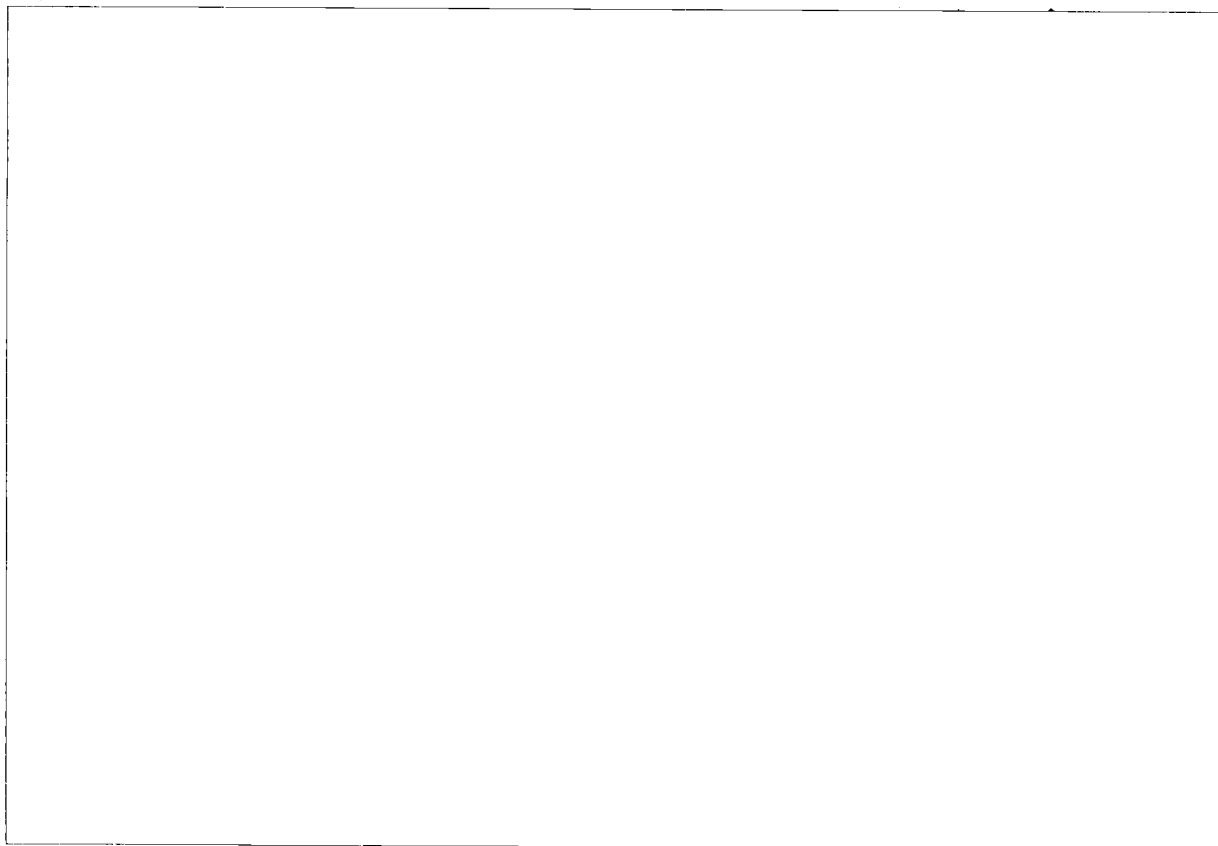


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2. Communists in Korean theater step up combat pilot training:

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The record total of 1,387 MIG-15's sighted over North Korea last week, coupled with increased aggressiveness of enemy pilots, indicates [Redacted] that the enemy is taking advantage of the stalemated armistice talks to provide training for as large a number of pilots as possible. By basing combat aircraft on fields deeper in Manchuria and shuttling them into the Antung complex, the enemy can commit larger numbers of pilots in training flights over the combat area.

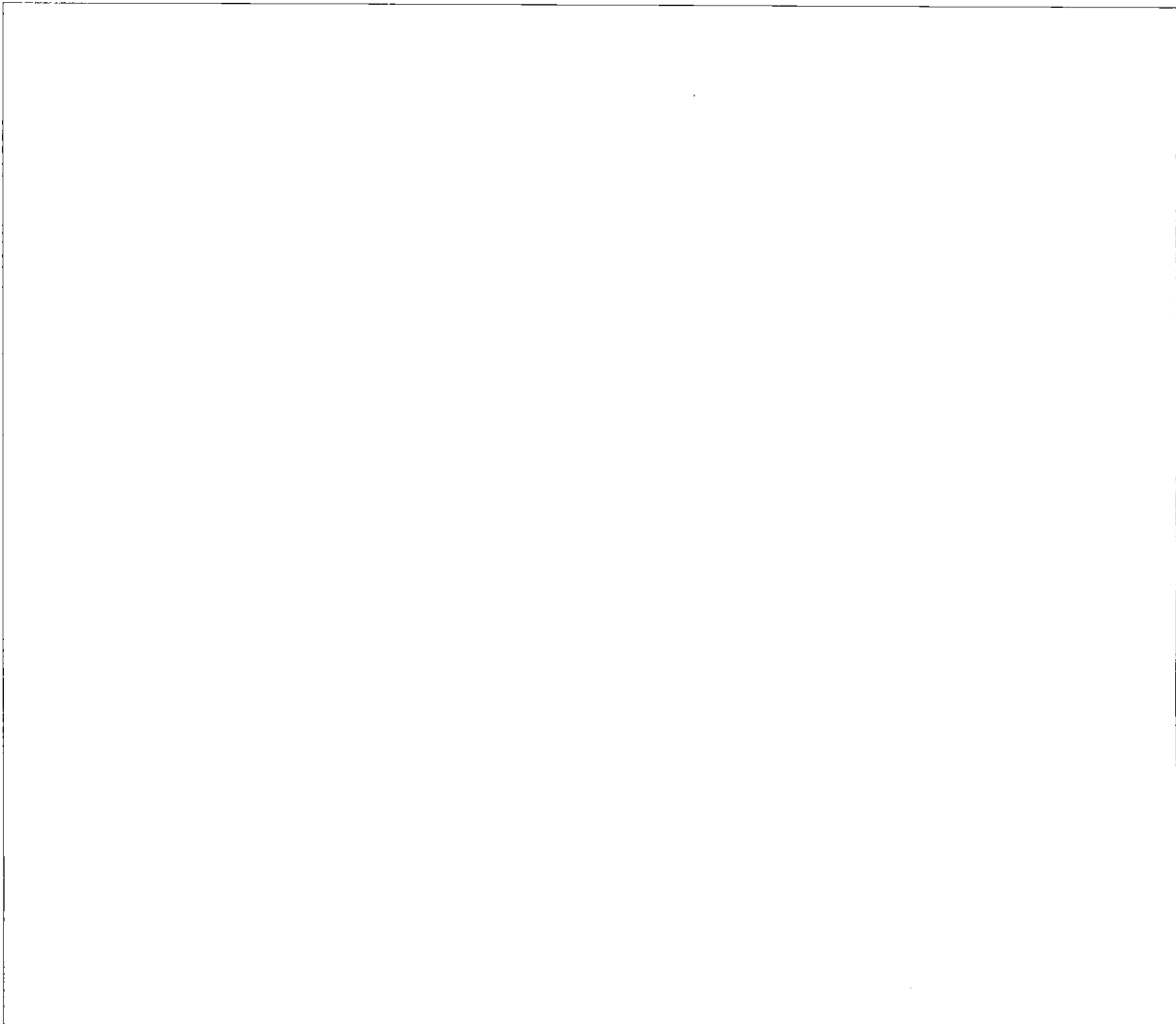
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[redacted] the possibility that the Communists, after a two-month lull, may be planning to exploit their capability for expanding air operations into UN-held territory.

Comment: The current move from Shanghai to the Korean border area of MIG-15's of the 12th Chinese Communist Division, not previously committed to combat, is further evidence of Communist emphasis on combat training.



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