Moscow radio demonstrates a somewhat detached attitude toward Korean
affairs this week. As usual Danilov discusses the "division" of Korea per-
petrated by the United States when it established the Seoul Government.
News broadcasts and TASS dispatches report the letter sent Stalin by
South Korea political leaders and there are allusions to terror and coercion
in the American zone—including reports of the activation of "50,000
security police" immediately after proclamation of the new regime. But the
emotionalism which characteristically dominates such broadcasts appears
somewhat tempered. Current commentaries including a NEW TIMES article,
concentrate on contrasts between conditions in the two zones and appear to

be marking time—perhaps until after the 25 August elections lay the
groundwork for flamboyant proclamation of a second Korean government.

On the subject of withdrawal of troops, Moscow and Pyongyang continue
to emphasize the alleged intrusiveness of the United States. Commentators
claim repeatedly that by refusing to accept the Soviet offer on withdrawal
the U.S. clearly reveals its determination to remain in Korea permanently.

a. Preparations for the Election: Having, in previous weeks, reported
details of preparations for the 25 August election in the Soviet zone,
Pyongyang this week turns its attention to the "underground" preparations
being made in the American zone. Broadcasts report distribution of leaflets
and handbills extolling the virtues of candidates and claim that elections
were completed in some places as early as 5 August. These elections were
accompanied by the characteristic American-sponsored terrorism by the police,
Pyongyang asserts.

Prominence is given the meeting at Haeju at which southern delegates are
said to be electing delegates to the "national assembly." "More than 1,000"
delegates attended the meeting, says Pyongyang, and applauded Kim Il Sung,
Kim Doo Bong, and the delegation of Gaeju which has put up such "heroic re-
sistance." No reference is made to Kimm Koo or Kim Ku Sic in the list of
participants.

Radio Moscow, which has tended to ignore preparations for the election,
does report a lengthy TASS dispatch on this meeting.