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2. Bacteriological warfare in Korea now major Communist propaganda theme:

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A North Korean east coast defense unit was alerted on 1 March to hold protest meetings among the troops to intensify "hostile feelings" against alleged bacteriological warfare by the UN forces. The addressee was admonished to "make sure they (the troops) are awake at the lecture."

The seriousness with which the enemy is treating the charges of BW is evident in a series of 28 and 29 February North Korean messages which contained such instructions as "the contaminated area must be covered with snow and spray ... do not go near the actual place" and which ordered that "injections with number nine (unidentified) vaccine will be made." Another message stated that "the surgical institute members left here to investigate the bacteria bombs dropped on the 29th."

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Comment: The entire Soviet Orbit continues to give unusual prominence to the bacteriological warfare charges, and Communist China has reportedly dispatched "anti-epidemic teams" to combat the UN's alleged BW campaign in Korea. A Communist correspondent at the truce talks reported that the charges lend "a most sinister aspect to the new American delaying techniques in the conference tent," and predicted that the full effects of BW will become evident as the weather gets warmer.

There is still no evidence of an epidemic in North Korea sufficient to justify the current all-out propaganda effort of the Communist world.



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