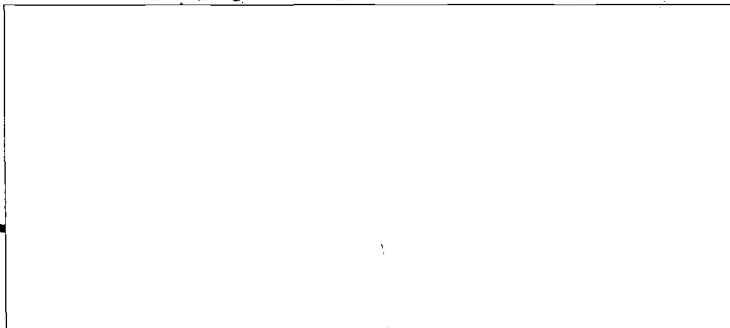


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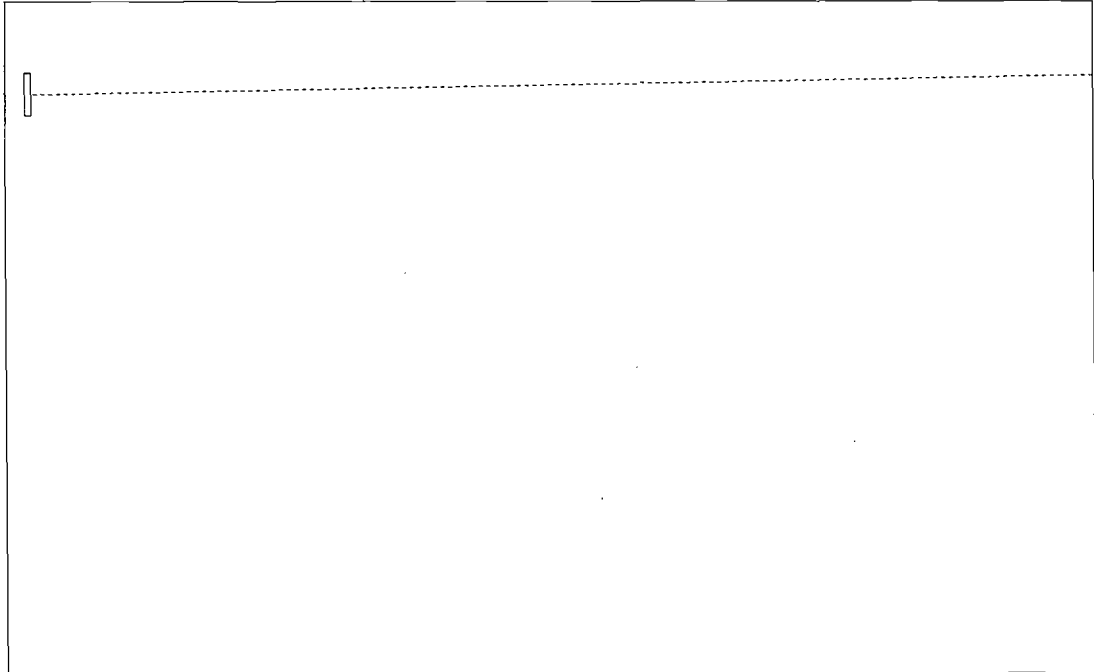
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1. Heavy fighting goes on throughout area--Heavy fighting continues in Korea but no significant changes have been made in those areas where the heavy fighting is taking place. In the Chinju area, US forces have made a planned withdrawal of several miles and have consolidated; Task Force Kean, which has been conducting the offensive near Chinju, has been dissolved and its responsibilities turned over to the US 25th Division. To the north, in the Yongsan area where the North Koreans hold their strongest bridgehead across the Naktong River, the US 24th Division has been reinforced by the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and heavy fighting is taking place. An attempted enemy break-out from this bridgehead and a drive to sever the rail line to Pusan is expected, but latest reports indicate satisfactory US progress in restraining this movement. Farther to the north, in the Tuksong area west of Taegu, another enemy bridgehead has been established and is now under US attack. Immediately north of Tuksong, both US and South Korean troops have made gains against the enemy. To the east, the situation has remained stable. The evacuation by water of the South Korean forces near Yongdok has proceeded without enemy interference. Meanwhile, the South Korean National Assembly reconvened in Taegu on 15 August despite the enemy threat to that city. Of the 139 members registered for 1 August, 120 were present at the session.
2. Rau stresses need for Korean peace plan soon--The Indian UN Delegate, Benegal Rau, has told the US delegation at the UN that he considers it essential to formulate the general terms of a peace plan soon. Rau believes that Malik's propaganda speeches are doing great damage in Asia and



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that only the formulation of a peace plan can meet this propaganda. The Indian delegate considers that the basis of such a plan must be the unification of Korea and the establishment of a free independent government by UN-supervised elections throughout the entire country. Rau also told the US delegation that when he approached Malik concerning his plan for formation of a committee of non-permanent SC members, Malik did not like the proposal but said he might change his mind if shown the advantages. When told by Rau that any proposal for peace must be based on withdrawal of North Korean forces, Malik asked whether "foreign troops" would also withdraw.



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