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KOREA: PROGRAM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PATRIOTIC FRONT

Both Moscow and Pyongyang make the fullest possible use of the manifesto and program adopted by the United Democratic Patriotic Front. While Moscow and TASS transmit the terms of the program repeatedly and report details of the meeting at which it was drafted, Pyongyang calls to its microphone various delegates, from both North and South Korea, who extol the program and the movement that made it possible.

Moscow has the usual familiar charges to make concerning prolongation of the American stay in Korea; RED STAR and IZVESTIA are both quoted as declaring that the withdrawal of U.S. troops is meaningless since the military mission is to be enlarged and its functions increased. Other monitored commentaries highlight the friction between Syngman Rhee and the Assembly, dwell upon the growing resistance to the Syngman Rhee regime, and document charges concerning the wickedness of America and the venality of Syngman Rhee, its puppet and tool. Pietersky makes much of Syngman Rhee's alleged "jitters" over the American troop withdrawal in a Korean-language commentary of 1 July. The President is said to have suffered so much that he resorted to "propaganda" concerning the continued presence of Soviet troops in North Korea to pressure the United States into leaving its forces in and near Seoul. The incident is offered as further proof of Rhee's weakness.

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