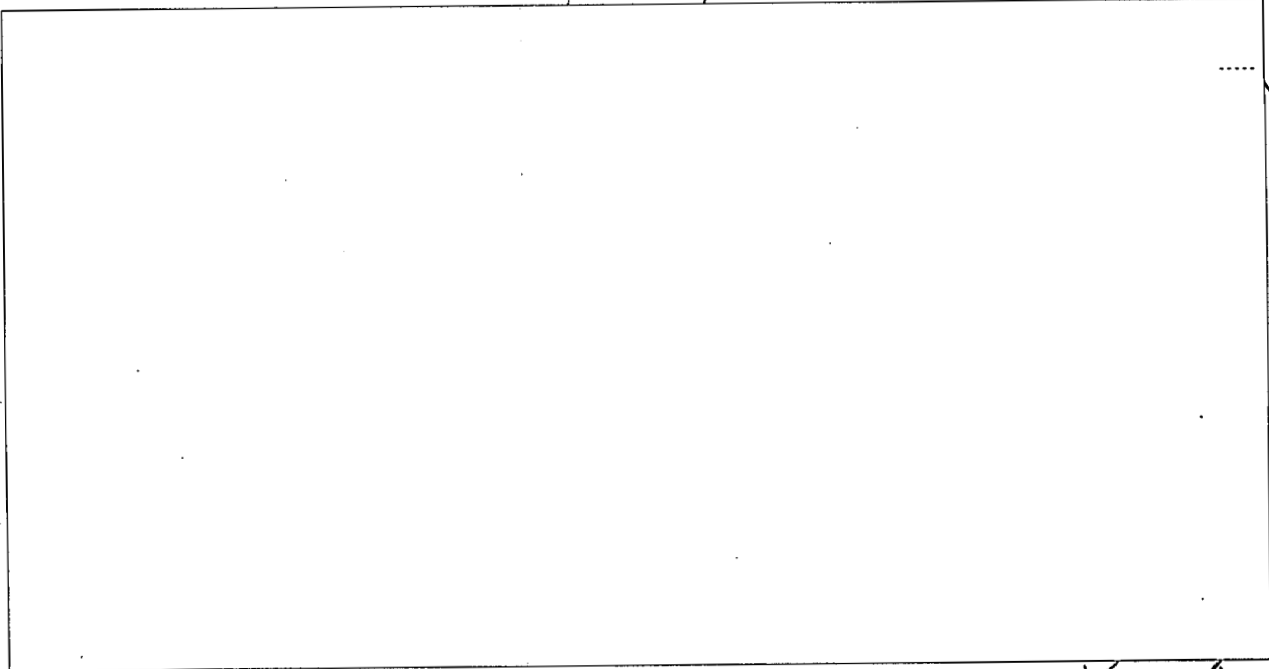


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KOREA: APPEAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT

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Soviet broadcasters continue to avoid comment on Korean affairs. TASS, however, reports the recently-issued appeal of the Democratic Front and the North Korean celebrations of the Lenin death anniversary. Congressional rejection of aid to Korea is noted without comment.

Radio Pyongyang continues to give prominence to the Democratic Front appeal. It also notes recent speeches by Kim Il Sung and Kim Doo Bong, and reiterates stereotyped denunciations of Syngman Rhee and the American "militarists." Soviet and American attitudes are contrasted in references to the Soviet rescue of Korean fishermen and the 1949 American strafing attack on fishermen. Other evidences offered to document charges of American militarism include the reported construction of defense installations on Okinawa and the Korean-American agreement for bases. Pyongyang also continues conventional appeals for unity and solidarity, and reports successes achieved by southern guerrillas. Attention is focussed on such developments as the drive for compulsory education, for employment of migratory workers, and for completion of economic plans.

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