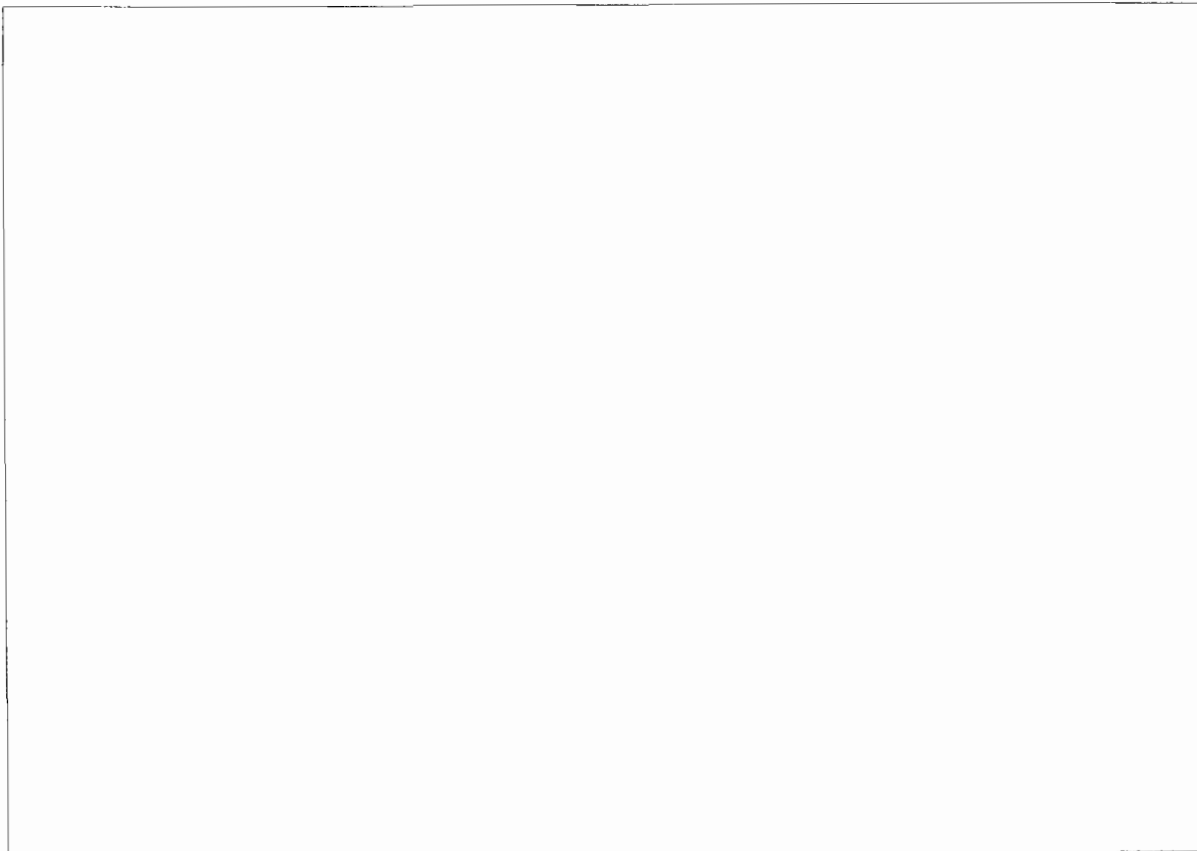


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9. Chinese Communist jet fighter division transfers to combat airfield:
About 50 MIG-15 jet fighters of the Chinese Communist Sixth Air Division transferred on 8 December from Mukden to Tatungkou, near the Korean border. Emergency landing fields for the flight were Fengoheng and Langtou, both within fifty miles of the Korean border. (SUEDE USAFSS CM IN 59289 and 59383, 7 and 8 Dec 51)

Comment: The Sixth Division, as a unit, has not had previous combat experience. It may be scheduled to replace the depleted Third Division, which has been based in the Antung area since 20 October. This is the first reference to Langtou as an emergency field for jet fighters.

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10. KOREA. Communists continue campaign against UN-held islands: Both North Korean and Chinese Communist units are planning or have made amphibious landings on several of the many small UN-held islands of west-central Korea.

On 9 December a company of Chinese Communist troops landed and forced the withdrawal of UN forces from Chungsan island, southwest of Kaesong below the 38th parallel. On 8 December the North Korean 26th Brigade ordered the commander of its 18th Battalion, a self-propelled artillery unit on coastal security southwest of Chinnampo, to attack Pi island, using one company of 76 mm guns to support the operation from the mainland. This same battalion was ordered to "report the enemy movement in Cho, Sok and Hachiwira islands." Some difficulty was experienced by this self-propelled artillery battalion, however, because personnel sent inland earlier to "repair the wooden boats for the attacking party . . . deserted . . . with the ships." (SUEDE AS CM IN 59323, 59327, and 59722, 8, 8 and 10 Dec 51)

Comment: The energy with which the enemy seems to be going about this island-hopping campaign indicates a determination to eliminate all UN influence from this area.

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