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Radio comment on Korean affairs emanating from Moscow and Pyongyang follows established trends both as regards quantity and content this week. Moscow commentators Danilov and Alexandrov dwell upon the advantages of life in the Soviet zone as contrasted with life in the American zone, and they emphasize the prospect of South Korean "intelligentsia" ever alienated American policies in Korea and Japan. Other commentators and news items broadcast to Korean listeners are concerned with events in Europe, attention being given to such topics as the Danube Conference and farming conditions in the Soviet Union.

Radio Pyongyang is primarily concerned with the impending election. Various commentaries laud the electoral regulations in the Soviet zone and denounce those in the American zone; similar parallels are found in discussions of living conditions and the draft constitutions.

a. North vs. South: Danilov's 26 July discussion of contrasts in political freedom in the two zones is occasioned by the resolution adopted at the fifth session of the North Korea People's Council. The resolution called for immediate implementation of the draft constitution and the holding of elections for the Supreme Korean People's Assembly. Danilov uses this call as a springboard for an attack on the U.S. for its purported effort to maintain South Korea in colonial status. This attack is paralleled by praise of the "various democratic reforms" which have been instituted in the north under the aegis of the USSR.

Alexandrov commemorates the second anniversary of the law for equality of the sexes in North Korea in a 30 July commentary broadcast in Korean. The commentary notes other reform measures which have followed the equality law, including the land reform and labor laws. The progress of North Korea is attested to, Alexandrov points out, by the fact that the Democratic Women's League, which claims more than a million members, joined the International Democratic Women's Federation.

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