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FOREWORD

1. This semi-annual chronology provides a handy reference source
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JANUARY

1 Effective today, KMAG Detachments L, R, and F are redesignated as PROKA Detachment, SRQOKA Detachment and Logistical Base Command Detachment respectively.

5 The bitterest cold spell to hit Korea in 29 years disrupts transportation as the temperature drops to four below zero.

8 USFK announces that major USAF construction projects in Korea, initiated in early 1968 after the Pueblo/Blue House crises prompted an AF buildup, are nearing completion. The 557th Civil Engr Sqdn has completed the majority of upgrade projects at Osan and other US AFBs throughout the ROK.

8 The KNP announce plans to purchase large patrol boats and helicopters to strengthen their defenses against NK maritime infiltration and espionage activities.

9 A USAF F106 Delta Dart of the 96th FIS crashes into the Yellow Sea off the SW coast of the ROK. The pilot, Capt Francis W. Dahl Jr, is presumed dead after extensive search operations fail to locate him.

11 LTG William P. Yarborough, Dep CINCUSARPAC, arrives for a four-day tour of US and ROK troop facilities.

12 ROKA CofS GEN SUH Hyong Chul departs for a five-day inspection visit of ROK and FWF in Vietnam.

15 KMAG Dts Center, East and West are discontinued on this date. Simultaneously, Advisory Teams are organized to replace them at I, II, III, V, and VI ROK Corps.

15 The ROKA marks the 24th anniversary of its activation. In its relatively short history, the ROKA, part of which is deployed to the RVN, has become one of the Free World’s largest and best trained armies.

15 A NCO Club in the 2d Div’s 3d Bde is named in honor of SSG George T. McKinney, posthumously awarded a Bronze Star for valor in a Mar 69 firefight with NK ambushers.
16 Eighth Army command and staff personnel attend briefings on "Assessment of Racial Tension in the Army." Talks are given by DCSER's LTC James S. White, a DA expert on racial affairs, who is touring major commands as part of DA's efforts to make commanders aware of racial problems and their solutions.

17 An early-morning fire destroys the Bando-Chosun Arcade in downtown Seoul. Firemen and equipment from Eighth Army assist Korean firefighters in controlling the 1.02 billion won ($3.3 million) blaze.

18 US SECSTATE William P. Rogers, appearing on a US network TV interview, says "we don't have any present plans to reduce our troops in Korea." He adds, "we certainly have no intention of forever having troops in Korea, but I wouldn't want to suggest we are going to take all of our troops out of Korea in the foreseeable future as long as the Communists in the North behave the way they do."

18 ARC President GEN James F. Collins (USA Ret) arrives for a four-day inspection of Red Cross activities in the ROK. In a press interview, he states that the ARC, along with the IRC, are doing their best to effect the return of a KAL airliner and its passengers hijacked to NK last month.

20 I Corps (Op), one of the senior major tactical units in the US Army with 20 campaign streamers, celebrates its 52d anniversary. In accomplishing its present mission of guarding the western/central sector of the 151-mile Korean DMZ, I Corps utilizes a multinational force of both Army and Marine troops.

20 Citizens throughout the ROK protest against NK's refusal to return the hijacked KAL plane and passengers. Rallies are held and petitions are circulated to bring worldwide attention to the 51 passengers (all Koreans) held captive in NK since 11 Dec 69.

21 On the second anniversary of the abortive NK commando raid on the ROK Presidential Mansion, President PARK meets with top defense, police and national security officials to strengthen preparedness against continued NK aggressions.

21 UNCURK representatives from Australia, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Chile and the Netherlands begin closed meetings in Tokyo to discuss political, economic and military aspects of the Korean peninsula and the hijacking to NK of a KAL airliner late last year.

21 MG Charles J. Benholm, CG, USASA, begins four days of conferences with US Army officials here.
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23 USS Pueblo hijacked by NK two years ago today. One crewman was killed. Remaining 82 were released from captivity eleven months later. NK Communists still retain vessel.

23 ROK observes Freedom Day. On this date 16 years ago, ROK President Syngman Rhee freed 7,604 NKA prisoners and 11,235 CHICOM prisoners who chose freedom by refusing to return to Communist hands.

26 GEN Ralph E. Haines, CINCUSARPAC, arrives for a two-day inspection. During his stay he will meet with GENs MUN Hyong Tae, Chairman of the ROK JCS, and SUH Hyung Chul, ROKA CoFS.

29 LTG H. A. Miley, Jr., DCO, USAMC, begins a two-day fact-finding visit to Eighth Army.

30 Eighth Army's FY 69 safety program merits both the DA Award of Honor and the National Safety Council Award of Honor. It is the fourth DA award and the fifth NSC award to be earned by Eighth Army in the past seven years.

31 MG James H. Skeldon, formerly Chief, KMAG, and most recently CoFS, Sixth Army, arrives to replace MG Arthur H. Adams as Senior Member of the UNCMAC. The post, rotated among the services every six months, is always held by a US general/flag officer of two-star rank.

FEBRUARY

2 "US News and World Report" claims that "studies are underway for a gradual withdrawal of the two US Army divisions in Korea... after the Vietnam War has died down."

2 MG Francis L. Sampson, Army Chief of Chaplains, begins a four-day review of US Army religious activities in the ROK.

4 A two-day "MAP-X-FY70" defense conference begins at I Corps (Op) headquarters. The conference is attended by 26 general officers from major US and ROK military units and features seminar discussions of ideas and tactical responses to different battle-field situations. The exercise is an innovative step to insure combat efficiency without staging expensive maneuvers.

4 USO celebrates its 29th year as a soldier welfare organization and its 11th anniversary in Korea.
FEBRUARY

5 About 300,000 ROK citizens stage a public rally in Seoul to denounce NK for not returning the passengers and crew of a plane hijacked on 11 Dec 69, and for trying to obtain cholera germs from Japan for purposes of waging biological warfare against the ROK.

6 SPLt Stanley T. King is killed and three other members of the 7th Inf Div's 7th Avn Bn, are injured when their UH-1D helicopter crashes and turns near Tongduchon.

6 Lunar New Year. Today begins the "Year of the Dog" in the Orient and the year 4303 in Korean history.

8 GEN Jack J. Catton, USAF, MAC Cmdr, arrives for a one-day inspection of MAC facilities at Kimpo AFB and a visit to the ROK MND.

8 The Eighth Army boxing team sweeps nine of 10 titles in final bouts to capture the 1970 USARPAC Boxing Championships held at Shea Fieldhouse in ASCOM, Korea.

8 MG H. C. Sparrow, Chief, USAAA, begins a two-day command visit.

9 ROK-US SOFA went into effect three years ago. Since then, according to the ROKMJ, Korean courts have exercised jurisdiction under the SOFA in 193 cases, or 3.5 percent of the total criminal cases involving US military, DOD civilians and their dependents.

11 GEN J. H. Michaelis, UNCS/FK/Eighth Army commander, departs for Washington to testify on US defense commitments to Korea before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee. Also making the trip is US Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter.

11 LTO G. I. Forsythe, CG, USACDC, attends briefings by Eighth Army officials during his two-day visit to the ROK.

14 ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Hah states that ROK troops will remain in Vietnam until the RVN government requests their withdrawal.

14 Thirty-nine passengers of the KAL plane diverted to NK two months ago while on a Kangnung-Seoul flight are released to US military authorities at Panmunjom. No documents are signed and no words spoken during the repatriation. The ROKG demands that NK return the four crew members and eight passengers still held by the Communists as well as the plane and cargo. Pyongyang Radio announces that those not returned will remain in NK.
The six-week FY 70 Overseas Combined Federal Campaign is launched throughout Eighth Army to solicit voluntary contributions to health and welfare agencies. The campaign combines the ARC, the International Service Agencies and the National Health Agencies which formerly conducted separate campaigns.

MG Ward S. Ryan, outgoing Chief, KMAC, departs for new duties as DCG, Fifth Army. He will be replaced by MG William H. Blakefield, CG, US Army Intelligence Command.

ROK CIA/KNP officials reveal that the 11 Dec 69 hijacking of the KAL YS-11 aircraft to Yonpo Airfield, NK, was the work of one passenger, CHO Chang Hi, a former ROKA NOC.

MG H. F. Foster Jr, ACoF, G-6, USARPAC, inspects US Army communications facilities in the ROK.

In a ceremony at the UN Cemetery near Pusan, 15 men of the Turkish Army, led by COL Fehmi Dayicioglu, Liaison Officer to the UNC, pay tribute to their compatriots killed in the Korean War.

LG Frank J. Sackton, Comptroller of the Army, begins a four-day visit to US Army commands and Paks in the ROK.

In a press conference in Seoul, some of the 39 freed passengers of the KAL plane hijacked to the North last 11 Dec report that the Communists are fanning hatred of the US and ROK even among children. One returnee states the Reds are aggression-minded and bent on unifying Korea, through force if necessary, by 15 Apr 72.

MG Kenneth L. Johnson, formerly with DCSPER, DA, takes command of the 7th Inf Div. He replaces MG Edward P. Smith who departed yesterday for reassignment to AGSFOR, DA.

The multimillion dollar Pohang-Seoul POL pipeline nears completion as two construction crews meet midway between Taegu and Pohang. This POL distribution system which will become the primary means of moving petroleum throughout the country, is being built by USAFEDE and a US-ROK construction firm.

A Japanese government investigation confirms that NK had ordered cholera, pest, and bacillus anthracis germs from a Japanese firm but concludes that shipments had never been made. The ROKG remains concerned with the germ warfare threat from the North.
FEBRUARY

20 One of the first two US soldiers sentenced to a ROK prison, PVT Willie Page, is released after serving 17 months of his 2½-3 year sentence. Page was convicted along with CPL Raymond Velasquez in Oct 68 for rape resulting in injury. Velasquez received a lesser sentence and was released last year. Both were confined at Suwon Penitentiary.

20 SECDEF Melvin Laird credits NK with 350,000 troops and an effective air force of more than 500 aircraft.

20 Eighth Army firefighting trucks aid Korean firemen in controlling a predawn fire which destroyed seven concessions and caused 3.5 million won ($11,300) damage to the Seun Arcade in downtown Seoul.

20 Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor notes overall improvements in Eighth Army's materiel readiness and cites the introduction of increased helicopter assets and M16 rifles in 1969 as part of the modernization of US forces in Korea.


24 The Senate subcommittee on US Security Agreements, chaired by Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), opens hearings which will focus on the presence of 50,000 US Army troops in the ROK and on future US military involvements in Korea in the event of a renewed conflict. US Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter and GEN J. H. Michaelis, COMUSK, are in Washington to testify.


25 The Honorable T. R. Beal, Under Secretary of the Army for Force Planning, arrives for two days of conferences with Eighth Army officials.

25 The newly completed Charles H. Bonesteel III Gymnium at the Korean Paraplegic Village in Yongdongpo is officially opened. The gym, named for the former CINCUNC who retired in Oct 69, was built largely with funds donated by the Seoul Area American Officers' Wives Club.
FEBRUARY

27 A five-day combined US/ROK anti-submarine warfare exercises begins off the SE coast of the ROK. This annual joint exercise, involving selected vessels from both fleets, is designed to increase capabilities against enemy submarine activity.

27 In the largest airmobile exercise to be conducted in the ROK, helicopters from the US 239th Assault Helicopter and the 19th Avn Co's airlift 600 ROK troops of the 26th ROK Div into landing zones on a mountain parallel to the DMZ. This joint exercise tests integration between US and ROK units and heralds a new role for the helicopter in Korea.

MARCH

1 19th GSG in Seoul is deactivated and replaced by the newly formed US Army Garrison Yongsan (Prov). The 19th GSG will be reactivated in Taegu at a later date.

1 Samil Day. Host nation celebrates anniversary of the 1 March 1919 independence movement against Japanese colonial rule.

3 A five-man US Army Artist Team, the first to visit the ROK and the first to be given the task of pictorially depicting the Army outside the RVN, arrives for 14 weeks. The paintings of the soldier artists will be added to the US Army Art Collection as a permanent contribution to American military history.

9 BG Kenneth T. Sawyer, Eighth Army Engineer, is promoted to that rank.

10 SP4 Paul L. Knowles, US Army Pusan Base Gmd, is convicted under the SOFA by the Pusan District Court and sentenced to four year's imprisonment for aggravated robbery. He will appeal the decision.

10 The ROK GGOH announces that search operations have begun for an estimated three enemy agents who abandoned their infiltration boat near Yongdok on the east coast of the ROK.

10 LTG JUNG Nae Hiuk (Ret) is appointed as the 18th ROK Minister of National Defense replacing HM Chung Sik.

11 KORSCOM (Prov) begins operations in Taegu. This new headquarters, a consolidation of the former Eighth FASCOM and EADC/EAR, unifies logistical support for all military forces in Korea. It has 10 subordinate commands stretched from Pusan to Uijongbu.
MARCH

11 BG V. H. Ellis, formerly CG of EADG/EAR, departs for reassignment as Director of Material Acquisition, OSA (I&L).

13 Two armed NK infiltrators are killed by ROKA troops in the first DMZ firefight in five months. There were no ROKA casualties.

14 GEN James A. Van Fleet (Ret), Eighth Army CG during Korean War (1952-3), visits the ROK. Van Fleet is currently President of the Korea Society in the US.

15 ROKA observes the 16th anniversary of its activation.

16 MG William H. Blakefield, formerly CG of US Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Md, assumes command of KMAG replacing MG Ward S. Ryan who has been reassigned as DCG, Fifth Army, Ft Sheridan, Ill.

18 A US Army Mental Health Clinic opens at Yongsan Military Reservation to meet the increasing need for treatment of psychiatric disorders.

25 MG W. E. Lotz, CG, USAECOM, begins a two-day visit to Eighth Army.

25 The US 38th Artillery Brigade in Korea celebrates the ninth anniversary of its reactivation.

25 MG designate John S. Lekson arrives to assume duties as Chief, PROVMAAG-K, replacing MG Livingston N. Taylor, Jr, who is being reassigned as Chief, MAAG Taiwan. Lekson was previously CG, USATC, Ft Campbell, Ky.

30 CECOM announces that ROK Marines killed two NK armed espionage agents who had come ashore at Yongdok, North Kyongsan Province, on 10 Mar. One Marine was killed in the 20-minute firefight.

31 A JAL Boeing 727, enroute from Tokyo to Fukuoka with 136 persons aboard, is hijacked by a group of sword-wielding youths who demand to be taken to the NK capital of Pyongyang "to learn guerrilla warfare." The JAL pilot persuades his captors to allow him to land at Fukuoka to take on more fuel. During five-hour stop, skyjackers release 22 women, children and an old man. In a pre-arranged subterfuge, the pilot then lands the jet at Seoul's Kimpo Airport which is hurriedly disguised as a NK airfield. Hijackers see through ruse and refuse to deplane. ROK officials plead with skyjackers to release the passengers. Hijackers refuse. Impasse begins.
Taegu Base Cmd inactivated. The 19th GSG assumes area support role for Taegu, Camp Carroll and Pusan.

The hijacked JAL aircraft remains on ground at Kimpo AFB. Air pirates, believed to be nine in number, are identified as members of the Sekigun (Red Army), an extremist splinter group of Japan's Socialist Student League. The young hijackers, who are armed with swords, daggers, guns and explosives, threaten to blow up the plane if denied permission to take off to NK. Others on board are seven crew members and 99 passengers including two Americans, a priest and a businessman. Hands of the males are bound. A ROK countermeasures committee, acting in accord with Japanese authorities, reiterates that plane will be allowed to take off only after passengers are freed. Standoff continues but at 2200 hours the Japanese students accept food on board for first time.

The two million member HDRF marks its second anniversary. The HDRF, made up mostly of reservists but including volunteers, was activated to meet the need for a civilian defense system to help counter NK infiltration and espionage.

Beginning this date, all electronic replacement items and repair parts will be airlifted to Korea under a 90-day test program developed by USAMC and supported by KORSCOM. Innovation will cut storage costs without impairing delivery time.

Kimpo AFB scene of tense drama as war of nerves continues between the skyjackers and ROK/Japanese officials. Late in day, after long hours of fruitless bargaining, Japan's Transportation Vice Minister S. Yamamura offers himself as hostage in exchange for release of passengers. The radical students agree in principal but insist on presence of Japanese Socialist K. Abe to certify Yamamura's identity. Abe flies to Korea for necessary guarantees.

Ordeal ends for the JAL passengers who had been held captive for 84 hours. At 1126 hours, after 3½ days in the ROK, three stewardesses and 50 passengers walk down the ramp. Then 35-year-old Yamamura boards the plane, after which the remaining 49 passengers are released. At 1800 hours, with Captain Ishida still at the controls, the jetliner takes off for Pyongyang.

ROKN destroyer Koje-ham intercepts and sinks a 50-ton NK espionage boat with all aboard. Action takes place 20 miles NW of Kunsan off Republic's western coast. The ROKN sank three 50-ton NK spy vessels last year.
NK, after a 36-hour delay, frees the JAL plane, its crew, and hostage Yamamura. The jet's arrival in Tokyo ends longest hijacking in history—122 hours. Since 1950 there have been 144 planes hijacked and 10,000 passengers menaced. Four hijackings, including the JAL case (Japan's first) occurred in Asia. The JAL hijacking, the first to be carried out by a gang of this size, rates as the most bizarre in the annals of commercial air travel.

Arbor Day. US forces join the ROK populace in planting seedlings in an annual effort to enhance the natural beauty of the country.

The 300th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission is held at Panmunjom and characterized by a Communist propaganda tirade.

The 1969 Sperry Award is won by the 3d Bn, 61st Arty, I Corps (Gp) Arty. This annual honor is given by the Sperry Rand Corp. to the best Sergeant missile battalion in the US Army.

MG Alberto Pico, Adjutant General of Puerto Rico, visits the ROK to discuss with GIs from Puerto Rico the employment and educational opportunities available in both the Army and their native Puerto Rico.

Air Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Cmndr, British PEAUF, arrives for a command visit.

Beginning today for a 60-day trial period, civilian attire is authorized off-post for US soldiers in the I Corps (Gp) area excluding the 2d Inf Div.

US Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy arrives in the ROK to attend the third annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank and to confer with US officials here.

BG Donald R. Ward, formerly ACoS Mil Ops and Reserve Forces, CONARC, assumes duties as I Corps (Gp) CofS replacing BG Walter F. Winton, Jr, who has been reassigned as DCG, USATC, Ft Dix, N.J.

A five-story municipal apartment house in Seoul collapses killing 33 and injuring 39. US Army personnel and equipment assist rescuers in searching the debris for survivors.

BG Michael E. Leeper is assigned as Eighth Army ACoS, G4, replacing BG Chester H. Johnson who was transferred to HQ, 4th US Army, Ft Sam Houston, Tex. Leeper was last assigned as Dir, Int'l Log, USAMC, Washington, D. C.
Three NK infiltrators, detected in the hills about 13 miles NW of Seoul, are killed in a firefight with ROKA, HDRF, and KNP forces. Three HDRF militiamen are wounded.

Representative William Bray (R-Ind), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, points to NK aggressions and tells the House of Representatives it would be "foolish for the US to ignore the warning signals being flashed by NK."

Premier Chou En-lai visits Pyongyang. This is the first visit of a Red Chinese leader to NK since 1962.

Senator Joseph Tydings (D-Md), in a senate speech, notes increased ROK defense capabilities, and calls for the withdrawal of a frontline US division from the ROK "to reduce the risk of US involvement in another Asian ground war, prevent US casualties, and produce a $250 million per year savings."

ROKA begins Exercise MYOLGONG (Crush Communism) along the eastern frontline to test individual and unit combat capabilities. USAF planes will support the exercise.

DOD announces that the ROK will receive $114,093,000 in military assistance (MAP) for the year ending 30 Jun 70.

The 12th annual National Library Week begins to promote greater utilization of the 63 Special Services libraries throughout Eighth US Army.

LTG Gordon M. Graham, USFJ/5th AF Cmdr, arrives for a three-day orientation visit to the ROK.

The UNC announces the reopening of Panmunjom to a limited number of tourists. Panmunjom, the site of continuing UNC and NK armistice negotiations, had been open to authorized visitors until 1967 when increased NK border incidents endangered their safety and forced a ban on unofficial tours to the truce site.

Twenty-first anniversary of ROKMC. In its short history, it has become one of the largest Marine Corps in the Free World—second only to the USMC.

LTG John A. Heintges, Eighth Army DOG, is awarded the Knights Commanders' Cross of the FRG by German Ambassador to Korea Dr. W. Sarrazin. The award, one of West Germany's highest, recognizes exemplary achievements of LTG Heintges while serving in Heidelberg as Dep CINCUSAREUR/7th Army.
APRIL

18. The 4th US Army M1 (M1) celebrates its 12th anniversary. Formed on 18 Apr 58 from the 100th Field Artillery Rocket Bn, the unit was assigned to Camp Page, Korea, its present location.

19. Tenth anniversary of the bloody student uprising that toppled the 12-year regime of President Syngman Rhee. Occasion is marked by students, government officials and members of the victims' families.

20. Operation GOLDEN DRAGON, the first major joint ROK-US amphibious exercise since Operation Banner in 1963, gets underway off the east coast of the ROK. The five-day exercise, featuring participation by elements of the US 7th Fleet, the ROKN and ROKMC, will be climaxed by a regimental-sized amphibious and helicopter assault.

20. LTC John A. Meintges, Eighth Army DG3, is named US Representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group of CENTO at Ankara, Turkey, and will depart Korea in June.

21. LTC Prasarn Amatayakul, Commandant of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College visits the ROK to confer with UNC officials.

21. The North Korean Central News Agency reveals NK's plans to increase military expenditures by six and one-half percent this year. Approximately 30 percent (or the equivalent of $610 million) of the total budget is marked for military buildup.

22. Two US Marines are killed when their A6 Intruder jet crashes NW of Pohang on the east coast of the ROK. The 7th Flt aviators were participating in Operation GOLDEN DRAGON, a joint ROK-US amphibious exercise.

23. The ROK GEMOH announces that the three NK infiltrators, intercepted and killed on 8 Apr by ROK troops and HDRF, were carrying a large quantity of methyl parathion, a lethal poison, and Russian-made pistols equipped with silencers.

23. ROKA guards on the eastern front discover the bodies of three armed NK agents in the DMZ. Enemy dead had been killed by a mine explosion during their attempt to infiltrate the ROK.

23. A NK guerrilla who had been operating in the Samchok area on Korea's east coast is killed by KNF. The agent had been reported by villagers.
APRIL

25 The ROKG begins Operation ULCHI 70, a nationwide GPX sponsored by the ROK National Security Council and participated in by elements of US Forces Koréa. The week-long exercise will explore all possible defensive measures against an all-out Communist attack.

27 A ROK MND official announces that the US will shortly provide the HDRF with an unspecified amount of submachine guns to upgrade their firepower.

28 Following an appeal from the ROK National Red Cross and the Korean National Tuberculosis Association, members of USFK contribute $8,000.

29 Enemy infiltration attempts increase. ROKA troops in the central sector of the DMZ engage and repel an unknown number of NK agents. No casualties are reported.

30 A nine-man ROKA patrol kills three armed NK infiltrators in a DMZ firefight in the western-central sector. NK positions north of the MDL shell the area in an attempt to provide cover for the agents. There were no friendly casualties.

MAY

1 Eighth Army observes Law Day with a special garrison flag retreat ceremony.

1 MG Robert W. Maloy assumes command of the 31th Air Division replacing BG A. W. Holderness Jr, who has been reassigned as C/Dr of the 19th Air Div at Carswell AFB, Texas. Maloy was formerly the Asst D/OfS of the Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Tex.

2 As a result of GPX ULCHI CY 70 which ends today, President PARK Chung Hee orders an increase of underground facilities in ROKG office buildings and expansion of nationwide communications networks.

3 A ROKA task force kills three armed NK agents on the west coast while a CI unit captures a 21-man Communist espionage ring, two of whose members planned to rendezvous with the agents and return with them to the North.

3 The Eighth Army Marksmanship Team wins both the USARPAC rifle and pistol matches held at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
A series of fires, suspected of being arson, break out at Camps Hovey and Kaiser in 7th Div. Most serious was the blaze which destroyed the library at Camp Kaiser, resulting in $50,000 damage.

A US Army OH-23 observation helicopter belonging to KORSCOM's 19th Avn Co crashes 60 miles S of Seoul hospitalizing both crewmen and destroying the aircraft.

The Honorable Roger Kelley, ASD for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, arrives for two days of briefings at Eighth Army headquarters.

Two 52-foot hydrographic sounding boats are transferred to the ROKN by the USN under a five-year lease plan. The craft will be used to survey the ROK's coastal waters.

MG Harold G. Moore, formerly Eighth Army's ACOFS, G3, assumes command of the 7th Inf Div. Promoted to his present rank on 9 May, Moore replaces MG Kenneth L. Johnson who has been reassigned as Dep Chief, OPO, DA.

Robert S. McNamara, President of the World Bank and former SECDEF, arrives for a four-day visit with ROKG officials.

Thirteen 44-ton diesel locomotives are received and added to Eighth Army's inventory of 400 rail cars. They will relieve congestion problems at crowded Army depots and port facilities.

AN Chae Yong, an employee of a US-contracted firm, is awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by GEN John H. Michaelis, CINCUNC, for his heroic actions in saving the lives of five American servicemen and two Koreans while working in Vietnam.

According to MND JUNG Nae Hui, the ROKG is trying to obtain a US defense loan to offset a $60 million US MAP cutback this year in military aid to Korea.

US troops in Korea celebrate America's 21st Armed Forces Day with a variety of open-house activities on US installations.

More than $112,000 is contributed by USFK personnel during the 1970 DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign. This figure exceeds the 1969 total by more than $15,000.

Ninth anniversary of the bloodless military revolution which brought President (then MG) PARK Chung Hee to power.
Vice President Spiro T. Agnew says in a press interview that "the US is contemplating reducing its troop level in Korea with the cooperation of the ROK because that nation has developed a great capability to take care of its own requirements."

SEODEF Laird, in congressional testimony just made public, states that the $350 million authorized for military assistance next year is not enough to provide for modernization programs needed particularly for the ROK and Nationalist China. At one point he estimates the cost of maintaining a US division in Vietnam at $500 million per year while the cost of a ROK division in the RVN was about half that amount.

MG William H. Blakefield, formerly Chief, KMAG, assumes duties as Eighth Army's C of S, replacing retiring MG William W. Beverley who was recently awarded the ROKG Order of National Security Merit, 3d Class, for his contribution to the improvement of ROK forces. BG Joseph W. Pezoldt will take command of KMAG.

Rock-hurling ROK citizens clash with American soldiers in the village of Changpa-ri, some 25 miles north of Seoul. The incident was touched off when three US soldiers of the 2d Div allegedly assaulted a Korean national. KNF and MPs cooperate to bring situation under control.

The world leader of the Salvation Army, GEN Erik Wickberg, arrives in the ROK and attends ceremonies in his honor hosted by UNCS/USFK.

President Nixon designates this drug abuse prevention week. As part of the national observance, servicemen in Korea will receive intensive information on the harmful effect of drugs.

LTG Robert J. Friedman (USAF Ret), former UNCS/USFK C of S, arrives in Seoul on a private visit.

Two teams of the Survey and Investigations Staff of the House Appropriations Committee arrive for briefings on operational readiness of US forces and visits to US installations in the ROK.

President PARK instructs his cabinet ministers to store strategic materiel underground south of the Han River to prepare against a possible NK "blitzkrieg" attack. His statement came after a final briefing on the results of CPX ULCHI CY 70 which was held 27 Apr to 1 May.
Publication of recent congressional testimony reveals that the US Army has a $108 million program to modernize US military facilities in Korea in the next four years. The program includes $54.6 million for operational and training facilities, $33.6 million for supply facilities, and $12 million for troop housing and community support facilities.

The ROKMJ exercises jurisdiction over SGT John W. Blount and SPL James E. Walter, both of HHC, 3d Bde, 7th Inf Div, who are accused of a 5 Mar murder and robbery of a Korean couple in Tongdohon.

The US and the ROK conclude a $10 million loan agreement that will finance imports of US raw materials, machinery, and equipment. The loan is the last the ROK will receive under an economic assistance program which has provided $1.8 billion since 1954, marking a milestone in the history of the ROK's economic development.

SECDEF Melvin R. Laird says that the US is "working on plans for troop reductions in the Pacific and Asian area as we reduce our role of world policeman in favor of the Nixon doctrine." DOD sources say the planning involves the ROK where the US has 64,000 Army, Air Force, and Navy troops stationed.

ROKMC Commandant CHUNG Kwang Ho leaves for a 20-day observation tour of CONUS Marine installations and training programs at the invitation of his US counterpart, GEN Leonard F. Chapman.

The ROKMJ notifies USFK that it will exercise jurisdiction over SGT Clyde L. White, Hq Co, 2/17th Inf, 7th Div, who has been charged with arson resulting in the death of a Korean woman.

The 4th annual Wonju, Korea - Roanoke, Va. Day is held in Wonju. The sister city observance features a free luncheon and tour for US servicemen whose home is in Roanoke.

During a ROK National Assembly Defense Affairs Committee meeting, Defense Minister JUNG Nae Hik states that any US troop withdrawal would "gravely affect maintenance of Korean security" during the 1970s, a "crucial period" for the ROK. At same meeting, Foreign Minister CHO KYU HAH testifies that the US would not withdraw its troops without prior consultation with Korea.

USFK commemorates Memorial Day with ceremonies at Yongsan's Knight Field.
JUNE

1. LTG John A. Heintges departs for his new assignment in Turkey as US Representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group of CENTO. He is replaced as Eighth Army DCG by LTG Patrick F. Cassidy, the I Corps (Gp) commander.

2. The Office of the ACoFS, G5 is discontinued and replaced by a new Civil/Military Operations Division, G1. The move is made to consolidate the Civil Affairs function with G1's Cold War Education Program and save manpower spaces.

3. MG John S. Lekson, Chief, PROVMAAG-K, is promoted to that rank. Promotion ceremonies are also held for new MG Joseph W. Pezdirtz, Chief, KNAG.

4. Seoul's registered population reaches 4,978,944, making it one of the world's ten largest cities.

5. The earth station for the communications satellite Intelsat-3 in Kumsan begins operation. The first live TV broadcast between Korea and the US is made and is participated in locally by President PARK and US Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter.

6. The 478th TFS from Homestead AFB, Fla. and the 16th TFS from Elgin AFB, Fla. arrive for six months TDY with the 354th TFW at Kunsan AFB. They replace the 334th and 335th TFS which have returned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N. C.

7. As ROK forces in western sector drive four NK infiltrators back across the Imjin River, heavy covering fire from Communist guns north of the MDL wounds two ROK civilians. This is the first time since the Armistice that Communists have shelled a civilian community.

8. A six-member Cambodian mission, headed by GEN Srey Saman, arrives to discuss with ROKG leaders diplomatic recognition and possible military assistance.

9. High speed NK naval vessels fire upon and seize a ROKN patrol boat south of the Yellow Sea MDL. Friendly craft, with 20 crewmen aboard, was assigned to protect a fishing fleet in international waters NW of Yonpyong Island. Ill fated vessel is first ROKN ship to be captured by the Communists since the Korean War.

10. Host nation observes its Memorial Day with prayers for fallen soldiers and patriots.

11. New I Corps (Gp) directive authorizes US soldiers to wear civilian clothing off-post, except in 2d Div area.
President Park says withdrawal of any substantial part of the US military force in Korea at this time would be unacceptable to his government. He admitted in his public statement that the US may eventually affect a reduction of its 60,000-man force in the ROK and that the ROK is now negotiating with US authorities for equipping its military forces with more modern arms.

For the first time in its history, HQ Eighth Army, has a distinctive crest symbolic of its illustrious service in war and peace. Gen. O. W. T. Millikin, Eighth Army, pins the first crest on Gen. William A. Boyles, Eighth Army, in the Pacific (during the Korean War), and, for the last 20 years, in Korea.

Twenty-sixth anniversary of the Eighth US Army, since its activation in Seoul, Korea, the Eighth has served consecutively in the Pacific (during the Korean War), and, for the last 20 years, in Korea.

Appropriate ceremonies mark the 19th birthday of the US Army and Flag Day.

An exhibit of paintings by the first Korean-based Army artist opens for two weeks in the Yongsan Crafts Shop. After the display, the work of the specially selected soldier will be shipped to OCM, DA, as a permanent contribution to US military history.

In three separate infiltration attempts along the DMZ, three NK infiltrators were killed and several wounded. Members of the 21st INF Div killed one Communist infiltrator near Pusan, while ROK soldiers of the 2nd Infantry N. V. Yonchon account. There were no friendly casualties.

15th army, Eighth Army, initiates Exercise PACE [pace]. This week-long series of readiness movements is designed to test capability of the other two elements to rapidly move to the field.

Purging the enemy, Eighth Army, 15 miles N. of Seoul, killing one of the infiltrators who escaped. A sweep is being conducted to locate the other two agents who escaped.
A second member of the agent team intercepted yesterday is killed in the heavily forested Nokow Mountain near Tokchon by ROK forces. A third armed infiltrator is still at large.

The 22nd Royal Thai Company arrives at Osan AFB as the 21st Company departs in the annual rotation of Royal Thai troops. The company is assigned to the 7th US Inf Div.

The last member of a trio of NK infiltrators is hunted down and killed on Nokow Mountain, 17 miles NE of Seoul, ending a tense 96-hour manhunt.

Two or three NK agents attempt to place a time bomb in a gate of the National Cemetery in Tongjak-dong, Seoul, but fail as the bomb explodes killing one of the terrorists. A search is being made of the Mt. Kwanak area for other agents believed to be hiding there. The team was apparently attempting to assassinate government leaders who are expected to attend ceremonies at the cemetery on the 25th, the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.

The annual fund campaign for AER/ARS begins throughout Eighth Army. The campaign, which will last until 7 Aug, solicits funds to be used to render assistance in time of need to military members and their families.

LTG YU Kun Chang, CROH Chief, estimates that 123 NK agents attempted to infiltrate into the South on 34 different occasions since the first of the year. Of this number, 39 were killed by ROK defense forces and 19 others were captured. In this period, 43 pistols and guns, including 16 AK-47 rifles, 4,500 rounds of ammunition, 69 land grenades, one grenade launcher, two motor boats, and 100 other items of espionage equipment were captured. One heavily armed 50-ton espionage ship was sunk during the period. Friendly casualties, all ROK, were four killed and 20 wounded.

Twenty years ago today the Korean War erupted when 10 NKA divisions, backed by 500 Russian-built tanks and 2,000 artillery pieces, invaded the ROK in a massive onslaught. The anniversary is marked in brief government ceremonies and a message from GEN J. H. Michaelis, CINCUNC, who affirms that the UNC is determined to prevent any repetition of the tragic events of 25 Jun 50.

The 37th Congress of Poets, Essayists and Novelists (P.E.N.) opens in Seoul for six days with about 100 prominent writers from 36 nations, including the US, in attendance.
29 ROKAF and ROKN forces disable and capture a six-ton NK infiltration boat, equipped with radar and rocket launchers, near Yonghung Island, 20 miles SW of Inchon. Six armed Communist agents, who swam to shore during the sea battle, are killed by ROK HDRF and KNP coastal watchers on Yonghung Island after a one-hour firefight. Two policemen and one militiaman were killed in the action and six other policemen were wounded.

30 The Naija Hotel in downtown Seoul, home to thousands of US officers and civilians since the end of WWII, is closed due to rising maintenance costs. It has been exclusively a DAC billet since 1965.

30 Matthew House, part of the Walker Hill resort complex and a R&R hotel leased by Eighth Army for US servicemen, reverts to ROK commercial control because of declining occupancy and high operational expenses.

30 The 267-mile Seoul-Pusan expressway is officially opened. An exclusive ROK effort, the $1.4 billion superhighway took three years to build and used nine million manhours. The new road is a significant addition to military lines of communication and includes four aircraft landing zones in the event of emergency situations.
GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

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Chronology

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FOREWORD

1. This semi-annual chronology provides a handy reference source document of the day-by-day sequence of events affecting Eighth Army. It serves as a continuing record of historic firsts, changes of command, anniversaries, command visits, and other significant events in Korea.

2. It is unclassified to allow the widest possible dissemination and usage. Recipients are authorized to extract or reproduce portions as desired.

3. Comments by users pertaining to the improvement and utility of this compendium are welcomed.

NOTE: For uncommon abbreviations, see Glossary inside back cover.
JULY

1  In Korea, the 7th US Inf Div recognizes the 30th anniversary of its reactivation, and KMAC observes its 21st birthday. In Hawaii, USARPAC and PACAF celebrate their 13th anniversary.

1  Procedures governing conversion of MPC to US dollar instruments are changed by a revised USFK Policy Directive. The changes are aimed at preventing unlawful financial activities and designed to facilitate legal conversions for US personnel leaving the ROK and for those desiring to purchase a money order for transmitting funds to the US.

1  ROKA personnel receive a 20 percent pay increase effective today. A LTG will receive W132,000 ($425) per month while a PFC will get W600 ($2) monthly.

1  Staff responsibility for Eighth Army's Staff Message Control function is transferred from AG to AGofS, G-4 as part of a SECDEF project to place all message processing functions under single management.

2  ROKA forces on the eastern frontline kill a NK armed infiltrator who was attempting to penetrate the ROK along with two other agents who escaped north. There were no friendly casualties.

3  CPT Stormy D. Garr, CO of HHC, 2/32d Inf, 7th Inf Div, is shot and killed by an enlisted man of his unit. The EM, PFC Herbert J. Green, then shot himself in the head and is in "poor" condition at the 121st Evac Hosp. Investigation is being conducted.

3  A new USO recreation center is opened in Taegu. The $100,000 structure is dedicated by BG George P. Holm, CG, KORSCOM (Prov).

4  Independence Day. US personnel serving in the ROK mark the day with traditional American 4th of July festivities.

4  Monsoon rains begin. Flood warnings are issued by the KNP and patrolmen are put on alert for emergencies resulting from heavy rains.
The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regt, 24th Inf Div's Task Force Smith, who were killed in a valiant holding action on this date in 1950, are honored in ceremonies at the battle site. A monument in memory of this first US ground force to meet the spearhead of the NK invasion stands on a hilltop at Chukmi-Ryung near Osan.

ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Nah departs for Saigon to attend the fourth Vietnam War Allies Foreign Ministers Conference. At the session, CHOI is expected to have talks with US SECSTATE William P. Rogers on rumored US troop reductions in Korea.

The US officially informs the ROKG through US Ambassador to Korea William Porter that it will withdraw part of its 64,000-man military force stationed in Korea. US-ROK consultations are expected later this month to discuss the timetable for the withdrawal and increased US military aid to modernize ROK forces. The cutback is part of the US troop reduction plan for Asia introduced in the Nixon Doctrine.

Following a ROKG national security briefing session, President PARK Chung Hee instructs government and security officials across the country to be on special alert for Communist infiltration during the summer holidays.

The 267-mile Seoul-Pusan expressway is dedicated by President Park in ceremonies at Taejon.

Two NK agents, believed to be the survivors of the terror squad which attempted to plant a time bomb at the National Cemetery on 22 June, are ambushed and killed on the Kimpo peninsula by a ROKA Special Forces patrol. Two ROK soldiers are wounded in the action.

Three days of rain and flooding, the wake of Typhoon Olga, end. The 72-hour storm, which dropped up to eight inches of rain on parts of the Republic, claimed 42 lives and destroyed more than $5.5 million worth of property.

Tsuchiya Yoshihiko, Vice Minister of the JSDF, arrives for a week-long visit with ROK military leaders and tours of the 7th US Inf Div.

USAFEDE/Korea will merge with the US Army Engineer Corps in Okinawa for administrative purposes under the name of West Pacific Engineer Division, Deputy Commander's Office. Almost half of the 110 DACs employed by the FEDE in Korea will be transferred, leaving only a small regional office in the ROK.
ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Hah announces that his country has formally accepted a US proposal, tendered by SECSTATE Rogers during a meeting with CHOI in Saigon on the 6th, to discuss withdrawal of part of the 64,000 US forces in Korea. Talks will be held in Seoul and center around modernization of ROK armed forces to offset the troop cut.

The Nixon Administration says it will step up US arms aid to the ROK as American troops begin their partial withdrawal. US military assistance to the ROK in FY 70 was about $140 million. The cost of maintaining the present level of US forces in Korea is estimated at $1 billion annually. SECDEF Melvin R. Laird states that the planned pullback will be completed by mid-1971 but adds that a substantial military presence will remain.

Five small ROK fishing boats, with a total of 29 crewmen aboard, are hijacked to the North by three high-speed NK patrol boats. The incident, the first of its kind to occur in several months, took place two miles from the ROK-held island of Pyongyong-do (P'yŏng-yŏng-do), 120 miles NNW of Seoul and 10 miles from NK.

Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor lands in the ROK for a one-day visit. Accompanied by CINCUNC GEN J. H. Michaelis, he calls on ROK MND JUNG Nae Hiuk.

Fire sweeps through the Yongsan Main PX, the largest in Korea, causing an estimated $750,000 damage. The fire of undetermined origin began in a storage area in the center of the multi-building complex, the same area that was destroyed by fire in April of last year.

SECSTATE Rogers meets in Tokyo with 14 US ambassadors to Asian nations to assess the Cambodian situation and brief them on plans to reduce US troop presence in Asia. US Ambassador to Korea Porter is among those attending.

Dep SECDEF U. Alexis Johnson asserts that the US will honor its commitment to the defense of Korea, in spite of the partial force reduction plan.

USAF CoS GEN John D. Ryan arrives in Korea to confer with US and ROK officials here. He will depart tomorrow.
In an AP interview, Premier CHUNG II Kwon says he and all 19 members of his cabinet will resign if the US carries out a reduction of 20,000 troops in the ROK. He warns that Korea is entering a critical period with NK probing for ways to attack. In other related moves:

--President Park and other key government leaders meet here with Korean Ambassador to the US KIM Dong Jo over the troop cut.

--The two parties of the National Assembly agree to adopt resolutions and messages denouncing the troop withdrawal and opposing reduction of US forces. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the US Government.

--The ROKG invokes its strict anti-Communist law against 14 people for "rumor spreading" in connection with the announced US move, and warns against false rumors that might alarm local citizens.

COL Rowland B. Shriver arrives from the Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, OSD, to become CO of the 4th Msl Cmb. He replaces COL R. G. Mundinger.

The Seoul Appellate Court upholds the guilty verdict of SP4 Jack G. Abercrombie who was convicted by a lower court in Nov 69 of murder, but reduces his prison sentence from 12 years to five.

BG Jeffrey G. Smith, formerly the Army staff member of the JCS Chairman's Group, arrives to become Eighth Army ACoS, G3. He replaces MG Harold G. Moore who became the CG of 7th US Inf Div upon his promotion in May.


The 1969 GNP for the ROK is estimated at W1.36 trillion ($4.35 billion), an increase of 15.9 percent over the previous year.

The ROK National Assembly passes a law banning the use, sale and possession of marihuana and sets fines up to the equivalent of $1,500 and jail terms up to five years for sale of the narcotic. The legislation, which will become effective 15 Oct, is expected to aid US military officials in their fight against sale and use of the drug around US military compounds. Heretofore, the ROK had no law against traffic in marihuana.
ROKAF Cadet KIM Sung Whan is selected to attend the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo, under the Friendly Nations Law passed by the US Congress in 1966. Each year qualified candidates from allied nations are screened for acceptance at one of the US service academies.

BG Bert A. David assumes command of PROKA Det, KMAG.

ROK Constitution Day. Host nation commemorates acceptance of its constitution on this date, 1948.

Two US soldiers of the 44th Engr Bn drown in the flood-swollen Naktong River near Kumhae while engaged in a salvage operation.

GEN J. H. Michaelis, CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/CG, Eighth Army, departs for Honolulu to attend ROK/US Defense Ministers talks on US troop withdrawals in the ROK.

Torrential rains that have lashed the ROK for the past six days cause 25 deaths, 13 missing and leave over 17,000 people homeless.

The two-day ROK/US Defense Ministers' meeting ends in Hawaii. Dep SECDEF David Packard assures ROK MND JUNG Nae Hui that the US will render prompt and effective assistance in accordance with the Mutual Defense Treaty in the event of an armed attack against the ROK. The US says that the withdrawal of some 20,000 US servicemen from Korea will be a topic of continuing consultation with ROK officials. Both parties agree that US military assistance must be maintained at a substantial level to strengthen and modernize the defense capabilities of the ROK and that the development of additional defense industries in the ROK should be explored. No timetable was announced for the US troop withdrawal and no concrete plans for modernization of ROK forces were developed.

Anniversary of the UNC. On this date 20 years ago, 22 nations came to Korea's aid, 16 of which formed the UNC fighting team, first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression.

ROK Defense Ministry sources announce that construction of a M16 automatic rifle manufacturing plant in Korea will be launched within the year, contingent upon a US defense loan. Details of the project are being discussed with the Colt Firearms Co. in the US.
27 Signing of Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom 17 years ago this date puts end to the shooting war in Korea. In the 17 years of uneasy peace in Korea, the UNC and the Communists have conducted 303 full dress MAC meetings at Panmunjom.

27 LTG Edward L. Rowny, formerly Dep Chief of Army R&D, assumes command of I Corps (Gp) replacing LTG Patrick F. Cassidy. Cassidy has been serving concurrently as DCG, Eighth Army, a post he will continue to hold.

28 ROKAF jets sink a 60-ton NK infiltration craft off the east coast near Kojin, 95 miles NE of Seoul. The high speed agent boat was first detected off Yongdok by ROK coastal security forces and sunk with all aboard after an eight-hour sea chase.

28 Thai Premier Thanom Kittikachorn denies reports that Thailand is considering the withdrawal of its 100-man infantry company from the ROK.

28 ROKG announces it will establish a National Defense Science and Technology Institute by Sep to consolidate all of its present defense research agencies. ROK MND says the US will help underwrite the multi-million dollar project.

29 The first in a series of talks at UNC HQS is held to discuss details of modernizing ROK armed forces in light of planned US military cutbacks here.

29 Seven million students throughout the ROK launch a campaign to raise funds for the purchase of additional counterfiltration equipment for ROK armed forces.

30 USAF MG Felix M. Rogers arrives to assume duties as Senior Member, UNCMAC, normally a six-month assignment. Formerly DCS for Plans, AF Systems Cmd, Andrews AFB, Wash, he replaces MG James H. Skeldon who is reassigned to the CofS's Holding Det. At same time NK announces that MG HAN Yong Ok will replace MG LEE Chun Sun as Senior Member of their side.

30 The ROK MND confirms press reports that US F105 jet fighter bombers, attached to the 18th TFS, 313th Wing in Okinawa, are flying operational missions in the ROK. F105s, F4 Phantoms and F102 Delta Daggers based in Okinawa are routinely assigned to the ROK on a rotational basis to supplement in-country air strength.
JULY

30 Twenty-five retired ROK generals, members of the KVA, are welcomed to Camp Casey by 7th Div CG, MG Harold G. Moore, before their annual USFK-sponsored tour of the division area.

AUGUST

1 BG John W. Collins, ADC(S), 2d Inf Div is promoted to that rank in ceremonies at Camp Howze.

1 GEN KIM Tu Man becomes ROKAF CofS. The former AF DCS succeeds GEN KIM Sung Yong who is retiring.

2 LTG James B. Lampert, HICOM and CG, USAARYIS, visits for talks with US military leaders here.

4 BG Clifford P. Hannum, formerly Dep Dir of Individual Tng for ROTC Affairs, becomes ADC(M), 2d Inf Div. He replaces BG Claude M. McQuarrie who departed 1 Aug for duties at Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey.

4 SECSTATE Rogers, in a meeting with Korean Ambassador to the US KIM Dong Jo, reassures the ROK that the US would fulfill its responsibility under the two nations' mutual defense treaty if NK initiates a new war against the South.

4 A US Army helicopter from I Corps (Gp) rescues 35 Koreans who were stranded in the middle of a swollen stream near Wangsuk-chon.

6 GEN SHIM Hung Son replaces the retiring GEN MUN Hyong Tae as Chairman of the ROK JCS.

7 Another in a continuing series of ROK-US meetings designed to formulate plans for the modernization of ROK forces are held between GEN SHIM Hung Son, ROK JCS Chairman, and LTG Robert N. Smith, USFK CofS. A ROK spokesman says this meeting dealt with weapons and equipment priorities, availability of new weapons, and the timing and scale of the massive modernization move.

8 Seven persons are killed and 40 injured when a three-story building collapses in Inchon. Eighth Army units and heavy equipment assist in rescue operations.

8 MG T. M. Rienzi, CG, USASTRATCOM Pacific, begins a six-day visit to US Army communications facilities in Korea.
10 BG Ernest P. Braucher, DCG, KORSCOM, is promoted to that rank in ceremonies at Taegu. Braucher, who arrived on 5 Jul, was formerly Dep Dir for Plans, DCSLOG, DA.

10 Some 200 ministers and representatives of Protestant churches in Seoul hold a prayer meeting to oppose any reduction of the US troop level in the ROK.

10 LTG W. T. Kerwin, DCSPE, DA, arrives in the ROK for a four-day visit with ROK and US leaders.


13 UNCURK ends its third meeting this year after compiling and approving a report for submission at the UN 25th General Assembly meeting in Sep. The six-chapter report included details on the 11 Dec 69 NK hijacking of a KAL plane, the 5 Jun 70 NK seizure of a ROKN boat and the 22 Jun NK bomb plot at the National Cemetery in Seoul. The report also mentioned the planned US troop reduction and strong ROKG reaction.

14 Cholera epidemic breaks out in the southern part of the ROK. Ten have died thus far and over 100 are being treated. No US personnel have contracted the disease. Mass anti-cholera vaccinations are administered throughout the country and all US military personnel are required to update their cholera shots within the next two days.

15 Independence Day. Host nation marks the 25th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule and observes the 22d anniversary of the Republic's birth.

15 In an Independence Day speech, President Park expresses a willingness to take "epochal and realistic measures toward reunification of the peninsula if NK would give up its aggressive designs on the ROK."

15 GEN Ralph E. Haines, Jr, CINCUSARPAC, arrives for a six-day farewell visit to the ROK. He will succeed GEN James K. Woolnough as CG, USCONARC and will be replaced by GEN William B. Rossen who is presently Dep Cmdr USMACV.
AUGUST

17 The Soviet Union and 12 other nations request resumption of the Korean debate in the September session of the UN General Assembly. They ask the Assembly to discuss once more the withdrawal of US troops and the dissolution of UNCURK.

18 The cholera epidemic in the ROK is abating with no new cases being reported in the past few days. A total of 156 persons have been stricken at Miryang and Changnyong some 170 miles SE of Seoul, with 10 deaths reported.

19 A new multi-million dollar Yongsan Main PX, under construction since August 1969, opens with more than $2 million worth of merchandise spread over an acre of floor space.


21 MG C. L. Milburn, Chief Surgeon, USARPAC, begins a four-day visit of US Army medical facilities in Korea.

21 The 7th Inf Div education centers win the annual AUSA trophy for the greatest percentage of increase in Army-wide student enrollment for the University of Maryland academic year with a winning rate of 44 percent.

22 Former members of the 27th US "Wolfhound" Regt and the 1st ROK Div hold a 20th anniversary reunion at Tabu-dong, the site of the 1950 engagement which turned back a critical NK strike at Taegu, the anchor of the Pusan Perimeter. Among the veterans attending the commemorative event are its host GEN J. H. Michaelis, CINCUNC, and Commander of the Wolfhounds during this historic engagement; ROK Prime Minister CHUNG Il Kwon, ROKA CoS at the time; Minister of Transportation PAIK Sun Yup, then CG of the 1st ROK Div; and present Defense Minister JUNG Nae Hiuk.

22 NK rejects the proposals for reunification made by ROK President Park in his 15 August Independence Day speech, denouncing the speech as "falsehood and a swindle."
AUGUST

24 Vice President Agnew arrives in Seoul on the first leg of his four-nation tour of Asia on behalf of President Nixon, to reassure America's allies that the US is not lessening its commitment in this area. He and his nine-member party are accorded honor guard ceremonies at Kimpo Airport, travel by motorcade to City Hall Plaza to receive a key to the City of Seoul, and pay a courtesy call on President Park at the Blue House. In his arrival speech he states US intentions to "substantially modernize the defense capability" of the ROK armed forces and announces the decision "to station a wing of F4 tactical fighter aircraft in Korea as we reduce ground forces."

25 Vice President Agnew calls on Korean National Assembly Speaker Rhee Myo Sang and Premier Chung II Kwon before a six-hour business session with President Park.

25 A helicopter from 3d Avn Det, KORSCOM, rescues two Korean citizens who were stranded on a bridge support in the flood-swollen Kum River north of Taegu.

26 VP Agnew visits the frontline 2d US Div and 26th ROK Div before his departure from Kimpo AFB. During his three-day stay, the ROKG asked for $3 billion in US aid to help modernize their forces as the US reduces its military presence in the ROK by 20,000.

27 DOD announces that the 20,000-man troop reduction planned before mid-1971 is based upon an authorized strength of 63,000 but, since US forces in the ROK are 10,000 men understrength at present, the actual number withdrawn will be much less than 20,000. Pentagon officials also state most of the forthcoming reduction can be accomplished through normal attrition since the unaccompanied duty tour in the ROK is only 13 months.

27 The FOEU announces that Eighth Army will dismiss a total of 360 Korean employees in mess halls of the 2d Div and 252 of the 7th Div by month's end. The layoff list includes 411 employees of other US units throughout the ROK. They are part of some 2,300 Korean employees who are directly hired by Eighth Army. The reason for the reduction is to eliminate unauthorized overstrengths to meet budgetary restrictions.

28 ROK Marines capture a NK agent along the Imjin River after a 15-minute exchange of small arms fire.
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31 Typhoon Billie veers out to sea after smashing Cheju Island off the southern tip of the peninsula leaving 11 dead, 2,000 homeless, and causing damage estimated at $650,000.

31 In separate incidents on each of the last three days, ROK and 2d US Inf Div troops intercepted and fired at several NK infiltrators as they fled north across the DMZ. The infiltrators left behind a submachine gun, 240 rounds of ammunition and other equipment in their last raid.

SEPTEMBER

1 Army CofS GEN William C. Westmoreland begins a four-day visit which will include talks with local leaders and a tour of ROK and US units.

1 LTG Robert N. Smith, USFK CofS, and US representative to the ROK/US meetings on the modernization of ROK forces, departs on a 10-day trip to the US.

1 AF officials announce that the 478th TFS will depart the ROK today for Homestead AB, Fla. and the 16th TFS will rotate on 5 Sep to Elgin AB, Fla. They will be replaced by a new wing of F4s promised to the ROK by VP Agnew during his recent visit.

2 Japanese surrender signed in Tokyo Bay aboard USS Missouri 25 years ago today, officially ending war in Pacific after 1,364 days.

6 The ROK MND and JCS move to modern offices in Yongsan across from ROK Army HQ. The new building, close to UNC/USFK/Eighth Army HQS, was constructed in four years at a cost of W 1,300 million ($4,333,000).

7 ROK Marines repel three armed NK agents crossing the Imjin River about 30 miles NW of Seoul. During the firefight, a six-year old boy asleep in his house, was seriously wounded.

7 A helicopter from the 41st US Air Rescue Sqdn evacuates seven injured ROK soldiers from the bottom of a 100-foot gorge after the truck they were riding in blew a tire and careened off a mountainous road 165 miles south of Seoul.
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8 Twenty-fifth anniversary of arrival of first US troops in Korea. On this date in 1945, elements of the Okinawa-based 7th Inf Div (XXIV Corps) reach Korea to accept Japanese surrender south of the 38th Parallel.

8 New directives go into effect restricting buying procedures at PXs in Korea in an effort to stem black market activities. Letters of Authorization, granted after individual justifies his need, are now required for most major purchases, household goods, and minor items with high black market value.

8 The ROKG calls upon NK to accept unequivocally the competence and authority of the UN to deal with the question of Korean unification.

11 LTC Hal B. Jennings, Surgeon General of the Army, arrives for a three-day visit to I US Corps areas and discussions with ROKA medical authorities.

11 Approximately $800 worth of medical supplies have been donated through the Eighth Army Surgeon's Office to provide medical care to ROK villages lacking medical facilities.

12 Transcripts from the 24-26 Feb 70 Symington Subcommittee Hearings on Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad are made public. Testimony concerning our commitment to consult with the ROKG prior to withdrawing US troops from Korea and the use of the term "mercenary" in connection with the US practice of paying ROK troops substantial special allowances for service in Vietnam causes controversy in the ROKG and press. The transcript also revealed that the US plans to conduct a joint mobility exercise during CY 71. Last exercise of this nature was in Mar 69.

14 UNCURK, in a report to the UN General Assembly, concludes there is "no diminution in the existing tension (in Korea), and consequently the possibilities of a resumption of hostilities cannot be excluded." The report, dealing chiefly with the UN objective of Korean unification, covers major political and economic developments in the ROK from 7 Sep 69 to 13 Aug 70 and reviews major NK infiltration attempts against the South.

15 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Rejoicing for the harvest and ancestral tribute are the main activities on this national holiday.
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15 The port city of Inchon celebrates the 20th anniversary of its liberation from the NK Army with a colorful pageant. A wreath is laid at the foot of the statue of GEN MacArthur which overlooks the harbor where ROK and US Marines stormed ashore this date in 1950.

16 Three radar-equipped coastal patrol planes are added to the ROK's air defense system to probe coastlines for small NK motorboats that might land enemy agents by night. The S2 "Trackers," pledged by the US in August at the Defense Ministerial Conference, are presented by GEN J. H. Michaelis, CINCUNG, to ROK Defense Minister JUNG Nae Hiuk in ceremonies at Kimpo AB.

16 John A. Hanna, Administrator for USAID, begins a four-day visit during which he will discuss US economic assistance with ROK officials.

16 LTG Georges Vivario, Belgian Armed Forces CofS, arrives for a three-day visit at the invitation of ROK JCS Chairman, GEN SHIM Hung Son.

17 A two-day torrential rain ends leaving 28 dead and more than 20,000 homeless after dumping from seven to nine inches of rain on the northern part of the ROK.

17 A cloud of commercial chlorine gas, leaking from an Eighth Army storage tank, floats over the Yongsan Military Reservation, causing a brief scare. There are no injuries, and no evacuation on the post or in the nearby civilian community.

17 US military officials present the US position and plan for the modernization of ROK armed forces in the eighth ROK-US meeting held at UNC HQS.

17 Four prominent Hawaiian citizens of Korean ancestry begin a ten-day visit to Korea in one phase of the 1970 Friendship Mission program. This seventh in a series of joint Eighth Army-USARPAC exchange programs which began in 1961 has the purpose of annually affording leading Korean citizens an opportunity to meet with civic and professional leaders of Hawaii. Reciprocally, it provides an opportunity for ethnic Koreans living in Hawaii to visit Korea.
19 ROK security forces kill two NK infiltrators on Yongjong Island six miles NW of Inchon. ROK defenders suffer one dead and four wounded in the three-hour firefight, which followed a tip by a ROK citizen who spotted the intruders coming ashore.

19 PVT Stephen Bryant, 696th Ord Co, KORSCOM, is charged with murder in the shooting death of his platoon leader, SGT Robert H. Fox, on 12 Sep. Bryant allegedly shot Fox with a .45 caliber pistol following an argument.

20 According to a recent ROKG survey, the monthly wage of salaried workers averaged ¥27,800 ($89) in 1969, a 16.7 percent increase over the previous year.

21 BG R. Condit, Jr, CG, USACDC, arrives in Korea for a three-day visit.

21 The 1970 Joint Annual Army Emergency Relief and Army Relief Society Fund Campaign ends with Eighth Army contributing $39,436.77, exceeding last year's total by almost $5,000.

22 A NK infiltrator is killed when he and six other agents are detected by ROKA guards in the eastern sector of the DMZ. The other six escaped north after an exchange of fire which killed one ROK soldier.

22 MG H. L. Jones, CINCPAC DCSLOG, begins a two-day visit with US and ROK logistics officials.

22 Operation FIGHTING TIGER 70, a two-day division-size landing exercise, is launched by the ROK Army near Pohang to assess newly developed amphibious tactics.

25 ROKF-V celebrate their fifth anniversary. Major elements of the 49,000 ROKs serving in the RVN are the Tiger (Capital) and White Horse (9th) Divisions and the Blue Dragon (2d) Marine Bde. During the five years, ROK forces killed 32,744 Communists and captured more than 15,000 rifles. ROK casualties have been 2,904 killed and 6,640 wounded as of 1 Sep. Additionally, the Koreans have distributed 14,000 tons of food to Vietnamese civilians, treated almost four million medical patients, and built 300 miles of roads, 296 schoolrooms, 140 bridges and 1,520 houses.
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26 RADM Victor A. Dybdal assumes posts as Cmdr, USNAVF-K, and Chief, USNAG-K, replacing RADM George P. Steele who is being reassigned as Cmdr, Antisubmarine Warfare Group 4, Quonset Point, R. I. Dybdal was formerly Cmdr of Amphibious Group 1, San Diego, Calif.

27 Two NK armed agents landed by speed boat on Kadok Island (185 miles SE of Seoul) are killed by ROK security forces after local islanders spotted the pair. One HDRF militiaman and one KNP are killed in the running gunfight.

28 Host nation marks the 20th anniversary of the recapture of Seoul, one of the turning points in the Korean War.

29 ADM John S. McCain, Jr, CINCPAC, with a party of 51; GEN Charles H. Bonesteel III (Ret), former CINCUNC; LTG Arthur S. J. Collins, CG, IFFV; LTG John D. Lavelle, VCINCPACAF; LTG Gordon M. Graham, Cmdr, 5th USAF; LTG Richard G. Stilwell, DCSOPS; and LTG William K. Jones (USMC), Cmdr, FMFPAC, arrive in the ROK to attend ceremonies marking ROK Armed Forces Day. Among other invited dignitaries in-country for the event are: GEN Huang CHIER, ROC Defense Minister; GEN Manuel YAN, Philippine Chairman of JCS; and Osamu INAKAKI, Japanese Ambassador to ROK.

30 Eighth Army holds a command muster for all US soldiers in the ROK to determine the number of US dependents present in Korea for the purpose of noncompliant registration. US Government employees are also contacted for same information.

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1 The ROK's 600,000-man armed forces mark their 22d anniversary with ceremonies at Yoi Island in the Han River. A military review and flyby is held annually on this date to commemorate the historic day in 1950 when UNC forces crossed the 38th Parallel in the course of pursuing the retreating NK Army following the Inchon landing and the recapture of Seoul.

1 KNP disclose the apprehension early last month of five members of a NK spy ring which has been operating on Cheju Island and Japan.

1 ADM John S. McCain, CINCPAC, wends up a four-day visit to the ROK with a tour of the ROK 25th Div Ranger Training Site and OP O'Malley in the 2d US Div sector.
A US Army helicopter, flying a routine patrol mission along the Imjin River 30 miles north of Seoul, is fired upon by NK gun positions north of the DMZ. The I Corps (Gp) helicopter was not hit.

The US Senate gives final approval to the $19,900 million military procurement authorization bill for FY 71. This bill contains the controversial Fulbright amendment which restricts the US from paying combat allowances to allied forces in Vietnam in excess of the amount paid US troops there, but will not affect ROKP-V because of an exception for any agreements executed prior to 1 Jul 70.

Beginning today KN KP workers will be paid from appropriated rather than nonappropriated funds, meaning GIs will no longer have to pay for these services out-of-pocket. The change results in a reduction of 583 KN meashall personnel to meet DA-imposed minimums.

The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded the Land of the Morning Calm 4,303 years ago.

Pacific Stars and Stripes marks its 25th anniversary. First published on 3 Oct 45, the four-page edition was distributed to troops in occupied Japan, liberated Korea and other points in the Far East. Today the S&S produces a 24-page newspaper that is distributed to readership scattered over 3½ million square miles of the Western Pacific. At present the ROK receives 16,800 copies daily.

GEN SHIM Hung Son, ROK JCS Chairman, announces US and ROK military leaders have reached substantial agreement on programs to modernize ROK forces as compensation for reduction of US forces in Korea. A ROK news source reports simultaneously that the US has agreed in principle to turn over a number of CH47 transport helicopters to improve ROKA air mobility.

The 1970 Eighth Army Rifle and Pistol Matches, hosted by the 7th Inf Div, open at Camp Kaiser’s Watkins Range and Camp Hovey’s Brostrom Range. Competition will extend through 11 Oct and winners will make up the Eighth Army entry in the USARPAC-wide championships to be held in Apr 71.

ROK soldiers in the central front kill three NK armed intruders who infiltrated through the DMZ. This is the third infiltration attempt in as many weeks.
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7 Two NK armed agents, who had been operating in the ROK since March, are killed as they attempt to escape north across the DMZ. Both had forged residence registration cards with Seoul addresses.


9 Hangul Day. The 524th anniversary of the promulgation of Hangul, the 24-letter Korean alphabet, is celebrated in ceremonies throughout the ROK.

10 A heavily armed NK agent boat is sunk off the eastern coast of the ROK by ROKN patrol craft. The boat was believed to be carrying about 10 agents.

10 Five units of the Boy Scouts of America and 18 units of the Korean Boy Scouts meet at Hammond Field, Yongsan Military Reservation to display their scouting skills in the annual Scout-A-Rama.

12 GEN J. H. Michaelis, CINCUNC, receives an honorary Doctorate of Law from Chungang University. In his acceptance speech he emphasizes that "the US government will not fail to fulfill its defense responsibilities" to the ROK.

12 An armed NK espionage agent is killed on Haenam Island off the south coast after security forces were alerted to his whereabouts by a housewife who slipped out of her home while the agent held her family captive inside.

12 VADM Maurice F. Weisner, Commander of the US 7th Fleet, arrives at Inchon on his flagship, the guided missile light cruiser USS Oklahoma City. He will confer with US and ROK officials during his three-day visit.

12 Seven UNC security personnel at the Panmunjom JSA are injured as a result of an unprovoked attack by club-wielding NK guards and civilian laborers in the truce zone. One UNC guard is injured critically and another seriously in the 10-minute affray.

12 FOCUS LENS FY 71, a 10-day UNC exercise, begins. This annual Korea-wide testing of defensive plans features participation by UN, US and ROK tactical forces, and by allied command and staff personnel.
The ROKG sends a memorandum to UN Secretary General U Thant outlining its position on the Korean question for discussion in the current session of the UN General Assembly. In conclusion, the paper reaffirmed the formula for unification of Korea that calls for holding free elections throughout the peninsula under UN supervision, in direct proportion to the indigenous population of South and North Korea. The memo also gave a full account of the 7,891 NK Armistice violations as of October 1970.

Sen Joseph Tydings (D-Md) introduces an amendment to the Military Procurement Appropriations Bill which would cut back US forces in the ROK from 55,000 to 30,000 and reportedly save $300 million a year.

Two NK agents are killed by ROX troops in a firefight near Unchon, 30 miles N of Seoul. The encounter followed an intensive manhunt which began when a Korean family reported foodstuffs had been stolen from their home.

The FOEU asks Eighth Army for a 35 percent pay raise for 50,000 Korean employees at various US military installations, to be retroactive to 1 Oct.

A "Six Star Salute to Servicemen" sponsored by the Seoul USO begins with a lavish banquet at the Chosun Hotel in downtown Seoul and will be followed by two days of entertainment and receptions. The salute singled out 98 Americans, 40 Koreans, four Thais, two Turks, two British, an Australian, a Canadian, an Ethiopian and a Filipino to represent the almost 400,000 enlisted men in the ROK.

GEN Ralph E. Haines, Jr, vacates his CINCUSARPAC post to become CG, USCONARC, Ft Monroe, Va. He will be replaced on 1 Nov by GEN William B. Rosson, Dep COMUSMACV.

The 15 Nov closure of 7th Inf Div's Camp Kaiser, home of the 2,500-man 1st Bde, is announced by a US military spokesman. This first closing of a major US military installation in Korea is part of the planned US forces troop reduction in the ROK and will involve the transfer or inactivation of the 1st and 2d Bns, 17th Inf (Mech), and the 2d Sqdn, 10th Cav.
USFK authorities announce that more than half of the US servicemen involved in the 20,000-man cutback have already left Korea. The spokesman says US military strength in the ROK is now 52,000, down 12,000 from the full strength of 64,000. It is not revealed how soon the remaining 8,000 men will be withdrawn to complete the cutback.

The ROKC position paper to the UN made public today discloses that NK’s budget for 1970 allotted 35 percent (or $737.6 million, an eight percent increase over the previous year) for war preparations. Other facts on the NK military posture: NK has a 410,000-man regular army made up of 27 infantry divisions, three AAA divisions, 35 FA regiments, one armored division, six separate regiments and three battalions with ground-to-ground missile launchers. They have 8,400 artillery and mortar pieces, 2,200 AA guns, 200 self-propelled cannons, 900 tanks and 60 SA-2 Guideline SAM sites with about 300 missiles. The regular army is backed up by a 1.4 million-man Worker/Peasant Red Guard. The 14,000 strong NK navy possesses 300 vessels, including four submarines, 20 Komar class missile patrol boats and 55 various gunboats totalling 35,000 tons. It also has about 100 high-speed boats, heavily armed and specially designed for agent operations against the ROK. The NKs maintain over 800 planes, the mainstay of which are 90 Il-28 type bombers and 130 MIG-21 fighters, with an estimated AF strength of 17,000 men.

A new ROK drug law goes into effect making the possession, sale and use of marijuana a criminal offense. By virtue of SOFA, US soldiers may be prosecuted by the Korean government under this new law. Heretofore, hemp and hemp extracts were not prohibited in Korea.

FOAL EAGLE FY 71, a month-long FTX designed to provide staffs and field elements experience in combined US/ROK unconventional warfare procedures and techniques, begins today in the four southern provinces of the ROK. Exercise combines US and ROK Army, Navy and AF units.

One of the largest and oldest spy rings ever uncovered in the ROK was shattered 1 Sep when KNP arrested 22 of its members, according to an announcement made today. Members of the ring, posing as Korean fishermen, had been operating out of Japan for the past 17 years.
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17 At the 306th meeting of the MAC, AF MG Felix M. Rogers, UNC Senior Member, proposes that JSA security forces of both sides be disarmed as part of "an attempt to preclude tension at the truce site and reestablish a proper environment for the continuing business of the MAC, NNSC and subordinate elements." His proposal follows charges that the NK's had marshalled nearly 80 guards and construction workers, armed with shovels, clubs and rocks, to attack a force of 16 UNC guards on 12 Oct. He also charges the NKs with bringing automatic weapons into the neutral conference site where only 30 security guards of each side are authorized to carry pistols.

18 ROKA troops kill two NK infiltrators as they attempt to penetrate the ROK in the central sector of the DMZ. There were no friendly casualties in the two-hour running firefight.

18 Three high school boys, camping in a restricted area near Song-chu, are shot to death and a fourth wounded by ROKA soldiers who mistake them for NK infiltrators.

13 MG Gilbert H. Woodward, UNCMAC Senior Member at the time of the Pueblo negotiations and most recently Dir of Plans, DCSOPS, DA, assumes command of the 2d Inf Div. He replaces MG S. H. Matheson who is being reassigned as Dir of Int'l Staff for the Inter-American Defense Board, Washington, D. C.

20 The FOEU stages a sit-in demonstration in front of Camp Casey, 7th Div HQS, to protest the dismissal of 950 Korean employees of Camp Kaiser which is scheduled to be closed on 15 Nov.

21 GEN Joseph J. Nazzaro, CINCPACAF, begins a two-day visit to UNC and ROKAF HQS. He is accompanied by MG Roland A. Campbell, PACAF CofS, and MG Larry A. Smith, PACAF Command Surgeon.

23 A US business magazine reports the US will allow the ROK to manufacture the M16 rifle in Korea despite objections of US congressmen and labor unions that this would deprive US workers of employment.

24 A team from Eighth Army takes second place to USARYIS in the USARPAC Entertainment Contest held in Okinawa. Korea places first in the vocal solo and vocal group categories.

24 The UN observes its silver anniversary. In ceremonies in Seoul and at the UN Memorial Cemetery near Pusan, representatives of the ROK, US and UN honor the thousands of allies who gave their lives during the Korean War. Of these, 2,267 are interred in the UN Memorial Cemetery.
ROK officials announce that the US will conduct a trans-Pacific airborne assault exercise, FREEDOM VAULT, in March 71. This joint strategic mobility exercise, like FOCUS RETINA held in 1969, will feature a massive airlift of personnel, artillery and armor from a CONUS base to link up with UNC forces in Korea.

A team of NK infiltrators is intercepted by a ROKA patrol in the eastern sector of the DMZ. One enemy intruder is killed immediately in an exchange of fire and the others retreat into the DMZ. There are no friendly casualties.

On this date, 53 years ago, the 2d US Inf Div was activated in Bourmont, France. Today the 2d guards an 18-mile sector of the Korean DMZ as it has since 1 Jul 65.

The University of Maryland's Far East Division celebrates its 16th anniversary. The university offers about 400 separate courses at 82 education centers in the ROK, Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, RVN and Taiwan with some 6,100 military and civilian students enrolled for the present term.

US/ROK discussions on establishing a M16 rifle plant in the ROK are slowed by disagreement on items such as patent royalties and treatment of US technicians. The idea was first approved in principle in May 68 after the Blue House/Pueblo incidents. The ROKA, now armed basically with older M1 rifles, are seeking the new weapons to match the NKA's Russian-designed AK47 automatic rifle.

The UN General Assembly refuses to invite NK unconditionally to the annual UN Korea debate and adopts a resolution to invite NK "on the condition that it accepts the competence and authority of the UN...to take action on the Korean question."

SROKA activated 16 years ago this date.

BG Ronald J. Fairfield, Jr, 7th Div ADC(S), is promoted to his present rank.

The USAKPA lets a $9.5 million contract for the construction of two "guaranteed rental" housing complexes to be built in Apr 71 in Seoul and Taegu. The US guarantees that the 300 units in Seoul and the 75 units in Taegu will be filled for a 10-year period by USFK families. The joint venture firm of Fischer Engr & Maint Co and Sam Poong Constr Co expects to complete construction by Jan 72.
ROK sources reveal that US authorities have notified the ROK that they will gradually release 29 US military bases in Korea to ROK armed forces. No timetable was given for the turnover.

MG George P. Holm, KORSCOM CG, receives his second star.

The ROKMC and ROKN launch a joint landing exercise, KIRYONG NO. 1, on the east coast of the peninsula to bolster combat capabilities.

SP4 William E. Duplechain, 7th Med Bn, 7th Inf Div, receives the Soldier's Medal, the highest US peacetime award, for bravery. In May, Duplechain rescued a badly wounded US soldier from an unmarked minefield in the DMZ.

A NK agent, KANG Ui Ku, is captured by ROK security forces after landing on Yul Island off Inchon. His companion is slain by ROK militiamen in a firefight which also claimed two ROK defenders.

Senator Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla) arrives in Seoul from Japan on the second leg of a 14-day FE tour to investigate possible irregularities at military clubs.

A JAG building on Yongsan Military Reservation is dedicated to the memory of CPT Kenneth M. Cox, a legal officer who was killed last month in a helicopter crash near Chunchon.

The Pentagon announces the Army will trim three divisions from its combat force by mid-1971, bringing its strength to 13 2/3 divisions (2.9 million), the lowest level since 1960.

Visiting LTG Robert H. Warren, Dep Asst Sacy for Mil Assistance and Sales, DOD, consults with ranking Korean and US military officials on pending problems in the ROK armed forces modernization program.

USMC personnel in Korea celebrate the Corps' 195th anniversary with a ceremonial dinner at the KAL Hotel in downtown Seoul.

AF LTG Earl C. Hedlund, Dir of DSA, arrives in Korea to speak at a meeting of the Korea Chapter of the US Defense Supply Association.
11 US forces in Korea commemorate Veteran's Day with Garrison Flag ceremonies at Knight Field, Yongsan Military Reservation.

11 The ROKN marks its 25th anniversary in ceremonies at ROK FLT HQS in Chinhae.

11 Representative Otto E. Passman (D-La), Chairman of the Foreign Aid Subcommittee, arrives to discuss the effect of US assistance to Korea with ROK leaders.

13 The ROK National Assembly Home Affairs Committee unanimously passes a bill on the establishment of a combat police force. Those who serve as combat police will be exempt from military service and will be paid on an equal basis with military personnel. The ROKG plan is to recruit, train, and strategically deploy 6,300 combat policemen over a three to four year period.

15 Camp Kaiser, home of the 1st Bde, 7th Inf Div, is formally closed in a retreat ceremony today and turned over to the ROK V Corps. It is the first closure of a major US Army camp in accordance with the US troop reduction program in Korea. The 22d Royal Thai Co stationed nearby moves to Camp Mermaid south of Uijongbu. Other US bases scheduled for imminent closure are the 7th Div's Camp St. Barbara, Camp Alex Williams and Camp Beavers; the 2d Div's Camp McIntyre, Camp Britten, Camp Sill and Camp Beaumont; and I Corps' Camps Jackson and Woo.

18 President Nixon asks Congress to appropriate $150 million to finance military aid to modernize ROK Armed Forces in light of his decision to withdraw 20,000 US troops from Korea.

18 MAJ Roger D. Overstreet and CPT Harold L. Himberg of the 475th TFS are killed on a training flight when their Phantom jet crashes into the Yellow Sea west of Osan AB.

18 SP4 Stuart L. Duncan, 1/9th Inf, 2d Inf Div, is shot to death in his bunk by PFC Haynes E. Clay of the same unit after a fistfight earlier in the evening. Clay is being confined at the 8th Army Stockade.

19 President Nixon asks Congress to authorize the transfer of about $100 million in military equipment, primarily tanks, to ROK armed forces after some US troops now using these items are returned home.
19 The first phase of a cooperative vocational retraining school is opened at I Corps' Camp Red Cloud. The training is designed to teach new skills to former Korean employees of USFK who have lost their jobs because of the US reduction of force in Korea. Similar programs will be conducted in other US troop centers in the ROK.

19 In an address before the UN General Assembly's main political committee which is beginning its annual debate of the Korean question, ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Hah warns that "acute tension" prevails along its border with NK and that a major restraint preventing another war is the presence of the UN Command in the South.

20 Brigadier A. B. Taggart replaces Brigadier L. H. Edwards as Commander of the Commonwealth Liaison Mission to the UNC. He also becomes the new British Member of the UNCMAG.

23 NK Premier KIM Il Sung, in a speech before the NK Communist Party Congress, concludes: "The historical experience of the South Korean revolutionary movement clearly proves that there can be no peaceful transition in the struggle for power."

25 SECSTATE William P. Rogers tells Congress that $150 million for modernization of ROK armed forces will enable the ROK Army to take over the US-manned 18 miles of the Korean DMZ with no loss of total defensive strength. He indicates that the overall US modernization program for ROK forces is a five-year plan to cost $750 million.

25 Defense Minister JUNG Nae Hurk says the ROK expects to soon receive its first squadron of new F-5-21 jet fighters as part of the compensation for US troop reductions.

26 US forces in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.

26 The KNP announce that eight Americans and 15 Koreans were arrested last week by joint ROK/US investigation teams which raided suspected centers of illegal drug activity around US military bases. This is the first crackdown involving Americans since the ROK's drug control laws were enacted earlier this month.

27 GEN J. H. Michaelis departs for Washington to attend the annual US Army Commanders' Conference. The Eighth Army CG is accompanied by MG John S. Lekson, Chief, PROVMAAG-K; BG Michael E. Leeper, Eighth Army G4; and COL James E. Coleman, Gl.
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27 LTG Gordon M. Graham, CG, USFJ, reveals US plans to withdraw 12,000 troops from Japan by June 71 leaving a residual force of 27,000. The plan includes the transfer of one Phantom fighter-bomber wing (54 planes) and one RF4C squadron (18 planes) to Korea.

28 The 38,000-man FOEU threatens a general strike unless USFK meets its demands for a 25 percent wage increase prior to year's end.

29 NK releases 32 fishermen who return home aboard their boats after eight months of captivity. They were seized last April while fishing in international waters.

30 According to ROK MND officials, ROK and US authorities have reached an agreement to formally transfer to the ROK the ownership of equipment and weapons now being used by ROK forces in the RVN. The equipment and weapons (including M16 rifles, comms equipment, artillery and helicopters) will be shipped to Korea when ROK forces withdraw from Vietnam.

30 Construction of the 258-mile Pohang-to-Seoul POL pipeline is completed. After testing in Jan 71, the pipeline will begin delivering 40,000 to 50,000 barrels of fuel a day.

30 The ROK Supreme Court orders a retrial for SP4 Jack G. Abercrombie who had been convicted on 11 Nov 69 of murdering a Korean girl and sentenced to 12 years in prison. The Supreme Court rules that an appellate court had erred in reaching its findings.

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2 Camp Beavers, home of the 7th Div's 73d Armor Bn since 1953, is vacated and turned over to a ROKA tank battalion. It is the second major US base in Korea to be closed as part of the US troop reduction plan.

3 A NK pilot, MAJ PARK Sung Kun, lands his MIG15 on the eastern seacoast of the ROK near Kansong. The ROK MND announces the MIG was guided to the landing site by ROK fighters after the pilot had radioed his intention to defect to the ROK. Pyongyang Radio claims he was forced to land in the South after straying off course and running out of fuel.
ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Hah meets in Washington with VP Spiro Agnew to discuss modernization of ROK forces. At the same time, US officials deny that any agreement has been reached on transferring title to the ROK on US equipment now being used by ROKF-V.

SGT John W. Blount and SP4 James E. Walters, both of the 7th Inf Div's HHC, 3d Bde, are convicted by Seoul District Criminal Court of murdering a Korean couple in Tongduchon on 6 Mar and sentenced to death. Both men will appeal the conviction to an appellate court.

NK troops on their side of the DMZ open fire on ROK civilians south of the Imjin River, beginning a nine-hour machine gun and automatic weapons duel across the truce line. A ROK soldier and four civilians are wounded in the exchange.

In testimony made public today, SECSTATE Rogers tells the Senate Appropriations Committee that the US has no plans at present for any further US troop reductions in Korea beyond the announced 20,000 men.

The UN General Assembly decides by an overwhelming majority to maintain the military and political presence of the UN in the ROK. The vote was 67-28 with 22 abstentions.

A NK seaman, LEE Soung Kun, defects to the ROK after jumping ship in Hong Kong and turning himself in to ROK authorities there.

LTG P. F. Cassidy, DCG, Eighth Army, receives a Special Papal Award, one of the highest in the Catholic Church, for services rendered the church. The award is presented by Korea's Cardinal Stephen Kim on behalf of Pope Paul III.

At the 385th meeting of the MAC, the Communists demand the return of the NK pilot who crash-landed his MIG15 in the South, claiming that he strayed into the ROK due to navigational error. The ROKG's position is that the pilot defected. MG Felix M. Rogers, UNCMAC Senior Member, tells the North Koreans that the matter will be investigated.

Renovation of Freedom Bridge is completed by the 109th ROK Engr Bn. The 17-year old bridge spans the Imjin River connecting Munsan and Panmunjom.
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13 The ROKMJ notifies USFK that it will exercise jurisdiction over SP4 Doyle P. Matheny, Co A, 3d Bn, 32d Inf, 7th Inf Div, who is accused of murdering a Korean woman on 4 Nov in Changpa-ri.

15 A Korean ferryboat with 318 passengers aboard capsizes SW of Pusan with only 12 surviving. US Army helicopters stand by to assist in search and rescue operations.

16 Cardinal Terence Cooke, military vicar to Catholic personnel in the armed forces, arrives for a two-day annual visit with Korea-based US troops.

17 The FOEU postpones its decision on a strike which was planned if demands for a 25 percent wage increase are not met by Eighth Army officials.

21 The US announces it is reducing its 39,000-man force in Japan by 12,000 and withdrawing 5,000 troops from the 50,000 in Okinawa. As a part of the cutback, the 475th TFW will be moved to Kunsan AB, Korea, by 30 Jun 71 and redesignated the 3d TFW. The EC121 Warning Star aircraft which have been operating from Itazuke AB will be moved to Kwajju AB, Korea.

21 Newly appointed ROK Premier PARK Tu Chin formally assumes his post replacing CHUNG II Kwon who had served as Premier for six years and seven months.

21 ROK President PARK Chung Hee visits I US Corps (Op) HQS during his annual holiday tour of frontline units.

21 Congress approves the $150 million additional military aid for Korea. The ROK will use the additional funds to purchase modern F5-21 fighter aircraft, speedboats, signal equipment, and tanks as part of the modernization program for their armed forces.

21 Personnel of the 5606th ROK Marine Unit, which guards the NRE extension of the DMZ, light a huge Christmas tree on top of a peak which overlooks NK. An annual practice since 1961, the tree with 140 Xmas lights, will shine along the DMZ throughout the holiday season.

23 The Bank of Korea estimates the GNP has increased 9.7 percent this year as compared to the 15.9 percent increase last year.

25 Eighth Army celebrates its 20th Christmas in Korea.
26

The ROKN chases back two NK patrol boats after they tried to kidnap a ROK fishing vessel off the Korean east coast.

27

Bob Hope and his Christmas holiday show arrive to give two performances--at RC#1 and Osan AB--for US servicemen in Korea.

29

GEN J. H. Michaelis, Eighth Army CG, holds a meeting of all Eighth Army CSMS at his HQS to pass on new decisions regarding the Modern Volunteer Army (MVA). The CINCUNC recently returned from the annual Commanders' Conference in Washington where he briefed US military and government leaders on the situation in Korea and participated in discussions on NVA concepts.

30

The ROKMJ notifies USFK that it will exercise jurisdiction over PVTs Ernest D. Marba and Howard F. Jones, both of 83d Ord Bn, KORSCOM. They are alleged to have raped a Korean girl on 3 Dec.

31

Publicized statistics reveal that there were 108 NK infiltration incidents in the ROK during 1970 as compared to 153 in 1969. Of the 1970 total, 75 took place in or near the DMZ and 33 along the coasts. Military fatalities also decreased over last year (1969 figures in parentheses). Enemy 49 (93); friendly 16 (20). There were no US personnel killed in the ROK in 1970 as a result of enemy action.

31

The ROK Joint Staff announces that during 1970 operations in Vietnam, ROKF-V killed 3,791 of the enemy; captured 231 enemy personnel; and confiscated 1,716 individual and 441 crew-served weapons. ROKF-V combat deaths were 567. Throughout the year, ROK military personnel continued their civic action programs, completing construction of 146 classrooms, nine bridges, and 351 public facilities, and opening 130.14 km of road. (Cumulative figures from the same source indicate that, since their mid-1965 involvement, ROKF-V have killed 33,545 enemy, captured 4,428 enemy personnel and suffered 3,025 personnel losses. They have captured 16,058 small arms and 1,388 crew served weapons. Their civic action programs included the construction and maintenance of 140 bridges, 325 classrooms, 722 public facilities, and the opening of 473.45 km of public roads.

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The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program for Vietnam completes the year with a collection of 16,645 units. A mobile collection team from the 121st Evacuation Hospital, through scheduled visits to all troop areas, averaged 1,387 units per month to meet quotas established by USAREJ-based laboratories and local authorities.
A year end review of criminal cases allegedly involving Korea-based US personnel reveals following data: Under the ROK/US SOFA, the Ministry of Justice exercised jurisdiction over 29 Americans—14 military and 15 civilians. Of this number, 15 are pending trial and five are pending appeal. There were no acquittals.

Eighth Army's Resources Conservation Program (formerly known as Cost Reduction Program) produces savings during the past six months which total $552,100 for the present fiscal year. Projected savings for fiscal years 1971 through 1973 resulting from approved economy measures will amount to $1,248,100.
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