3. KOREA. Food situation of North Korean battalion stated: A North Korean battalion commander's message on 8 March states that 34 kilograms of cleaned rice and 30 kilograms of wheat, "one day's ration of 180 persons," had been
requested and refused by a supply unit, and "it is
difficult to serve food from 10 March." (SUEDE 501st
Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-H-301, 10 Mar 52)

Comment: It has been generally believed that the
enemy units were supplied with about one kilogram of food
per day per man. This message, however, indicates that
only one-third of a kilogram of grain—the bulk of the
Communist diet—was to be supplied.

4. Chinese Communist unit reports shoe shortage: A Chinese
Communist message on 4 March to an unidentified division
commander from one of his subordinate regiments indicates
that 90 percent of the men in one of the regimental units
do not have shoes. The originator requests that "the
commander issue... many shoes to alleviate the unprecedented
critical need." Another Chinese Communist message, possibly
from the same organization, however, says that except for the
20th artillery regiment, all "the others" have received
their allotment of cotton shoes. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon
Grp Korea, K-1350 and K-1368, 9 Mar 52)

Comment: The Communist supply situation has been
generally good during the past months. This is probably
an isolated incident.

5. CHINA. Messages of MIG-15 flights from
Tatungkou, on the Yalu River, have not been intercepted
since 20 February.

The US Air Force comments that the Russian operated
ground-controlled-intercept nets in Korea on which Chinese
units have operated reveal no significant decrease in jet
sorties into Korea in recent weeks. (SUEDE Air Force
Roundup 49 2049Z, 10 Mar 52)

Comment: remained the only combat field
from which flight reports were consistently intercepted.