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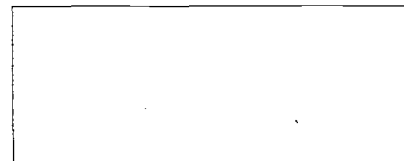
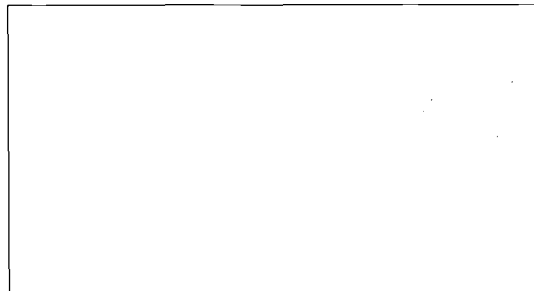
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KOREA

1. UN forces near Chinju; Pohang threatened by invaders--
UN forces continuing their attack on the southern front against sporadic opposition have now driven within a few miles of Chinju. An enemy bridgehead containing two regiments in the central sector southwest of Taegu is stubbornly holding on; enemy troops and equipment are being built up in considerable strength on the west side of the Naktong above this bridgehead. Little change took place during the past 24 hours in the general northern sector, but an enemy force of two regiments, supported by artillery and tanks, is now fighting in Pohang and threatening the nearby fighter airfield at Yonil. UN air and naval units continued to provide close support for ground troops at various points along the defense perimeter.

US Ambassador Muccio in Korea reports that, of the 20,000 South Korean personnel in training, an estimated 5,000 are now available for combat. A lack of small arms and infantry support weapons, however, makes it impossible to utilize these 5,000, and Muccio recommends that the necessary weapons be forwarded by airlift.

Radio Pyongyang has announced that as of 31 July, 49.5 percent of all crop taxes in kind had been paid and has called on the People's Committees to see to it that crops are harvested on time. The unusually low percentage figure (North Koreans regularly claim 90 percent) may indicate a shortage of North Korean agricultural manpower and security police forces.



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