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4. Additional details on North Korean Air Force combat aircraft reported: The US Air Force reports that a Korean pilot "Yang Tu Hu" was scheduled on 8 April to lead a flight of twelve MIG-15's and one "UMIG-15" from Anshan, near Mukden. This pilot has been identified as being active with the element of the North Korean 1st Air Division (MIG-15 equipped), last reported at Anshan.

A 7 January North Korean Air Force message indicated that fourteen LA-9 (conventional fighter) flight leaders were being dispatched to the 2nd Division. On 12 January a message acknowledged the arrival of these pilots at Sinuiju.

This is considered a sign of the presence of at least elements of the North Korean 2nd Air Division (LA equipped) at Sinuiju. (SUEDE 6920 Security Group, Johnson AB, Cite AP354, 8 Apr; USAF Roundup 68, 8 Apr 52)

5. Sanitary and anti-epidemic campaign continues in North Korea: The continuing outbreak of smallpox cases was mentioned in a 1 April message from the Chinese Communist 7th Artillery Division. Each army was to receive enough "vaccine" (presumably for smallpox) to inoculate 50,000 and every "special" division (i.e. artillery?) would be given enough for 10,000 vaccinations. The message concluded that it was the army's responsibility to inoculate civilians -- starting with those under 15 years of age.

A 2 April Chinese Communist message from an element of this same artillery division reported that sanitary measures were to be taken, such as building new latrines and wells. Rats and mice were listed as the principal target of extermination. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2030, 2 Apr; K-2072, 1 Apr 52)

6. North Korean unit in west used in road repair work: A ranking officer of the North Korean 5th Infantry Division in the Pyongyang-Chinnampo region reported on 7 April that "2,000 men of this division must form . . . to repair the road." The road in question leads from Pyongyang to "Munsongni" and is to be repaired between 12 and 18 April.

Three "Munsongnis" are presented in various translations of this message: one is south of Chinnampo, another is near

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Sibyon-ni in a predominantly Chinese sector, and the third is on the lateral main trans-peninsular supply route. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/10320, 8 Apr; CINCFE Tokyo, SIB 478, 9 Apr 52)

Comment: This is the second recent observed incident of North Korean tactical forces being employed in a communications maintenance role. Probably this unit will be used along the main lateral route.

7. Additional Communist military activity in Korea during April indicated: All regimental commanders of an unidentified North Korean division were ordered on 7 April by the division commander to be sure that vehicles were repaired and ready for operation "by the end of April." The message stated that no gasoline would be provided in April, and that ox-drawn carts were to be mobilized by 15 April.

The regimental commander of the 29th Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment, subordinate to the 2nd Artillery Division in western Korea, instructed his battalion commanders on 6 April that "Division has instructed us to order . . . (the gathering of) information as to the exact positions of enemy supply centers, artillery positions and tank assembly areas. Other details concerning the positions should also be submitted. Your investigation must be completed by 15th April and you will report the results on the 16th April." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2053, 8 Apr; 15RSM/10275, 8 Apr 52)

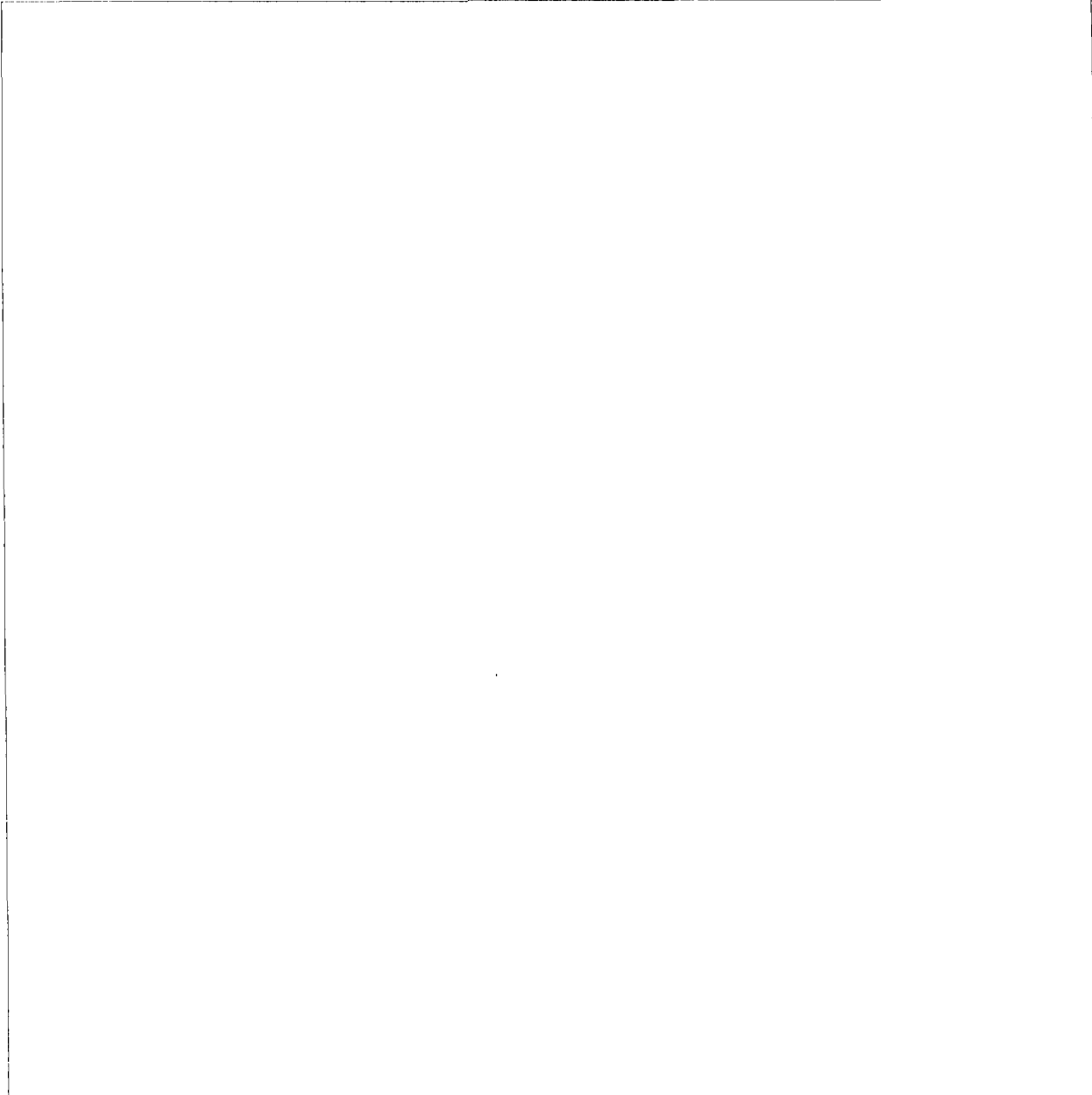
Comment: Recent troop movements and reports of impending attacks have heightened the possibility that the enemy intends to launch another large scale military operation, although they are too nebulous to reach firm conclusions on enemy intentions. To date, most signs point to a limited objective attack in eastern Korea. Artillery reconnaissance and target selection in the west, however, are an indication that the offensive -- if it materializes -- will be on a broader front.

8. Chinese Communist artillery division in eastern Korea distributes gas masks: A 2 April message from the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division in east central Korea reported that "relative to the gas masks, the 11th, 20th, and 21st Regiments will each receive 120 apiece." The balance was to go to another artillery battalion, and the "other units will have to await the next allotment." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2039, 8 Apr 52)

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Comment: The 7th Artillery Division received 500 masks on 22 March. This later message indicates that the above was the only shipment received so far. It is probable that these masks are to be used for troop indoctrination and that their receipt does not presage enemy use of gas in Korea.



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