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1. Communists may expand propaganda to include chemical warfare in Korea:

US Army Korea

A 13 March message from a North Korean

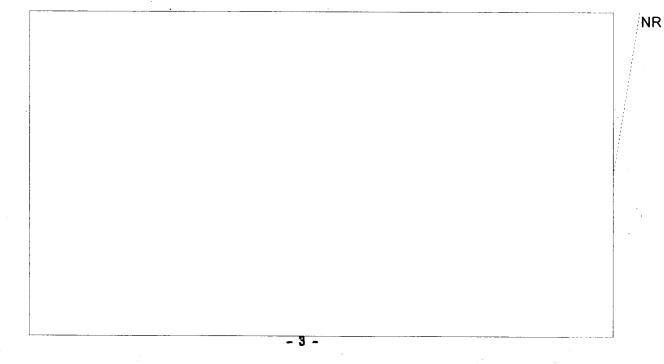
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unit in a rear area reports: "On 7 March
the enemy used chemical weapons... (they)

were white colored powder, which are soluble
in water. It is said that when one drinks the water... he will be killed
instantaneously. This has been discovered by the medical section of the
Volunteer troops stationed here."

Comment: Previous Communist propaganda charges against the UN have been preceded by similar "reports," The alleged discovery of a toxic chemical by a Chinese Communist unit may indicate that China is taking the initiative in expanding the campaign to include chemical warfare.



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