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KOREA: CONGRESSIONAL REJECTION OF AID BILL EXPLAINED

The recent action of the House of Representatives in rejecting further aid for Korea does not indicate any change in American military-mindedness, says Moscow in a Home Service broadcast of 28 January. Rather the action represents the Congressmen's rejection of Syngman Rhee, whose position "is every day becoming more precarious." The commentary claims that the Congressmen, faced with the failure of the military appropriations for China, are now unwilling to spend more funds on Syngman Rhee, who has been rejected by his people and who proves his weakness in his pleas for help.

Radio Pyongyang continues to exploit the recent appeal of the Democratic Front and to call for unity and solidarity in driving out the United Nations Commission and the U.S. It also denounces American practices in Japan and critically surveys the North Atlantic Pact.

The familiar exhortations for unity and solidarity include an address by Minister of National Defense Choi Yung Kun. The speech, broadcast on 26 January, purports to be an acknowledgement of the contributions for planes, tanks, and warships. On 27 January Pyongyang broadcasts certain corrections in the address. These corrections eliminate the phrase "fraternal assistance of the great Soviet Union" and substitute for it "the armed might of the great Soviet armed forces." Pyongyang also asks that one of the Defense Minister's frequent "dear ladies and gentlemen" be omitted and--a startling item in a pro-Soviet radio program--asks that a phrase identifying America as a force "which destroys our happiness, freedom, independence, and peace," be stricken from the address. No reason is given for any of these corrections.

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