

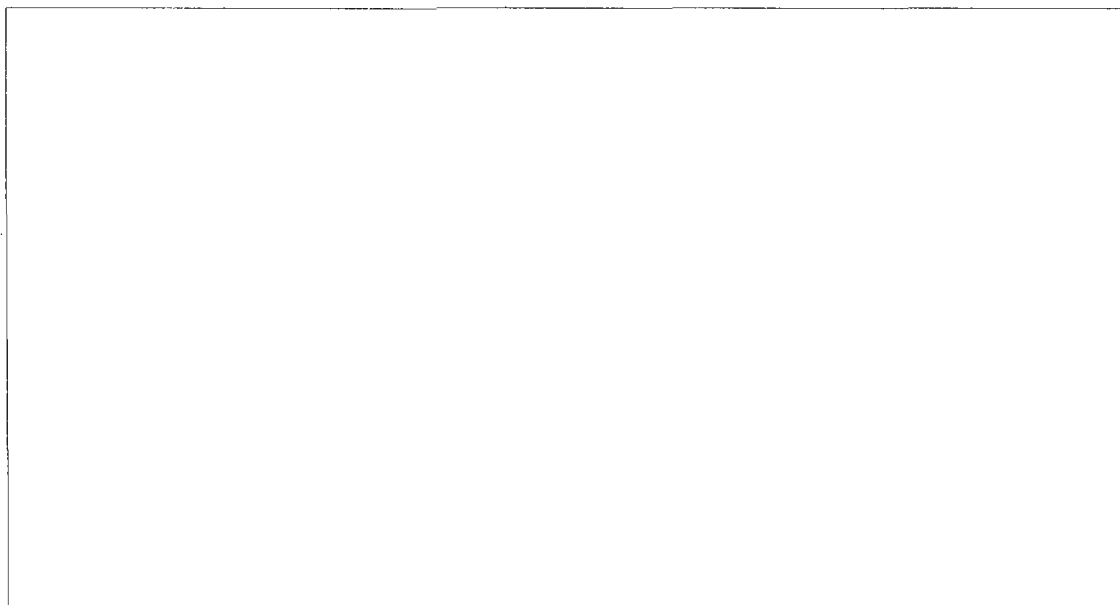
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SECTION 2 (EASTERN)

1. KOREA. BW scare continues to occupy Communists in Korea:
 A long detailed 6 March message from the North Korean 23rd Brigade to one of its subordinate battalions suggested preventive measures to be used against bacteria allegedly dropped by UN aircraft. The report stated that "three persons. . . became suddenly feverish and their nervous system have benumbed." After treatment, "two persons alive and one dead." The report concluded with the astounding statement that "the government will soon take pictures of specific appearance of the germs collectively and correct photographic data will be provided."

Another manifestation of the theme is a 1 March query from Pyongyang to a North Korean air unit at Sariwon, in the supposedly contaminated area, "Have you not had any victims as a result of certain bacteria weapons?" (SUEDE -324, 1 Mar; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-H-184, 6 Mar 52)

Comment: Enemy messages have not yet mentioned epidemic conditions in North Korea. There is no doubt, however, that the enemy has succeeded in convincing his troops that BW agents are being used against him.



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