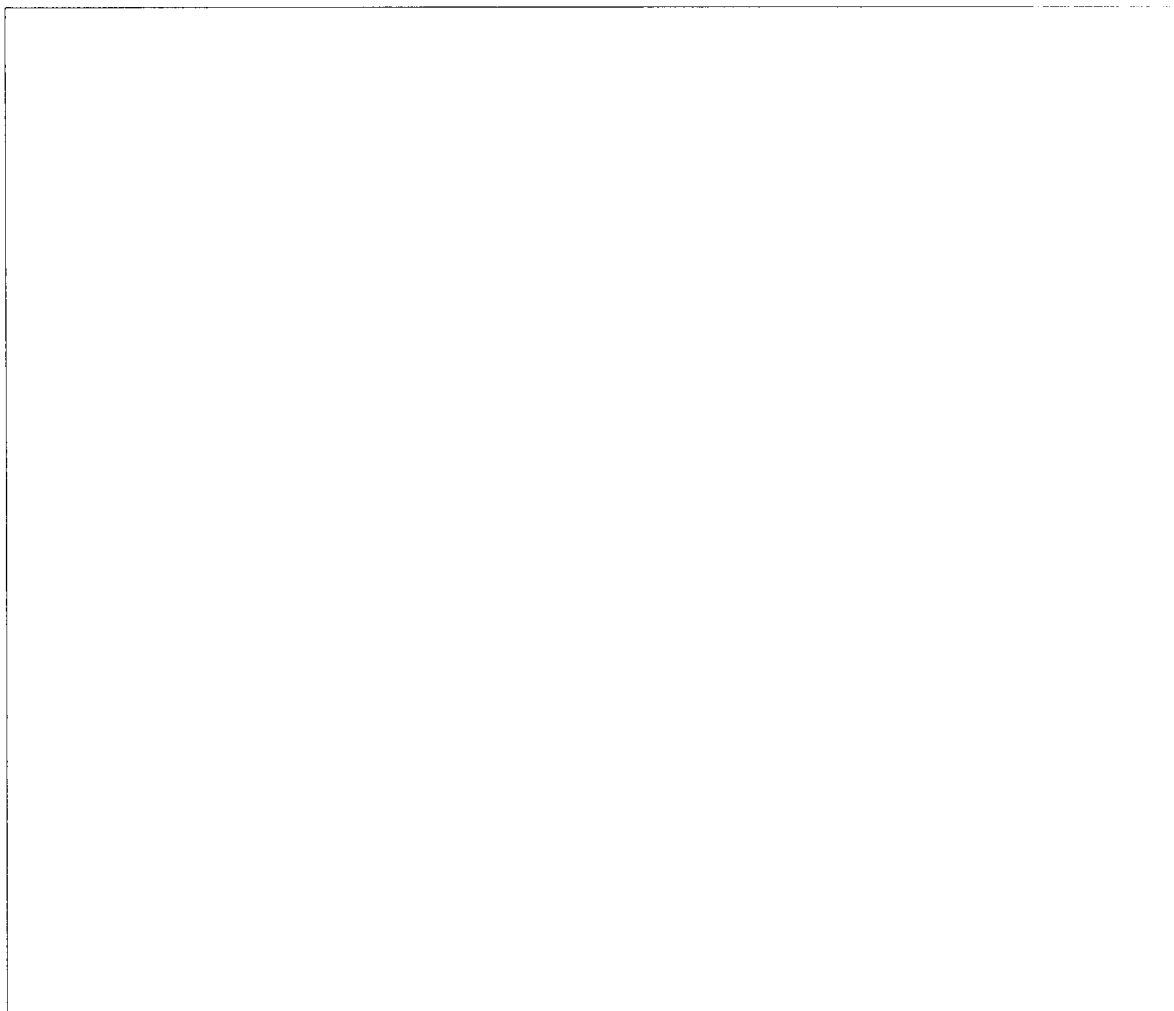


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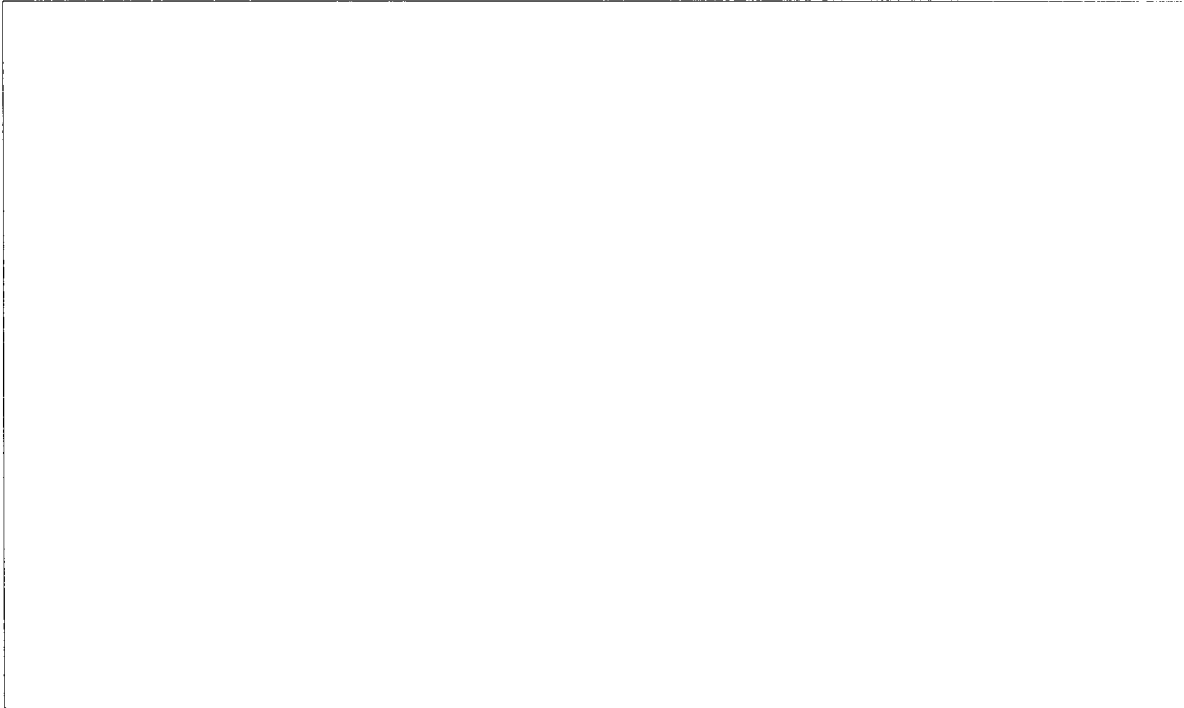
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A tank-supported Communist attack of unknown size has been scheduled for 14 April, according to an intercepted Chinese message. A tank unit located in the Chorwon area and supporting elements of the Chinese 23rd Army reported on

11 April that all combat preparations had been completed and that eight tanks would take part in the action.

Comment: On the night of 23-24 March elements of the Chinese 23rd Army, supported by this same tank unit, captured "Old Baldy" west of Chorwon. The attack planned for 14 April probably also has a limited objective since no indications of a major offensive are apparent.

Such attacks are probably designed to gain key terrain prior to any cease-fire which might result from the current negotiations.



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