

KOREA: MORE OF THE SAME

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Moscow radio comment on Korean affairs this week is keynoted to the third anniversary "of the liberation of Korea by the Red Army." Commentator Alexandrov praises the superior "Stalin strategy" which enabled the Soviet forces to rout the Japanese in six days (in Korean 8 and 10 August) while Danilov recounts events since the liberation with tedious reiteration of alleged Soviet beneficence and American malevolence in their respective zone. (in Korean, 5 and 7 August 1948) His refrain is repeated endlessly: "The Soviet Union has fulfilled both by word and deed, the tasks entrusted to it."

Radio Pyongyang divides its attention between preparations for the 25 August elections and surveys of the Korean scene in the three years since the liberation. Various broadcasts list the qualifications of candidates, claim that American officials are arresting Koreans who indicate a desire to participate in the balloting, extol the advantages of nationalization of industry, etc. etc.

Pyongyang also gives emphasis to praise of the Soviet Union for the liberation and for the progress achieved thereafter as well as to denunciation of the U.S. for its alleged "empire building" in the southern zone. Such broadcasts are a familiar part of the Soviet propaganda stereotype.

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