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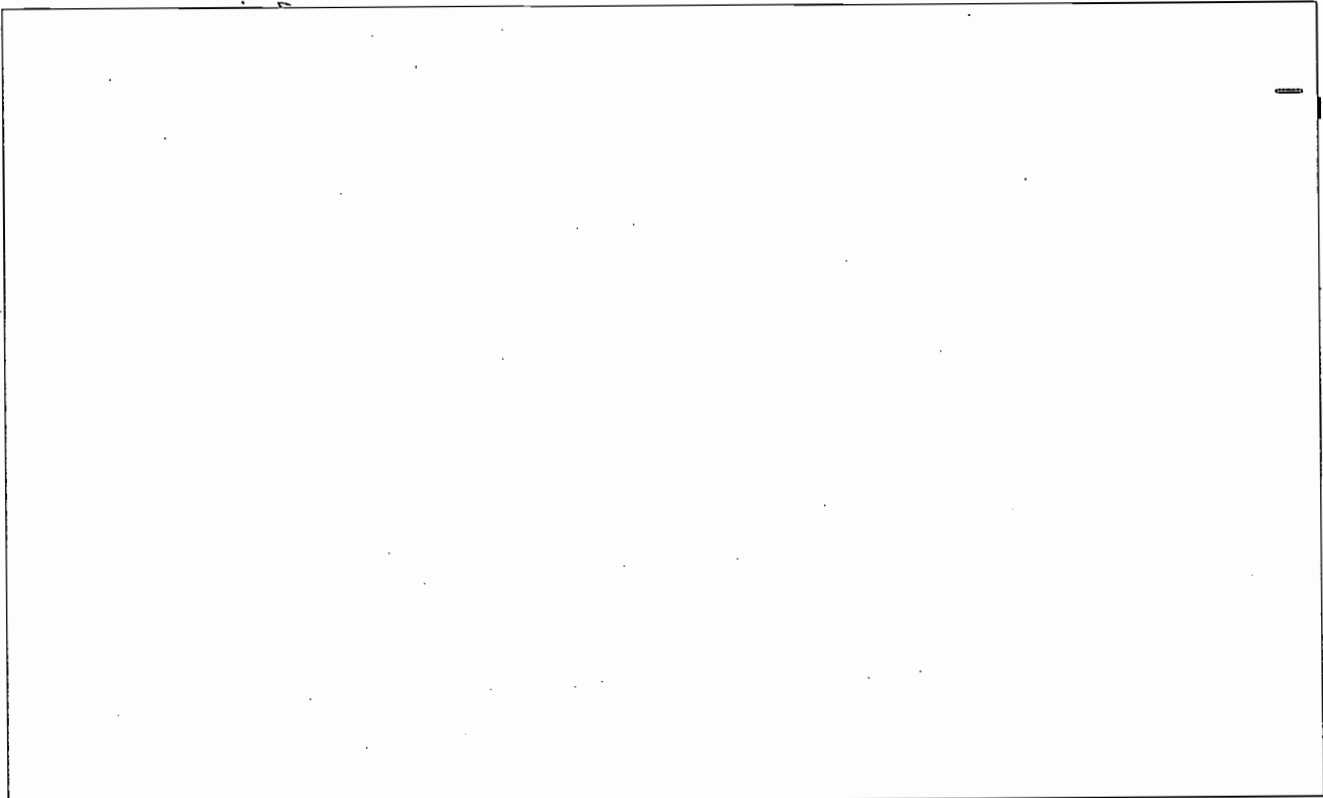
KOREA: BONDS, ELECTIONS, LAND REFORM

Korea

Monitored Soviet comment on Korean affairs continues to be minimal in volume. Radio Pyongyang launches a full scale campaign to propagandize the sale of the newly-issued state bonds; the campaign includes appeals from a great variety of organizations and individuals for purchases of large amounts of bonds, frequent reports of the festivities marking issuance of the securities, and periodic accounts of the bond purchases. The patriotic purposes to which the funds will be put are described frequently but in general terms.

The attacks on the 30 May election and on land reform in South Korea continue to emphasize that the election is country-ruining and that the land reform is designed to protect the interests of the landlords, not the farmers. Both topics continue to receive appreciable emphasis.

Pyongyang also denounces Southern military ventures in the vicinity of the 38th parallel and reiterates familiar criticisms of America's militaristic occupation of Japan.



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