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NORTH KOREA: U.N. EMBARGO AGAINST CHINA

Radio Pyongyang denounces the U.S.-sponsored embargo against China as another instance of U.S. connivance to shift the responsibility for aggression in Korea, this time on to the U.N. In line with Moscow's orientation, Pyongyang charges that "the U.N. has become a tool of the American and British imperialists." One statement mentions the discordance of opinion between the American and British delegates on the embargo and characterizes the decision as a new pressure exercised by Washington on Britain.

Failure of American Espionage Activities: Pyongyang adds another charge, the infiltration of spies and destructive elements into Korea, to the alleged series of "crafty plots" utilized by the U.S. "to cover their military failure in Korea." A 28 May commentary reports the trial of an espionage group headed by a former captain of the Intelligence Bureau of Syngman Rhee, the sentencing of two of the group to death and the imprisonment of the others.

In comment on the Japanese draft peace treaty, Pyongyang says the Koreans wholeheartedly support the views of the Soviet Government. Commentaries denounce the draft treaty as a U.S.-designed attempt to "revive militarism in Japan and thereby utilize the territory of Japan and her resources ... to expand the war of aggression in Korea," and to promote aggressive aims in "conquering China, the Soviet Union and the world."

Reporting on the WIDF mission "to investigate atrocities committed by the American Armed Forces in Korea," broadcasts carry statements by the delegates describing the "organized acts of destruction" perpetrated by the "American bandits." It is said that the report to be drawn up by the investigating committee will be circulated to governments of the various countries and the United Nations. "We will strive to put an end to the Korean War through the pressure of public opinion" and "will also strongly demand this of the United Nations," it is stated.

SOUTH KOREA: A STEP TOWARDS UNIFIED POLICY

Radio Pusan reports the merger of two negotiating groups in the National Assembly to form a new political party, the Republican Democratic Political Society. Assemblymen of the new party view the birth of this new group as a stabilizing force and a step towards a unified approach in expediting Assembly proceedings. Syngman Rhee on 29 May sent a message of congratulations to the inaugural ceremony.

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