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1. Enemy reported crossing Naktong River -- North Korean forces have reportedly succeeded in crossing the vital Naktong River at two points, one near Hamchang in the northern tip of the west sector and one south of Andong in the northern sector. Mean-while, northern forces are exerting their heaviest pressure in the Chinju area on the south coast; one enemy unit has pushed 20 miles east of Chinju, but UN forces are apparently holding firm on the north and south flanks and are still within 12 miles of the city. The enemy is continuing its build-up in the vicinity of Kumchon and heavy fighting is reported on the east coast where South Korean forces still hold the city of Yongdok.

A concentration of Communist guerrilla forces has been reported northwest of Taegu airstrip and other guerrillas are located southwest of Yongdok and northeast of Samnangjin, where UN reserve forces are situated. North Korean reserves capable of joining the battle have been reported as the First Division near Chinju, the Ninth and Fourteenth Divisions in the Taejon area and the Fifteenth Division at Yongdong.

In a further attempt to back up its charges of South Korean aggression, North Korean propaganda is now broadcasting the details of an alleged US plan for the invasion of North Korea. The broadcasts assert that the "plan" was found in Seoul.

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