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1. Ambassador Kennan emphasizes importance of Soviet overture on Korea:



Assistant Secretary General Zinchenko's approach to an Israeli UN delegate suggesting a new formula for the Korean armistice negotiations is of major importance, in the opinion of Ambassador Kennan in Moscow. Zinchenko's suggestion appears aimed at a virtual cease-fire in Korea without final and formal agreement, the prisoner-of-war issue to be handled by an overt "agreement to disagree," and possibly by subsequent informal arrangements tending to minimize its importance.

The Ambassador believes that any solution of the prisoner impasse would have to be along some such line as that suggested by Zinchenko.

Comment: In addition to conveying a possible way around the prisoner-of-war impasse, the Soviet "feeler" to the Israeli delegate could be another effort to bring UN pressure to bear upon the United States to modify its stand in Korea. Reportedly, the Russian suggestion has already been echoed in part by other delegations.

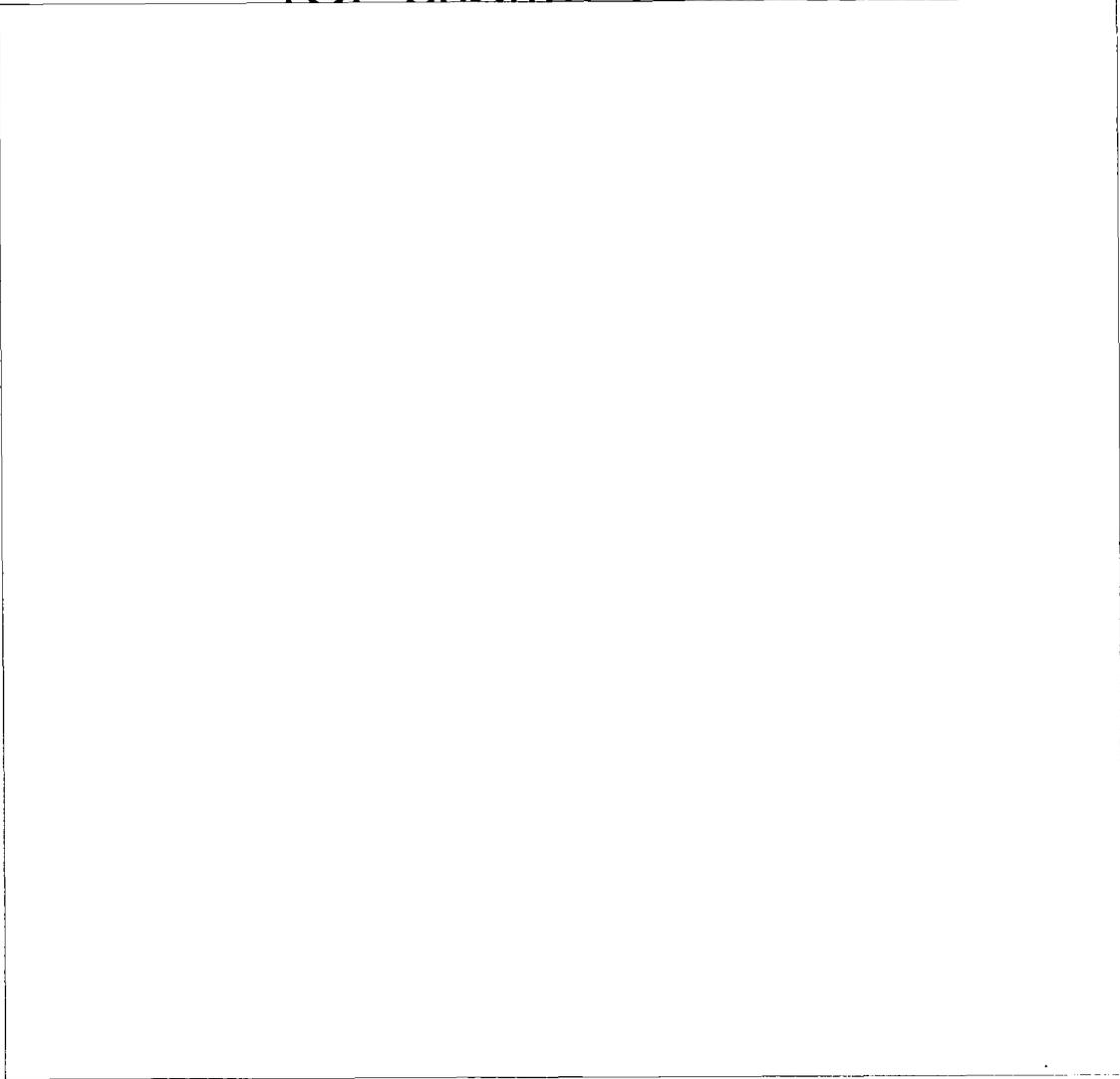


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4. UN walkout at Panmunjom causes Communist concern:

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stated to be the UN's "bad" attitude at Panmunjom.

Headquarters of the Chinese Communist
"Volunteer" Forces in Korea on 7 June
alerted at least two tactical units to "guard
against an enemy attack" and to prepare for
combat. The basis of the enemy alert was

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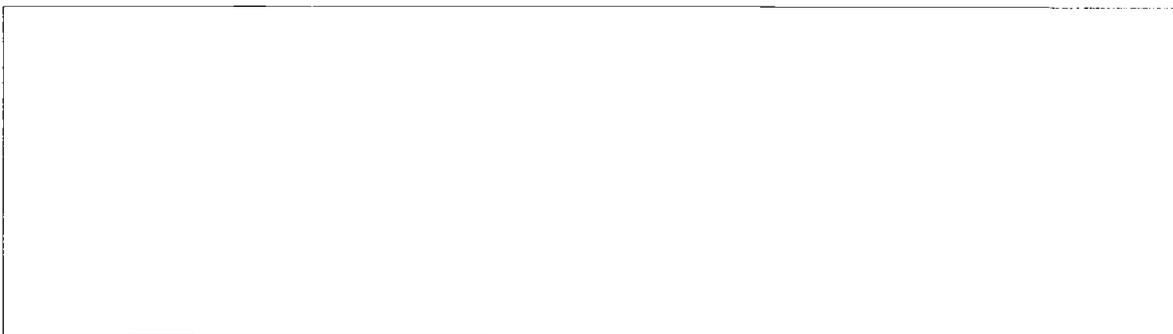
Comment: Apparently the Communist command construed the UN's walkout as an ultimatum. Kim Il-sung's and Peng Teh-huai's 9 June open letter to General Clark shows how serious the Communists consider the three-day recess. This form of communication is reserved for important proposals, and in the letter General Clark was urged to "order your delegates to return to Panmunjom" if the UN still desired an armistice in Korea.

5. President Rhee rejects UNCURK's compromise recommendation:



President Rhee has reacted negatively to UNCURK's proposal of 7 June that a compromise solution be found to the South Korean political dispute, according to the commission's chairman. At a meeting with the commission on 9 June, Rhee's only interest was to get his constitutional amendments adopted. He quoted his Prime Minister as reporting that the Assembly is "coming around" to his viewpoint.

Ambassador Muccio comments that the statement allegedly made by the Prime Minister is not understandable in view of the fact that he had expressed doubt on 7 June that the Assembly opposition would be willing to compromise or capitulate.



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