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KOREA: NO CHANGE IN PROPAGANDA LINE

The opening of the General Assembly session and the prospect that Korea may be the subject of debate brings no appreciable change in the pattern of monitored Soviet radio comment. The report of the U.N. Commission on Korea has been mentioned only once and that commentary was devoted almost entirely to reiterating stereotyped claims concerning the superiority of conditions in the North over those in the South. There has been no monitored comment, as distinguished from reporting, on the Czech and Ukrainian delegates remarks concerning Korea at the General Assembly session of 24 September. Manuilsky's speech, as reported by TASS, approves the Czech suggestion that the Korean question be omitted in order to strengthen the United Nations; this is not enlarged upon and, in fact, the whole issue appears to be de-emphasized.

Radio Pyongyang exults over recent defections by Southern defense units and over the progress of compulsory education in the North, and continues to fulminate over the oppression to which "democratic" Koreans are allegedly subjected by the Yoshida Government.