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KOREA: THE STRUGGLE FOR UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE

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Relatively few monitored Soviet broadcasts about Korea have been received this week. It is reported that "meetings dedicated to the decisions of the constituent Congress of the United Democratic Patriotic Front on the peaceful unification of the country are being held throughout Korea." At one of them, a rubber manufacturer, speaking to manufacturers and merchants in Pyongyang, "stressed the concern of the government of the Korean People's Democratic Republic for the average manufacturers...; the meeting adopted an open letter to manufacturers, artisans, and merchants of South Korea urging them to joint actions in the struggle for the peaceful unification of Korea and destruction of the hated 'government'... which betrayed the Korean people." Guerrillas in South Korea are reported to be circulating leaflets appealing for a popular rally under the banner of the Front.

TASS reports that guerrillas in several provinces of South Korea are waging successful battles against the police of the "puppet government."

In connection with the establishment of diplomatic relations between North Korea and Albania, the Women's Democratic Union of North Korea is said to have received a letter from Albanian women voicing "admiration for the heroic struggle of the Korean people against American colonizers and Korean reactionaries."

And a commentary by Krainov charges that a reported meeting of Rhee, Chiang, and Quirino to be held at Seoul is the second stage of the "plan to form a Pacific Bloc."

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