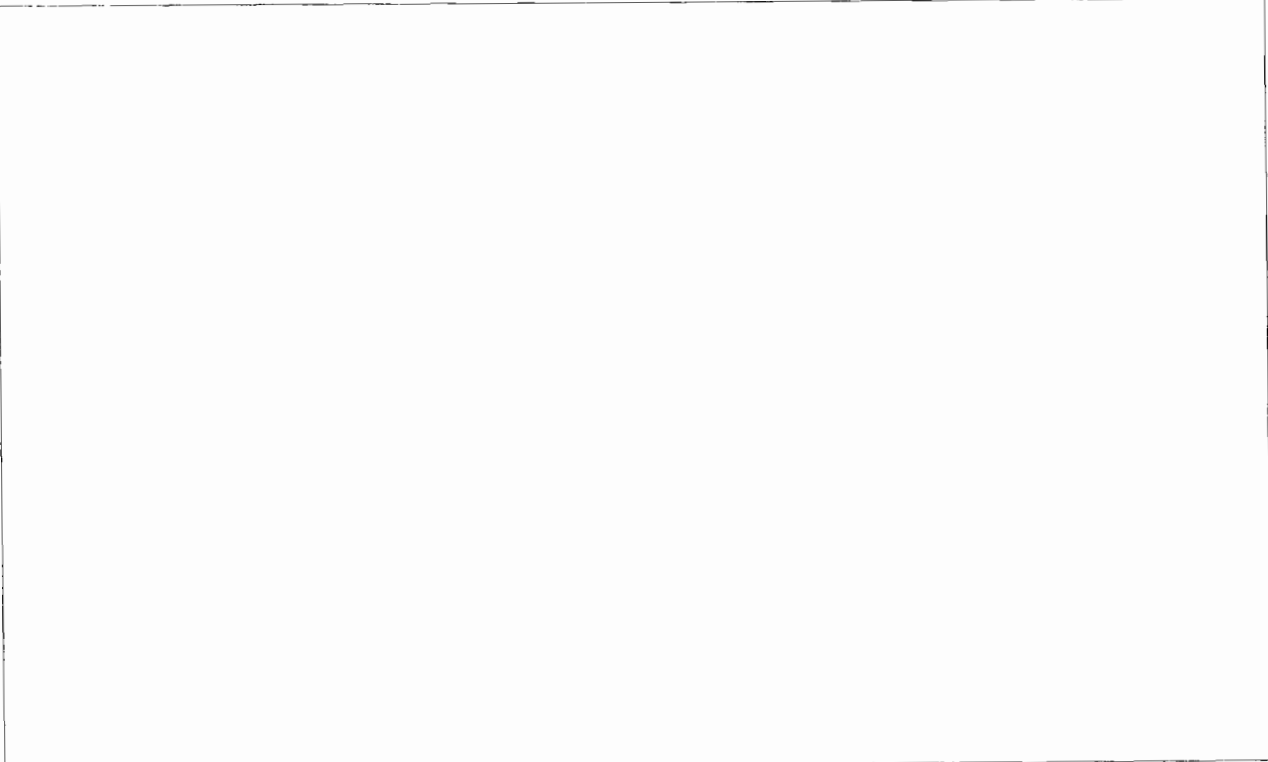


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8. KOREA. Presence of new Chinese Communist Division confirmed: A 28 August Chinese message confirms the presence of the 139th Chinese Communist division (47th Army) in North Korea. (SUEDE, TIK-1003 H 155 W 294, 30 Aug 51).

Comment: While the 140th Division of the 47th Army has previously been identified in Korea, this is the first evidence that the other elements of the 47th Army are in Korea.

9. North Korean division artillery to be strengthened: A North Korean artillery message indicates that a 120mm mortar battalion, consisting of three companies of four guns each, is to be activated in each North Korean division. This battalion will be in addition to the companies previously known to be organic to each of a division's three infantry regiments. (SUEDE, TIK-1003 H 155 W 294, 30 Aug 51).

Comment: It will be recalled that North Korean front line corps recently received mountain artillery units. The activation of 120mm mortar battalions will add considerably to the heavy weapons support of the North Koreans.

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