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7. Chinese Communist bombers attack UN-held island: Nine TU-2 light bombers of the Chinese Communist 8th Air Division were scheduled to fly from Mukden to Antung at noon on 6 November. Friendly sources report that four hours later UN-held Tando Island (50 miles southeast of Antung) was bombed by eleven twin-engine aircraft. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 236, 2130Z 7 Nov; US Air Force Japan CM IN 51692, 8 Nov 51)

Comment: Tando and other UN-held islands have been previously bombed by conventional ground-attack aircraft.

These two reports strongly suggest that the Chinese Communists have begun operational use of TU-2 light bombers in Korea. During October the Communists considerably increased their TU-2 strength in Manchuria, and a recent conference at Antung attended by the commanders of two Chinese Communist light bomber divisions suggested that plans for the operational use of bombers in the Korean war were being considered.

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