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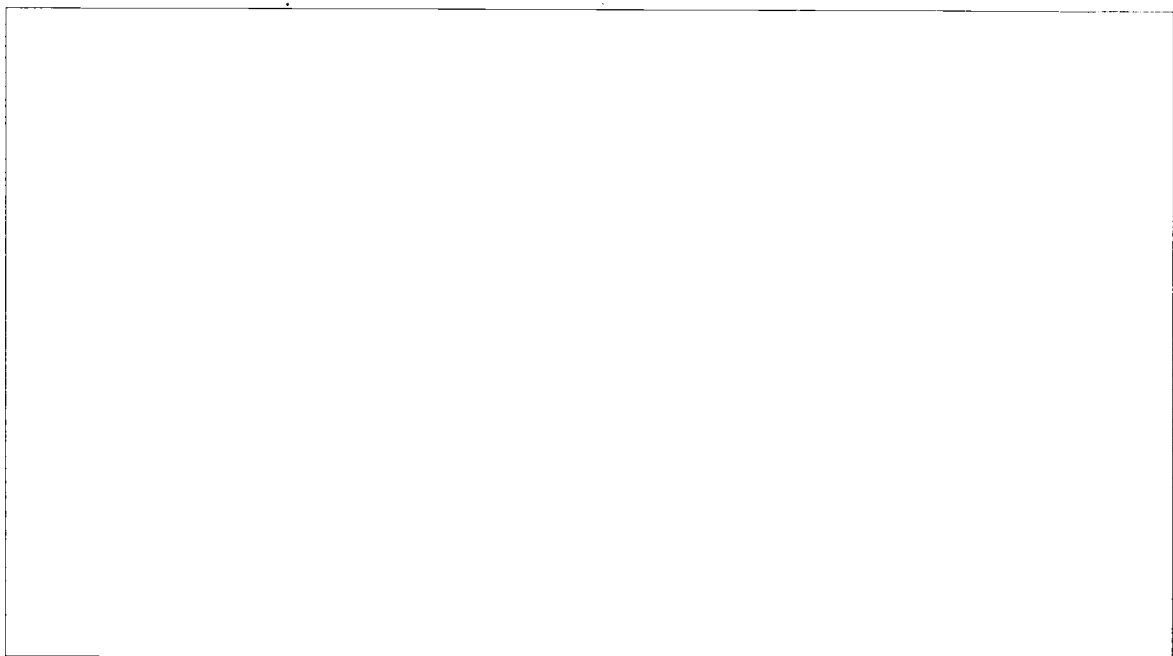
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1. Communists may expand propaganda to include chemical warfare in Korea:

<p>US Army Korea 15 Mar 52 SUEDE</p>	<p><i>SK-H-586</i> <i>Solst Commun gys</i></p>	<p>A 13 March message from a North Korean 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."</p>
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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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