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2. American BW drop reported by Chinese unit: A Chinese Communist rocket launcher artillery unit reported on 6 May that "an enemy plane (was observed) dropping propaganda leaflets and germicidal bombs." The message continued that "the germs were spread over an area 150 meters wide and 600 meters long" and that the "42nd Army (in combat in west central Korea) was dispatching personnel to take some specimens." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2757, 11 May 52)

Comment: Various North Korean units reported the alleged use of biological warfare by the United States earlier in May. It is entirely possible that these messages may be used to continue the momentum of the Communist BW propaganda campaign.

3. Lumbering job occupies Chinese Communist artillery unit: On 5 May an unidentified Chinese Communist unit, possibly an anti-tank artillery battalion, was ordered to "pull out one platoon each, consisting of 20 men, from the fourth company and the anti-aircraft company to proceed to . . . where they will assist in the chopping and gathering of lumber." The message added that "this wood will be utilized in the repairing of installations." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2759, 11 May 52)

Comment: This is further evidence that the Communists are repairing and building semi-permanent facilities. While not a conclusive indication of enemy intentions, it would appear doubtful that combat personnel would be diverted by the unit commander to lumbering operations to repair defensive installations if he were aware of a pending major offensive.

4. Chinese artillery division inactive since late April: The Chinese Communist 2nd Artillery Division, relieved from combat in mid-April, instructed "all regiments" on 27 April that "beginning 28 April, Division station will cease contact with all stations."

According to the Far East Command, the 2nd Artillery Division net had not reappeared as of 9 May. FECOM believes that this net being closed for an indefinite period indicates

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that "no active operations were envisaged for the unit in the immediate future." (SUEDE CINCFE SIB 499, 9 May; CCM-1109, 27 Apr 52)

Comment: When combat elements of the 2nd Artillery Division were relieved in west central Korea by elements of the 1st Artillery Division between 20 and 24 April, it was speculated that the 2nd Artillery might remain in combat. It now appears that the division has been withdrawn from the front.

5. Record number of Chinese jet divisions believed based on Korean border: Analysis of messages passed on the Chinese Communist ground-controlled intercept net during April indicates that four Chinese Communist MIG-15 divisions are based on Manchurian fields near the Yalu River. They are the 4th Division probably at Antung, the 6th and 17th at Tatungkou, and the 12th at Takushan. (SUEDE USA-38 AP 741, 9 May 52)

Comment: Four Chinese jet divisions are the largest number noted in this area, and they represent a doubling of strength since February.

In addition to these four divisions, with an average of 50 planes each, there are believed to be one Korean and three Soviet MIG-15 units, of unknown strength, in the Antung area.

6. Soviet jet unit indicated at Mukden: Several messages in early May reported flights of as many as 34 "allied" MIG-15's on round-robin flights at Mukden. Russian flight leaders were mentioned. (SUEDE USA-38 AP 741, 9 May; Air Force Roundup 92, 12 May 52)

Comment: These messages provide the first indication of a Soviet MIG-15 unit at Mukden. Soviet MIG's are also based at Antung, Anshan and Tungfeng. The ones at Antung and Anshan have flown combat missions over Korea, but the function of the units at Tungfeng and Mukden is not yet determined.

7. Chinese admit "mishandling of policy" in san-fan campaign: A 15 April message from Chinese "volunteer" headquarters in Korea deals with "cases of suicide and

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self-mutilation resulting from mishandling of policy and extortion of evidence" during the san-fan campaign among "volunteer" forces.

The report has been sent to "all party committees" with the explicit aim of preventing the recurrence of such incidents. (SUEDE Chinese Communist Military Identifications Bulletin No. 69, CC/CAP-217, 7 May 52)

Comment: An intercepted message of early February revealed the establishment of a "quota" of major and minor offenders to be discovered in each "volunteer" unit during the campaign against corruption, waste and bureaucracy. Moreover, all units were urged to exceed the established quotas.

The 15 April report confirms that this misuse of the quota system, in particular encouraging fabrication of evidence, has resulted as expected in new expressions of corruption, waste, and bureaucracy.



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