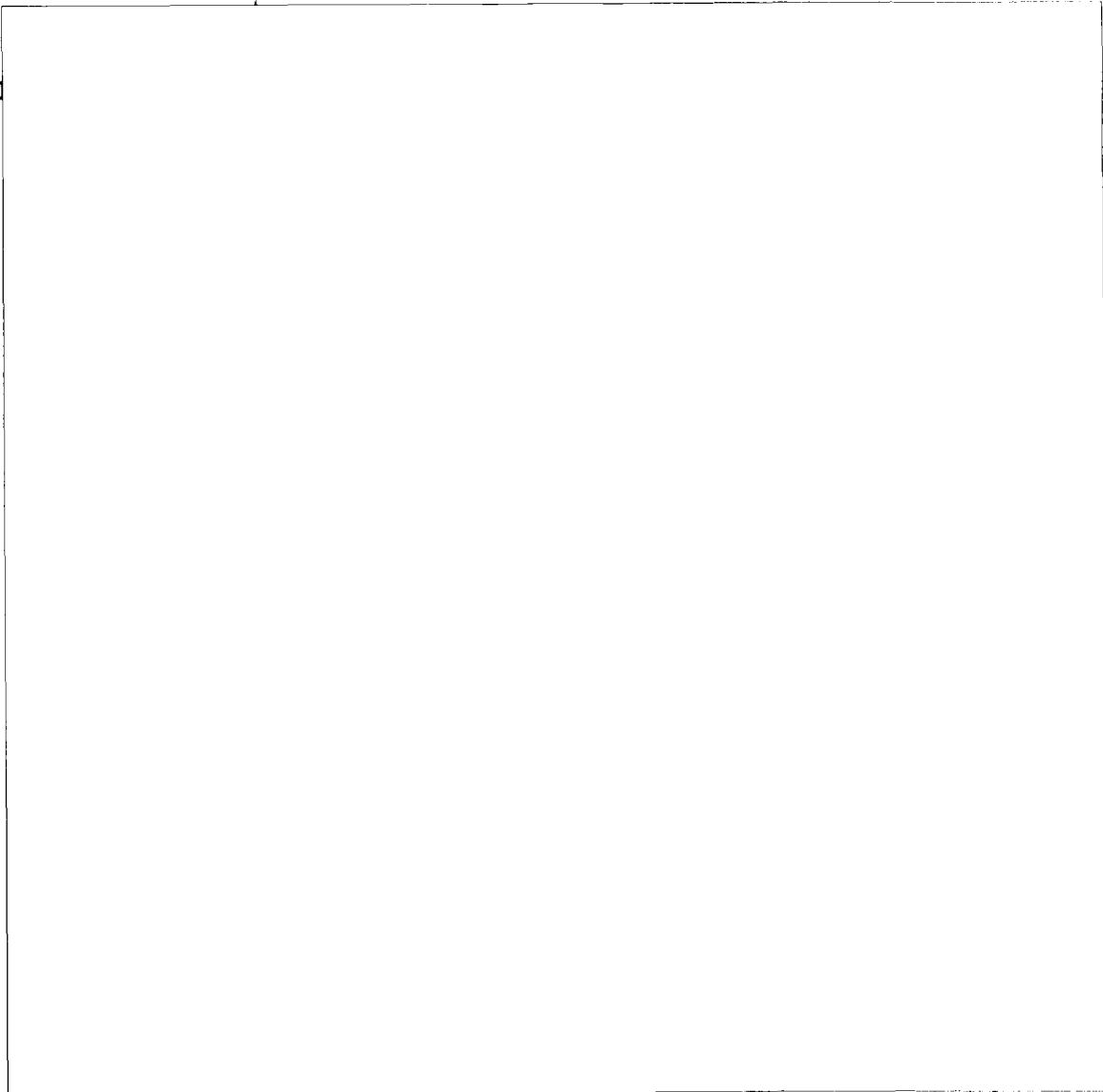


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2. Rhee accepts NNRC nations as observers at Korean political conference:



President Rhee and his cabinet have accepted Ambassador Dean's proposal to include India, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland and Czechoslovakia,

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the members of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea, as nonvoting observers at the Korean political conference.

Foreign Minister Pyun told Ambassador Briggs on 27 November that South Korea would not force a rupture of either the preliminary talks or the political conference if the Indians were seated as observers, provided they were not designated as "neutrals."

Comment: At the meeting at Panmunjom on 27 November, the Communists rejected Dean's 11-point proposal, which omitted references to neutral participation, because it did not include the four "Asian neutrals" whom they had previously designated.

India, Sweden, and Switzerland have become disillusioned over the behavior of the Communists with whom they have had to deal in implementing the truce. Their willingness to participate in the political conference is questionable.

3. Three Chinese artillery divisions possibly withdraw from Korea:

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and contact between headquarters and a third unidentified artillery unit has not been observed since 26 October.

Traffic analysis indicates the possible withdrawal of three Chinese artillery divisions from Korea. The 2nd and 61st Divisions were last noted in communication with army headquarters on 12 November, and contact between headquarters and a third unidentified artillery unit has not been observed since 26 October.

Communications patterns have previously been an indication of the withdrawal of Chinese armies. Communications intelligence still supports the presence of 11 independent Chinese artillery divisions in Korea.

Comment: Preliminary field reports based on communications changes through 20 November indicated that four and perhaps five Chinese armies were engaged in unusual communications activities, suggesting that they might be preparing to withdraw northward from the Korean front. The movements indicated above may be related to the activity of these five armies.

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