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1. Increased fighting in southwest sector--Recently strengthened UN forces in the Chinju-Masan area have launched a limited offensive which may develop into some of the heaviest fighting of the Korean campaign. To the north, enemy forces have crossed the Naktong river in considerable strength; other enemy forces are making repeated attempts to cross the Naktong river at other points along the new defense line. UN forces continue to hold the battered coastal town of Yongdok, the northern pivot of the defense line, but an enemy column is reported to be moving eastward in a flanking attempt.

UN aircraft continued their close support missions for ground troops, while UN naval units attacked North Korean positions along the coast. A force of 50 B-29's raided the rail marshalling yards of the North Korean capital.

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