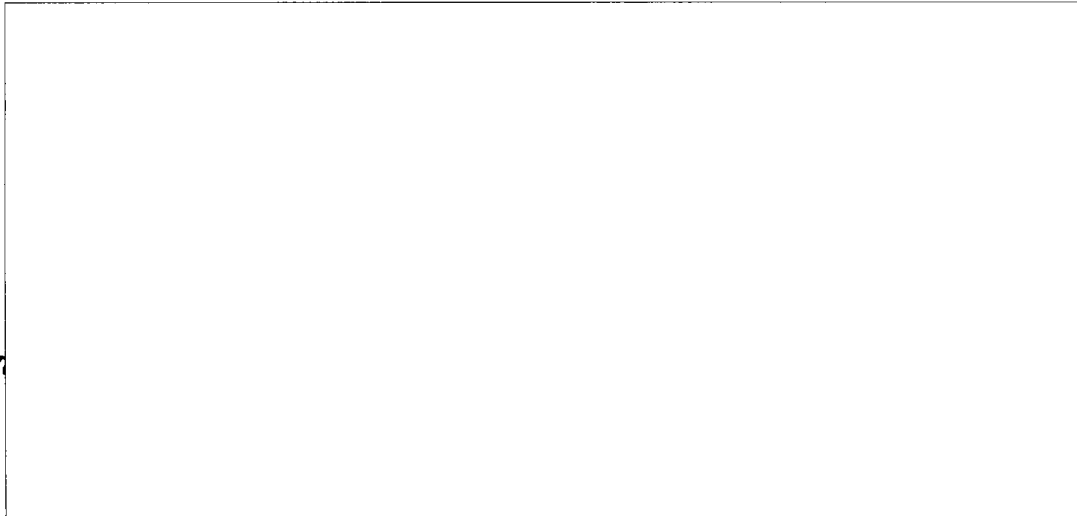


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8. CHINA. Chinese Communists reportedly preparing for "coming" world war: [redacted]
 [redacted] the Peiping regime issued "circular orders" to all Party and government organizations "to prepare for a coming world war." [redacted]

Comment: Reports have been received periodically for more than two years, especially during the first few months after the outbreak of the Korean conflict in June 1950, that the Peiping regime was preparing for global hostilities at some definite date; all such reports have been invalidated by events. It is true that Peiping is preparing for an eventual global conflict, as the Chinese Communists, like all Stalinists, are committed to the view that a "final conflict" is inevitable. Moreover, Peiping has been preparing since its intervention in Korea for a possible expansion of the Korean conflict. However, [redacted]
 [redacted] it is questionable that Peiping would widely circulate its knowledge or expectation of an imminent world war.

9. Chinese Communist preparations and Soviet troop movements are alleged:
 [redacted]

- (a) The Chinese Communists are "feverishly preparing" for a new offensive in Korea, in the event of a failure of the Kaesong talks, and "about one million new troops are pouring into the battle-front";
- (b) Two Soviet infantry divisions arrived at Mukden in late July and are rumored to be held for action in Korea if the Kaesong talks fail;

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- (c) Two Soviet anti-aircraft artillery regiments of the 18th Division arrived in Dairen at the end of July and will be transferred to Antung and Mukden;
- (d) The CCAF in Manchuria has been building up for action in Korea and for invasion of Japan "in the event of a third world war"; and
- (e) P'eng Teh-huai has been replaced as Chinese Communist commanding officer in Korea by Nieh Jung-chen.

[Redacted]

Comment:

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[Redacted] The assertion that one million new troops are "pouring" into Korea is almost certainly false. There is no confirmation of the arrival of Soviet divisions at Mukden and no new Soviet ground units are known to have arrived at Dairen. [Redacted] an imminent Sino-Soviet operation against Japan are not supported by the bulk of available evidence. Pyongyang radio identified P'eng Teh-huai as in command in Korea on 23 August; Nieh Jung-chen is believed to be in Peiping.

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