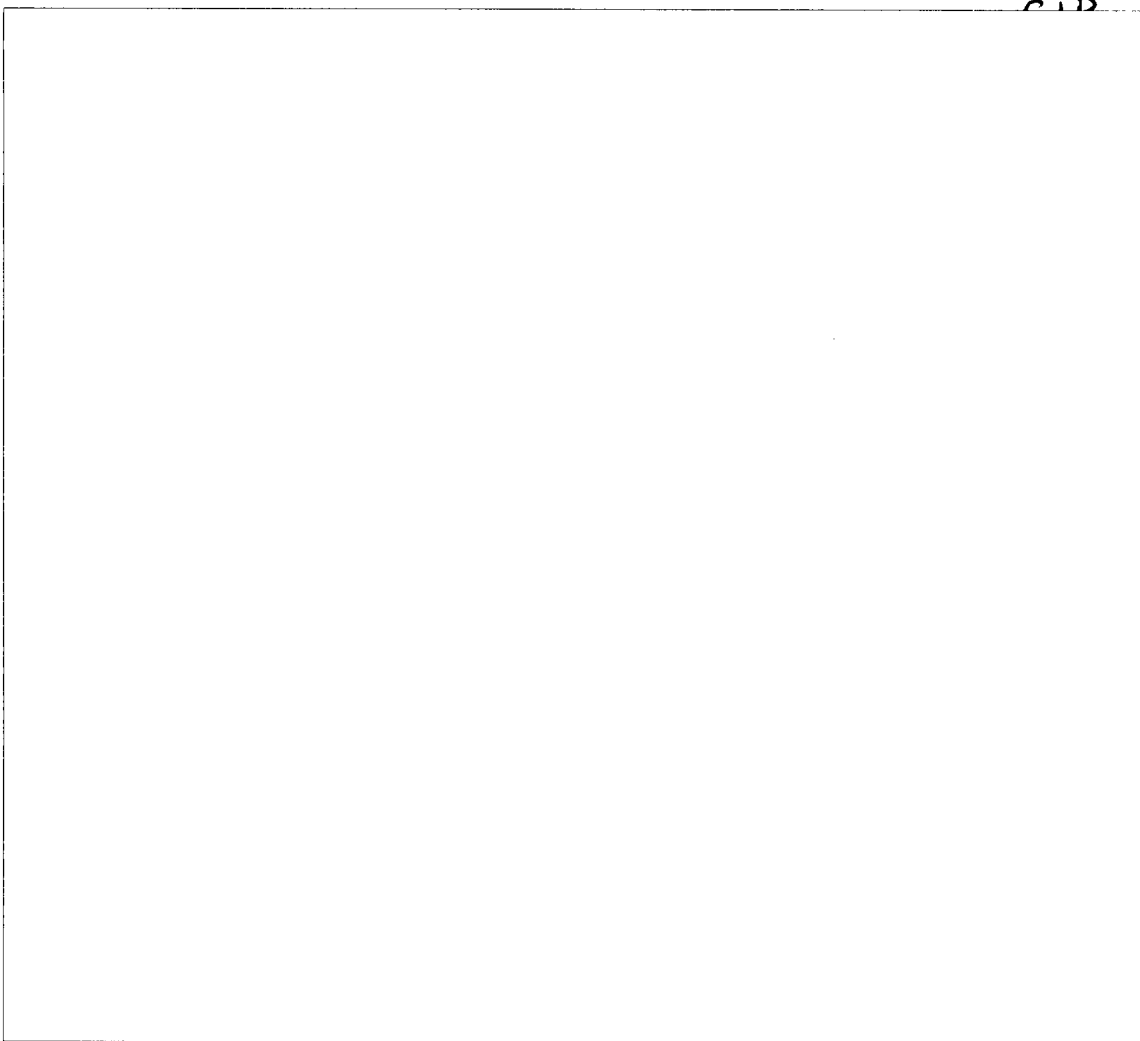


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2. Early Communist offensive in Korea possible:

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Developments along the front in Korea may indicate Chinese Communist preparations for an offensive to take place some time after this week.

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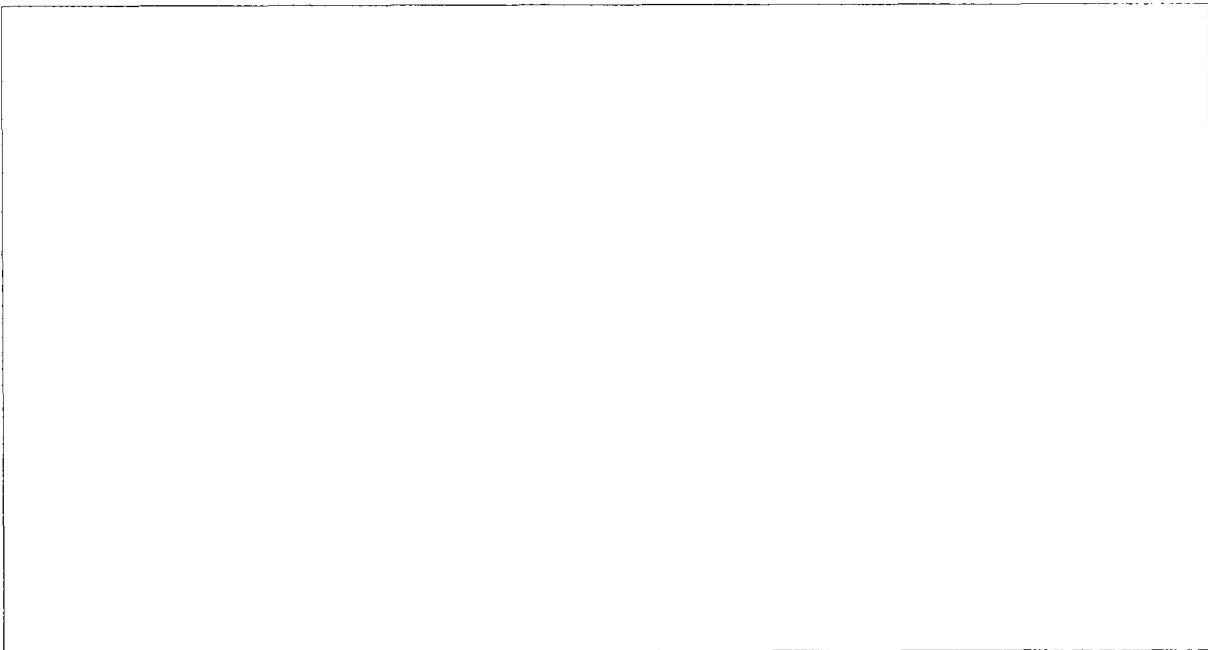
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Recent Chinese Communist voice messages indicate that at least two armies may be moving up to the line, that some Chinese artillery elements have been displaced forward, and that command organization of forward artillery units has been changed to permit more effective tactical control. Other messages indicate that 15 April has been established as the deadline for reconnaissance reports on UN positions as well as for completion of supply movements.

These developments could also mean either a routine rotation of certain front line units or anticipation of a UN spring offensive.

Comment: Evidence is still too tenuous to establish firm conclusions on enemy intentions. Earlier reports of an impending attack indicated that a limited offensive might be planned for the eastern sector; recent enemy reconnaissance and target selection in the west, however, suggest that the offensive, if it materializes, will be on a broader front.



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