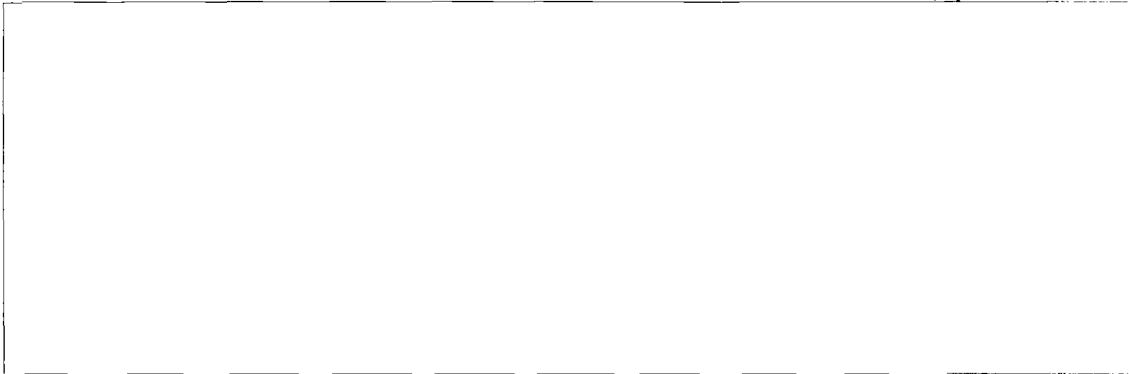


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3. Chinese again report civilian suffering in North Korea:

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The supply component of the Chinese Communist 7th Artillery Division in central Korea reported in a 28 March message that "... there is a large segment of the civilian population which is without food." The message urged that Chinese Communist units should make some contributions "to alleviate some of these distressing cases." The sender suggested that Chinese rice might be exchanged for Korean straw for roof thatching.

Comment: Civilian food shortages, already critical, are probably being accentuated by the traditional "spring hunger" --the period between consumption of the fall rice harvest and the maturing of the summer grains in June.

All indications, however, point to a continued adequate level of supply for both Chinese Communist and North Korean military units.

4. Chinese guard against plague threat from Korea:

Chinese Communist
Military
1 Apr 52 K-1449
SUEDE

The Chinese Communists are restricting the return from Korea of personnel without an inoculation record and a "no-plague" certificate. An intercept from the Chinese military net in Korea says that only some 500 of the more than 800 persons entering the border city of Antung on 25 March had their records with them.

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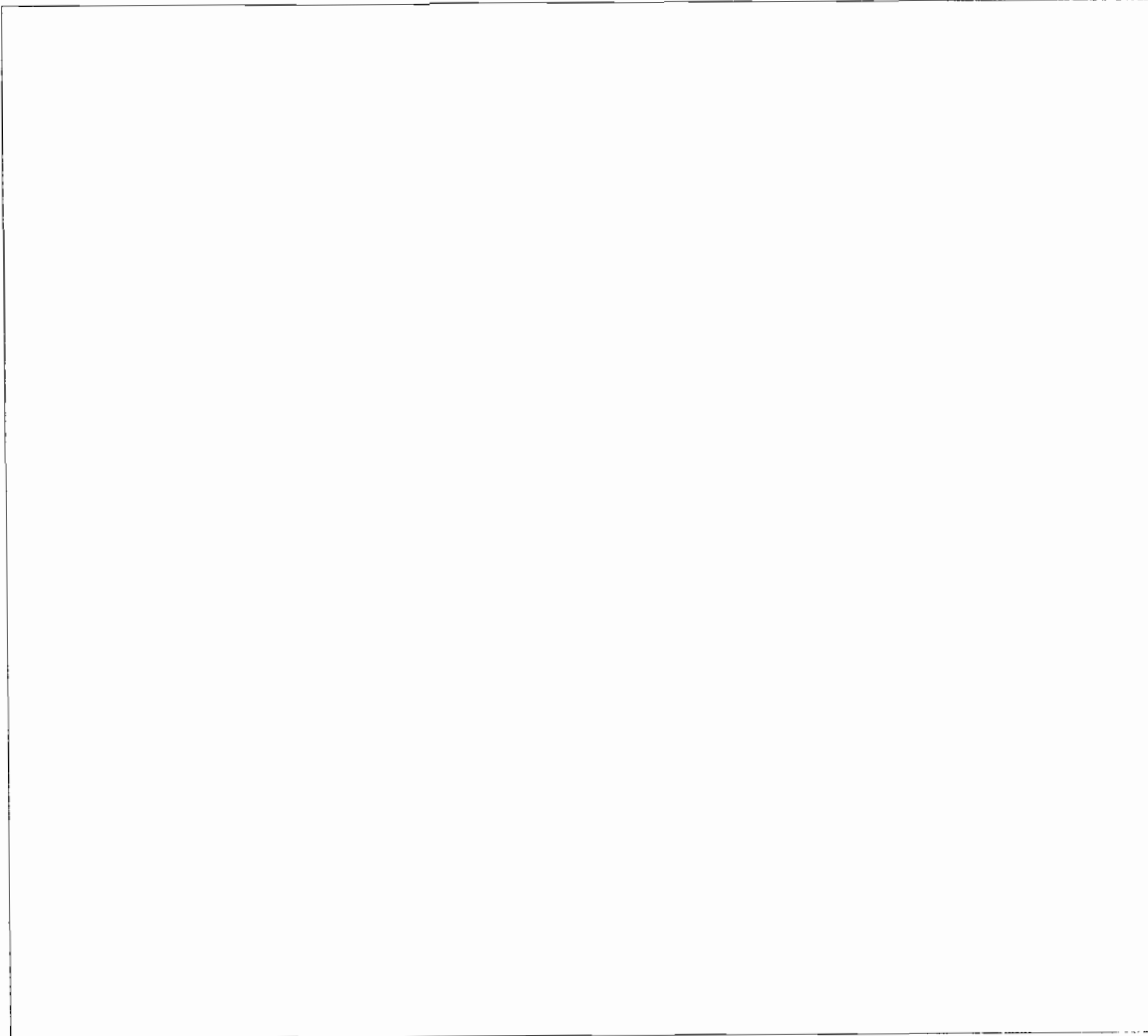
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Comment: The numerous reports of plague in Manchuria are unconfirmed, although several Chinese Communist messages have emphasized epidemic control. Communist precautions are understandable in view of the fact that plague is endemic to the area. They also serve to emphasize the biological warfare charges.



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