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Korean truce: Orbit propaganda

1. Describes the armistice as a "supremely important" vindication of the current Soviet position favoring settlement of international questions by negotiations, and not by the "policy of force."
2. Victory for "peace-loving forces" in that the UN allies were compelled by the pressure of world opinion to enter the armistice talks. Special emphasis on Moscow's role in this marshalling of world opinion.
3. Destiny of Korea should be determined by the Koreans themselves.
4. Demands continued vigilance and places full responsibility for the actions of the South Korean government on the US.
5. Belittles US military capabilities. (Despite "numerical superiority and highly modern equipment... US air raids and inhuman germ warfare... first war without victory in which US succumbed to a small but heroic people...")
6. US now wants to push on in Indochina after having failed in Korea. (Paris Humanite)
7. Tied to East German demand that negotiations begin immediately on unification of Germany.

Hungarian Szabad Nep editorial is first to state that the political conference will not be limited to Korea "since agenda will include:

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1. Definite peace for Korea.
2. Elimination of all possibilities of aggression against the Far East.
3. Admission of China to the UN.
4. Discontinuance of the blockade of China.