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KOREAN WAR: Commitments Avoided

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Soviet broadcasts on the war remain generalized, avoiding any specific commitment, and the emphasis patterns currently employed are, with few changes, adaptable to any future situation, whether of peace or war.

Vishinsky's Paris revival of Malik's 23 June terms for negotiations has not been picked up, and there is no specific discussion of the negotiations. The failure to exploit the shift in the U.N. position regarding the truce line may be part of the overall avoidance of concrete issues; but the shift could have been exploited as proof of the standard charge of U.N. insincerity in the negotiations.

Certain points emphasized in Moscow's current broadcasts could very easily provide the framework of post-negotiations propaganda. The charges of atrocities could be exploited as part of the standard picture of America. The allegedly low morale of the Americans can be incorporated into the standard picture of popular opposition to war. The Korean-language accounts of the force of the liberation movement are a standard element of Soviet propaganda that encompasses the current war as well as possible partisan activities in the future.

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