5. Soviet pilots show reluctance to engage UN aircraft: Air-ground communications in the second week of August indicated that many Soviet pilots were again reluctant to engage UN fighter aircraft. While the enemy air defense network shows a consistent determination to intercept UN planes, the pilots have not always been equally aggressive.

This contrasts with the first week of August, when there was daily combat which ranged from the Yalu River to south of Pyongyang. During the latter part of the week, all nine regiments heard on the GCI net were actively engaged. (CANOE AF Roundup 154, 12 Aug; 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, SG 444, 12 Aug 52)

Comment: United Nations fighter pilots probably destroyed 26 enemy aircraft and damaged 30 during the first two weeks of August.

A new high in air activity was recorded on the GCI net during the first week, with an average of 37 daylight and 15 night flights. On 6 August 264 MIG's were noted in daylight flights on the GCI net, of which 250 were sighted by Allied pilots. During the second week, however, there has been a progressive decline in the number of MIG-15's observed and engaged by UN fighters.

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6. North Korean division fears UN communications intelligence effort: On 11 August, a communications officer of the North Korean 8th Division on coastal security duty south of Wonsan ordered: "since there is apprehension that there is a security leak due to using the code for a long time... draw up a new code... similar to the code drawn up by Corps. " (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-655, 12 Aug 52)

Comment: The North Korean 8th Division's communications traffic has been a prolific source of information for a long time.

7. North Korean unit obtains eight oxen for meat ration: A supply officer of a North Korean unit, possibly subordinate to the 21st Brigade, revealed on 11 August that his unit had received "eight oxen for meat." According to the originator, the "regimental commander himself" was to decide what units would be allowed to have the meat. (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-675, 13 Aug 52)

Comment: Most North Korean POW's reveal that they rarely receive any meat; dried salted fish constitutes the chief protein food. It is known that a critical shortage of farm animals exists in North Korea.

8. Korean aid program mentioned in Hungarian message: A recently available Hungarian diplomatic message of 26 June from Pyongyang to Budapest requested that "inasmuch as the Korean aid program is under way," periodic progress reports are to be forwarded for dissemination to the local press. (CANOE D-20993, Pyongyang-Budapest, 26 June 52)

Comment: Both communications intelligence and Radio Pyongyang periodically discuss the receipt in North Korea of relief supplies from the Satellites. There has been no indication to date that any of the Satellites have implemented a program for the economic rehabilitation of North Korea.