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KOREA: ELECTIONS IN SOUTH KOREA

Both Moscow and Pyongyang currently exploit the 30 May elections in South Korea, but with different degrees of intensity. Moscow broadcasters make incidental reference to the elections as one more evidence of American domination and of Syngman Rhee's weakness, while Pyongyang continues to exhort Korean patriots to "frustrate" the "country-ruining" balloting. Pyongyang's exhortations are emotional in tone and avoid discussions of specific candidates. They place particular stress on the claim that Southern guerrillas are intensifying their activity to express their opposition to the elections.

Monitored Soviet broadcasts on Korean affairs reiterate claims and arguments that have become stereotyped by many months of reiteration. They point to America's evil occupation policies and contrast these with the USSR's true friendship for the Korean people. The appeal for unification and democratization is coupled with the campaign for world peace in one broadcast, and the attack on Syngman Rhee continues to emphasize his subservience to America and his lack of popularity with the Korean people.

Pyongyang finds new ammunition for its attack on Syngman Rhee in the fact that the South Korean president and Chiang Kai-shek were not invited to the Baguio Conference. This is said to indicate that even other Asiatic nations have lost faith in the American "running dog" and that he is doomed to the same fate as Chiang. There is continuing attention to Rhee's "persecution of patriots"--especially Kim Sam Nyong and Lee Chu Ha.

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