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Discussions of Korean affairs are rare in current Soviet broadcasts; there are references to the activities of southern "guerrillas" and to the poverty and suffering caused by the Americans and Syngman Rhee; but on the whole Soviet broadcasters ignore Korean developments.

Radio Pyongyang continues to attack the U.N. Commission. Commentators repeatedly claim that the Korean people "absolutely reject" the Commission and vilify the various national members of the group on the basis of their subservience to the U.S., of their aggressive policies, or of their home Government's inability to solve pressing national problems. Pyongyang exploits Kim Il Sung's suggestions leading to increased industrial production--outlined in Kim's recent speech to the trade union conference--but the campaign does not reach any appreciable heights.

The North Korea commentators vary their concentration on Korean affairs, however. They attack President Truman for his failure to keep his campaign promises and cite his rejection of Stalin's "peace offer" and the U.S. opposition, in current U.N. debates, to the Soviet peace pact. They also denounce the alleged American policies of encouraging militarism in Japan, of preventing the unifi-

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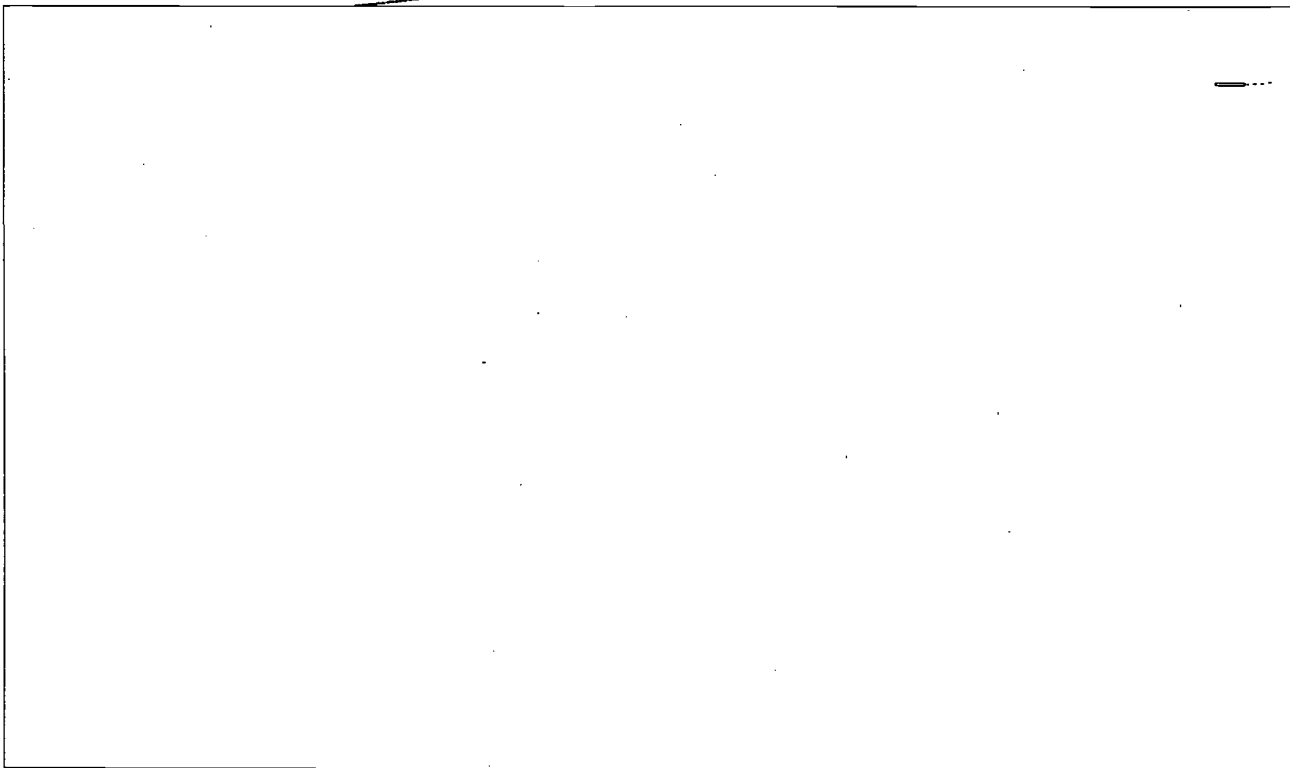
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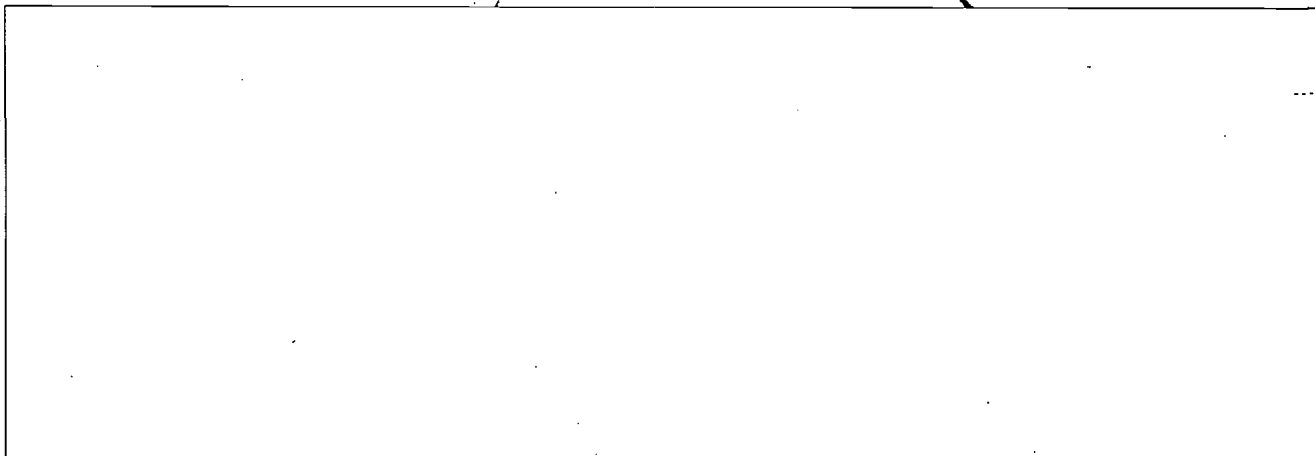
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cation of Germany, and of encouraging competition in production of atomic weapons. Further echoing the Soviet "line," they also talk about the coming economic collapse in the United States. On the positive side, they praise the recent Cominform resolution.



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