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6. North Korean unit reports case of food poisoning by UN:  
 A North Korean armored unit in northwestern Korea was advised by Armored Forces Headquarters on 6 July that "enemy spies invaded our unit area to put poison into the drinking water, food and vegetables. Thirteen men of the VII Corps are suffering from the effects of the vegetable poison. Do not let the food be passed to the civilians." The message ordered the unit to organize prevention measures, cooperating with the competent civilian organization. (CANOE 15RSM/39 Korea, 8 July 52)

Comment: This message is reminiscent of messages transmitted by the enemy during the height of the biological warfare campaign in late February and March. It will probably have the dual effect of raising sanitary standards in unit messes and in the local community, plus contributing grist to the Communist propaganda mill.

7. Chinese Communists to pay compensation for occupied North Korean land: An unidentified Chinese Communist anti-aircraft regiment on 7 July mentioned "the problem of compensation for the new positions." It stated that North Korean civilians whose lands have been occupied by the Chinese units will be paid an indemnity by the latter. (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-4295, 8 July 52)

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Comment: A certain amount of friction between the North Korean civilians and the Chinese "Volunteers" has existed since the latter entered the war. There have been a number of reports of recent incidents. The plan of paying North Koreans for confiscated land may be part of a campaign to increase Korean-Chinese Communist unity.

8. First report in six months of Chinese bomber regiment:  
An air force field unit reported that detailed activity by the Chinese Communist 28th Air Regiment was recently noted for the first time since 12 January. On 8 July, 15 TU-2 light bombers of this regiment were scheduled on day and night training flights in south Manchuria. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AB Japan, AP-756, 9 July 52)

Comment: The 28th Regiment is equipped with bombers and is part of the 10th Division, which has aircraft at Nanking, Liaoyang and Harbin.

Although bombers constitute over ten percent of the 2,100 combat aircraft in China, and three of the 20 identified Chinese air divisions are equipped with TU-2's, the enemy has made little effort to use them in the Korean war.

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