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6. Enemy to continue heavy attacks in western Korea during October: On 27 September a Chinese artillery regiment in western Korea reported that all three regiments of the Chinese 116th Division were scheduled to "counterattack" certain terrain features in western Korea "in the first part of October." (CANOE L/ [] T-898, 27 Sept 52)

Comment: These scheduled attacks apparently have as their objective key terrain features, including "Kelly Hill," presently held by UN forces in the west.

This message reinforces the assumption that recently intensified Communist operations at the front are limited in their objectives.

7. Communists improving Manchurian airfield: The airfield at Takushan in Manchuria is to be closed for repairs between 3 and 14 October, according to a Chinese Communist message. The reporting unit notes that 40 MIG-15's of the Chinese Communist 18th Air Division have been based at this airfield. (CANOE AP-236 SPOT 426, 30 Sept 52)

Comment: Takushan, with a 7000-foot concrete runway, is one of the airfields in the Manchurian complex from which the Chinese Communists conduct their air operations in Korea. Whether the field is being closed for ordinary maintenance or major reconstruction has not been determined.

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