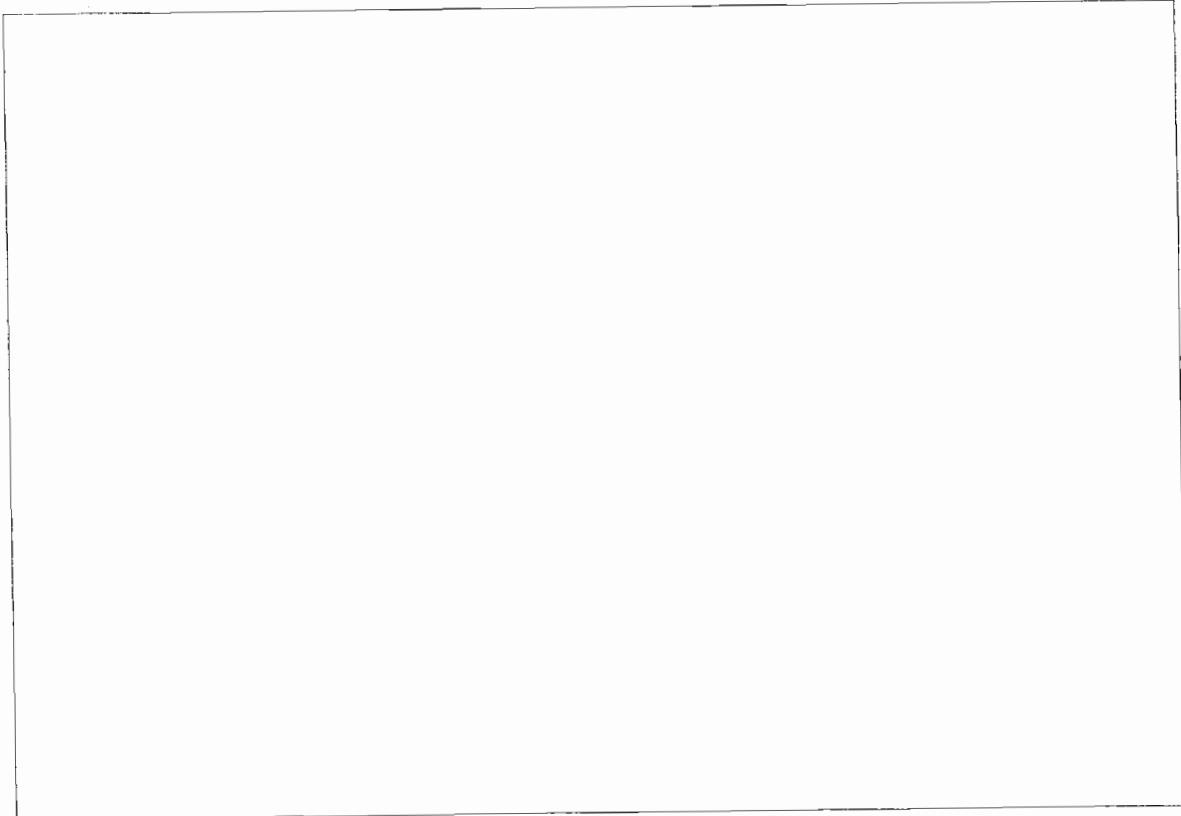


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8. Experienced "Soviet" fighters practice strafing at Anshan: Twelve IA-11 conventional fighters at Anshan were scheduled to practice "strafing" on the night of 24 November. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 246, 2115Z, 26 Nov 51)

Comment: A Soviet-controlled group of about 25 IA-11 conventional fighters has carried out nightly patrols into Korea from Anshan since early October. This message suggests that these aircraft are also training for ground support or harassing operations--which is in contrast to the exclusively defensive role hitherto played by Soviet-controlled aircraft in Korea.

9. More Soviet-controlled fighter aircraft indicated in Manchuria: A message from Antung to Mukden stated that seven "Soviet" YAK-15(?) jet fighters were to leave on 24 November. Ten IA-11 conventional fighters, with a Soviet pilot in the lead aircraft, were scheduled for "target practice" on 26 November at Changchun. (SUEDE HQ PAC CM IN 56821 and 56006, 25 Nov 51)

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Comment: These messages indicate the existence in Manchuria of Soviet-controlled aircraft in addition to MIG-15's in the Antung area and IA-11's at Anshan. Chinese Communist messages have not previously referred to "Soviet" YAK-15's (an older jet aircraft, inferior to the MIG-15), and this message may be garbled. While IA-11 conventional fighters at Anshan have occasionally been referred to as "Soviet," no IA-11's were known to be based at Changchun.

10. KOREA. North Korean security regiment "anticipates mutiny": The 8th Regiment, a railway security and training unit located near the Chongjin Reservoir, notified its divisional headquarters on 23 November that an individual in the regiment had been "gathering his members for approximately ten days. . .cut the communications line and shot the responsible officer of each section" before deserting. The message concluded: "We anticipate mutiny." A second regimental message stated that 62 individuals were involved and that a pursuit had been organized. (SUEDE AS CM IN 55620 and 55621, 24 Nov 51)

Comment: Messages between the division and its regiments over a period of several weeks have indicated that desertions are a continuing problem, although in the past these incidents have been limited to five individuals or less. The present "mutiny" is on the largest scale noted to date and indicates that divisional authorities are still unable to control this security problem.

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