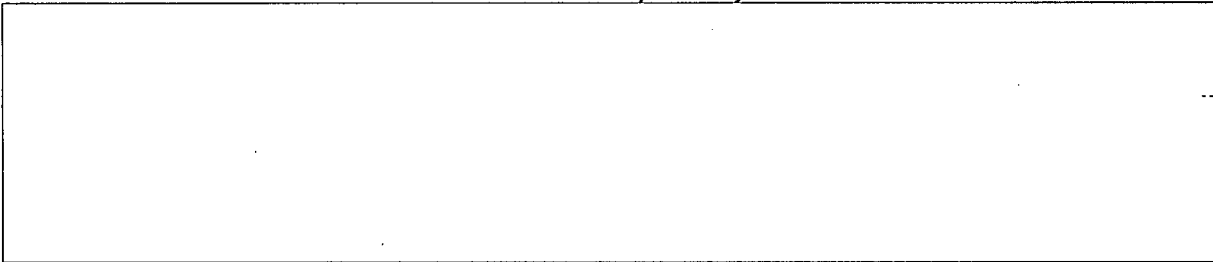


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Korean listeners are told that Syngman Rhee has asked the South Korean National Assembly to appoint Sin Sungmo to replace Prime Minister Lee Bum Suk. Moscow claims that Sin Sungmo "is a Korean traitor and executioner like his predecessor." Minister of Home Affairs in 1948 and Minister of National Defense in 1949, Sungmo is said to be one of the "old retainers of the American imperialists who is madly promoting a civil war in Korea." His appointment is said to mean an intensification of terrorism, and is seen as a reflection of the futility of the effort put forth by the Rhee clique against the growing people's resistance.

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