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24786	*Communist China - USSR - Nuclear Weapons:
	Communist China will produce a plutonium weapon in "two or three years" and will then be "prepared to fight a war."
	Peiping still holds the view that a nuclear war would destroy capitalism and leave the field clear for Chinese survivors to build a new world. Moscow had taken "extraordinary meas-
	ures' to convince the Chinese they were mistaken, had stopped nuclear assistance to China "several years ago," and had never given Peiping help with or information concerning a diffusion plant.
	the Chinese could explode their lirst nuclear device sometime in 1963.
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