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SECTION 2 (EASTERN)

1. KOREA. Soviet strategy in Korea [redacted]
[redacted] Failing in its attempt to get the Korean truce negotiations before the UN, the Soviet Union instructed Communist truce negotiators to propose the USSR as one of the neutral inspection nations [redacted]

This proposal surprised Korean leaders, who felt that the Soviets would now take a more active part in the negotiations.

Soviet strategy, [redacted] apparently is to convince the world population that the Korean conflict is a local problem. Having accomplished this, in addition to reorganizing the North Korean Armed Forces, and having assured themselves that the UN is not contemplating another offensive, the Soviet Union will demand withdrawal of foreign troops -- including the Chinese Communists -- from Korea. [redacted]

Comment: [redacted] the Soviet role in the truce negotiations from their very beginning is generally believed to have been a major one. Furthermore, the current heavy propaganda campaign on the BW theme tends to contradict the theory that the Soviet Union is trying to localize the Korean conflict in the world's eyes.

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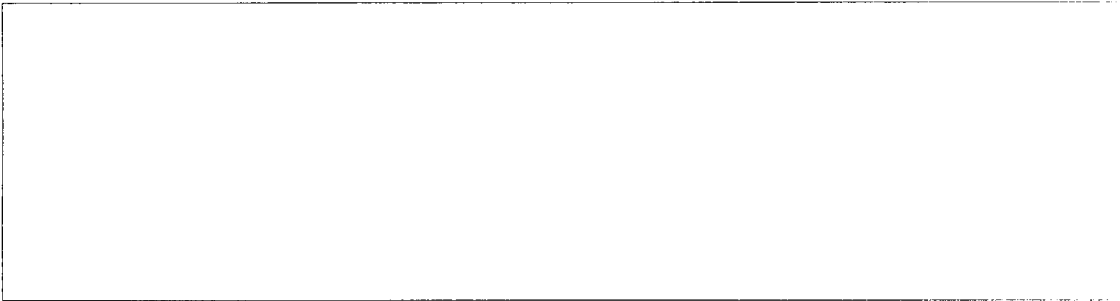
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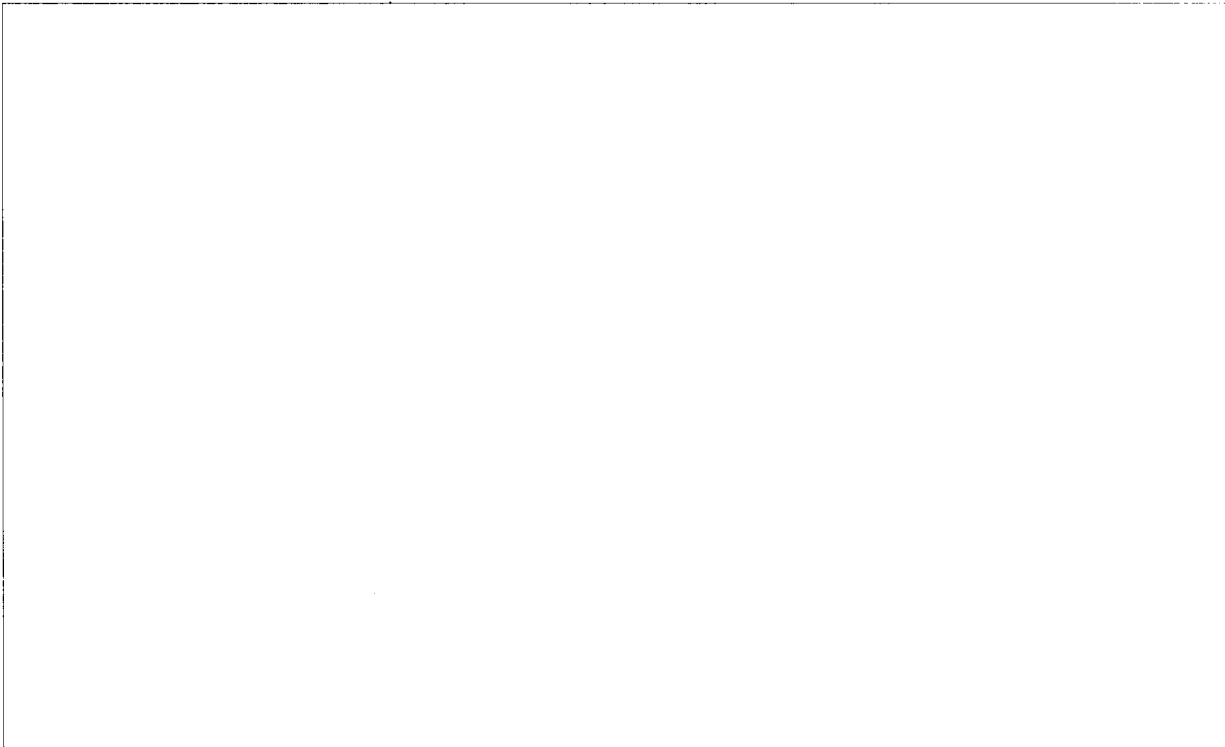
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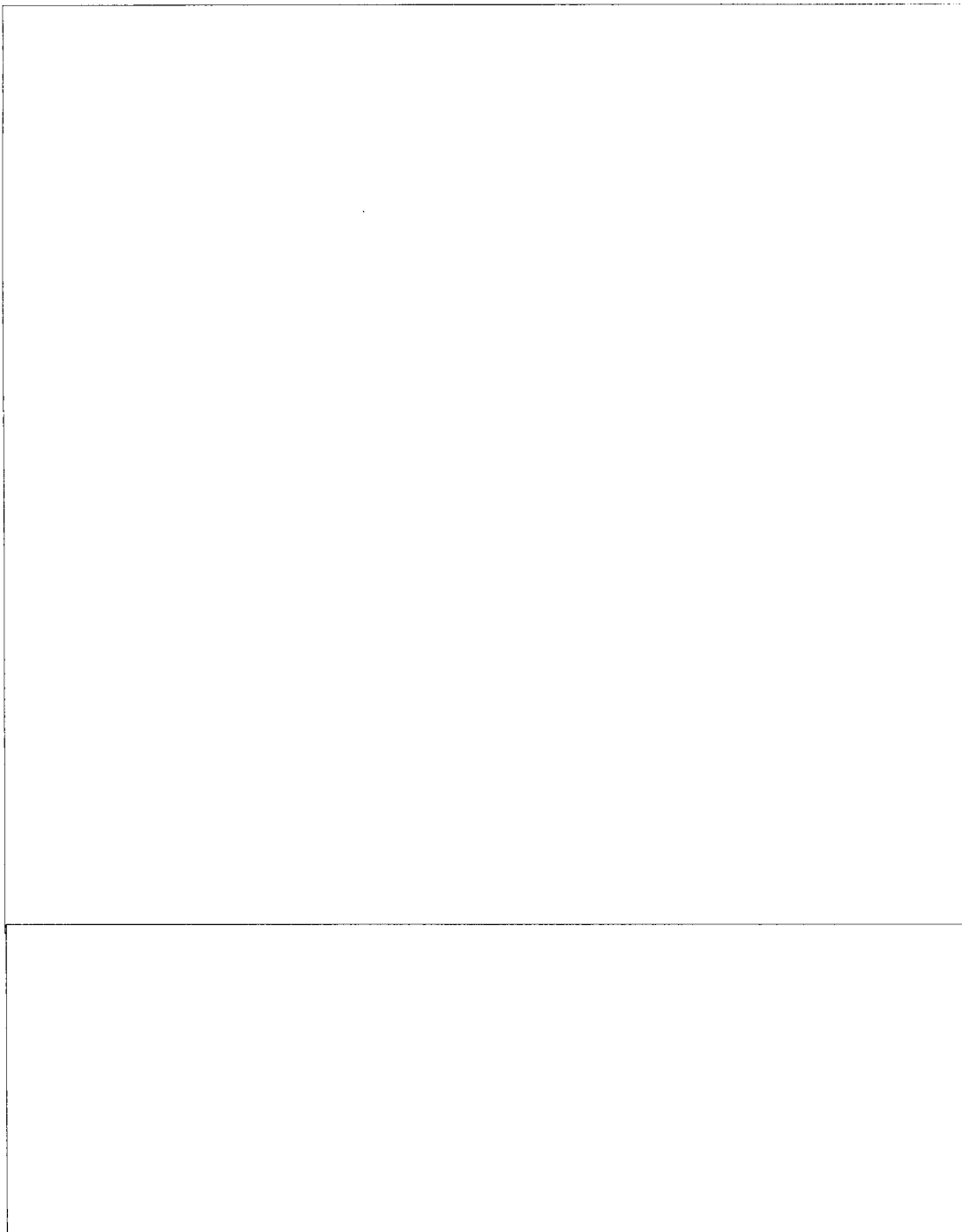
5. ITALY. Communist press echoes charges that United States is using BW in Korea: The Communists are giving great press publicity to stories from Korea alleging that the US is spreading bacilli behind the North Korean lines. The US Embassy in Rome is beginning to receive inspired "protests" from local labor organizations and believes that despite official denials, the Communists intend to push their campaign. 

Comment: The Communists are doubtless striving to fan anti-American feeling among Italian workers in order to disrupt defense production.



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