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- "C" Peiping's Line on Korea. In its propaganda material for 21 March, devoted to a "clear explanation" of the Korean situation, the Peiping radio tells its domestic audience that Communist forces in Korea made a "temporary" withdrawal from Seoul in order "to gain advantageous conditions for annihilating the enemy forces". The broadcast instructs all propagandists to disseminate the view that the retreat "will not prejudice final victory", but that the people must also be told that "to annihilate completely the imperialist brigands...necessarily requires a considerably long time..." ([redacted] 22 Mar 51). COMMENT: The above is a revival of Peiping's line of 1950 during the period of Communist reverses in Korea. Peiping's acknowledgement of the difficulties ahead does not indicate any modification of the regime's terms for "peaceful settlement", last affirmed publicly on 2 February. Neither does the propaganda preparation of the Chinese for a lengthy involvement mean that Peiping has no hope of direct Soviet participation; in October 1950 the Peiping radio was advising the Korean Communists to resort to long-term guerrilla warfare, immediately prior to large-scale Chinese intervention.
- "C" KOREA. Pusan Mass Meeting Votes to Cross 38th. CENTRAL NEWS, Tokyo, reports that a mass meeting attended by 20,000 people under the auspices of the "All-Korean Patriots Organization" was held on 19 March in Pusan. The meeting passed a resolution requesting UN Forces to cross the 38th Parallel and to bomb Communist supply centers in Manchuria. ([redacted] 20 Mar 51). COMMENT: While all Koreans are eager for the unification of Korea, it is highly unlikely that a mass meeting of this size would have been held without official permission. The meeting was probably Government instigated and taken in conjunction with the constant stream of on-to-the-Yalu comment by responsible ROK officials is indicative of the pressure the South Koreans are trying to bring on the UN and the US and the lack of ROK teamwork with the UN on this topic.
- "B" JAPAN. Koreans Kill US Soldier. Six US soldiers were surrounded and attacked in Tokyo early the morning of 21 March by a crowd of Koreans according to a report by Central News. One soldier was killed and two others were injured in the brawl, the cause of which was not revealed. Japanese police broke up the fight and detained about 70 Koreans for questioning. C.I.D. is conducting a house-to-house search for the assailants. ([redacted] 21 Mar 51). COMMENT: This is the first fracas involving residents of Japan and US personnel since Communist-inspired students roughed up Occupation personnel last Memorial Day. It will be recalled that shortly thereafter MacArthur instructed the Japanese Government to purge 24 ranking JCP leaders. This 21 March incident, if a connection is proved with the Communists, may well serve as the excuse for outlawing the Japan Communist Party, either with or without instructions from SCAP.

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