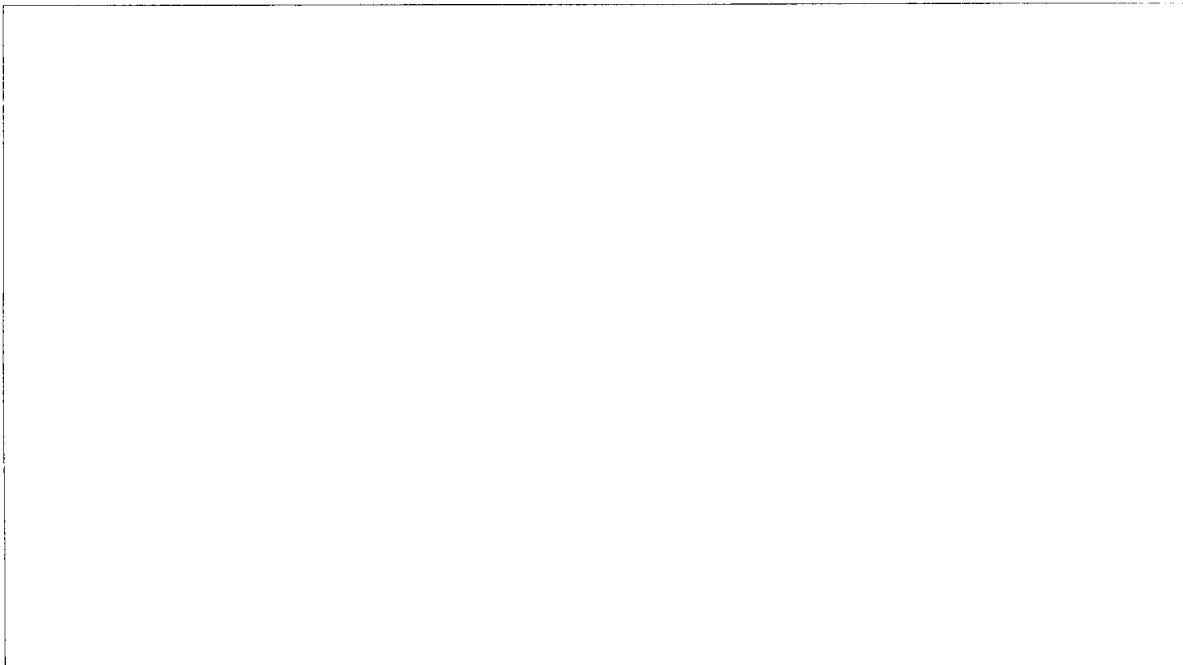


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17. KOREA. Serious friction between Chinese and North Korean troops reported:
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 between Chinese Communist and North Korean troops has necessitated the setting up of a committee headed by a high-ranking North Korean cabinet officer to settle "differences" between the two armies.

During September, 20 minor incidents among the enemy troops resulted in the death of nine North Koreans and eighteen Chinese Communists. The situation was so serious that on 20 October the Chinese Communist "38th and 39th Armies moved from the west front to the west-central" to avoid contact with their allies, and the North Korean II Corps commander was ordered to "put forth more effort" to prevent conflict between his troops and the CCF.

On 1 October, the Communist "Joint Operations Board" discussed the subject and the causes of irritation. CCF charges that the Koreans had failed to provide food were countered by Korean charges of "poor handling of the war" and "humiliating tactics" on the part of the Chinese. When the Chinese threatened to report the facts to "Moscow and Peiping," the North Koreans stated that they "would rather fight the war alone." Finally a "subcommittee" headed by the North Korean Minister of Interior Pak Il-u was formed to "iron out the differences." [redacted]

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