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1. "Aerial no-man's land" reported over northwestern Korea:

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The inability of UN medium bombers to venture north of the Chongchon River in northwestern Korea in daylight hours is cited as demonstrating the loss of UN air superiority in this area.

However, that the "relative freedom of action" enjoyed by high-performance UN jet aircraft over northwestern Korea has in turn prevented the Communists from achieving effective air superiority, in effect establishing an "aerial no-man's land."

Comment: Loss of air superiority north of the Chongchon River has caused the UN to resort to night medium bomber and fighter-bomber missions in an attempt to continue the neutralization of the airfields at Taechon, Namri and Saamchon. The Communists are continuing to augment their antiaircraft defenses at these fields, and considerable construction work continues in the repair and extension of runways.