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6. CHINA. MIG-15 jets fly to Antung from airfield in Port Arthur naval base area. Fifteen MIG-15 jet fighters flew from Chinchou near Dairen to Antung on 7 October, and there was a similar flight the previous day from possibly the same airfield to Antung, according to Chinese Communist messages. An apparently related message of 8 October states that the "Soviet's Chinchou to Antung forecast is the same as yesterday." (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 214, 8 Oct; []-3655, Shenyang-Antung 8 Oct 51)

Comment: These flights are unusual in that they are the first detected jet flights from the Port Arthur naval base area, which is presumably Soviet-controlled, to Antung, the base for many of the MIG-15's which operate over northwest Korea.

The term "Soviet" has appeared in other Chinese Communist messages about Korean combat flights, but in none of these messages is it clear whether "Soviet" refers to elements of a Soviet air unit or to Soviet-piloted aircraft under actual or nominal Chinese Communist subordination.

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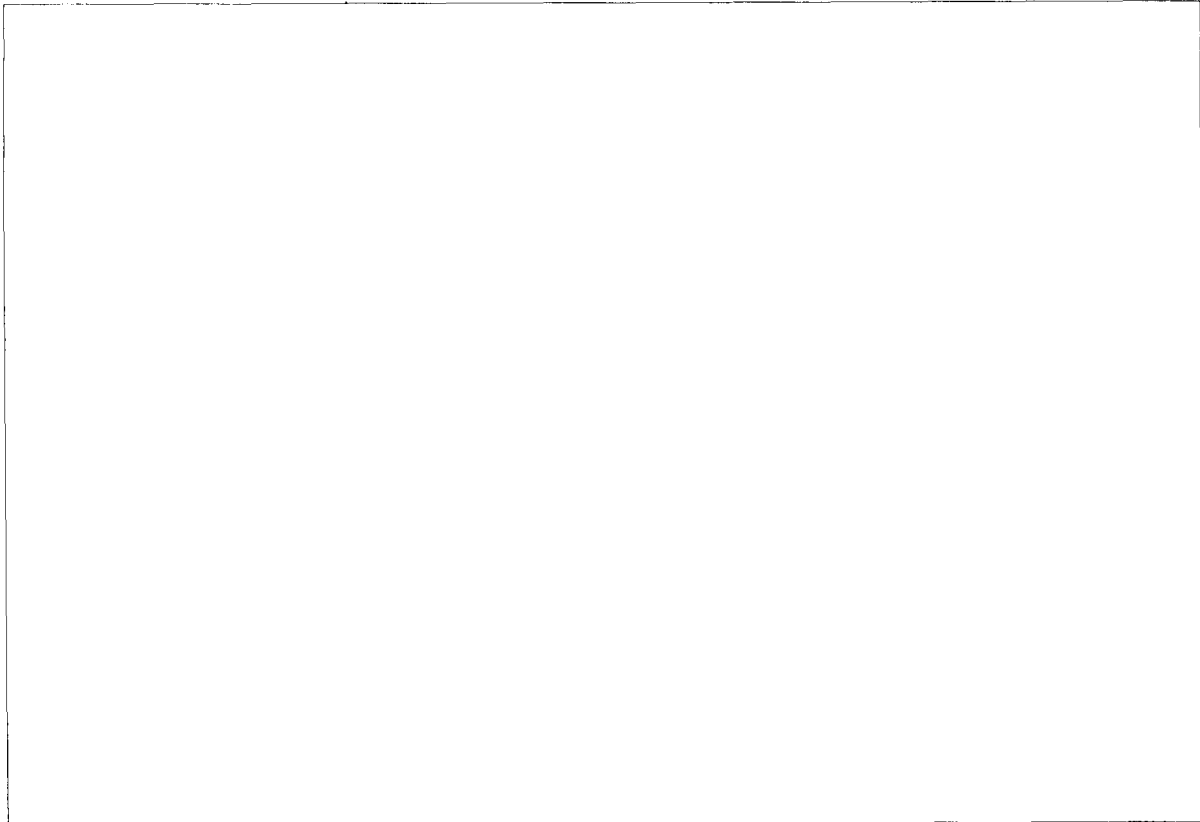
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10. KOREA. North Korean conventional aircraft move from training area to operational base: According to preliminary field translations, a move of at least 14 North Korean IA-9 conventional fighter aircraft from a training field at Fengcheng in Manchuria to an operational field at Sinuiju took place on 8 and 10 October. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 216, 10 Oct 51)

Comment: This forward movement of North Korean operational aircraft may indicate either the completion of an advanced training cycle and the preparation for combat of a group of North Korean pilots or a shortage of such aircraft due to combat losses among the limited number of North Korean aircraft at Sinuiju.



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