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1. Communists may expand propaganda to include chemical warfare in Korea:

US Army Korea                      A 13 March message from a North Korean  
 15 Mar 52      *SK-H-586*      unit in a rear area reports: "On 7 March  
 SUEDE                      the enemy used chemical weapons . . . (they)  
    *Solst Comm gys*      were white colored powder, which are soluble  
 in water. It is said that when one drinks the water . . . he will be killed  
 instantaneously. This has been discovered by the medical section of the  
 Volunteer troops stationed here."

Comment: Previous Communist propaganda charges against the UN have been preceded by similar "reports." The alleged discovery of a toxic chemical by a Chinese Communist unit may indicate that China is taking the initiative in expanding the campaign to include chemical warfare.

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