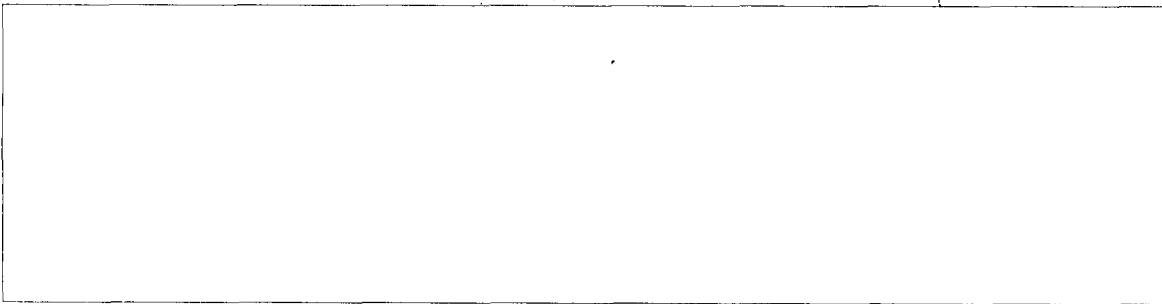


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"C" KOREA. Special Hospital in Manchuria for "International Volunteer Army."

[redacted] reports that a special hospital has been established at Suifenho (in northeastern Manchuria near the Sino-Soviet border) to care for seriously wounded North Korean, Outer Mongolian, Japanese, and German troops and for Soviet aviators and technicians. ([redacted] 18 Apr 51). COMMENT: This is the first mention of German "troops" in connection with the Korean War although previous reports dealing with the "IVA"---which remains unconfirmed---have stated that Mongolians and Japanese would participate in the Korean War as ground units. It is very doubtful that a special hospital of such an "international" character would include facilities for North Koreans.

"C" Nutrition Problem Serious Among Chinese Communist Troops.

[redacted] observes that troops at the front (in Korea) are suffering semi-starvation because they are unable to light cooking fires for fear of air attacks. Large quantities of prepared foods are being shipped into Korea from Manchuria but the food is not arriving on time. ([redacted] 18 Apr 51). COMMENT: All available evidence supports the above views concerning a serious shortage of food among Chinese Communist troops in Korea. This, however, is the first occasion that such shortages have been attributed to lack of preparation facilities rather than to lack of food itself.



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