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NORTH KOREA: "FIGHT ON TO ATTAIN THE FINAL VICTORY" (Continued)

Pyongyang's exhortations for greater effort to attain final victory and repair war damage continue to inoculate the North Koreans against relapse into complacency or war-weariness. Soldiers, partisans, and civilians are frequently reminded that Kim Il Sung has personally appealed for continued effort; his New Year message was widely broadcast between 1 and 9 January and is frequently cited in subsequent broadcasts. The enthusiastic accounts of the capture of "our capital, Seoul" also contain reminders that rehabilitation and reconstruction are needed. Transportation workers, factory workers, and public health officials are singled out for special appeals. Concern with possible complacency also appears in reviews of the military situation, where reports of the continuing advances of the People's Army are coupled with reminders that "the enemy has not been defeated yet."

Pyongyang's military reporting abounds in accounts of U.S. losses in men and material and in praise of the Korean and Chinese soldiers. The U.N. counterthrust at Wonju receives only passing mention.

Moderate attention is paid to the activities of the reconstituted People's Committees, and their concern with problems of orphans and wounded soldiers is noted. There are also references to punishment of "those who sided with the reactionaries."

SOUTH KOREA: CARE OF REFUGEES

The volume of available broadcasts from South Korean stations is small and is almost devoid of commentaries. News broadcasts, however, indicate concern over the care of refugees and interest in United Nations activities. The most frequently recurring material includes United Nations communiques and American press accounts of American mobilization and deliberations in the United Nations.

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