9. KOREA. New Chinese Communist armies reported in Korea: The commander of the Chinese Communist 2nd Army Group, 1st Field Army, was appointed to command the western sector of the Korean battle front in early January. Two of the 2nd Army Group's armies--the 4th and 8th--moved into this sector during this period. (24 Jan 52)

Comment: There is no confirmation of this move. However, such a rotation of 1st Field Army units and command would be feasible. The western Kaesong sector is now held by the 19th Army Group--63rd, 64th and 65th Armies--subordinate to the 1st Field Army and active in Korea since early spring of 1951.