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1. Defense lines stable, but enemy build-up continues—No major changes have occurred in the defense line during the past 24 hours, but the continuing build-up of enemy pressure in all sectors increases the possibility that the North Koreans are preparing for another onslaught. In the south, the North Korean Fourth Division was forced back two miles by attacking US forces east of Hadong. In the area southwest of Yongdong, envelopment isolated one company of US troops; a second attack by the enemy succeeded in making a minor penetration into southern-held territory near Kidae. On the eastern sector south of Yongju, UN forces repulsed the Seventh North Korean Division offensive which was supported by tanks.

North Korean propaganda, which is being supervised by Soviet advisors, is stressing Stalin's reply to Nehru's letter on the Korean issue as further evidence of the Soviet desire to defend the peace and security of the world. Radio broadcasts state that the North Korean regime would welcome a "peaceful settlement," but repeat the point made by Stalin to Nehru that the door to such a peaceful settlement will be open only after delegates of the Chinese People's Republic are seated in the UN and the Security Council hears "representatives" of the Korean people.

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