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KOREA: "PERFECT PROTECTION AND HUMANE TREATMENT" FOR U.S. SEAMEN

With tedious repetition Moscow reports growing successes of Korean "partisans" and the continuing Korean protest over Premier Yoshida's persecution of Koreans. Radio Pyongyang continues to recapitulate the sins of the Syngman Rhee regime (including forced grain collections and emigration), to protest the U.N. decision, and to call for continued resistance.

A break in pattern, however, is Pyongyang's 15 November broadcast reporting that the two American seamen assigned to the ECA "warship" are "moved by the perfect protection and the humane treatment accorded them." The broadcast notes that the two men, "did not object to the crew coming to North Korea" and announces that "in the event that the American Government raises the question the two Americans may be handed over to representatives appointed by the American Government under provisions of the latest international law." Moscow, which has almost completely ignored the U.N. Commission and the General Assembly debate on that Commission, reviews its version of both in a 5 November Korean-language broadcast. Krainov insists that the "infamous U.N. Commission... has been covering up the U.S. policy of colonial exploitation in South Korea, supporting the terroristic puppet regime of Syngman Rhee and aiding in the conversion of South Korea into a market of American monopolists' commodities and into a military base of the American imperialists in the Far East."

The commentary berates the U.S. for refusing to permit Korean participation in the General Assembly debates and for exploiting "a small group of traitors" to achieve its aggressive ends. Krainov announces that the Korean people "repudiate" this illegal meddling in their affairs and continue to support the only truly Korean Government--that of Kim Il Sung. The ECAFE action on Korea, however, continues to be ignored.

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