1. Chinese Communist light bomber divisions may enter combat:

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The commanders of the Eighth and Tenth
Chinese Communist Air Divisions, which are
equipped with TU-2 light bombers, flew to
Antung on the Korean-Manchurian border on
29 October. The Air Force comments that these visits suggest a high-level
conference at Antung, at which the entry of TU-2's into the Korean war may
have been considered.

Comment: Since October the Eighth Air Division
and a regiment of the Tenth have been based at Mukden and Liaoyang re-
spectively. The Korean battlefront is well within the operational radius of
TU-2's from these fields.

A significant increase in bomber strength and
intensity of training was noted in Manchuria during October, when the
Chinese concentrated all their known light bomber strength, about 100
TU-2's, in Manchuria by moving several bomber-equipped divisions from
China. The Tenth Division bombers at Liaoyang appear to be employing
particularly specialized tactics, with one or more bombers equipped with
radar.