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KOREA: DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHIANG

Although the "connivings" between Rhee and Premier Yoshida have undergone ^{27 April 50} continuous attack since the former's visit to Japan last February, assertions of direct Korean connections with the Kuomintang have been couched in fairly vague terms. (Discussing the secret agreement between Japan and Korea, for example, Moscow asserted that the agreement was "also made with the Chiang Kai-shek clique," but no further explanation was given.) This week, however, TASS quotes a CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent's report that Chiang is now negotiating with Rhee through military-political assistants to arrange for an agreement "under which the Kuomintang would be given bases in South Korea to fight against the Chinese People's Republic." (The agreement with Japan is said to have included plans for a base in South Korea from which "planes manned by Japanese pilots could bomb Manchurian and North Korean cities.") The Kuomintang is said also to be recruiting prominent Japanese military personnel for Formosa.

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A curious discrepancy in Moscow's numerical reporting is seen this week in the contrast between a 24 April broadcast in Russian Morse to the Far North and a 16 April Home Service broadcast reported in this SURVEY last week. Discussing the familiar topic of the successes of guerrilla actions despite Rhee's attempts at retaliation and suppression, the "struggle of the Korean patriots" is said to be ever growing. Last week, however, the patriots are said to have engaged in "over 1,000 military operations... during February alone," while this week's report asserts that "in January of this year, they (the guerrilla units) conducted 2,122 military operations."

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