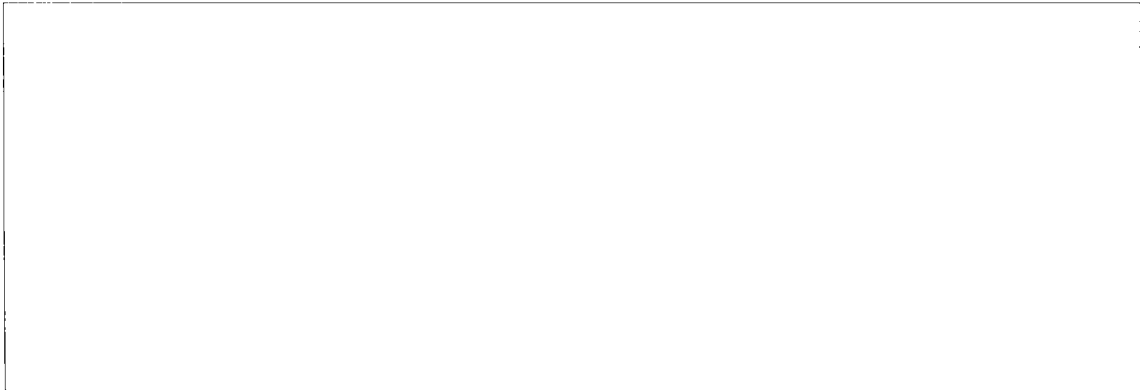
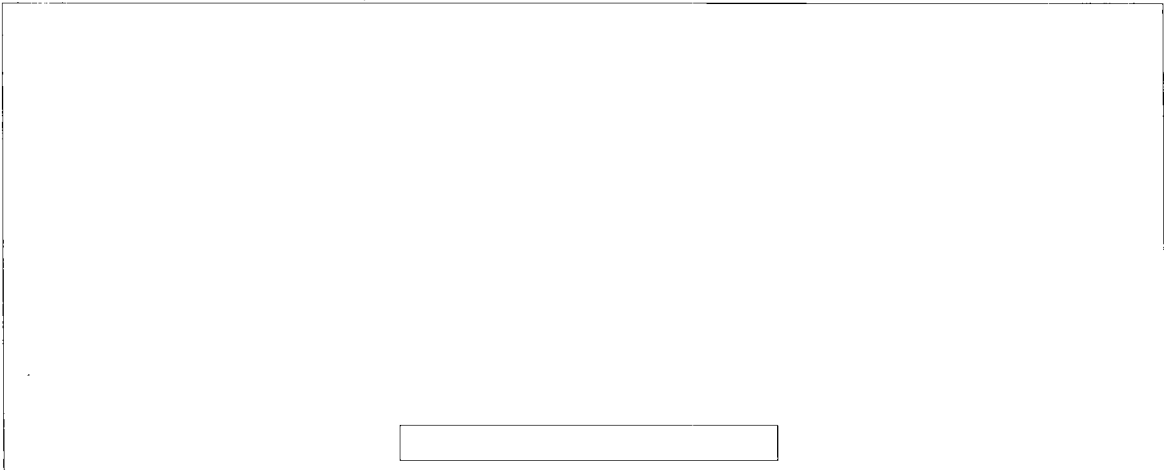


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6. President Rhee nominates new South Korean prime minister:  
 President Syngman Rhee on 8 October named former Minister of Social Affairs Yi Yun-yong to succeed Chang Taek-sang as Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, according to a Japanese news agency. Chang resigned on 30 September, allegedly because of involvement in the illegal entry of the former Japanese Mayor of Seoul into South Korea. [redacted]

Comment: Yi, onetime Methodist minister, was active in anti-Communist movements in North Korea following World War II. He escaped from the North in 1946 and, as a close associate of Rhee, held two ministerial posts in the early days of the South Korean Government. As Yi is well liked by Koreans and considered a capable administrator, his nomination may gain the approval of the National Assembly.



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