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KOREAN WAR: Americans Scolded by NEW TIMES

In one of its rare departures from a pose of detached partisanship in the Korean War, Moscow broadcasts a NEW TIMES editorial which berates the Americans for their arbitrary demands and for their attempts to delay peace so as to prolong the profitable arms race. The editorial--and a closely similar commentary broadcast to North America--are atypical in that they mention specific issues involved in the negotiations--without, however, giving a clear picture of the actual American demands. The rotation proposal, for example, is presented as a demand to permit new troops in Korea without any acknowledgment that veterans will be returned home. This pattern suggests sensitivity to charges of Communist intransigence but could also be intended as preparation for a break in the negotiations.

Other changes in the basic pattern reported two weeks ago include a revival of claims that the Koreans will fight on to ultimate victory. These claims do not represent a large part of the total attention to Korea, however, and greater emphasis is on such familiar topics as popular American opposition to the war and the profiteering motives of American leaders. Evidences of dissension within the U.N. command are reported, and in a move to provoke such dissension Turkish audiences are told that American officers sacrifice Turkish troops and save their own.

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