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1. North Koreans attack in central sector--North Korean forces in considerable strength are attacking US positions in the central sector near the vital city of Yongdong, and at the same time enemy forces are attempting to turn the defensive flanks in the extreme south and along the east coast near the battered city of Yongdok. Present evidence indicates the invading forces have the reserves and equipment necessary to launch a major onslaught designed to destroy the defending UN forces or to push them into the sea. In the southern area, the North Korean Fourth Division has advanced well beyond Hadong along the road toward Chinju and enemy forces in battalion strength have occupied the port city of Yosu. Along the northern flank, the battered port city of Yongdok has reportedly been recaptured by South Korean forces following a saturation bombardment of the city by US naval forces. The navy also bombarded other points in enemy-held territory along the east coast.

Approximately 132 of the 210 South Korean National Assemblymen met in Taegu for their first post-invasion meeting to hear President Rhee and Assembly Speaker Shin declare their confidence in an eventual UN victory in Korea. Rhee and Shin also expressed confidence that the 38th Parallel boundary would be abolished and that the fatherland would be unified. During the course of this meeting, radio broadcasts originating from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang sent out an appeal allegedly made by 48 former members of the South Korean National Assembly in Seoul asking the Assemblymen in Taegu to withdraw their support of Rhee and come over to the side of the "people." Foreign correspondents of the Communist press of France, England, and China, now touring North Korean cities that have been bombed by US forces, report that US planes are bombing from above the clouds and clearly engaging in "terroristic bombing designed to kill the peaceful inhabitants." Such reports are obviously designed to feed the Communist propaganda charging that the US is the aggressor against Asiatic peoples.

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