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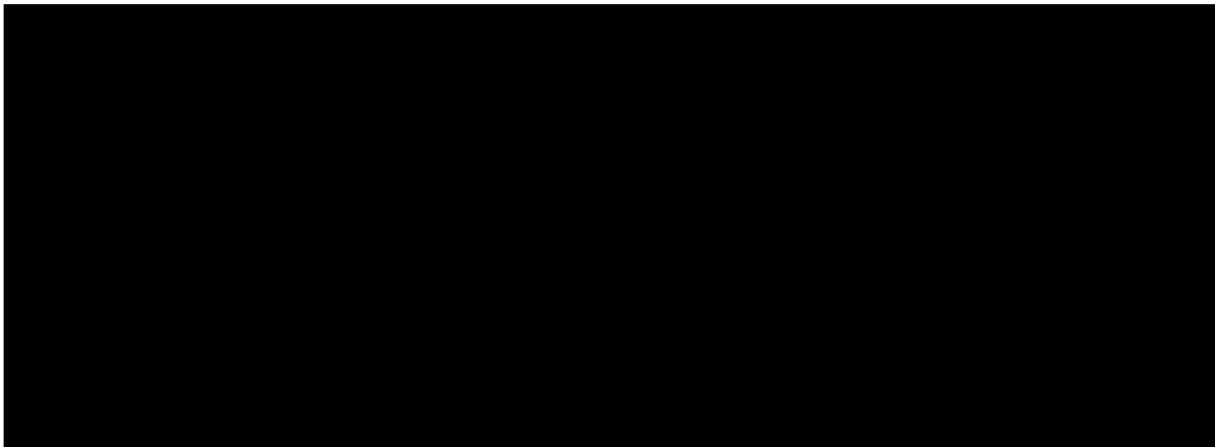
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- The North Korean I, VI, and III Corps on the west central front are green unproven corps who need much more training.
- In a secret meeting attended by North Korean GHQ officers, Political Commander KIM Il officially admitted that the North Korean troops are in poor condition for a war alone against UN forces. During the last spring offensive, the North Korean I Corps was beaten to such an extent by the ROK 1 Division that the North Korean government began to view the war with a new outlook. The North Korean VII, VIII and IX Corps on the east central front, and the X, XII and XV Corps<sup>1</sup> on the eastern front are composed of untried green troops.
- The North Korean GHQ Artillery Commander, General KIM Mu-chong, stated that the present North Korean troops need approximately 8 months' training before they can be effective. The North Korean IV Corps, having received approximately 6 months' training in Manchuria, will rotate with the green North Korean troops at the front until the peak of combat efficiency is reached.
- The North Korean Air Force, numbering approximately 5,000 men, received training in Harbin and Tsitsihar, and now has approximately 150 planes received from the USSR.
- The recently activated North Korean tank division has received approximately 300 T-34 tanks from the USSR.<sup>2</sup>

- 25X1C Comment. 25X1X [REDACTED] referring to divisions rather than corps.
- 25X1C Comment. 25X1A [REDACTED] stated that the North Koreans had been given 300 tanks and that a North Korean tank division was in training at Yenchi.

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