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Moscow continues to be chary in commenting on Korean affairs. This week there is the usual comparison of conditions in the North and South in broadcasts pointing to dissension within the Syngman Rhee Government and reviling Syngman Rhee's "country-selling" agreement with the U.S. References to North Korea are, as usual, in black ink; the opening of the Academy of Political and Economic Sciences is applauded in a 14 February commentary while the agricultural successes of the North are extolled in other broadcasts. But Moscow continues to ignore the U.N. Commission and similarly ignores Syngman Rhee's visit to Japan. The 18 February Pyongyang rally of Korean Partisans of Peace is reported by TASS but is not exploited in monitored commentaries.

Pyongyang also follows conventional patterns. It relays the several calls for peace and unity which have been issued of late (TASS also reports these appeals and the popular response thereto) and castigates the "so-called United Nations Commission." The North Korean radio also displays considerable interest in the Sino-Soviet treaties, which it says are heartily endorsed in North Korea. Repetitious references to the "police state" in South Korea continue.

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