Moscow continues to be chary in commenting on Korean affairs. This week there is
the usual comparison of conditions in the North and South in broadcasts pointing
to dissension within the Syngman Rhee Government and reviling Syngman Rhee's
"country-selling" agreement with the U.S. References to North Korea are, as
usual, in black ink; the opening of the Academy of Political and Economic Sciences
is applauded in a 14 February commentary while the agricultural successes of
the North are extolled in other broadcasts. But Moscow continues to ignore the
U.N. Commission and similarly ignores Syngman Rhee's visit to Japan. The 18
February Pyongyang rally of Korean Partisans of Peace is reported by TASS but
is not exploited in monitored commentaries.

Pyongyang also follows conventional patterns. It relays the several calls for
peace and unity which have been issued of late (TASS also reports these appeals
and the popular response thereto) and castigates the "so-called United Nations
Commission." The North Korean radio also displays considerable interest in the
Sino-Soviet treaties, which it says are heartily endorsed in North Korea. Repeti-
titious references to the "police state" in South Korea continue.