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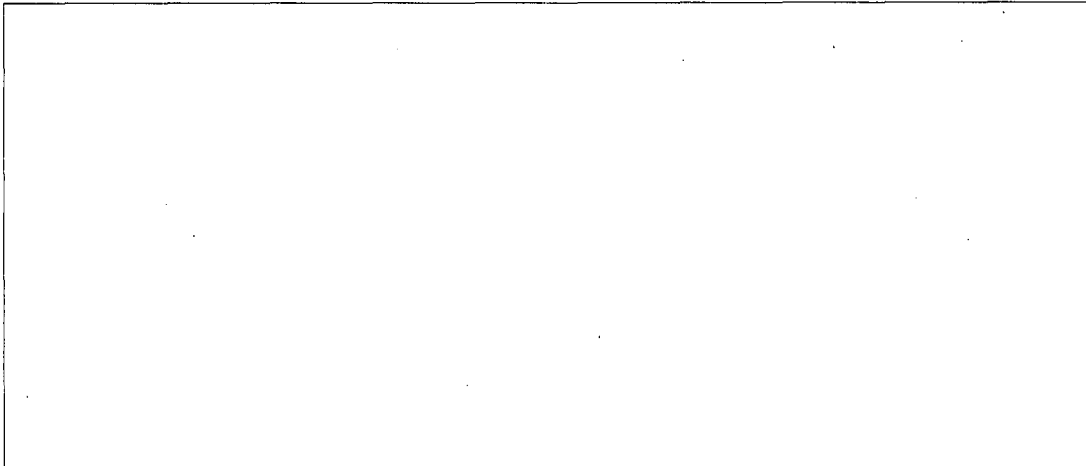
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8. Mao Tse-tung allegedly returns from Manchuria, departs for Moscow:  
[redacted] Mao Tse-tung returned to Peiping about 2 January from conferences in Manchuria with Chinese, Soviet and Korean leaders. The conferees allegedly decided that the Communists would "compromise somewhat" in the Korean truce talks and meanwhile incite dissension in the UN. [redacted] Mao left Peiping for Moscow by air on 2 January, followed by 10 Chinese Communist leaders, for talks with Stalin on the Korean war, aid to the Viet Minh, and a Soviet loan. ([redacted] 22 Jan, 52 [redacted] 22 Jan 52)

Comment: Information on the movements of Communist leaders, and on the proceedings of their conferences, is continually supplied by such sources but has never been confirmed and is generally regarded as doubtful.

9. KOREA. Communist correspondent at Panmunjom sees UN delaying until March:  
Alan Winnington, Communist correspondent at Panmunjom, advanced the theory on 19 January that UN negotiators were under orders to "stall the talks until March." The reason, according to him, is that conditions will then be more favorable militarily for the UN or for President Truman's personal intervention designed to raise his re-election chances. [redacted] Peiping, 19 Jan 52)

Comment: Winnington's comments have often presaged trends in the truce negotiations. While it is probable that his latest is propaganda, it is possible that this charge is the beginning of the build-up to justify renewed hostilities by the Communists.