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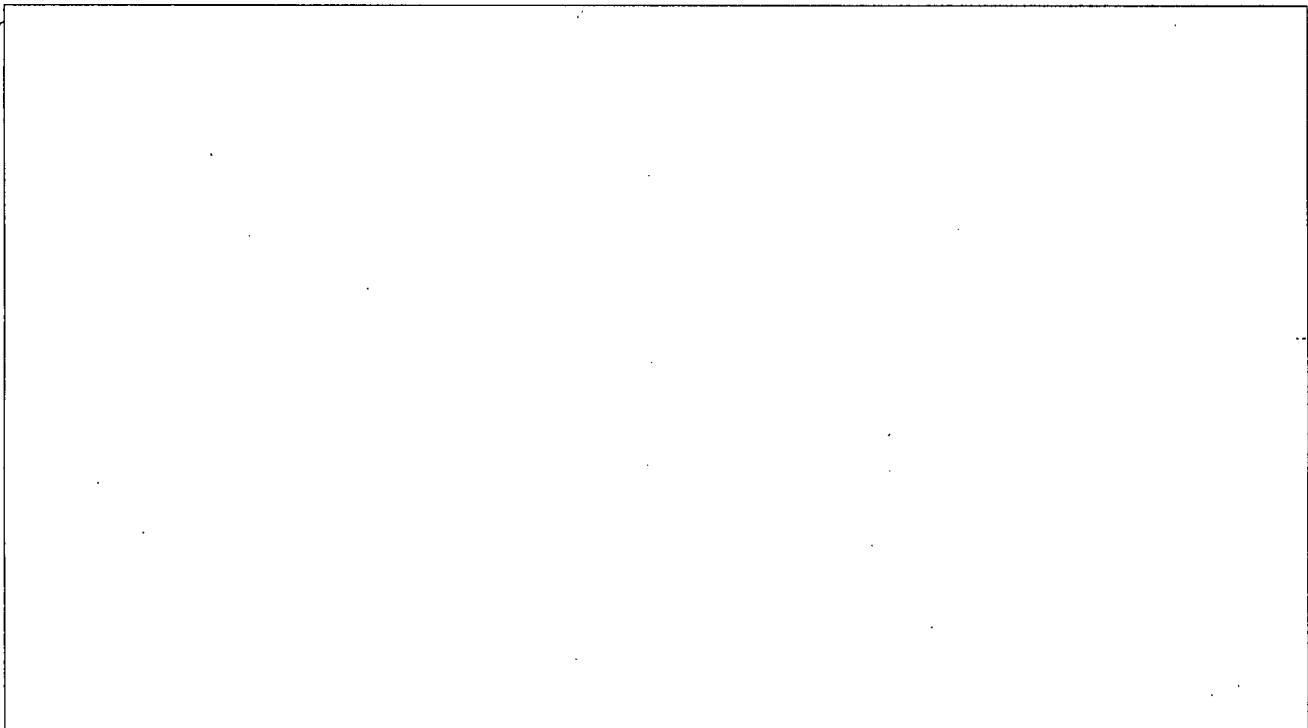
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KOREA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE USSR IS GROWING

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The North Korean celebration of Soviet goodwill week occasions a spate of comment detailing the degree to which "the friendship between the Soviet Union and Korea is being strengthened." As usual Pyongyang surpasses Moscow in the volume of wordage and emotional character of the broadcasts extolling this friendship. Moscow's sole commentary on the subject, broadcast in Korean on 16 October, points to Soviet recognition of the Kim Il Sung Government a year ago, to the treaties signed this spring, and to the Soviet withdrawal of troops last December to authenticate its claim of friendship for the "democratic" government of Korea. The theme of Soviet-Korean friendship also finds expression in broadcasts of the exchange of notes between Kim Il Sung and Stalin marking the first anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Moscow and Pyongyang.

Pyongyang continues to fulminate over Yoshida's persecution of Koreans in Japan, over Syngman Rhee's terroristic activities, and over U.N. consideration of the Korean question in the absence of Korean representation.



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