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KOREA: NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

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Radio Moscow's propaganda agenda includes familiar topics handled in a familiar manner: the South Korean request for formation of a "democratic front" and the North Korean response to that request are noted repeatedly in TASS transmission; economic and social conditions in the South are said to be deteriorating at an accelerated pace while popular uprisings are increasing at an equally accelerated pace; cultural relations between the People's Democratic Government at Pyongyang and Moscow are widening and are proof that the People's Democratic Government is a sovereign regime; North Korea is rapidly and steadily developing an industrial and prosperous economy. The controversy over withdrawal of American troops has not been exploited in monitored broadcasts.

Radio Pyongyang is equally stereotyped in reporting popular enthusiasm for the proposed "democratic front," universal compulsory education, and the economic program. Establishment of diplomatic relations with Albania is reported and vilification of South Korean leaders continues.

