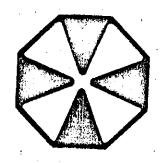
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FOREWORD

- 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.
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JULY

- 1 USARPAC and PACAF celebrate their 15th anniversary.
- The Bank of Korea issues for the first time a 5,000-won note worth about \$13. The new bill, the first to exceed 500 won, is designed to meet ever-increasing demand for high value notes in the rapidly expanding national economy.
- BG E. P. Braucher, Eighth Army G4, is reassigned as Cdr, Defense Industrial Supply Ctr, Philadelphia. He will be replaced on 20 July by BG Max Etkin, formerly Cdr of the Desert Test Ctr, Ft Douglas, Utah.
- Effective today, the "issue-in-kind" system of exchanging worn US Army military clothing in Korea is replaced by a monetary allowance.
- I Corps (ROK/US) Group marks the first anniversary of its reorganization as an integrated Corps. The binational headquarters controls five ROKA divisions, one ROK Marine bde and one US infantry division.
- At the invitation of his counterpart, ADM Thomas Moorer, GEN HAN Shin, ROK JCS Chairman, arrives at the Pentagon to begin a tour of US military facilities.
- 3 Heavy summer rains begin. ROK braces for seasonal flood damage.
- In a dramatic joint communique issued simultaneously in Seoul and Pyongyang, South and North Korea, implacable foes since 1948, announce that secret top-level meetings have been held in the two capitals to discuss improving relations and peaceful reunification of the country. ROK CIA Director LEE Hu Rak visited the North between 2-5 May and met with Premier KIM Il Sung and his younger brother KIM Young Joo. NK Second Vice Premier PARK Sung Chul made a visit to Seoul 29 May-1 Jun to meet with President PARK . Chung Hee. The seven-point agreement included provisions for the establishment of a hot line between the two nations and a mutual promise to refrain from armed provocation and propaganda defamation. Its ultimate goal is reunification of the Korean peninsula, divided for 27 years. One point of contention is the presence of 40.000 US forces in the ROK which the North wants withdrawn. The detente surprises the world in view of the depth of emnity that has separated the two countries.

July

- Independence Day. US personnel serving in the ROK mark the day with traditional Fourth of July festivities.
- The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regiment, 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.
- The US destroyer Chevalier is transferred to the ROKN in San Diego to bolster ROK sea power.
- In the wake of recent North-South dialogue, US State Dept says "We have no plans to change or modify our military modernization program in the ROK and we have no plans to make any troop reductions." ROK Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik says that "The UN is not considered an external force as defined in the recent North-South communique and therefore US troops will not be withdrawn."
- 5 ROK Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil urges the nation to maintain its vigilance against Communists and not to expect any rapid improvements in relations with North Korea.
- 6 Marshall Green, Asst SECSTATE for East Asian-Pacific Affairs, winding up a two-day visit here, assures the ROKG that US commitments to ROK security will continue.
- 7 ROK President Park calls upon the armed forces to further tighten their alert despite the dialogue begun between North and South.
- 9 A holiday carnival sponsored by the Yongsan Community Council is held at Yongsan South Post. Originally scheduled for the 4th of July, it was postponed due to monsoon rains.
- The 21st anniversary of the first truce negotiations meeting at Kaesong in 1951 is commemorated at the Advance Camp, JSA, with the presentation of a plaque by retired GEN PAIK Sun Yup, one of the original UNC team members. Other 1951 truce delegates were VADM G. T. Joy, LTG L. C. Craigie, RADM A. A. Burke and MG H. I. Hodes.
- B Co, 1/31st Inf dining facility at Camp Casey is recognized for its recent selection as best in USARPAC combat-dining facility competition. First place in the large-unit category was won by I Corps' consolidated dining facility at Camp Red Cloud.

July

- The 300,000th ROK serviceman to be dispatched to the RVN since the initial commitment of ROK troops in Sep 65 arrives at Qui Nhon port. He is PVT KIM Kang Su, from Yongwol, Kangwon-do.
- In the final day of an eight-day parliamentary question-and-answer session, Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil says that, since his government does not recognize NK as a sovereign state, the ROK will not sign a nonaggression pact with the North.
- Testifying in the same National Assembly session, Defense Minister YU Jae Heung says the ROK has no intention of reducing its armed forces as long as the North continues to beef up its military strength.
- 14 MG George S. Prugh, Army JAG, arrives with a team of military and civilian lawyers for a two-day review of military justice in Eighth Army.
- An annual report by the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research says that direct economic and military aid by the Soviet Union and Communist China to NK officially ended 30 Jun 70. Indirect aid has been channeled through reciprocal trade forms. The report, made public today, also states that NK may increase efforts to infiltrate political agents into the ROK for subversive activities, but are unlikely to resort to the terrorist, paramilitary tactics they used against the ROK in the 1966-69 period.
- A group of 14 college students, representing seven US universities, visit Korea under YMCA sponsorship and receive briefings at HQ, Eighth Army as guests of LTG William R. Peers, DCG.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation commemorates acceptance of its first constitution this date, 1948.
- Eighth Army's golf team takes first place in the senior's division and second place in the open competition of the USARPAC Golf Championship in Hawaii. Korea's Al Hovious and Bob Elliot win the individual open and senior titles respectively.
- The Scoul District Court sentences SFC Charles L. Gray, 72d Armor, 2d Div, to 30 months in prison for setting fire to a Korean house near Camp Casey.
- Defense Minister YU Jae Heung announces that the second phase withdrawal of ROKF from Vietnam will begin early next year as scheduled. He gives no indication of the size of the pullout. ROKF-V presently total 37,000.

July |

- 19 COL Ernest R. Frazier is replaced as USAG-Y Cdr by COL Wm. H. Hamilton, formerly assigned to G3, Eighth Army. Frazier has been named Dir of Equal Opportunity Program, DA.
- Addressing a graduation class at the ROK War College, President Park calls for increased alertness against expected Communist political subversion.
- Temperatures in Seoul reach 96 degrees F., the highest of the summer, as a heat wave continues to grip the ROK.
- The 300th AG Postal Det, composed of three officers and 38 EM reservists from the Chicago area, begin two weeks of summer training at Eighth Army postal facilities. The 300th is one of three such units that will train in Korea this summer.
- Anniversary of UNC. On this date 22 years ago, 22 nations came to South Korea's aid, 16 of which formed the UNC fighting team, first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression.
- 26 Typhoon Rita leaves 33 dead or missing after hitting Cheju Island and the western coastal areas of the ROK.
- Signing of Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom 19 years ago this date puts an end to the shooting war in Korea. In the ensuing years of uneasy peace in Korea, the UNC and the Communists have conducted 331 full-dress MAC meetings at the truce site.
- The Army announces that LTG Donald V. Bennett has been nominated for promotion to full general and will replace GEN John H. Michaelis, CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/CG, Eighth Army, who is retiring 1 Sep. Bennett currently heads DIA.
- ADM John S. McCain, Jr, CINCPAC, arrives on a three-day farewell visit to US military personnel and installations in Korea. ADM McCain will retire on 1 Nov.

August

- SECDEF Laird announces that ADM Noel A. Gaylor, Director of NSA, will replace ADM McCain as CINCPAC upon the latter's retirement.
- 1 Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil says that representatives of UNCURK and other UN agencies should be allowed to travel freely in the North to ascertain if NK Premier KIM Il Sung has given up plans to unify the peninsula by force.

- Twenty-four Korean citizens are killed when a tourist bus in which they were riding plunges off the road into a reservoir near Chunchon. Men and equipment from the 4th Msl Comd aid in rescue and recovery operations.
- 2 LTG Richard Knowles, formerly with the JCS staff, assumes command of I Corps (ROK/US) Group. He replaces LTG Glenn D. Walker who has been reassigned to the Office of the Army Chief of Staff.
- 3 SGT James L. Ockey, a lineman with the 7/2d ADA, 38th ADA Bde, receives the Soldier's Medal and Eighth Army Safety Well Done Award from LTG Wm. R. Peers, DCG. Ockey saved the life of a KATUSA comrade who had mistakenly grabbed a high tension line and could not free himself.
- 4 MG Raymond P. Murphy, Sr Member, UNCMAC, is replaced in that position by MG Rollen H. Anthis, formerly Asst Cmdr, Air Force Log Cmd, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Murphy will take command of the Air Defense Cmd's First Region at Steward Field, NY.
- Five persons die and 104 are injured in a fire that sweeps through the seven-story Dae Wang Corner Building in the eastern sector of Seoul. Eighth Army responds with equipment and personnel to assist in fire and rescue operations.
- The month which has followed the 4 July South-North communique witnessed a complete absence of reported DMZ and seaborne incidents. This 30-day lull in enemy infiltration activities is a new record in the 19-year-long armistice.
- 6 GEN William B. Rosson, CINCUSARPAC, arrives for a six-day visit during which he will observe Army activities and confer with US and ROK military leaders.
- 9 BG Lynn W. Hoskins, Jr, formerly Asst Dep Chief for Plans and Programs, NORAD, assumes command of the 38th ADA Bde. He replaces BG Ernst E. Roberts who will become Asst Cmdt of the US Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.
- 9 SGT Paul E. Zaneske, SP4 Robert E. Brockman, both of USAKORSCOM's 20th Spt Gp, and Alexander J. Janicki, an unemployed civilian, are arrested for the murder of a Korean taxi driver north of Uijongbu.
- 9 According to ROKG officials, the US has tentatively agreed to supply uranium for an atomic power plant the ROK is building at Tongnae, 200 miles SE of Seoul. The 590,000-kilowatt facility is scheduled for completion in 1976.

- 9 Staff responsibility for the Eighth Army Chorus is transferred from PAO to the HQ Cmdt under the Bandmaster's supervision.
- Boy Scouts from America, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines and New Zealand join ROK scouts in a week-long celebration of their 50th anniversary. The Golden Jubilee international jamboree, the largest since the founding of the Boy Scouts of Korea in 1922, is supported by Eighth Army units.
- A command-wide muster is held in Eighth Army as a prelude to Centralized Assignment by MOS (CAMOS) which is to be tested in Eighth Army. The muster will give each soldier the chance to verify information contained on computer data cards prepared by the 199th PSC.
- The South and North Red Cross societies, which have held five messenger meetings, 25 preliminary meetings and 16 working-level sessions in the past year, break a month-long deadlock on the date and site for the first full-dress meeting. A conference on the reunion of families separated by the Korean War is now scheduled for 30 Aug in Pyongyang to be followed by a meeting in Seoul on 13 Sep. Each side will send 54-man delegations.
- The role of American airmen during the Korean War is recalled with the unveiling of a massive USAF B-29 bomber as a permanent ROK war memorial on Yoi Island in Seoul. UNC CofS AF LTG Robert N. Smith presides at the dedication ceremony together with LTG KIM I1 Hwan (Ret), chairman of the UNKWAA. During the Korean War, B-29s flew 22,983 combat sorties, dropping 167,000 tons of bombs in missions from the Naktong River to the Yalu. Superfortress gunners are credited with downing 33 enemy aircraft including 16 advanced MIG-15 fighters. A total of 34 B-29s were lost during the Korean War.
- BG John D. Lewis takes over as DCG, USAKORSCOM, replacing interim Deputy, COL Robert L. Marsh. Lewis was formerly DCSOPS, US Army Air Defense Cmd, Ent AFB, Colo.
- 15 ROK Independence Day. Host nation celebrates the 27th anniversary of liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 24th anniversary of the Republic's birth.
- 17 LTG Welborn G. Dolvin, CG, USARJ, begins a five-day visit to US . Army facilities in Korea.
- Twenty direct telephone lines between Seoul and Pyongyang are connected in Panmunjom to facilitate full-fledged Red Cross family search talks.

- A torrential downpour begins which results in the most devastating floods to hit Seoul and central South Korea in 65 years. The UNC begins rescue work with 40 helicopters, several hundred land vehicles, and more than 1,000 men. Eighth Army aviation units are credited with moving 3,137 stranded people to safe areas without mishap and with transporting 352,900 pounds of relief supplies to refugee centers and isolated areas.
- Pirst anniversary of the opening of North-South Red Cross talks.
 On this date last year, two messengers from the Red Cross societies of the North and South met at Panmunjom to begin official contact for a proposed campaign to reunite war-separated families.
- MAJ John P. Joslin, 4th US Army Msl Comd, receives the Soldier's Medal from Eighth Army DCG LTG W. R. Peers. The medal is presented to Joslin for heroism on 24 June when he saved a drowning woman in Chunchon Lake.
- The toll in the three days of flooding reaches 453 deaths and scores injured and left homeless. Property damage is estimated at \$33 million. There were no US casualties.
- MG James J. Ursano, DCSPER, and MG Carl W. Hughes, Surgeon, both of USARPAC HQ, begin separate fact-finding visits to Eighth Army. MG Henry C. Schrader, CG, USA Computer Systems Command, also arrives for a three-day visit.
- Marine MG Ralph H. Spanjer, CINCPAC J-3, arrives for a three-day tour of US/ROK military facilities.
- In a farewell press conference, outgoing CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA, CG, Eighth Army GEN J. H. Michaelis says, on balance, the ROK can adequately handle their own defense, but adds that his government has no immediate plans for US military manpower reductions in Korea.
- The State Dept announces the US will oppose any consideration of the "Korea Question" at the UN this fall because discussions could jeopardize continued progress in the talks between the two Koreas. Algeria and other nations in the Communist bloc are calling for UN approval of a proposed resolution for the withdrawal of the 40,000 US troops still in the ROK and the dismantling of the bases they occupy.
- President PARK Chung Hee presents GEN J. H. Michaelis with the Order of National Security, Tongil, the ROK's highest military award. GEN Michaelis will retire in Korea after serving as CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/CG, Eighth Army, for the past three years.

- MG John W. Barnes, Chief, MAAG-ROC, begins a three-day observation tour of US/ROK military activities in Korea.
- A Farewell Review is conducted for retiring GEN J. H. Michaelis at Lombardo Field, Yongsan Military Reservation. The event includes a review of the troops by Michaelis, a 17-gun salute, and a flyby of US and ROK aircraft.
- The ROK Red Cross 34-man delegation and 20 selected press representatives depart for Pyongyang for tomorrow's first full-dress session on the reunion of war-separated families. After a credentials check at Panmunjom, the entourage crosses the "Bridge of No Return" to make the historic entry into the North where they will stay for five days. It is the first time in 27 years that the South has had a chance to see the North by mutually arranged agreement.
- 29 LTG Carroll H. Dunn, Director, Def Nuclear Agency, arrives for a three-day visit to the ROK.
- Newly promoted GEN Donald V. Bennett assumes command of UNC/USFK/
 Eighth Army in ceremonies at Yongsan's Knight Field. The double
 change of command ceremony also honors outgoing GEN J. H. Michaelis.
 Among the dignitaries in attendance are: ROK MND YU Jae Heung;
 CINCUSARPAC GEN William B. Rosson who presented Michaelis with the
 DSM; Rep William E. Minshall (R-Ohio) of the House Appropriations
 Subcommittee; LTG Gordon M. Graham, Cmdr, 5th Air Force; and LTG
 Welborn G. Dolvin, CG, USARJ.

September

- Four prominent Hawaiian citizens of Korean ancestry begin a 10-day visit to Korea in the second phase of the 1972 Friendship Mission Program. This ninth 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 selected Korean Americans living in Hawaii to visit Korea.
- The ROK Red Cross delegation completes its four-day stay in the NK capital. In the opening session on 30 Aug, a five-point agenda was adopted which included (1) locating dispersed families, (2) free visits and meetings between them, (3) free correspondence, (4) their reunion, and (5) other humanitarian matters.
- Japanese surrender signed in Tokyo Bay aboard USS Missouri 27 years ago today, officially ending war in Pacific after 1,364 days.

September

- 4 AF LTG Gordon T. Gould, Director of DCA, arrives for two days of briefings and visits in the ROK.
- In Congressional testimony made public today, SECDEF Laird points to FY 75 or 76 as the target years for the completion of the ROK forces modernization plan, the cutback of US forces stationed in the ROK, and a substantial cut in military grant aid.
- 6 ROKA WACs celebrate the 22d anniversary of their founding.
- Official visitors arriving today for separate visits to US/ROK military facilities are: Hon Richard S. Wilburn, MD, Asst SECDEF (Health and Environment); Hon Dudley C. Mecum, Asst Secy of the Army (Installations and Logistics); GEN Henry A. Miley, CG, USAMC; and MG Robert W. Pursley, VCmdr, 5th Air Force.
- For the first time in 19 years, a MAC meeting at Panmunjom is held without the usual exchange of land violation charges. US officials say this implies that the once frequent infiltration incidents in the DMZ have died out in the wake of the recent North-South rapprochement.
- 7 More than 160 ROK fishermen and their boats are released by NK after 13 months in captivity.
- MAPTOE, an ongoing program designed to improve management techniques in TOE units, begins a series of three-week courses in the
 38th ADA Bde. Eighth Army's MAPTOE Team has thus far given courses
 to first line supervisors in HQ, 8th Army; 2d Inf Div; HQ, USAKORSCOM;
 I Corps (ROK/US) Gp; and ASCOM Depot.
- 8 Twenty-seventh anniversary of arrival of first US troops in Korea. On this date in 1945, elements of the Okinawa-based 7th Inf Div (XXIV Corps) reached Korea to accept Japanese surrender south of the 38th parallel.
- MG Robert P. Young, Director of Military Construction, OCE, begins a three-day tour of military engineering facilities in the ROK.
- BG Thomas U. Greer arrives to become 2d Div ADC (M) replacing BG Pat W. Crizer who will depart on 16 Sep for assignment to ACSFOR, DA. Greer was formerly XO for the Army VCofS.
- 13 The second full-dress conference between South and North Red Cross delegations is held at the Chosun Hotel in downtown Seoul. No tangible results are announced.

September

- 14 NK releases more than 90 ROK fishermen and their craft who recently entered NK territorial waters. It is the second such release this month.
- The 22d anniversary of the Inchon Landing by US and ROK forces. The historic amphibious assault which turned the tide of war is marked in ceremonies at Inchon.
- An Algerian-sponsored resolution, indorsed by 27 other Communist or nonaligned countries including China and the USSR, is submitted to the UN General Assembly. It calls for the suspension of UNCURK activities and the withdrawal of foreign troops from the ROK "to accelerate independent and peaceful reunification of the country."
- UNCURK submits its periodic report to the UN General Assembly today in which it reviews recent activities on the Korean peninsula including Red Cross and unification talks. The report notes that the growing detente has benefited from the postponement of the General Assembly debate on the "Korean Question" last year.
- Eighth Army fire fighters put out a blaze in a US Mission maintenance shop located adjacent to the Yongsan Military Reservation. There are no injuries. Damage is estimated to be less than \$100,000.
- 20 A DOD Job Information Team arrives in the ROK where it will conduct five days of job fairs at US installations throughout the command.
- A 25-nation UN steering committee votes 16-7 to recommend postponement until next year of any debate on the question of divided Korea. There was one abstention. This is an initial defeat for the Communist-sponsored Algerian resolution calling for the withdrawal of UN agencies and forces from the ROK.
- The USO begins the third annual two-day "Six Star Salute to Service-men" with a dinner at Seoul's Chosun Hotel for 140 outstanding US, ROK and UN servicemen. The entertainment is headlined by George Jessel who is making his second tour to the ROK this year on behalf of the USO. The US Ambassador to Korea, and the top Army, Navy, and Air Force Commanders in Korea are in attendance. Tomorrow the servicemen will meet with ROKG officials and attend a number of parties and tours.
- 22 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Rejoicing for the harvest and ancestral tribute are the main activities on this national holiday.

September

- The UN General Assembly votes 70-35 with 21 abstentions to postpone the annual debate on the "Korean Question" until 1973. The
 debate would have centered on the Communist demand for US withdrawal from the ROK and dissolution of UNCURK. Its deferral was
 prompted by a policy of noninterference with the current dialogue
 between the North and South.
- ROKF-V mark the seventh anniversary of their involvement in Indochina. The ROK now has approximately 37,000 soldiers in South Vietnam, most of them combat troops. By contrast, the US command, in a 14 Sep report, listed 36,500 American troops remaining in the RVN, none of them ground combat soldiers.
- The host nation commemorates the dislodging of NK invaders from Seoul 22 years-ago during the Korean War by joint US/ROK Army and Marine forces. The capital, after bitter fighting, was recaptured 13 days after the Inchon Landing.
- MG Hubert S. Cunningham arrives to become Chief, JUSMAG-K. His former job as Director of Operations, Readiness Command, MacDill AFB, Fla, is filled by his predecessor, MG John S. Leckson, who departed 7 Sep.
- Undersecretary of State U. Alexis Johnson tells ROK Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik at a meeting in Washington that the US has no plan at present to withdraw its 40,000 troops from Korea.
- An MND report reveals that capital area defense projects were completed at the end of June which will tighten Seoul security. In addition, it states that the M16 rifle manufacturing plant, begun in March, will be completed in December with rifle production beginning in 1973.
- The 2d Bn (Chaparral/Vulcan), 61st ADA, completes ASP at Eighth Army Special Sea Range on Korea's west coast. All batteries were rated combat ready.
- GEN Earl E. Anderson, Asst USMC Comdt, begins a five-day visit to US and ROK forces.

October

The ROK's 600,000-man armed forces mark their 24th anniversary with ceremonies at Yoi Island Plaza 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.

- Duty hours for HQ, 8th Army personnel revert to the normal 0800-1700 schedule. Summertime hours were 0730-1630.
- Winter uniforms will be worn for social and ceremonial functions commencing today. Duty wear of the uniform is optional until 22 Oct when the winter uniform will become mandatory.
- BG Joseph L. Fant III, formerly a member of the staff and faculty at West Point, arrives to assume duties as I Corps (ROK/US) Gp CofS. He replaces BG Norman J. Salisbury who will depart on 4 Oct for assignment to the 2d Armored Div, Fort Hood, Tex.
- Northwest Orient Airlines, which has long serviced the military in Korea, negotiates an end to a three-month pilot strike. Daily flights, including mail for US forces in Korea, will resume by 9 Oct.
- The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded the Land of the Morning Calm 4,305 years ago today.
- A Tokyo news agency reports that propaganda attacks against the ROK made daily by the NK regime have dispersed the cordial atmosphere of detente developed on the Korean peninsula since the 4 July joint communique.
- The US Senate unanimously approves a \$2.337 billion military construction appropriation bill for FY 73, which contains \$4.7 million for improvement of US military facilities in Korea.
- Pacific Stars and Stripes marks its 27th 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 16,000 copies daily.
- The population of Seoul reaches six million, a 3.3 percent increase over last year, according to statistics released by city authorities today. Seoul rates among the ten most populated cities in the world.
- 6 LTG Glen W. Martin, Vice CINCSAC, stops in the Republic for a oneday visit with US officials.
- A ROK Foreign Ministry spokesman says that plans are underway to revise a trade law which will establish economic relations with "non-hostile" Communist nations.

- 9 Hangul Day. The 524th anniversary of the promulgation of Hangul, the 24-letter Korean alphabet, is celebrated in ceremonies throughout the ROK.
- UNC initiates CPX FOCUS LENS FY 73, an annual testing of defensive plans featuring participation by US/UN/ROK tactical forces and command staff personnel. In this six-day field exercise, elements of major headquarters in Korea coordinate efforts to counter a simulated attack.
- Fire sweeps through the Starlight NCO Open Mess at Camp Coiner, next to the Yongsan Compound, destroying 80 percent of the facility. The club, undergoing renovation, was to be opened 20 Oct.
- Political delegations from South and North Korea, led respectively by CIA Chief LEE Hu Rak and Second Vice Premier PARK Sung Chul, meet for four hours at Panmunjom in the DMZ. In a joint statement both sides "reconfirmed the spirit of the 4 July announcement," and "earnestly discussed the question of accelerating a free reunification of the fatherland."
- MG George Sammet, Jr, Dep Chief, R&D, DA, begins a five-day visit with ROK and US military authorities.
- 13 USNAVFORKOREA personnel mark the 197th anniversary of the US Navy.
- As an outgrowth of the South-North dialogue, Mindan, an association of pro-ROK residents in Japan, makes a proposal to Choryon, its rival pro-NK group, calling for exchange of information, mail and visits among families dispersed in Japan and the two Koreas.
- In Senate testimony made last February and released today, SECDEF Melvin R. Laird told the Appropriations Committee: "We have made a 20,000-man reduction in Korea, and we will be making further cuts, but we do not anticipate a further reduction in FY 73."
- Nationwide air defense drills are conducted in 32 major cities with government offices, private firms and citizens participating. It is the 10th monthly exercise held since the ROKG initiated the program in January.
- 16 CSM Farrell C. Graham is replaced as Eighth Army's senior enlisted man by CSM Donald H. Worley, formerly I Corps (ROK/US) Group's CSM. Graham has been selected to become USARPAC CSM.

- The US and ROK sign an agreement to exchange information on the development of military weapons and equipment. An annex to a 1963 data exchange accord, it provides the US with a legal basis to supply the ROK with technological knowledge for the production of arms, vehicles, ammunition, radar, communications equipment and missiles.
- President PARK Chung Hee proclaims martial law throughout the ROK in what he terms is a drive for structural reform. His action suspends the constitution, dissolves the National Assembly, and abolishes political opposition. It is put into effect at 1900 hours by ROKA Coff, GEN RO Jae Hyun, the appointed martial law commander. This is the first time martial law has been declared in the ROK since May 61, when Park and a group of young military officers took charge of the government in a bloodless military coup. US officials express dismay at the surprise move, declaring the action appears unnecessary. US forces in Korea continue normal duties.
- Astronaut James B. Irwin, who journeyed to the moon on Apollo 15 (26 Jul-7 Aug 71), begins a five-day visit at the invitation of the Korea Baptist Convention. He will speak to US servicemen at the Eighth Army Retreat Center in Seoul.
- In connection with martial law, the ROKG takes the following steps:
 (1) an intensive campaign against narcotics, prostitution, and
 other social ills; (2) temporary suspension of compulsory military
 training for the 2.5 million-man HDRF; and (3) temporary closure
 of colleges and universities.
- 19 Eighth Army's campaign against VD continues. New measures in effect include education to emphasize immoral and social implications, availability of free contraceptives, identification of contacts and efforts to insure that they receive adequate treatment, and assistance to ROK medical treatment facilities in areas near US installations.
- US Forces in Korea commemorate Veterans' Day with Garrison Flag ceremonies at Knight Field, Yongsan Military Reservation.
- 24 UN Day. Commemorative ceremonies are held jointly in Seoul and the UN Memorial Cemetery near Pusan as local citizens and representatives of UN member nations in the ROK join to observe the 27th anniversary of the founding of the UN.

- The second annual USARPAC Senior Officer Logistics Seminar opens at the Kukdong Hotel in Pusan. Officers from the US, ROC, Khmer, Indonesia, Philippines, ROK and Thailand will participate in the three-day session aimed at sharing new logistics ideas and techniques. Among the US officials attending the seminar are: LTG Joseph M. Heiser, Jr, DCSLOG, DA; MG Dean Van Lydergraf, USARPAC DCSLOG; MG Jack C. Fuson, Dir of Logistics, MACV; and MG John W. Barnes, Chief, MAAG-ROC.
- ROK Red Cross delegates return to Seoul from a four-day conference in Pyongyang after failing to reach an agreement with the North on ways to help about 10 million families separated by the division of Korea. A NK spokesman said there must first be agreement on territorial reunification before there can be final success in the Red Cross talks. The next meeting is scheduled for 22 Nov in Seoul.
- The fifth annual meeting of commanders of special warfare units in Asia and the Pacific begins in Seoul with 24 conferees representing the US, Thailand, the Philippines, Khmer, Indonesia, ROC and ROK in attendance.
- On this date 55 years ago, the 2d US Inf Div was activated in Bourmont, France and later distinguished itself in combat during WW I, WW II and the Korean War. The 2d Div has been in Korea continuously since 1 Jul 65.
- President Park makes public a 126-article constitution which will be referred to a national referendum within a month. The new constitution provides for a President to be elected every six years by a 2,359-member National Conference for Unification, but does not limit the number of terms. It empowers the President to dissolve the National Assembly. Park says he proposed the new constitution to save the nation from "turbulent waves of international power politics."
- The University of Maryland's Far East Division celebrates its 18th anniversary. The university offers about 400 separate courses at 56 education centers in ROK, Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, and Taiwan. In Korea 551 military and civilian students are enrolled for the present term.
- The Korea Chapter of AUSA holds a cookout and general membership meeting at Camp Casey. GEN D. V. Bennett, Eighth Army CG, addresses the 700 AUSA picnickers.

- A Central Clearance Facility is opened by USAG-Y in the Seoul area to help Army personnel speed-up installation clearance procedures before PCS departure.
- 31 SROKA marks the 18th anniversary of its founding. SROKA is responsible for security and training in the rear areas of the ROK.

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- Financial transactions by all authorized MPC holders in Korea will henceforth be recorded by data processing equipment. The system, similar to that presently operating in exchanges and and commissaries, will use the ration control plate to identify each transaction involving changing of MPC to dollar instruments.
 - 2 South and North Korea hold the second round of political talks in Pyongyang to pursue peaceful territorial reunification of the divided peninsula. The joint coordinating committee will meet twice during the three-day conference, and the South Korean delegates will pay a courtesy call on NK Premier KIM Il Sung.
- 2 Martial law authorities announce they have arrested 108 suspected illegal narcotics dealers, including 18 unnamed foreigners, as part of a social cleanup campaign. All of the arrests were made in areas contingent to US military bases.
- In a joint communique issued at the close of reunification talks in Pyongyang, North and South agree to discontinue propaganda broadcasts against each other and call for political, economic, social and cultural exchanges, and avoidance of military confrontations.
- 4 MG Harold E. Parker, TAJAG, DA, arrives in the ROK for three days of briefings on military justice activities in Eighth Army.
- AF GEN Seth J. McKee, CINCNORAD, begins a three-day visit with US military officials.
- The ROKG promulgates a law defining the National Conference for Unification as the nation's top political unit. The major function of the 2,359-member national body, to be elected by direct popular vote 15 Dec, is to elect the President and one-third of the members of parliament from a list to be recommended by the President.
- 6 Eighth Army Rifle and Pistol Matches begin at 2d Div's Camp Casey to select a team which will represent Eighth Army in USARPAC matches in March at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

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- 7 President Nixon is reelected by a landslide margin over Senator George McGovern (D-SD).
- 9 LTG Gordon M. Graham, Cmdr, 5th Air Force, arrives for a two-day visit to ROK/US military facilities.
- 10 USMC personnel in Korea celebrate the Corps' 195th anniversary.
- 11 The ROKN marks its 27th anniversary in ceremonies at ROKFLT HQs in Chinhae.
- After consultations in Saigon, GEN (Designate) Alexander M. Haig, Jr, President Nixon's special envoy to the RVN, stops in Seoul to brief President PARK Chung Hee on Vietnam peace efforts.
- A news story quoting Pentagon sources says the US is leasing a squadron of F4 Phantoms from the Philippines to the ROKAF.
- In special ceremonies at Seoul City Hall, the ROKG presents the Prime Minister's Unit Citation to the 309th Avn Bn, while the Seoul Mayor's Citation is presented to the 55th Avn Co, the 128th Aslt Hlcptr Co, and the 239th Aslt Hlcptr Co, for outstanding services in rescuing thousands of Korean flood victims last August. Twelve individual awards are given with COL Walter A. Johnson, Jr, Eighth Army Aviation Officer, heading the list with the ROK Presidential Citation.
- Two AF generals begin brief visits to the ROK. They are: GEN Jack S. Catton, Cmdr, AFLC; and LTG Gerald W. Johnson, Cmdr, 8th Air Force.
- 21 ROK voters go to the polls in a national referendum on a constitution proposed by President Park on 27 Oct. Results are 91.5 percent of votes cast in favor of the new constitution. Voter turnout is high.
- All USAF operations at Suwon AB are terminated as the 6170th Combat Spt Sqdn and other elements stationed there are inactivated. The closeout is a management action to achieve financial savings and permit more effective utilization of AF personnel and equipment. The 330-man complement will be assigned elsewhere in Korea.

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- The fourth round of North-South Red Cross talks opens today in Seoul. In a major breakthrough, both sides agree in principle to the creation of a joint agency to deal with the problem of locating separated family members in the two countries.
- HON Kenneth E. Belieu, Undersecretary of the Army, arrives for four days of visits to selected US and ROK military facilities.
- US military and civilian personnel in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.
- ROK Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil tells the <u>Baltimore Sun</u> in an exclusive interview that the ROK could defend itself after 1975 without the presence of US troops in the country.
- Pakistan's formal withdrawal from UNCURK is announced today. Pakistan has not actively participated in this Korea-based UN body since 1967. Remaining member nations are Australia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Thailand and Turkey. Chile withdrew in 1970.
- GEN D. V. Bennett departs today for Washington, D.C., to attend the annual US Army Commanders' Conference. The Eighth Army CG is accompanied on the 12-day trip by BG Max Etkin, Eighth Army ACofS, G4.
- 27 ROK Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik says his country plans to participate in wide-ranging rehabilitation programs in South Vietnam at war's end.
- ROKG reopens all colleges and universities 42 days after their closure by the 17 Oct martial law decree.
- A US Army helicopter crashes in a mountainous area two miles south of Chonan. The pilot and crew chief, both of USAKORSCOM's 3d Avn Det, are killed.
- 29 Sen Charles H. Percy (R-II1) arrives for four days of talks with US and ROK officials.

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NK's delegation to the Joint Coordinating Committee leaves Seoul following two days of unification talks. Results include establishment of a joint executive committee and a joint secretariat to augment meetings and carry out projects agreed upon in previous talks held in Pyongyang on 4 Nov. Before their departure, the NK delegation pays a courtesy call on President Park.

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- 2 MG Lloyd B. Ramsey, Provost Marshal General, DA, begins a five-day visit with US military officials in Korea.
- Fifty-three Koreans are killed and 76 injured when a fire sweeps through the jam-packed Seoul Citizens' Hall during a variety show. Eighth Army fire fighters rush to the scene to assist in bringing the fire under control and ladder evacuation of persons trapped on upper floors. The fire resulted from faulty wiring.
- In the 333d MAC meeting, NK Army MG KIM Poong Sup accuses the US of obstructing peaceful reunification of Korea by continuing military buildups in the South. Speaking for the UNC, AF MG Rollen Anthis reminds the NKs of their continuous violation of the reinforcement clause of the Armistice Agreement and says the UNC's open abrogation of the clause in 1957 was necessary to restore relative military balance between the two sides.
- 5 Eighth Army officials announce that the two "guaranteed rental" housing complexes under construction are expected to be completed by Sep 73. The US has guaranteed that the 300 western style apartments in Seoul and the 75 units in Taegu will be rented for 10 years at a 97 percent occupancy rate.
- A DA Personnel Management for Executives Course opens in Seoul for 10 days. Conducted by a USARPAC Regional Coordinator, the course is designed to train military and civilian executives in contemporary approaches to resource management.
- 7 The 314th Air Div is awarded the ROK Presidential Unit Citation for its massive rescue operations during the heavy floods which struck Korea last August. In addition, the 51st AB Wing and Det 1, 33d Rescue and Recovery Sqdn receive citations from the ROK Minister of Home Affairs.
- 8 VADM Vincent P. DePoix, DIA Director, and MG John F. Gonge, Cmdr, 22d AF, arrive on separate visits to US/ROK military installations in Korea.
- 11 VADM James L. Holloway III, Cmdr, Seventh Fleet, begins a threeday tour of naval facilities in the ROK.
- Rep Otto E. Passman (D-La), Chairman of the House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee, arrives in Seoul for a four-day visit with ROKG leaders.

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- President PARK Chung Hee lifts the martial law in effect since 17 Oct. With the ending of martial law, press censorship is discontinued but the Extraordinary State Council will continue its function as a substitute for the National Assembly which remains permanently dissolved.
- ROK voters choose 2,359 delegates to the National Conference for Unification which will serve as an electoral college under the new constitution. Voter turnout is 70.3 percent. On 23 Dec, the delegates to the NCU will elect a President for a six-year
- The Eighth Army Boxing Team captures top honors in the FY 73
 USARPAC Boxing Tournament held at Collier Field House, Yongsan
 Military Reservation. The team from Korea wins five division
 titles. USARHAW is runner-up with three division titles.
- Bob Hope and his 75-member Christmas holiday show arrive to give two performances--at Camp Casey and Osan AB--for US servicemen in Korea. This is Hope's 22d Xmas tour to military bases abroad and his seventh visit to Korea.
- A 40-foot high "Christmas Tree" is lighted on a hilltop overlooking North Korea by ROKA troops guarding the western sector of the DMZ. Erected annually by US troops since 1961, the tradition was taken over by the ROKA when they replaced the bulk of the 2d US Inf Div on the frontline in 1971.
- 19 LTG Louis Metzger, CG, III Marine Amphibious Force, Okinawa, arrives for a two-day tour of US and ROK military facilities.
- The 2d Inf Div Cdr, MG J. G. Smith, receives two FY 72 Safety Awards on behalf of his organization. Presented by Eighth Army CG, GEN D. V. Bennett, the DA Award of Honor and a similar citation from the National Safety Council recognize the 2d Div's outstanding safety achievements in all categories of accident prevention.
- 21 ROK President Park visits I Corps (ROK/US) Gp HQs during his annual holiday tour of frontline units.
- BG George M. Wallace II, 2d Div ADC (S), departs for reassignment to ACSFOR, DA. On 4 Jan he will be replaced by BG Harry W. Brooks, Jr. formerly DA's Equal Opportunity Director.
- President Park, reelected to a new six-year term by 2,357 of the 2,359 members of the National Conference for Unification, pledges to carry out "revitalizing reforms" in all fields of national and international affairs.

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- 25 Eighth Army celebrates its 23d Christmas in Korea.
- 26 MG William H. Blakefield, Eighth Army CofS, departs for reassignment as CG, USASA. He will be replaced by MG William E. McLeod, presently Dir of Organization and Unit Training, ACSFOR, DA.
- Two US personnel suffer minor injuries when fire destroys part of a 305th Spt & Svc Co warehouse SP 51 on Yongsan South Post, Seoul. Cause of the fire is under investigation and damage is being estimated.
- 27 President Park, chief of state since 1961, is sworn in for a sixyear term at a simple inaugural ceremony in Seoul.
- Figures published by <u>US News and World Report place American</u> servicemen based outside the US at 604,000, the smallest total since before the Korean War. In round figures, Germany has the largest contingent with 210,000. The article lists 45,000 in Thailand, 40,000 in Korea, 40,000 in Japan, and 25,000 in the RVN.
- Forty-seven ROK fishermen and their boats are released by NK. The men were seized at various times during the year while fishing near the North-South boundary. It is reported that there are still 118 ROK fishermen in NK detention.
- USFK memorial services are held throughout the ROK on this official day of national mourning for the passing of Harry S. Truman, 33d President of the US, who died on the 26th. A one-gun salute is fired every half hour beginning at reveille and ending at retreat. It was Truman's decision to rush US troops to the ROK in 1950 to thwart the 25 Jun NK invasion.
- USFK announces a pay increase averaging 13 percent for 23,300 direct hire Korean employees. The increase will raise the average monthly salaries of Eighth Army employees to about 56,500 won (\$141) in base pay.
- The ROK Economic Planning Board announces that the nation's GNP will register an increase of 7.5 percent this year, compared with 9.8 percent for 1971. The figure is below the 8.6 percent goal for 1972 and the lowest since 1965.
- 31 . The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program for Vietnam completes the year with a collection of 7,168 units. A mobile collection team from the US Army Hospital, Seoul (121st Evac), through scheduled visits to all troop areas, averaged 597 units per month to meet quotas established by USARJ-based laboratories and local authorities.

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- A year-end review of criminal cases allegedly involving Koreabased US personnel reveals following data: Under the ROK/US SOFA, the Ministry of Justice exercised jurisdiction over 92 Americans--31 military and 61 civilians. Of this number, 21 are pending trial and five are pending appeal. There were four acquittals.
- Bighth Army's Cost Reduction Program produced reported savings during the past six months of \$5,206,400 for the present fiscal year. Projected reported savings for the three-year (FY 73 thru FY 75) resulting from measures approved thus far will amount to \$11,086,800.
- Unconfirmed estimates indicate that during 1972 operations in Vietnam, ROKF-V killed approximately 3,200 of the enemy and captured some 100 enemy personnel. ROKF-V combat deaths are placed at 370. ROK military personnel continued their civic action program, completing construction and maintenance of 17 houses; seven classrooms; two bridges; and 19 public facilities; and opening 5.4 km of roads. (Cumulative figures since their mid-1965 involvement show that ROKF-V have killed 41,300 enemy, captured 4,700, and suffered 3,750 losses. Their civic action programs include the construction and maintenance of 144 bridges; 347 classrooms; 1,548 houses; 762 public facilities; and the opening of 485.4 km of public roads.
- For the third consecutive year, no US serviceman was KIA in Korea.
 The last US death as a result of enemy action was 18 Oct 69; the
 last KN fatality by hostile fire occurred on 26 Sep 71.

GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

ACSFOR: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development

ADA: Air Defense Artillery

ADC (M): Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver)
ADC (S): Assistant Division Commander (Support)

AFLC: Air Force Logistics Command
ASP: Annual Service Practice

AUSA: Association of the United States Army

CINCPAC: Commander in Chief, Pacific

CINCSAC: Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command
CINCUNC: Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
CINCUSARPAC: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific

COMUSKOREA: Commander, United States Forces, Korea

CPX: Command Post Exercise

DCA: Defense Communications Agency
DIA: Defense Intelligence Agency

DMZ: Demilitarized Zone

FROKA: First Republic of Korea Army

GNP: Gross National Product

HDRF: Homeland Defense Reserve Force

JSA: Joint Security Agency

JUSMAG-K: Joint United States Military Advisory Group-Korea KATUSA: Korean Augmentation to the United States Army

MAAG-ROC: Military Assistance Advisory Group-Republic of China

MAC: Military Armistice Commission

MACV: Military Assistance Command, Vietnam MAPTOE: Management Practices in TOE Units

MND: Ministry of National Defense MPC: Military Payment Certificate

NCU: National Conference for Unification

NK: North Korea

NORAD: North American Air Defense Command

NSA: National Security Agency
OCE: Office, Chief of Engineers

PACAF: Pacific Air Forces
PAO: Public Affairs Office

PSC: Personnel Services Company
R&D Research and Development

ROC: Republic of China
ROK: Republic of Korea
ROKA: Republic of Korea Army
ROKAF: Republic of Korea Air Force

ROKAF: Republic of Korea Air Force
ROKF-V: Republic of Korea Forces, Vietnam

ROKG: Republic of Korea Government
ROKMC: Republic of Korea Marine Corps

ROKN: Republic of Korea Navy
RVN: Republic of Vietnam

SOFA:

Status of Forces Agreement

SP:

Supply Point

SROKA:

Second Republic of Korea Army

TAJAG:

The Assistant Judge Advocate General

UNC:

United Nations Command

UNCMAC:

United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission

UNCURK:

United Nations Commission for the Unification and

Rehabilitation of Korea

UNKWAA: USAG-Y: United Nations Korean War Allies Association United States Army Garrison-Yongsan

USAKORSCOM:

United States Army Korea Support Command

USARHAW:

United States Army, Hawaii United States Army, Japan

USARJ: USARPAC:

United States Army, Pacific

USASA:

United States Army Security Agency .

USFK:

United States Forces, Korea

USNAVFORKOREA:

United States Naval Forces, Korea

Won (W):

Korean currency ($\sqrt[4]{400}$ = \$1 as of 31 Dec 72)