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OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TRANSMITTING TWO COMMUNIQUEs ISSUED BY THE  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA

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The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communique issued by General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of United Nations Command, during the last twenty-four hours:

Release 498, issued at 4 p.m., Tuesday, 26 September 1950. (2 a.m., Tuesday, Eastern standard time)

Also transmitted is the following communique which was not included in note UN-2970/40, dated 23 September 1950:

Release 496, issued at 9:50 a.m., Tuesday, 26 September 1950 (7:50 p.m., Monday, Eastern standard time)

RELEASE 498 ISSUED AT 4 P.M. TUESDAY  
(2 A.M. TUESDAY EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Hard fighting United States Marines and elements of the United States Seventh Infantry Division and Republic of Korea Army have completed the envelopment and seizure of Seoul, forcing the enemy garrison to flee to the north.

A task force of the United States First Cavalry Division drove twenty miles from Poun yesterday afternoon and entered Chongju. Advance elements of the force forced another ten miles and reached Chochiwon this morning. Chochiwon is approximately fifty-three air miles from Suwon.

Elements of the Republic of Korea First Division recorded advances of about ten miles seizing Sonan and Kaeryong.

Units of the United States Twenty-Fourth Division overcame heavy enemy resistance, captured Kumchon and advanced several miles west toward Yongjong.

United States Second Divisional elements drove to within six miles of Kochang after gaining up to twelve miles yesterday.

Enemy forces in the Sachon area, dispersed by elements of the United States Twenty-Fifth Division fled in confusion, abandoning their arms.

Another unit of the division crossed the Nam River and entered Uiryong this morning. A task force of the division advanced about ten miles northwest of captured Chinju.

Motorized elements of the Republic of Korea Sixth Division entered Hamchang after advancing approximately fifteen miles yesterday.

The Republic of Korea Eighth Division consolidated its hold on Anlong and continued to drive north.

After registering sizable gains, elements of the Republic of Korea Capital Division seized Chongsong.

A unit of the Republic of Korea Third Division secured Yongdok while other elements reduced enemy pockets throughout the sector.

RELEASE 496 ISSUED AT 9:50 A.M. TUESDAY  
(7:50 P.M. MONDAY EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

About U.S.S. Valley Forge off Korea - Combining close air support for Army ground forces with repeated assaults on vital supply lines and installations in Korea Monday, fighters and dive bombers of the U.S.S. Valley Forge delivered shattering blows on Communist troops, trains and supply dumps.

Under a warm sun, Skyriders of this flagship commenced the day's air assaults by destroying a train in a tunnel northeast of Heeju, rail tracks north of the tunnel, and by strafing troop trenches and buildings containing troops or military stores throughout the Haeju area. Two shiny new switch engines also received 500-pounders from the Navy airmen.

In a dive-bomber flight led by Lieut. Robert C. Logan of San Francisco, the Navy Carrier planes went to the aid of Army ground forces after a call for help from ground artillery control on a ridge in the heart of Seoul, enemy partially held capital of South Korea. As the dive bombers passed over the city, they received their call from below. They went into action. Enemy troops and artillery were located on one side of the ridge while on the other American soldiers were bearing the brunt of heavy fire from over the hill.

The Skyriders had to first place a 500-pounder on the right side of the small ridge. They did and received the green flag from the Army. They demolished the ridge resistance. Lieutenant Logan returned to the ship after the successful raid to find his Oak Leaf rank of Lieutenant Commander awaiting him, the end of a perfect day for the Valley Forge flier.

Bogging down the enemy forces still more, the Navy planes smashed their 20-mm cannon fire into a supply dump twelve miles east of Seoul. When the supply dump exploded, sending a roar around the Korean country-side, 5,000 gallons of gasoline went up in a tall mushroom of smoke. Last night, two more brand new switch engines in the railroad marshalling yards at Yangyong lay in ruins making a total of five additions to the ship's box-score board.

Shortly after lunch yesterday, fast jet Panthers were launched from the Valley Forge flight deck in a Navy air strike which left another enemy locomotive well strafed, an oil dump west of Mashu exploded into flames, an 18-car train riddled with 20-mm cannon fire along with another train at Seuchon, and a 4-passenger-car train near Sinanju raked over by the jet cannons.

