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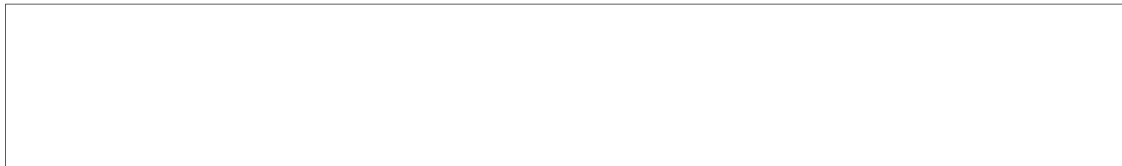
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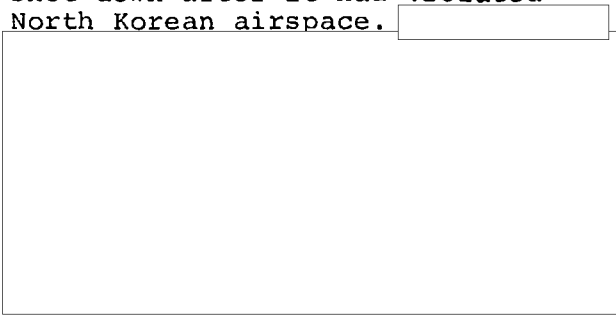
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Pyongyang has shown increased frustration over its failure to obtain foreign support for its version of the shootdown of the US reconnaissance aircraft.

North Korea's limited foreign propaganda probably is related to the lack of international support its version of the incident has received. During the week, the regime began prodding its allies and friends to back publicly its claim that the US aircraft was shot down after it had violated North Korean airspace.



Moscow's first editorial comment on the incident finally

appeared on 27 April, after the US naval task force had left the Sea of Japan. The editorial claimed that the "Soviet people" condemned the "dangerous actions" of the US in the Korean area. This comment, which is the closest the Soviets have come to a clear endorsement of North Korean actions, probably was stimulated by Pyongyang's urgings.

Only one broadcast from Pyongyang during the past week attempted to exploit the shoot-down. Pyongyang radio on 24 April focused directly on Japanese fears of being dragged into a new Korean conflict because of the Japan-US security treaty. The statement criticized the Japanese Government's support of the US reaction to the incident as "openly taking a hand in moves for the provocation of a new war in Korea." Pyongyang has as yet made no comment on the removal of the US naval task force from the Sea of Japan.

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