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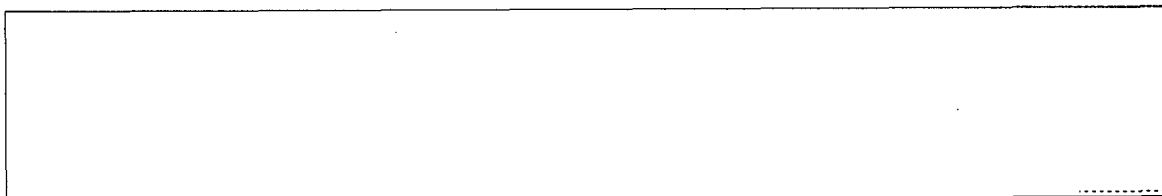
NORTH KOREA

Pyongyang continues to inveigh against "unreasonable" American demands in the truce talks and to charge the Americans with aggression behind the cloak of peace overtures. Wide publicity is given the anniversary of Chinese intervention in the Korean war and Korea and China are said to be joined in the drive against American aggression. There are frequent references to Chinese assistance to Koreans impoverished by the war and warm praise is expressed for China's "Resist America and Aid Korea" program. Pyongyang deals at some length with Korea's hopes for unification, hopes which are said to be supported by the Soviet Union and China. There is renewed attention to the Japanese Peace Treaty and to its implications for Asia. A lengthy "treatise" by Kim Il Sung links the anniversary of the October Revolution with the Korean struggle for independence in conventional anniversary phraseology.

SOUTH KOREA

On United Nations Day, Pusan observes that the Korean war is the crucial testing ground of the U.N.'s capacity to maintain world peace and security. In a speculative vein, Pusan declares that there is little hope that any armistice will provide sufficient guarantees against future Communist aggression or that such an armistice will lead to unification. Initial pessimism on the outcome of current Japanese-Korean talks was somewhat dissipated by the announcement of Japanese concessions with respect to Korean claims to merchantmen.

Skepticism About Truce Talks: The broadcast of an editorial from HANGDO SINMUN declares that the lesson gleaned from the truce talks is that aggression can only be stopped by force and that Communist bad faith makes any agreement worthless. Therefore, the U.N. is advised to resolutely carry on the war without any compromise.



Comment Praises United Nations: Pusan reports that the Korean Chief Delegate to the U.N. General Assembly is Premier Chang, who is reported to have said that Korea is an important item on the agenda. Regardless of what happens, Pusan declares, the Korean delegation will make every effort to obtain U.N. support for Korean unification and rehabilitation, and that "friendly nations" and "world justice" require Korean membership in the U.N.

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