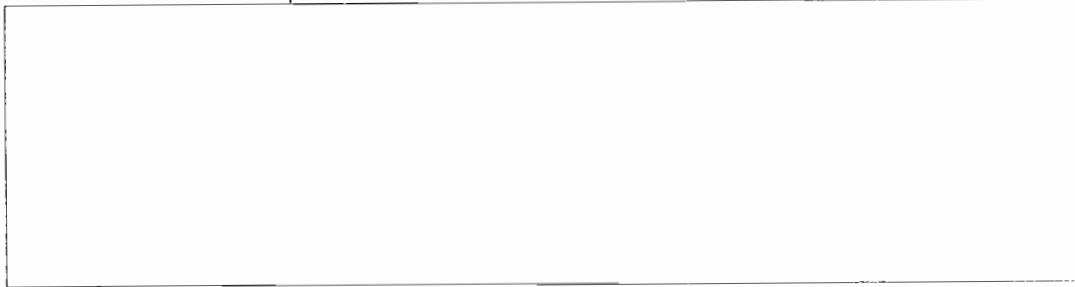
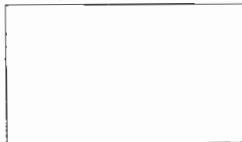



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3. Ranking South Korean army officer opposes northward attack:

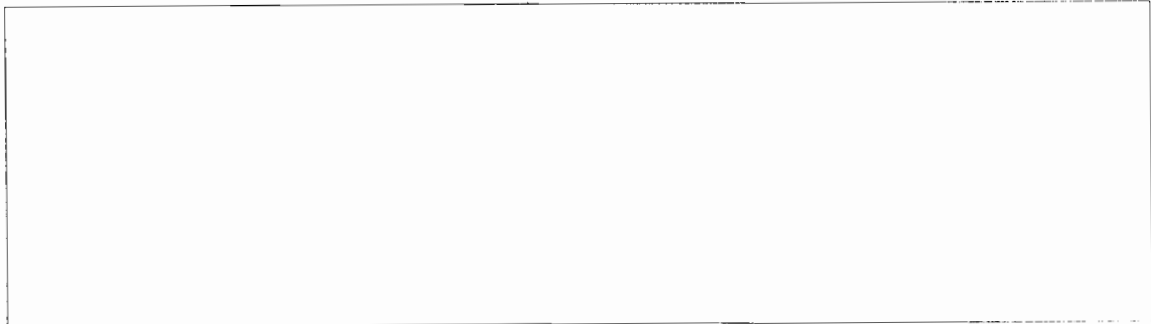


Following a 30 September conference of high-level South Korean military officers, General Chong Il-kwon, commander of the II Corps, stated that if the army were ordered to drive northward without American aid, he would not obey and believed that no other senior officer would, 



General Chong reportedly believes that President Rhee might issue orders any day for a drive to the north, but that the South Korean army is incapable of defeating the Chinese Communists and conquering North Korea without American support.

Comment: The fears of South Korean military commanders represent the only significant internal limitation to precipitate actions by Rhee. While this limitation might be effective if they become convinced that Rhee is heading for national disaster, they do not now form a united or cohesive group.



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