

Reds Have Edge In Air

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NEW YORK, Mon. —
The Soviet Union has 4,500 planes based in the Far East in addition to the Communist Air Forces in Manchuria and Korea, it was reported yesterday from Tokio.

Gen. Weyland, commander of the U.S. Far East air forces, gave this estimate in an interview, and added that the Chinese have about 2,500 com-

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He conceded that American planes in the Far East area are greatly outnumbered, but said they could make an air intruder pay heavily.

All-Out Attack

"If an all-out attack were launched against Japan from a combination of the bordering Communist nations while we are engaged in the current Korean operations," the general said, "the present strength of the Far East air forces could not adequately cope with the composite air power which could oppose us.

"It should be pointed out, however, that we could be reinforced very quickly from the United States."

Commenting on mysterious flying objects sighted over Northern Japan, Gen. Weyland said: "Our evaluations to date of reports on so-called discs and other unidentified objects leave us unalarmed, but not disinterested."

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He said U.S. Air Force planes
have not been flying over
Manchuria, as charged by
Communist propaganda radio
broadcasts.
