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FOREWORD

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2. Comprised of entries on historic firsts, key changes of command, anniversaries, protocol visits, and significant military, political and economic developments in Korea, this journal provides a handy reference document of the day-by-day sequence of events affecting local US forces.
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- 1 Reacting to a surprise announcement by the US that it is severing ties with Taiwan and granting full diplomatic recognition to Communist China, the ROKG says it hopes normalization of Sino/US relations will constructively contribute to peace in Asia and the rest of the world.
- 3 American and Filipino negotiators conclude an agreement which will permit US continued use of Clark AFB and Subic Bay NB in exchange for \$500 million in promised assistance to the RP. The bases, within 50 miles of Manila, are last American major installations in SEA.
- 4 A recent Army intelligence study concludes the NKA has equivalent of 41 divisions instead of 28 estimated previously and about 2,000 tanks, at least 300 more than prior calculations--a 2 to 1 advantage over ROKA in maneuver battalions and armor. NY Times says new findings were based on intercepted communications between NK units, satellite photography and reports by ROK agents.
- 5 A five-man CODEL, touring seven Asian nations, concludes a four-day visit to the Republic. The group, headed by Rep Lester Wolff (D-NY), Chairman House Intl Relations Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, held a series of consultations with US and ROK officials to "reappraise the US position in light of the Washington-Peking rapprochement."
- 5 According to EPB figures released today, the ROK met or exceeded major economic goals in CY78. Among them were exports of \$12.7 billion and a per capita GNP of \$1,242.
- 6 SGT Casey Harris of Taegu's 728th MP Bn is cited for saving the lives of 50 Koreans after their bus caught fire. Harris climbed through a window, evacuated the passengers and driver, and extinguished the fire.
- 9 USFK secures ROKG agreement to build 900 apartment units (700 in Seoul, 200 at Osan) to help alleviate a critical housing shortage for personnel serving two-year command sponsored tours with their families. In addition, KNHC will (1) grant priority to same group

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in their Namsan, Riverside and UN Village foreigner apartment complexes in Seoul, and (2) increase by 100 number of housing units for exclusive use of US military. Price of apartment rentals in Seoul has risen by 86 percent in past year and average cost has climbed to \$400-\$500. More than 60 percent of command sponsored people live off-post.

- 10 Mercury soars to 45 degrees, the warmest winter day in 70 years. Unseasonal mild and dry weather has dominated the country since beginning of year.
- 11 SA Clifford L. Alexander recommends revival of peacetime draft registration to shorten mobilization time in event of an emergency. Requirement for all 18-year-olds to register for a future draft was halted on 27 Jan 76 when President Ford discontinued the Selective Service System. No Americans have been conscripted since 31 Dec 72.
- 11 The Korean Housing Bank says rapid increases in land prices and construction costs last year boosted prices for homes in Seoul by 86 percent as compared with 15 percent in provincial cities.
- 12 Senators Nunn (D-Ga), Glenn (D-Ohio), and Cohen (R-Maine), all members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, arrive from Peking to spend three days in Seoul reevaluating security arrangements between the US and ROK.
- 12 Fifty-five students and staff of the National Defense College of Canada commence a five-day field trip to Korea. Study group is headed by RADM C. W. Ross, Commandant.
- 13 A Kunsan AB F-4 Phantom jet crashes during an exercise near Clark AFB, RP, killing CPT Nicholas T. Pallas, the pilot. The other crewman, CPT Ronald C. Sims, safely ejected and was picked up by a rescue helicopter.
- 13 Ginseng, an oriental herb widely believed beneficial to health, is approved for sale in USFK retail outlets for the first time. Last year, Korea exported \$63 million worth of ginseng to 54 countries in the form of capsules, tablets, powder, syrup, tea and honied roots.
- 14 Newsweek Magazine, commenting in its current issue on the discovery since 1974 of three NK-built tunnels beneath the DMZ, says sensors have recently picked up new sounds of digging and hammering under the truce line.
- 14 The 728th MP Bn, formed this date in 1942, celebrates its 37th birthday with organization day activities at Camp Henry, Taegu. The unit, which arrived in Korea 12 Nov 50, performs all MP services for Army units south of Seoul.

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- 14 Visiting the command early in Jan are VADM R. P. Coogan, Cdr Naval Air Forces Pac; LTG Gerald J. Post, Dir Def Log Agency; MG Edmund R. Thompson, ACSI DA; RADM William J. Cowhill, Cdr Sub Forces Pac; BG R. A. Shaffer, CG 3d Force Serv Spt Gp; and Mr. S. Hull, Ch Spec Sys NSACSS.
- 15 Religious services are held in US units to commemorate birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, born on this date in 1929. The civil rights leader was assassinated on 4 Apr 68.
- 15 The ROKA marks the 33d anniversary of its activation. In its relatively short history, the ROKA has become one of the Free World's largest and best trained armies.
- 16 Washington Post says DIA and CIA now believe that NK's ground force has increased by one-fourth and that it slightly outnumbers the ROKA's 560,000 troops. New findings give Pyongyang an army larger than any in the world except for Communist China, Soviet Union, India and the US, all nations with land areas and populations many times that of NK's 17 million people.
- 16 Following donation of 2,500cc's of rare RH-0 negative type blood by ten members of Kunsan AB's 8th Tac Ftr Wg, Korean surgeons successfully operate on KIM Hak Su, a 45-year-old teacher suffering from stomach cancer.
- 19 At a televised news conference, President Park calls on NK to resume stalemated N-S talks "at any place, any time, and at any level," to prevent another fratricidal war and achieve peaceful reunification. US government welcomes new proposal which is given prominent coverage in the world press.
- 20 I Corps, one of the senior major tactical units in the US Army with 20 campaign streamers, celebrates its 61st anniversary. The Corps was reconfigured into a combined ROK/US headquarters on 1 Jul 71 but continues its heritage.
- 21 In a report to the Congress, President Carter stresses that he still considers his policy to phase out tactical US troops in Korea by 1982 to be valid "...but we will continually assess changes in the situation and our plans will be adjusted if developments so warrant." Leading congressmen and retired general officers are among those who continue to urge President Carter to defer further withdrawal pending reassessment of the military balance on the Korean peninsula.
- 21 Eleventh anniversary of abortive assassination raid by NK commandos on the ROK Presidential Mansion in Seoul.

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- 22 SP4 Roland E. Whitfield, 329th ASA Co, is awarded an ARCOM for extinguishing a burning gasoline can near a fuel dump. Whitfield's prompt action, which occurred 27 Nov 78, may have saved 14 lives and \$500,000 worth of equipment.
- 22 TROKA, headquartered 26 miles S of Seoul at Yongin, celebrates the fifth anniversary of its activation.
- 23 A Kyunghee University study, citing better living conditions, reveals that Korean people are sturdier and taller than ten years ago. Average height and weight for Korean males are given as 5'7" and 130 lbs; for females 5'2" and 112 lbs. Another study by EPB reveals that life span is now 70.3 years for women, 66.1 for men. Just 25 years ago average life expectancy at birth in Korea was 50.6 years.
- 23 Freedom Day. Established 25 years ago by ROKG, this date honors the 7,604 NKA and 14,235 CHICOM POWs who refused to return to Communist hands and elected to remain in South Korea or other Free Asian nations.
- 23 USS Pueblo hijacked by NK eleven years ago today. One crewman was killed; remaining 82 were released from captivity 11 months later. Communists still retain the vessel and reportedly berth it at Wonsan harbor.
- 24 Wall St Journal calls President Park's offer to unconditionally resume N-S talks the most expansive during his 17 years in office and says absence of final rejection by Pyongyang may mean proposal is under serious consideration. Plenary dialogue between the two Koreas has been recessed since 18 Aug 73.
- 26 The ROKG's MCI says that during 1978 Korea became the world's 17th largest importing nation and rose to 15th place in exports. Rankings for the preceding year were 20th and 21st respectively.
- 27 NK tentatively agrees to President Park's overture for renewed N-S talks, but calls for an end to mutual slander in public pronouncements, a freeze on military activities beginning 1 Mar and convening of a pan-national congress in early Sep. ROKG officials note that Pyongyang's counteroffer contains a number of preconditions while President Park's proposal contained none.
- 27 A second Kunsan AB F4-D jet on a routine training mission crashes near Pyongtaek killing both the pilot and weapons system officer, CPTs Stephen E. Evans and John A. Chouinard. Cause of mishap has not been determined.

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- 27 Sixth anniversary of the Vietnam ceasefire agreement which ended US involvement in the longest war in our nation's history--11 years and 28 days; second to WWII in expenses--\$137 billion; and fourth to the Civil War, WWII and WWI in deaths--more than 56,200 (the Korean War ranks fifth with 54,246 Americans dead).
- 28 GEN John W. Vessey, Jr, CINCUNC, returns from a 12-day trip to CONUS during which he attended consultations in Washington and addressed student bodies at Carlisle Bks, and Forts Myer, Sill, Leavenworth and Bliss.
- 28 Lunar New Year. Today begins the Year of the Sheep in the Orient and the year 4,312 in Korean history.
- 30 According to OLA data published today, average wage of Korean workers at end 1978 stood at \$242 per month, a 27.8 percent increase over 1977. Citing a 14.4 percent rise in consumer prices for the year, OLA says the wage boost amounts to 13.4 percent in real terms. A related survey reveals that Korea is experiencing shortages of skilled workers, technicians and engineers.
- 31 Making brief visits in the latter part of month are GEN W. L. Creech, Cdr TAC; Dr. Henry J. Kenny, Special Asst to US Ambassador to Japan; RADM William D. Robertson Jr, Vice Dir for Prod DIA; MG John R. D. Cleland, Vice Dir Plans & Plcy OJCS; and MG Andrew Pringle Jr, Cdr 3d Air Div.

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- 1 Moving into the top Korean Army position is GEN CHUNG Seung Hwa, former FROKA CG, who succeeds retiring ROKA Cofs, GEN LEE Sae Ho.
- 1 Senior USFK staff members join government, military and civilian leaders around the world in 27th annual National Prayer Breakfast. At Yongsan's Eighth Army Officers' Club, Mr. James E. Mayer, Director of Peace Corps-Korea, is principal guest speaker. Observances are held at all major US installations in the ROK.
- 1 A contingent of 1st Bn, 2d Gurkha Rifles completes a 60-day tour with the UNC Honor Guard and prepares to return to Hong Kong. The Gurkhas, Nepalese members of the UK's armed forces, will be replaced by elements of UK's Queen's Engineers. Other nations represented in the UN platoon are Thailand and the Philippines; Eighth US Army and each of the three ROK services have separate platoons.
- 2 Parameters, journal of the US Army War College, features an article that spotlights Korea "as the most likely flashpoint in

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- coming years." The analysis calls for reestablishment of an Army theater command in the Pacific and designation of certain divisions as "Pacific-oriented."
- 2 The Army Nurse Corps celebrates 78 years of service. A professional US staff of 75 nurses serves EUSA; 72 are assigned to Yongsan's US Army Hospital Seoul (121st Evac), and there is one each at Pyongtaek, Taegu and Pusan.
- 3 Army dependents and guests of US soldiers on Okinawa become first in Far East to be allowed to eat in dining halls. New policy is result of Pentagon decision to extend the privilege to all Army members worldwide, after a successful nine-month test in Europe.
- 4 USO marks its 38th anniversary as a soldier welfare organization and its 25th year in Korea. In the ROK, the USO operates a center in Seoul, an info desk at Kimpo Intl Airport, and offices at Pusan and Chinhae when Seventh Flt vessels are in port.
- 9 Twelfth anniversary of effectuation of ROK-US SOFA. Agreement governs legalities relating to USFK presence in Korea and is administered by 11 joint subcommittees which have resolved more than 1,900 tasks.
- 11 USFK media outlets, libraries and recreation centers schedule special programs to observe Black History Week which begins today.
- 12 AP, quoting preliminary accounts of NK's buildup in arms, compares new S-N military balance as follows (NK figures in parentheses): army strengths--560,000 (600,000); combat divisions--25 (40); tanks--840 (2,500); jet fighters--360 (370); and submarines--0 (12).
- 15 EUSA increases random urinalysis testing to 25 percent of each unit per year in connection with new Army-wide program to determine extent of drug problems among its 18-25 year-old soldiers. Drug abuse by USFK members in Korea is minor due to the ROK's severe penalties for narcotic traffic and use.
- 15 South Korea's expressway system, which began just ten years ago with opening of the 19-mile Seoul-Inchon Highway, now totals about 760 miles in length and ranks sixth among the world's national road networks.
- 16 A CONUS-based USAF NCO who came to Korea late last year is recalled and convicted of violating USFK ration controls and of blackmarketing. He is second airman in as many months to be returned to Osan AB from outside the ROK to stand trial on such charges.

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- 17 N-S representatives meet at Panmunjom to discuss procedures for resumption of official detente dialogue which began in 1972 and was unilaterally suspended by NK one year later. In past month, the two sides exchanged seven messages on conditions for new peace talks and makeup of four-man delegations. Nothing is resolved at today's session as NK, which favors a "pan-Korea national convention," ignores ROK's proposal for reconvening the NSCC, the body which handled the previous political discussions.
- 20 The two top military leaders in the Asia-Pacific Area--ADM Maurice F. Weisner, CINCPAC, and GEN John W. Vessey, Jr, CINCUNC--testify before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee. Reportedly they agreed that as Korea remains volatile further US troop reductions should be suspended pending assessment of new intelligence on NK buildup.
- 20 The ROKG reports that major religious groupings among the nation's 36.6 million populace are as follows (figures in millions): Buddhists--13.1, Protestants--5.3, Confucianists--4.8 and Catholics--1.1.
- 23 The ROK accepts a NK proposal that both Koreas form a single team to participate in the World Table Tennis Championships opening 25 Apr in Pyongyang. The joint bid, however, is rejected by the London-based ITTF.
- 24 The 1979 Miss Black America USO Show, a 90-minute musical review featuring Lydia Jackson of New Jersey and three members of her court, completes a 15-day tour of 14 USFK bases.
- 25 According to MOFA statistics, 1.3 million Korean nationals now reside abroad, mostly in Japan, North America and the Middle East.
- 26 Korea enters the credit card age as several companies compete for national affiliations and members. Heretofore, a few major hotels and department stores issued credit cards for their own businesses.
- 27 Making brief visits to the command are USAF LTG Richard L. Lawson, Dir J5 JCS; USA LTG Arthur J. Greeg, Dir J4 JCS; RADM Robert R. Fuller, Dep Dir for Ops JCS; Mr. William T. Kvetkas Jr, Dir Program and Budget Office OASD; MG Charles F. G. Kuyk Jr, Cdr 22nd AF; MG John W. Huston, Chief of AF History; MG Richard Carr, USAF Chief of Chaplains; and RADM Donald S. Jones, Cdr Task Force 76.
- 28 Army Times says NK's war machine is substantially augmented by special forces teams numbering 40,000 men. Perhaps the largest active group of its kind in the world, members have already made a number of forays into the South. In combat, the weekly

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continues, commando squads would be disguised as ROKA soldiers, attack key bases and facilities, and cause disruption and confusion in forward areas.

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- 1 Samil Day. Host nation celebrates anniversary of 1 Mar 19 independence movement against Japanese colonial rule.
- 2 Osan AB institutes water conservation measures to compensate for shortages caused by an unusually dry winter.
- 3 Retiring SMA William G. Bainbridge concludes a six-day farewell visit to EUSA. His comment, after visiting troop units from the DMZ to Pusan is, "The soldiers in Korea are doing what they are trained to do and doing it well".
- 4 KAL, the ROK's national flag carrier, completes its tenth year. KAL's 35 jetliners currently serve 20 cities of 14 countries in Asia, Europe, America and the Middle East. Later this month KAL will inaugurate regular service to NY. JAL is only other Asian airline with a similar route.
- 5 Rep Stratton (D-NY), who had earlier criticized Carter Administration for taking several months to reevaluate balance of power on Korean peninsula, says he will again introduce legislation to prevent further US troop pullout from the ROK without congressional approval.
- 6 Deputy Asst SECDEF Michael Armacost tells a congressional committee that new estimates of increased NK force levels resulted from better intelligence rather than a surge in NK military strength.
- 6 Seven US soldiers break windows of an overturned Korean bus and pry out injured passengers. Rescuers, all members of 60th Truck Co, were traveling in convoy near Pyongtaek when they spotted the wrecked bus.
- 7 GEN William G. Moore, Jr, CINCMAC, begins a five-day tour of AF units in the ROK.
- 8 Hotel Shilla, a \$53.2 million joint venture between Korean and Japanese business firms, opens today at foot of Namsan Mt in Seoul. Deluxe hotel has 22 stores and 672 guest rooms.
- 9 Gasoline in Korea reaches equivalent of \$2.13 per gallon as ROKG again raises price of oil and oil derivatives. Increase is generated by higher OPEC charges.

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- 9 A ROK economic research organization reveals that prices for daily necessities, including rice and coal briquettes, have risen about 175 percent in past two years.
- 12 N-S Korean sports officials, after two weeks of negotiations at Panmunjom, fail to agree on a combined team for next month's 35th World Table Tennis Championships in Pyongyang. Moreover, NK rejects ROK's offer to send its own entry.
- 13 A USAF T-39 jet trainer from Yokota AB, Japan, crashes along Korea's SW coast killing all three crew members. Cause of mishap is not reported.
- 13 ROK Maritime Day. In past year, foreign trade cargoes amounted to 76 million tons, 46 percent of which was transported by the nation's ships. Overseas shipping tonnage of Korea's products/commodities is now four million tons, 40 times what it was in 1962.
- 14 Six years ago today, the last of 320,000 Korean soldiers who had served in the RVN returned home, ending the ROK's eight-year military involvement. The corps-sized ROKF-V was credited with more than 41,000 enemy dead while suffering 3,800 combat losses, an 11 to 1 kill ratio.
- 15 Asst SECSTATE for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Richard Holbrooke arrives to set date and agenda for a late Jun ROK-US summit meeting in Seoul. He tells reporters: Reductions in Korea-based US forces do not alter US security commitment which remains firm...NK does not seem ready to talk with the South on a government level at this time...The CHICOMs have a positive role in reduction of tension on the Korean peninsula.
- 15 Seventh Fleet celebrates its 36th birthday. The fleet is responsible for 38 million square miles stretching from the Bering Sea to the Antarctic and from the mid-Pacific to the African coast including naval augmentation for Korean exercises and contingencies.
- 15 Sixty-five officers and men from 259th QM Bn (USAR) based in Utah complete required annual training in Korea. Visitors worked with 19th Spt Comd's PDSK which operates the US Army's most sophisticated high-pressure, multi-product pipeline.
- 15 A ROK civil defense drill will be conducted twice today. In addition to a daytime air raid alert, blackout training will be conducted in Seoul, Pusan and 56 other cities and townships. Major USFK installations will participate. Similar exercises are held monthly.

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- 15 FROKA observes its 25th anniversary at its headquarters in Wonju, 55 miles SE of Seoul.
- 16 Helicopter crews from EUSA's 52d and 19th Avn Bns and ROKA's 61st Avn Gp transport 840 men and 18 field artillery pieces in five hours in support of a ROK training operation. Airlift, dubbed "Task Force Hollywood", is first combined airmobile exercise in Korea.
- 16 ROKG statistics released today reveal the traffic accident toll in 1978 was 5,114 dead, 91,464 injured. For past several years, Korea has recorded world's highest vehicular fatality rate. In 1977, for example, ROK had 149 deaths per 10,000 cars while Japan with 120 times more automobiles had only three per 10,000. Poor safety record is partially attributed to longer driving times, bad road conditions, and obsolescence of vehicles.
- 16 This month's visitors to date include VADM S.R. Foley, Jr, Seventh Flt Cdr; LTG John Q. Henion, USARJ CG; MG Chas F. Kuyk, Jr, 22d AF Cdr; MG C.J. Killeen, CG, III MAF; MG Otis C. Lynn, 25th Inf Div CG; MG J.K. Davis, CG 1st MAW; MG H.E. Wolff, Cdr USA CINCPAC Spt Gp; Dr. T. Benjamin Massey, Chancellor, U of Md; and Mr. Thomas N. Nelson, Admin Asst to SAF.
- 17 Exercise TEAM SPIRIT 79, largest-scale ROK-US maneuver since Korean War, concludes today. The 17-day operation was participated in by 149,000 men (93,500 ROK, 56,000 US including 35,000 augmentees from PACOM and CONUS bases); 222 USAF planes; and 18 Seventh Fleet ships. Purpose was to exercise commanders, staffs and forces in the planning, execution and evaluation of joint combined air, sea and ground operations.
- 17 AF LTG Evan W. Rosencrans succeeds LTG Charles A. Gabriel as Deputy CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA. He will serve simultaneously as Cofs for the ROK-US CFC and as USAFK Cdr. Gabriel is reassigned to HQ USAF.
- 17 GEN Louis Wilson, USMC Comdt, comes to Seoul for conferences with top Korean and American defense officials.
- 21 Population density of Seoul is rated highest among world's metropolises. More than seven million people, or one of every five South Koreans, reside in the capital city.
- 23 US Army Western Command (WESTCOM) is formed from assets of US Army CINCPAC Spt Gp and Spt Comd Hawaii. Headed by a MG, new headquarters will coordinate army matters in Pacific areas, less Korea and Japan.

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- 24 A 27-page report on Asian Security is released today by the Senate Armed Services Committee's Pacific Study Group chaired by Sen Sam Nunn (D-Ga). Foremost recommendation is that withdrawal of US forces from South Korea be discontinued in light of new intelligence on NK threat.
- 24 EUSA's annual West Point Founder's Day Dinner, commemorating the 1802 congressional authorization for a US military academy is held for 147 graduates at the EUSA Officers' Club. Guest speakers are GEN John W. Vessey, Jr, CINCUNC and LTG Marion C. Ross, CG, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp.
- 24 Members of I Corps (ROK/US) Gp donate \$10,000 for operation of an apple orchard in a leper community near their Uijongbu headquarters.
- 25 The 38th ADA Bde, headquartered at Osan AB, marks the 18th anniversary of its reactivation.
- 28 NK boycotts a ROK-proposed working-level meeting at Panmunjom. Session would have been fourth N-S political contact since 27 Feb when first session was held to resume unification-oriented dialogue, suspended in 1973. AP says Communist action casts serious doubts on future of inter-Korean talks.
- 29 A two-day USAMEDCOM-K seminar, sponsored by unit's 38th Parallel Medical Society, begins at Yongsan's EUSA Officers' Club. Attending are military doctors from Korea, US, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines.
- 31 A joint ROKAF/USAF helicopter team rescues 28 crewmen from a ROK freighter in distress. Incident takes place in Korea Strait during stormy weather and rough seas.
- 31 Command visitors during latter part of Mar are LTG James D. Hughes, CINCPACAF; LTG George G. Loving, 5th AF Cdr; MG T. Diab, MAC's Dep Cdr for Op; MG John L. Piowtrowski, Cdr 522d AWACW; MG Homer S. Long, Jr, ODCSPER, DA; MG Doyle E. Larson, USAFSS Cdr; RADM Lowell F. Eggert, Cdr Flt Air WESTPAC; RADM William H. Rowden, Cdr Seventh Flt's Cruiser Destroyer Force; and Dr. Edward C. Killin, Dir DOD Dep Schools, Pac.

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- 1 New USFK ration control and commissary rules go into effect. Basically, changes (1) shrink monthly limits placed on ground and instant coffee, mayonnaise, salad dressing and tang; and (2) limit commissary access for EM to those on separate rations.
- 1 For National Library Week, the 44 RSOK libraries throughout Korea feature a variety of lectures, exhibits and related activities.
- 1 JUSMAG-K, successor to a series of post-WW II MAAGs in Korea, celebrates eighth anniversary of its organization.
- 1 GEN KIM Chong Hwan, ROK JCS Chairman, returns from 11-day trip to US where he visited military installations at invitation of GEN David C. Jones, his American counterpart.
- 1 According to ROKG figures, the nation now has 384,435 motor vehicles, 43.5 percent of which are concentrated in Seoul.
- 2 ROKG repeats its call for renewed talks with Pyongyang. It tells NK that two doors are open for inter-Korean contacts--meetings between responsible authorities, or normalization of NSCC which held the 1972-73 dialogue.
- 2 Writing in Foreign Affairs magazine, Donald A. Zagoria, professor at Hunter College and Far East specialist, asserts American troops should remain in South Korea until N-S reach a peaceful settlement that is ratified by the great powers.
- 3 The Hongkong Daily View conjectures that NK chieftain KIM Il Sung may be tilting from Peking to Moscow. Main reasons cited are Communist China's war with Vietnam, her treaty with Japan, and normalized Sino-US relations.
- 5 Arbor Day. In this annual assist to reforestation programs in the ROK, USFK units plant tens of thousands of US-donated trees and saplings on and near selected US military installations.
- 6 CSA GEN Bernard W. Rogers says 2d Div training is among best he's ever seen. Rogers, named to head NATO, is making farewell visit to Army units in the Pacific. Also in country on an Asian/Pacific tour is SAF John C. Stetson. President Park honors both with medals.

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- 7 The three million-man HDRF marks its 11th anniversary. The HDRF, made up mostly of reservists but including volunteers, was activated to meet the need for a civilian militia to help counter NK infiltration and espionage.
- 9 Two ground-breaking ceremonies mark start of construction on apartment complexes for exclusive use by USFK families. KNHC will build 689 rental units on EUSA's Niblo Barracks in Seoul, and 201 others at Osan AB, 41 miles south of the capital. Project, which will cost \$47 million, is result of USFK efforts to ease serious housing shortages for command-sponsored married personnel.
- 11 An explosion at Hambaek coal mine 100 miles SE of Seoul kills 26 workers and injures 34 others. Authorities attribute accident to careless handling of explosives. This is Korea's fifth major mine disaster in past decade.
- 15 NK's KIM Il Sung, who has led his country for 34 years, marks his 67th birthday. An expected announcement naming his son as an eventual successor does not materialize.
- 15 Ten years ago today two NK fighters intercepted and shot down an unarmed USN EC121 reconnaissance plane, killing all 31 men aboard. Incident occurred over Sea of Japan 95 miles S of NK city of Chongjin.
- 15 Thirtieth anniversary of the ROKMC. In its short history it became one of the largest marine corps in the Free World, second only to USMC. In Oct 73 the Corps, previously a separate service command, was incorporated into the ROKN.
- 15 GEN Alton D. Slay, who heads USAF's Systems Command, begins a three-day observation tour of air force installations in Korea.
- 15 This month's command visits include: LTG L. West, DA Comptroller; VADM C.A. Frost, Dep CINCPACFLT; VADM S.R. Foley, COMSEVENTHFLT; LTG J.H. Cushman (Ret); MG Welton B. Persons, Jr, JAG, DA; MG James C. Smith, DA's Dir of Trng; MG Richard H. Thompson, CG TSARCOM; RADM D.S. Jones, Cdr Task Force 76; MG C.K. Heiden, Cdr MILPERCEN DA; MG Stanley M. Umstead, OSD; AF MG Walter R. Fonganecker, Jr, OACofS for Intel; and CH (MG) Orris E. Kelley, DA's Chief of Chaplains.

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- 16 A TAG official reveals EUSA led other MACOMs for passing bad checks in clubs during 1978 with a 13.6 per thousand rate. More than 35,000 checks, worth \$1 million, bounced in clubs Army-wide last year but only \$44,012 was written off as "uncollectable".
- 16 Two Jolly Green Giant helicopters from Osan's Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sqdn hoist 24 ROK sailors from their burning cargo ship. Incident takes place in Yellow Sea 26 miles W of Kunsan AB. Pararescue specialists have saved 52 lives in past 16 days.
- 16 Citing recent OPEC hikes in crude oil charges, KOAX increases price of gasoline in its filling stations. Henceforth, a gallon of regular gas will cost 58 cents; premium 64.
- 17 ROKG promotes ADM KIM Chong Kon and GEN YOON Ja Joong to their present grades and names them CNO and ROKAF CofS, respectively. They succeed ADM HWANG Chong Yon and GEN CHOO Young Bok, both of whom retire.
- 19 Anniversary of the bloody 19 Apr 60 student uprising which toppled the 12-year old regime of President Syngman Rhee. Occasion is observed by students, government officials, and members of the victims' families.
- 20 KNP crack a ten-member NK subversion ring headed by a college research institute member and a Tokyo-based cameraman. Group reportedly had been trying to establish a pro-Pyongyang network in the South since the mid-1960s.
- 20 ROKG issues an entry visa to Drazen Colie, a Yugoslavian correspondent. Colie will be one of nine UN-accredited newsmen to accompany UN Secretary Kurt Waldheim on a forthcoming ten-nation Asian tour, and first journalist from a Communist country to visit ROK since it was established in 1948.
- 20 LTG Emerson G. Itschner (Ret) addresses a meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers at Yongsan's Frontier Club. Itschner is a special counsel on nuclear energy to ROKG.
- 21 At a news conference in Tokyo, former SECSTATE Henry A. Kissinger says he thinks US administration may call off its troop reduction policy in Korea. He adds "I believe...withdrawal of American forces from Korea would be unwise and give the wrong signals. I'm not in favor of it."

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- 21 EUSA's 17th Avn Gp (Cbt) is named best US Army aviation unit for 1978. The "Freedom Eagles" have flown 17 months and 44,000 mission hours without loss of life or aircraft.
- 21 A 20-member House Armed Services Committee delegation, headed by Rep Melvin Price (D-Ill), meets with Korean defense officials in Seoul. US lawmakers are enroute home from trip to Communist China.
- 22 ROKA helicopters rescue 15 people from roof of fire-ridden Lions Hotel in downtown Seoul. No Americans are among casualties. A fire at same hotel on 16 Apr 78 claimed one life and hospitalized ten persons.
- 23 A Pacific Conference on Operations Research begins at Hotel Shilla with many ROK and US military leaders in attendance. Dep CINCPACFLT VADM Carlisle Trost is keynote speaker.
- 24 DA's annual reenlistment award for a MACOM goes to EUSA which exceeds objectives for both first termers and careerists. Distinction reflects high troop morale in Korea, particularly in 2d Inf Div which led all EUSA units in reenlistments.
- 25 US State Dept criticizes NK for refusing to allow ROK to participate in this year's ITTF championship at Pyongyang. The South Korean team had journeyed to Geneva, Switzerland where NK denied it entry visas. Meanwhile, 42 members of US squad arrive in NK, marking first visit by an American delegation since Korean War ended in 1953.
- 25 A US flag-raising ceremony in Taipei marks official termination of the 25-year-old US Taiwan Defense Command. Remaining 150 US military personnel will leave by month's end. US never maintained any combat forces on Taiwan, but had a peak of 10,000 men stationed there during Vietnam War.
- 25 Communist China notifies Soviet Union it is officially abolishing their 1950 friendship treaty. The two Communist giants first fell out in 1966 due to great power rivalry. Although hostile to each other, both countries have defense and economic pacts with NK.
- 25 ROK and USSR open an international telephone link. Calls via London will cost \$24 for first three minutes; \$3.40 for each additional minute. Soviet Union is sixth Communist state since

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1971 to reach an accord with S Korea on telephone communications; others are Yugoslavia, Cuba, Romania, Mongolia and Bulgaria.

- 25 ANZAC Day. Ceremonies at the Commonwealth War Memorial at Kapyong honor Australian and New Zealand war dead.
- 28 In response to a NK charge, UNC and ROK defense officials deny South is building a concrete wall along MDL which separates two Koreas. Under 1953 truce agreement no fortifications are allowed in DMZ.
- 29 Twelve countries send 250 players and officials to 8th World Women's Basketball Championship which opens in Seoul today. Communist nations boycott the meet. Korea is first Asian state to host this event.
- 30 Rep Stuart B. Mc Kinney (R-Conn) introduces a bill which would give Amerasians--children abandoned by US servicemen in Asia--priority over other Asians should they desire to emigrate to US. Officials estimate there are 6,000 Amerasians in Korea, a like number in Thailand and 15,000 in Vietnam.

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- 1 Opening today in San Francisco is a display of "5000 Years of Korean Art". Featuring 354 works of fine art and treasured relics, the exhibit will tour six other major US cities in next two years.
- 1 Fares for all commercial ground, air and sea transportation in Korea are increased about 22 percent. Conversely, NWA and KAL announce they will reduce price of direct flights between ROK and US by 25 percent starting 12 May.
- 1 Wearing of the summer uniform becomes mandatory for USFK personnel. Concurrently, duty hours for HQ USFK/EUSA are changed from 0800-1700 to 0730-1630 to take advantage of daylight hours for recreation.
- 1 USFK observes Law Day with a special Garrison Flag retreat ceremony.

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- 2 An AP correspondent visiting Pyongyang reports average NK worker earns about \$90 per month, but rent is free as is education and health care. Rice is cheap but a cola drink sells for 67 cents and a polyester sweater costs \$48.84.
- 4 The Chicago Sun-Times says freeze on further US troop reductions in the ROK shows good sense as "withdrawal would have encouraged all the things we wanted to discourage--another Asian war, probably a more intense Japanese rearmament and general Asian instability."
- 5 Eighteen members of the Royal Thai National Defense College, led by MG Sukhum Boonyanetra, are briefed at USFK/EUSA headquarters as part of their seven-day field trip to Korea.
- 5 Fire sweeps through Huam Dong, a residential area near Yongsan Post, destroying 60 homes and leaving 470 persons homeless. USAG-Y firefighters are among the 200 battling the blaze.
- 5 Korean youngsters flock to parks and palaces on the nation's 57th Children's Day. Parents are honored 8 May.
- 6 A NK overture to gradually normalize relations with US starting with exchanges of journalists, sports teams and tourists is relayed through UPI, one of eight American news organizations whose reporters are now in Pyongyang for World Table Tennis Championships. A State Dept spokesman rejects offer and reiterates US position of no talks with North unless ROK participates.
- 6 USFK personnel in Yongsan area support or participate in Korea's seventh annual Miles for Millions Walk for Needy People. More than 20,000 persons raise 25 million won (\$51,652) during the 12.6 mile trek in Seoul. Last year, a similar walk generated \$66,116 for the underprivileged.
- 9 US researchers disclose that during Korean War, Soviet Union was prepared to dispatch five divisions if NK and Chinese forces were seriously threatened with defeat. USSR, principal suppliers of weapons, ammunition, transport, fuel and medicine to NK-CHICOM armies, also sent advisors and pilots. Source of data is The Soviet Armed Forces, a book recently published in Moscow.
- 10 CPT Jerry Mitchell, 2d Div Spt Cmd, convicted by a general court-martial of blackmarketing, is dismissed from the service and fined \$10,000.

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- 10 Korean Veterans' Association founded 27 years ago today. Attending commemorative ceremonies in Seoul are chapter leaders and invited guests representing KVA's 3.5 million domestic and foreign members.
- 10 Local officials say Pusan's population of nearly three million is growing by 12,800 monthly. The southern port municipality is Korea's second largest city.
- 10 Osan AB's 51st Composite Wg (Tac) receives two USAF awards for safe-handling of explosives and missiles during 1978.
- 12 Former SECSTATE Henry Kissinger, invited to Seoul by the Korea-US Economic Council, tells reporters best way to solve question of Korean unification is through four-party meetings involving US, China and both Koreas.
- 13 On this date in 1968, talks to end the Vietnam War began in Paris and continued for four years, eight months and 10 days. Despite Communist promises, the Jan 73 treaty was abrogated and the RVN was overrun 27 months later. In contrast, peace negotiations to conclude a ceasefire in the Korean War lasted two years and 17 days, and the Jul 53 truce is still in effect.
- 13 A three-day USAG-Y carnival closes on South Post. Featuring 31 unit-sponsored booths and a flea market, the spring festival nets \$33,000 for local projects sponsored by the Yongsan Community Council.
- 14 Indian Week Olympics begin at Camp Casey's Schoonover Field. In this annual 2d Div event, units and individuals compete in 76 separate tests of military and athletic skills.
- 14 USFK's summer hire program begins. CPO estimates about 250 qualified student dependents of DOD personnel will be selected Korea-wide for temporary employment with US military elements.
- 15 UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim says since both Koreas have observer missions at UN Hq in NY, his agency has a definite role to play in establishment of new channels of communication between the two countries.
- 15 American Embassy/Seoul announces requirement for brides of US servicemen to present an affidavit of support with their visa applications. Move is to help block false entry to US through

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- "marriages of convenience" between USFK members and Korean women. About one fourth of 27,000 immigration visas issued yearly by Am/Embassy involve Korean wives.
- 15 The Air Force Band of the Pacific arrives to entertain USFK audiences. The group--three musical aggregations in one--will make 43 appearances throughout the ROK.
- 16 Host nation observes 18th anniversary of the bloodless military revolution which brought President (then MG) PARK Chung Hee to power.
- 16 Ex-Rep Richard Hanna (D-Calif), only present or former member of Congress sent to prison in the Korean influence-buying scandal, is freed after serving one year.
- 16 A NK dispatch, monitored in Tokyo, alleges that LT YUN Chi Gi, a ROKA Engr Bn platoon leader, has defected North by crossing MDL in eastern sector.
- 16 Visitors this month include LTG Hans H. Driesnack, USAF Comptr; LTG A.W. O'Donnell, FMFPAC CG; MG Van C. Doubleday, Dir C3/J3, JCS; MG Clas C. Irions, USAF Dir of Trans; RADM R.B. Mc Clinton, Cdr WESTPAC Sur Gp; MG Ralph S. Saunders, Cdr USAF's ARRS; MG Donald E. Rosenblum, OASD (MRA&L); and RADM Ralph G. Bird, CINCPAC J4.
- 17 NDTA's 11th annual Far East Regional Conference convenes at Seoul's Hyatt Regency Hotel with GEN John W. Vessey, CINCUNC, as keynote speaker. Some 140 transportation officials from nine countries are participating in the three-day meeting.
- 17 Dining facilities at Yongsan Garrison and Camps Essayons and Hovey receive EUSA CG's award for excellence and become command's nominees, in their respective categories, for service-wide competition.
- 19 US Armed Forces Day. ROK MND RO Jae Hyun in a special message to GEN Vessey, CINCUNC, thanks Americans for preserving peace and security on Korean peninsula for past three decades.
- 21 Army Times announces forthcoming change among EUSA's general officers. BG Victor J. Hugo is named CG, 38th ADA Bde, vice BG Walter J. Mehl. BG Richard J. Bednar, JAG, is reassigned

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- to DA. Selected as 2d Div's next ADCs are BG John M. Brown, Comptr and BG James E. Moore Jr now at Pentagon. Latter three have been nominated for 07, effective with these assignments.
- 22 Ninety-seventh anniversary of the Korea/US "Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation" which established initial diplomatic relationships between the two countries.
- 23 A PS&S article on 19th AG Det (Pstl) reveals the unit's 50 members sorted by hand ten million pounds of mail during 1978. The Yongsan APO also sold more than \$11 million in money orders and \$807,000 in stamps.
- 25 In Korea for a month of special performances is a 26-man Pipe and Drum contingent from 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles. Unique band, stationed in Hong Kong, came here at invitation of UNC's Commonwealth Ln Mission.
- 26 Three USFK teams, each with an officer and NCO, depart for CONUS to help Army Personnel Centers better prepare soldiers for duty in the ROK. Duos will visit about 20 major bases and use a PAO-produced 32-minute videotape on military life in Korea.
- 27 The three-day Taegu Summerfest, a carnival sponsored by 19th Spt Cmd, ends at Camp Walker. Funds generated by the festival support selected welfare programs.
- 28 Memorial Day, also beginning of Vietnam Veterans' Week. Ceremonies at Yongsan's Wright Field honor those Americans who died for preservation of freedom, including 51 Korea-based US military personnel who have been killed due to NK actions since the Armistice.
- 30 KIM Young Sam defeats incumbent LEE Chul Seung for leadership of ROK's major opposition New Democratic Party. Kim, a 51-year-old Nat'l Assemblyman is an outspoken critic of ruling Democratic Republic Party.

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- 1 MG Robert C. Kingston, USFK/EUSA CofS since 28 Jul 77, assumes command of 2d Inf Div. He succeeds MG David C. Grange who leaves Korea to become CG, USA Inf Ctr at Ft Benning, GA.

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- 3 COL Hazel W. Johnson, USA MEDCOM-K's Chief Nurse, is nominated to head the ANC effective 1 Sep. The 23-year veteran, who holds doctorate in nursing administration, will be first black woman to wear a star.
- 3 CNO ADM Thomas B. Hayward arrives in Korea as part of his current WESTPAC tour. During three-day stay he will confer with ROK government and military officials and inspect major naval installations.
- 5 US Senate, in its FY 80 defense authorization bill, notes that administration has told Congress that "recommended level of overseas troops (for FY 80) includes no further withdrawal of (US) combat troops from Korea." In past week, both houses of Congress have again called for reconsideration of US force reduction policy in ROK.
- 5 30th Weather Sqdn, a MAC element, wins USAF's Outstanding Unit Award for its work from Sep 76 to Jun 78. Unit has three detachments operating in Korea.
- 6 The people of the ROK mourn the dead of two wars during rites observing their 24th Memorial Day.
- 8 Bank of America says direct trade between Seoul and Peking will be "inevitable". Communist China is viewed as not posing any real threat to ROK in world markets with possible exception of textile exports.
- 9 Answering an urgent plea from a nearby civilian hospital, Kunsan AB members donate 4,000 units of blood which contribute to successful surgery on a Korean truck driver suffering from a peptic ulcer. Thirty-six airmen promptly responded to the base-wide emergency collection drive.
- 10 Eighth US Army's 35th anniversary. Activated in Memphis, Tenn, unit earned the sobriquet "Pacific Victors" for its actions in WW II and Korea. EUSA has been in ROK since outbreak of Korean War nearly 29 years ago.
- 10 Korea and US exchange Friendship Force teams. In the ROK, 401 residents of Albuquerque, NM, will stay at private homes and tour historical and cultural sites. Simultaneously, a like number of Koreans make similar visit to Albuquerque.

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Program, which originated in GA in 1972, is designed to strengthen foreign ties by bringing together people from all walks of life. Korea, first Asian nation to participate, has previously exchanged groups with Seattle, Helena, Hartford, and Tacoma.

- 11 In another reflection of ROK economic progress, CARE, an international development and assistance organization, terminates its activities in Korea after 31 years.
- 12 Korea and US conclude annual agreement enabling ROK to import \$40 million worth of surplus US farm products under PL 480 (Food for Peace) program. Wheat, corn, and raw cotton are principal commodities to be purchased.
- 14 Terence Young, British director of James Bond pictures, is in Korea to film "Inchon", a Korean War action/adventure story. All-star cast includes Sir Lawrence Olivier who plays GEN Mac Arthur. At least 14 weeks will be required to shoot in-country footage for \$18 million production. USFK personnel will have opportunity to appear as extras in the film.
- 14 The US Army's 204th birthday is celebrated simultaneously with Flag Day and Infantry Day.
- 15 19th Spt Comd's PDSK, which operates the 260-mile long Trans-Korea Pipeline, installs a quarter-mile by-pass in Taejon to accommodate industrial expansion in that city. Taejon financed the project which was accomplished without interruption of oil flow to USFK users.
- 16 1/31st FA, last remaining Honest John battalion in US Army, is inactivated at Camp Mosier. The 2d Inf Div unit had served continuously in Korea since 12 Sep 50, when it landed at Inchon with 7th Inf Div. ROKA will acquire Mosier and 1/31st's weapons and equipment.
- 16 As part of its energy conservation drive, ROKG bans POVs from using gas stations on Saturdays, starting today. Sunday and holiday restrictions have been in effect for several months.
- 16 Korea University's Dr. LEE Ho Wang receives citation from DA for his achievement in hemorrhagic fever research. Disease struck thousands of US soldiers during Korean War. Prof Lee determined carrier to be wild rodents and is working on vaccine.

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- 18 At today's 457th Secretaries Meeting at Panmunjom, UNC returns to Communist side body of unidentified NK man who had apparently drowned in HRE last week.
- 20 Eight US airlines are granted authority to serve Seoul. Those designated are American, Braniff, Continental, Pan Am, Trans Int'l, TWA, United and World Airways. Presently, only NWA and KAL provide commercial passenger service between ROK and US.
- 23 To mark sixth anniversary of President Park's foreign policy statement re NK, ROKG reaffirms intent to reopen dialogue with North at governmental level. On this date in 1973, Park proposed a peace and friendship pact with NK which called for both Koreas to apply for separate but simultaneous UN membership. He also said Korea was opening its doors to nonhostile Communist states and called on them to reciprocate.
- 25 Twenty-nine years ago today, NKA struck across 38th Parallel in an all-out attack which started a war that cost an estimated 2,405,000 military/civilian casualties and forced 3.7 million others to become refugees. In simple ceremonies, ROK government and military officials pay homage to those who gave their lives in the three year conflict.
- 25 Eleven years ago AAFES designated Korea as a separate exchange region (KRE). Today the operation, renamed KOAX, employs 109 Americans and 2,246 KNs in facilities which include 88 retail stores, 158 food outlets, and 119 theaters; another 3,000 persons are associated with KOAX's 706 concessions.
- 26 UNC Senior Member Warren C. Hamm accuses NK of constructing an illegal mile-long barrier fortified with mines inside northern sector of DMZ. Charges are made at today's 393d MAC meeting at Panmunjom and are supported with photographs. NK does not comment.
- 27 NK Foreign Minister Ho Dam, in a policy speech monitored in Tokyo, says withdrawal of all foreign troops in the South is precondition for replacement of Korean armistice with a peace treaty. He hints, for first time, of tripartite talks with N-S Korea and US. Heretofore, NK has maintained that since South did not sign armistice, it should not be party to a peace pact; US, however, has repeatedly declared it will not negotiate behind ROK's back.

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29 Other key visitors this month include Hon Robert L. Nelson, ASA (M&RA); LTG James D. Hughes, CINCPACAF; LTG George G. Loving, 5th AF Cdr; VADM R.P. Coogan, COMNAVAIRPAC; RADM S. Shapiro, Dir of Naval Intel; MG Alan A. Nord, ODCSLOG; and RADM R.E. Kirksey, COMCARGRUTHREE. Also (in SECDEF Brown's advance party) Hon David E. Mc Giffert, ASD (ISA); Hon Thomas B. Ross, ASD (PA); Mr. T. West, Sp Asst to SECDEF; and Mr. Michael Armacost, Dep ASD for East Asian/Pac Affairs.

30 President Carter goes on early morning jog with Indianhead troops and breakfasts at 122d Sig Bn dining hall. Returning to Seoul from Camp Casey, he is officially welcomed at Yoido Plaza where 50,000 Koreans witness the ceremony. First summit meeting between US and ROK leaders follows. Later, at state dinner, US president compliments ROK on its economic progress and reaffirms America's commitment to peace on the Korean peninsula.

30 SEN John Glenn (D-Ohio) says NK's "clear military advantage over ROK" warrants immediate end to US troop withdrawals in Korea. Glenn, Chmn of East Asia/Pac subcommittee, asserts pullout should be resumed only after NK has shown it will accept a peaceful solution to Korean unification problem. Earlier in week, JCS, citing increased NK military strength and offensive posture, also recommended against further reductions of American ground combat forces in Korea at this time.

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1 According to a pre-departure joint communique, President Carter's two discussions with President Park covered: Assessment of political and military events in Asia; continued US support of 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty; a joint offer to meet with NK in three-party peace talks; assurances of recognition for human rights in ROK political process; and other matters of mutual concern. Question of further US troop withdrawal was left open.

1 Today marks 22d anniversary of the establishment of USNAVFORKOREA and USAFK which was part of a major realignment of component commands in the Pacific.

1 I Corps (ROK/US) Gp, the largest Army corps in the Free World, commemorates the eighth anniversary of its reorganization as a combined command. The binational headquarters, situated 19 miles

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- N of Seoul near Uijongbu, controls a composite of ROKA/EUSA combat elements (12 divisions, two armor brigades).
- 2 In change of command ceremonies today, RADM Warren C. Hamm, Jr, USNFK Cdr and UNCMAC Senior Member, is succeeded by RADM Stephen J. Hostettler, former CO of USS Halsey. Hamm will become Cdr, Amphibious Gp Two, homeported at Norfolk, Va.
- 4 Independence Day. US personnel serving in the ROK observe the 203rd anniversary of our nation with traditional 4th of July festivities.
- 4 Osan AB concludes its five-day Chin Mok Festival with revenues of \$65,000. Last year's total was \$45,800. The Air Force's open-house carnival helps raise money annually for nine local orphanages and two homes for Amerasians.
- 4 Seventh anniversary of the N-S communique which led to face-to-face talks between the two Koreas. On 28 Aug 73 NK unilaterally suspended the N-S dialogue and severed the Seoul-Pyongyang hot line, the only direct communications channel between the two sides.
- 5 The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regt, 24th Inf Div's Task Force Smith, who were killed in a valiant holding action beginning 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 Chukmiryong near Osan.
- 6 MG Kenneth E. Dohleman, former Cdr, USA Military District of Washington, assumes duties as USFK/EUSA Cofs. MG Richard L. Prillaman, ACoFS C3/J3, had been Acting Cofs since 1 Jun 79.
- 6 NKA LT KANG Hyong Sun surrenders to a ROKA guard post in central frontline. Defector claims NK is using forced labor for war preparations and says construction of invasion tunnels is going on in every forward corps area.
- 9 NY Times, commenting on ROK trade, says "at end of 1950-53 Korean War, South Korea had a ravaged subsistence economy cut off from a Japanese-installed industrial base in the north. Today, it has 37 million people in an area slightly smaller than Virginia and the highest standard of living in Asia after Japan and Singapore."

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- 10 Newly-promoted GEN John A. Wickham, Jr, takes charge of UNC/CFC/USFK/EUSA. Change of command ceremony at Yongsan's Knight Field also honors outgoing GEN John W. Vessey, Jr, who is reassigned as Vice CSA. Wickham was formerly Director of JCS Joint Staff.
- 10 ADM Maurice P. Weisner, CINCPAC, arrives for brief visit. Other visitors early in month include: VADM S. K. Foley, COMSEVENTHFLT; LTG Wm H. Ginn, Jr, 5th AF Cdr; MG Wm R. Maloney, CG, 3d MAW; and MG Clay T. Buckingham, USACSC CG.
- 10 Korean War truce negotiations opened at Kaesong 28 years ago this date. First UNC delegates were VADM G. T. Joy (Senior Member), MG L. C. Craigie, RADM A. A. Burke, MG H. I. Hodes and ROKA MG PAIK Sun Yup.
- 12 ROK reels under shock of steep rises in domestic oil prices and electricity, which increase by 59 and 35 percent, respectively. Gasoline jumps to \$2.88 per gallon (\$3.39 for premium). Only five other countries currently charge over \$2 per gallon for petrol: Greece (\$2.92), France (\$2.45), Spain (\$2.40), Italy (\$2.23) and Israel (\$2.01).
- 16 NK formally rejects 1 Jul US-ROK proposal for tripartite talks on basis that "Korean reunification issue is an internal problem to be resolved without external influences." Pyongyang's reply is relayed to Seoul by Indonesia which maintains relations with both Koreas.
- 16 Taegu's 19th Spt Comd initiates a week-long orientation course on American history, customs and culture for its KATUSA personnel. About 3,000 KATUSA soldiers will eventually receive the training.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation marks 31st anniversary of its first constitution. On this occasion, ROKG releases 86 imprisoned dissidents and indicates remaining political prisoners will be freed on other Korean holidays this year. AP and NY Times put number of current detainees at 208-252.
- 18 KCIA announces neutralization of an 11-member NK spy ring active in Pusan and Samchonpo since 1961. Group reportedly planned to seize foreign missions in Seoul and hold their diplomats hostage to force stepdown of present ROKG, withdrawal of all US troops, and safe passage north through Panmunjom.

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- 18 National POW-MIA Recognition Day. US bill honors captured or missing American servicemen.
- 20 AP says 1976 plan for withdrawal of Korea-based US ground tactical troops was based on assessment of a 450,000-man NKA but latest studies indicate figure may be 250,000 higher. Former SECDEF Donald Rumsfeld, in Korea for short visit, tells press original decision was wrong from the start.
- 20 President Carter, acting on a JCS recommendation, halts further reduction of American combat elements in ROK pending reevaluation in 1981 of military balance on Korean peninsula. A total of 3,670 US soldiers have been withdrawn since Jul 77.
- 21 ROKN patrol ships sink an NK spyboat after a two-hour firefight off ROK southern coast near Namhae Island. Enemy craft was disguised as fishing vessel. Friendly forces suffer two KIA, one WIA; six NK bodies are recovered.
- 23 NK launches a bitter propaganda blast at President Carter for his 20 Jul decision to put a two-year freeze on US troop pull-outs from South Korea. Communist side says first requirement for establishing a durable peace on peninsula is "end to occupation of South by US forces."
- 23 US News & World Rpt says in past decade number of US military dependents overseas has increased by 70,000 (to 378,000) while armed services personnel abroad declined by 33,000. Pentagon estimates annual cost of command-sponsored families in foreign lands at \$4,465 per member. Currently, there are some 15,000 American dependents in ROK, 7,000 authorized.
- 23 EPB, citing latest oil price hike, other inflation and decreasing exports, says ROK economy is at lowest level since Sep 75 and is showing signs of recession.
- 24 Anniversary of the UNC. On this date 29 years ago, 22 nations came to South Korea's aid, 16 of which joined the ROK to form the UNC fighting team--the first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression. Honor guard/liaison groups from eight nations, including the US and ROK, are still represented in the UNC.
- 24 GEN Bryce Poe, Jr, Cdr USAF Log Comd, accompanied by seven other AF general officers, arrives in Korea for a three-day orientation tour of USAF and ROKAF units. Just departed is LTG Robt C. Mathis, TAC Vice Cdr.

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- 25 Crewmen from the aircraft carrier USS Ranger begin a five-day liberty at Pusan. Also in port from the Seventh Fleet are the cruiser USS Chicago and destroyer USS Lynde Mc Cormick.
- 26 Director General Ganri Yamashita, Japan Defense Agency, completes a two-day inspection tour of DMZ. Yamashita is first Japanese defense chief to visit South Korea while in office.
- 27 NKA SGT AHN Chan Il crosses into South through western sector of DMZ. He is second soldier to defect from North this month. ROKG usually rewards anti-Communist line crossers with resettlement funds, a job and house.
- 27 At new CFC headquarters building on Yongsan, GEN LEW Byung Hion, CFC Deputy Cdr, unveils a 22-foot-long mural depicting military life in Korea. Panorama, positioned on wall near entrance, was completed in 18 days by a six-man team of TSAK artists.
- 27 Signing of the Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom 26 years ago today puts end to the shooting war in Korea. In the ensuing years of uneasy peace, 393 MAC plenary conferences have been held at the truce site during which the Communists have admitted to only two of the more than 45,000 violations charged by the UNC.
- 27 Fire guts KOAX Foodland store at Taegu. There are no injuries; damage is estimated at \$22,000. Cause of blaze is under investigation.
- 31 At Panmunjom, UNC spokesman RADM Stephen Hostettler denounces NK for sending an armed intelligence craft into ROK waters ten days ago. In support of his charges, he displays recovered Communist boat, weapons and supplies. His counterpart, MG HAN Ju Kyung, complains his side "is being slandered and defamed" and claims incident and evidence were fabricated.

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- 1 US Army Spt Gp, Joint Security Area is redesignated UNC Spt Gp, JSA. Unit, only three miles S of Panmunjom, mans the advance camp for UNC MAC operations.
- 1 Fortune Magazine's annual directory of the major 500 foreign industrial corporations lists nine Korean firms. Top among these at No 78 is Hyundai Gp, ROK's largest export company, with sales of \$3.6 billion in 1978.

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- 2 NK SSG SONG Kyong Ho surrenders to a ROK outpost on central frontline. He is third disaffected soldier to forsake the North in recent weeks.
- 2 Koreans traveling abroad on official or business purposes may continue to convert won up to \$3,000 in foreign currency, according to ROK MOFA. Those making overseas trips in other categories, however, are authorized only \$1,000 in foreign exchange.
- 4 The Seoul Board of Education reports that students in the capital city now exceed two million. Put another way, one of every four Seoulites goes to school.
- 4 AP, quoting NK Central News Agency, reports a South Korean soldier has defected North. He is identified as CPL KIM Ryon Jin, 2/15th Regt, 1st ROKA Div. No other details are given.
- 7 An eight-man CODEL, led by REP Charles Wilson (D-Calif), arrives for four days of discussions with ROK and US officials.
- 8 A drowning Korean teen-age girl is saved by passerby US Army CPT Paul A. Baldy who dives fully clad into an apartment complex swimming pool. Baldy is Cdr, UNC Honor Guard.
- 8 In country on brief visits are MG Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr, Vice CINCPACAF; MG R.B. Solomon, PACOM Deputy CofS; and MG John K. Stoner, Cdr CERCOM.
- 9 ROK National Police smash a 24-man NK espionage and subversion ring operating in the Samchok area, 120 miles E of Seoul. Group, headed by CHIN Hang Shik, reportedly sent radio reports to NK on east coast deployments and instigated campus and labor union unrest.
- 11 Seoul riot police storm national hqs of opposition New Democratic Party where 172 women workers of Y.H. Trading Co have been staging a sit-in on fourth floor of building to protest layoffs. One woman dies in the assault; 20 other persons, including politicians, reporters and policemen, are injured.
- 12 MG Harry A. Griffith, Chief JUSMAG-K, is reassigned to US Army Eng Div, Cincinnati, Ohio. His replacement is MG Orlando L. Gonzales, who comes to Korea from MAC Hqs, Scott AFB.

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- 15 ROK Independence Day. Host nation celebrates 34th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule and 31st anniversary of the Republic's birth.
- 15 Five years ago today Madame Park, Korea's First Lady, was killed in Seoul by a bullet intended for her husband. The assassin, a leftist Korean residing in Japan, was tried, convicted, and hanged four months later.
- 15 Addressing need for stringent energy conservation efforts throughout EUSA, GEN John A. Wickham, Jr, notes that energy costs in last FY totaled \$29.2 million or 9.7 percent of OMB. About one-third of figure was for electricity, rates for which have increased by 41 percent in past year.
- 16 US ends its three-year investigation into PARK Tong Sun's alleged influence buying in Congress. As result of probe, three former House members were indicted for bribery or perjury and one Korean-born businessman was convicted of making payoffs. Park, a wealthy Washington socialite, was granted immunity for his testimony.
- 17 Typhoon Irving hits SW coast of ROK leaving 13 Koreans dead or missing and 1,400 others homeless. Property loss, mainly crops, is estimated at \$20 million.
- 18 Three years ago today two US Army officers were savagely bludgeoned and nine other UNC personnel (5 ROK, 4 US) were injured at Panmunjom in an unprovoked attack by axe-wielding NK guards. Deaths of CPT Arthur G. Bonifas and 1LT Mark T. Barrett, both assigned to USA Spt Gp-JSA, were first fatalities in the truce negotiations area since the 1953 Armistice.
- 20 Another NK body is discovered in ROK river and is delivered to North via Panmunjom. This is UNC's fourth humanitarian return of drowning victims since Jun. All were clad in NK military fatigues.
- 21 KATUSA Recognition Week begins today. Korean augmentee contributions to EUSA in past 29 years are commemorated with parades, picnic/parties, skills competition and awards.
- 22 Pyongyang informs its observer mission at the UN that it has rejected Secretary Kurt Waldheim's offer to act as mediator for resumption of long-deadlocked talks between N-S Korea.

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- 26 Chinhae NB is isolated for 15 hours after Typhoon Judy pours 18 inches of rain on SE coast of Korea. At least 163 Koreans are dead, missing or injured, another 35,000 homeless. US helicopters and troops assist in rescue and relief operations.
- 26 NY Times says ROK has one of world's most dynamic economies with real-growth rates averaging ten percent during last 15 years, but notes consumer prices in Seoul are now increasing at average rate of 25 percent a year.
- 30 Today marks seventh anniversary of first N-S Red Cross talks. Seven plenary discussions held between Aug 72 and Jul 73 resulted in no progress toward lessening tension on the Korean peninsula by family visits or other exchanges. Full dress talks have been suspended for six years due to strained NK-ROK relations, and the Seoul-Pyongyang hotline has been inoperative for three years. Despite numerous overtures by the ROK for resumed dialogue, another of which was made recently, NK has maintained the boycott.
- 31 During 395th MAC meeting at Panmunjom, UNC renews its proposal for removal of fortifications within the DMZ--a 2.4 mile-wide buffer zone which separates N-S Korea. Communist side rejects offer.

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- 1 South Korea's Red Cross Society fails to establish contact with its NK counterpart through a call on the Seoul/Pyeongyang "hotline". Direct circuit, installed in Aug 72, was unilaterally cut off by NK in Jun 76 and has since been inoperative.
- 2 DOD hints at existence of a fourth NK-built tunnel under the DMZ. Three previous infiltration channels into the South were discovered in Nov 74, Mar 75 and Oct 78. All have been neutralized.
- 2 Federal Womens' Week begins. Activities for USFK's distaff employees include workshop seminars and an award banquet. Keynote speakers will be DA's Ms Marilyn White and U of Md's Dr. Mady Segal.
- 2 Japanese surrender signed in Tokyo Bay aboard USS Missouri 34 years ago today officially ended war in Pacific after 1,364 days.

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- 5 In its annual Military Balance report, the London-based IISS updates its holdings on NKA as follows (increases since last year in parentheses): strength over 600,000 (70,000); divisions 35 (15); tanks 1,800 (200); and APCs 3,500 (500).
- 6 A House Armed Services Committee panel, headed by Rep Samuel Stratton (D-NY), notes that NK now has world's fifth largest army and is capable of conducting offensive warfare without Soviet or Chinese support. Lawmakers urge further EUSA troop pullout be deferred indefinitely, and recommend increased modernization of ROKF to counter-act NK superiority.
- 7 ROK MOFA discloses that NK kidnap attempts on South Korean citizens traveling abroad are becoming more frequent. Ministry cites recent cases in Europe, Middle East and Asia.
- 8 Thirty-fourth 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.
- 10 Radio Pyongyang again calls for a NK-US meeting to discuss a peace treaty for replacing 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement. Washington has repeatedly told the North that exclusion of ROK from such talks is unacceptable.
- 10 National Hispanic Week. The many contributions of Spanish-surname Americans to our country's defense are acknowledged throughout USFK.
- 11 Newly appointed SMA William A. Connelly begins a nine-day orientation tour of units in Korea. He will be accompanied throughout visit by ROKA SMA CHUNG Kuang Sub and EUSA CSM William B. Tapp, Jr.
- 11 At SNU campus, riot police use tear gas to disperse 350 students staging an anti-government protest. Earlier this month there were similar demonstrations in colleges at Taegu and Wonju.
- 14 "Pusan Spectacular 79" opens at Hialeah Compound. The annual three-day festival of games, shows and bargain shopping is designed to promote Korean/American friendship. All proceeds go to local charities.

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- 13 Fifteen years ago today a ROK non-combatant medical team arrived in the RVN, marking the beginning of South Korea's participation in the Vietnam War. The Dove construction unit followed on 15 Feb 65. Subsequent arrival of combat units--the 2d Marine (Blue Dragon) Bde and the ROKA Capital (Tiger) Div--led to the establishment of the ROKF-V to form a corps-sized force of 50,000. On 14 Mar 73 the last of the 320,000 Korean soldiers to serve in Vietnam returned home.
- 15 Today marks 29th anniversary of the Inchon Landing--the historic amphibious assault by US and ROK forces which turned the tide of war.
- 15 Taegu's AUTODIN Switching Center, focal point for nearly all message traffic in and out of Korea, establishes a new overseas record for continuous operations-140 days.
- 15 A worldwide survey of major banks conducted by Institution Investor magazine rates ROK as sixth most creditworthy country in Asia-Pacific region. Ahead of Korea in the rankings are Japan, Australia, Singapore, New Zealand and Hong Kong.
- 16 GEN (Ret) Richard G. Stilwell (CINCUNC 1973-76) says further American troop withdrawals from ROK should be contingent upon cross-recognition of the two Korean nations by Communist and Free World powers and by admission of the two states into UN. Comment appears in a book entitled "Strategy and Security in NE Asia".
- 16 UPI estimates ROK's defense expenditures this year at \$3 billion or 5.6 percent of GNP. Figure equates to 33.4 percent of ROKG's budget.
- 17 Garrison Flag ceremonies are held at HQ USFK/EUSA to mark America's Constitution and Citizenship Day.
- 17 SFC Richard Constable, NCOIC, USAG-Y Movements Br, receives Army's top transportation award for instituting procedures which provide increased services to soldiers at lower costs.
- 18 USAF personnel in Korea mark the Air Force's 32d anniversary.

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- 19 US State Dept expresses concern over growing political tensions in Korea. Statement comes on heels of ruling party's sharp criticism of opposition leader KIM Young Sam's call in NY Times for US to end support of President Park's "minority regime".
- 19 USAF names Osan's Det 4506 best OSI unit for 1978. Ten-man intelligence investigative element competed with 150 similar agencies.
- 20 NK does not respond to KNRC's request for a working-level meeting at Panmunjom today. Delegations from both sides met 25 times previously without results. NK abruptly discontinued the sessions in Jul 73.
- 22 Seven staff members of Seoul's Korean Christian Academy receive prison sentences of from one to seven years for organizing a pro-NK cell.
- 24 NK charges that two US SR-71s overflew its air space four days ago and claims this is seventh intrusion by the supersonic high-altitude reconnaissance planes. UNC says it has been denying similar allegations since 1972 and nothing has changed.
- 25 UK's Royal College of Defense Studies arrives in Korea for annual briefings. Group of 12 is headed by GEN Sir David Frazer.
- 28 On this date 29 years ago, combined US and ROK forces recaptured Seoul from the NK invaders who had held the city for three months.
- 28 Military Technology magazine notes that 50 percent of all military equipment now used by ROKF is manufactured locally. It points out that ROK defense industry still lacks technical expertise for production of nuclear weapons, fighter/attack aircraft, and sophisticated electronic equipment.
- 29 An Osan AB helicopter rescue team battles winds and waves of Typhoon Owen to bring aboard nine South Korean fishermen whose boat was sinking 75 miles SW of Cheju Island. Crew's unit, Det 13, ARRS, has saved 65 lives so far this year.

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- 29 A six-ton commercial truck veers across a highway and collides head-on with a station wagon, killing seven persons including a US Army civilian employee. Accident, on Ho Nam expressway 150 miles S of Seoul, is worst ever involving USFK members.
- 30 Yongsan's first open-house Fall Carnival grosses more than \$50,000 for USAG-Y charities. Three-day festival featured live entertainment, games and a flea market.
- 30 USFK replaces RCPs. New plastic card is not only difficult to counterfeit but includes additional data which helps POPPA teams identify PX and commissary customers with unusual buying habits.
- 30 Making brief, separate command visits this month are: LTG Harold F. Hardin, Jr, DARCOM DCG; VADM Samuel L. Gravely, Jr, DCA Dir; LTG A.W. O'Donnell, FMFPAC CG; Mr. Frank A. Fishbourne, USAF Dep Comptr; Mr. David C. Hardison, DA Dep Undersecretary, Opns Research; RADM W.A. Gurek, COMCARGRUSEVEN; RADM M.J. Shultz, Jr, Tac Thtr C3 Sys Dep Dir; MG Wm E. Read, Asst Chief DA Engr; MG Robt L. Herriford, USASAC Cdr; and MG Jack V. Mackmull, USAJFKCENMA Cdr.

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- 1 ROK Armed Forces Day. To mark their 31st year of service, elements of the 600,000-man ROKF hold parades, open houses and celebrations. Military ceremonies are held annually on this date to commemorate historic day in 1950 when UNC forces crossed 38th parallel in pursuit of retreating NKA following the Inchon Landing and recapture of Seoul.
- 1 American Express takes over US military banking services in South Korea from Bank of America which relinquishes its contract after 24 years of operation. No significant changes are expected at USFK's 17 commercial banking facilities.
- 1 Duty hours for HQ USFK/EUSA personnel revert to an 0800-1700 schedule. Hours during May - Sep period were 0730-1630. Concurrently, winter or year-round uniforms will be worn for social and ceremonial functions, commencing today. Summer uniforms may continue to be worn for duty until 15 Oct.

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- 1 Contact Int'l, a Chicago-based firm which produces the Dairy Glow line, succeeds Old Dominion as USFK's dairy contractor.
- 1 South Korea's highways are rated world's most dangerous. Statistically, accident rate in ROK is currently 22 times that of US; death rate is 32 times higher. In past 12 months, 51 USFK members were killed in traffic mishaps.
- 2 UNC charges NK with illegally building an electrified fence across the DMZ and demands its removal. Allegation is made at today's 396th MAC meeting at Panmunjom by RADM Stephen J. Hostettler who produces photographs of the 16 ft high barrier system, 80 miles of which has been completed. NK, which refutes the accusation, now has emplaced an eight-layer defense in depth just north of MDL, including minefields.
- 3 Five days of games, fun and shopping bargains are available this week to all US military personnel and guests at Camp Casey's Indianhead Carnival. Later this month 19th Spt Comd will host its second Roadeo, a driving competition open to 24 EUSA units.
- 3 Pacific Stars and Stripes marks its 34th anniversary. First published in Tokyo on 3 Oct 45 as a four-page edition, it was circulated to troops in occupied Japan, liberated Korea, and other Asian areas. Today the S&S produces a 24-page newspaper that is distributed to a readership scattered over more than 3 million square miles of the Western Pacific. At present the ROK receives 13,000 copies daily.
- 3 The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded Korea, Land of the Morning Calm, 4311 years ago today.
- 4 Ruling party members of ROK National Assembly vote unanimously to expel KIM Yong Sam, leader of opposition New Democratic Party, for "public utterances damaging the cause of national security." Two weeks ago Kim called for US to stop supporting the Park regime and termed presence of US troops in ROK as "interference in Korea's internal affairs."

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- 5 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Ancestral tribute and rejoicing for the harvest are the main activities on this national holiday.
- 6 US State Dept says KIM Young Sam's ouster from Korean parliament is inconsistent with principles of democratic government and recalls Ambassador William Gleysteen for consultations in connection with the expulsion.
- 9 Hangul Day. The 533d anniversary of Korea's alphabet is observed throughout the ROK. Perhaps the only writing system to be developed by scholars, Hangul is comprised of 14 consonants and 10 vowels.
- 9 Twenty are arrested and 54 sought as Seoul police uncover largest home-grown Communist underground organization ever to operate in the South. Headed by former newsman LEE Chae Mun, the ring allegedly planned to overthrow the government through popular uprisings.
- 10 Carter administration reaffirms that Korea lies within US defense perimeter. Assertion comes after Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield told a news conference in Tokyo yesterday that, in his view, America's outer defenses in Asia are its bases in Japan and the Philippines.
- 12 Retiring ADM Maurice F. Weisner, CINCPAC, describes the Korean peninsula as most volatile point in Asian region. Noting that Soviets now deploy one third of their military strength in Asia, he calls for 25-30 percent increase in PACOM's air and naval strength.
- 12 Six members of Thailand's 5th Inf Div complete a one-year tour with UNC Honor Guard and are replaced by a like number from Bangkok's 4th King's Guard Regt. Other nations represented in UN platoon are UK and the Philippines; Eighth US Army and each of the three ROK services have separate platoons.
- 13 All 66 National Assemblymen of the New Democratic Party tender their resignations to protest recent dismissal from Parliament of opposition leader KIM Young Sam.
- 13 USNAVFORKOREA personnel observe the Navy's 204th birthday. Activities are highlighted by a Navy Day Ball at Osan AB's NCO Club Annex.

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- 13 ROK MND discloses that three armed NK infiltrators were detected two days ago six miles S of DMZ on eastern frontline. One was killed, other two escaped north. From articles found on dead agent, team is believed to have been on a reconnaissance/sabotage mission.
- 15 Newsweek's Bernard Krisher, who recently spent two weeks in Pyongyang, says NK leaders have convinced ordinary citizens that South invaded the North in 1950, and that the secret tunnels under the DMZ were built by South Korea.
- 15 A ROK court sentences SP4 Ron Miller, 20, to seven years imprisonment for the 1 Jun strangulation death of his girl friend SHIN Sook Chul, also 20. Miller, of USAGY's HQ Co, is in EUSA custody pending outcome of appeals.
- 15 Around 3,000 Korean residents in Japan affiliated with the Chosen Soren, a pro-NK group, come to Korea for family reunions and tours of industrial and cultural sites. Free trips are sponsored by the Mindan, a pro-ROK organization in Tokyo, which has hosted 25,000 similar homeland visits since program began in 1975.
- 15 ROK and US exchange Friendship Force teams for fifth time since program began last Mar. In Korea 261 residents of Washington state will stay at private homes and tour scenic and historic areas. Concurrently, a like number of Koreans will make similar visit to Seattle area.
- 18 Anti-government demonstrations which began two days ago at Pusan Nat'l University spread to Donga University. About 3,000 students take to streets attacking police boxes and burning police vehicles. ROKG recesses upper level schools in Pusan area and imposes martial law to restore peace and order.
- 19 Twelfth ROK-US SCM ends in Seoul. Among steps taken to enhance S Korean defense capabilities is agreement for local co-assembly of F-5E/F jet aircraft. SECDEF Harold Brown's 13-man delegation includes GEN David C. Jones, JCS Chairman; ADM Maurice F. Weisner, CINCPAC; and GEN John A. Wickham, CINC UNC/CFC. Principals of 11-member ROK contingent were Defense Minister RO Jae Hyun and JCS Chairman GEN KIM Chong Hwan. The two-day annual ministerial-level conferences are held alternately in US and ROK.

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- 19 Other key command visitors this month include ADM D.J. Whittle, Jr, Chief of Naval Materiel; LTG James P. Mullins, 15th AF Cdr; LTG Hillman Dickinson, Dir of C3 Systems, JCS; VADM R.P. Coogan, COMNAVAIRPAC; MG John R. Cleland, USASAC Cdr; MG Walter D. Reed, USAF JA; MG K.L. Robinson, CG 3d Mar Div; and MG Emil L. Konopnicki, ADCSLOG, DA.
- 19 Osan's Jolly Green Giants fight 40-mile per hour winds, rough seas and darkness to rescue nine crewmen of a Korean fishing vessel disabled 75 miles SSW of Cheju Island. Pararescuemen, all from Det 13, ARRS, have saved 65 lives so far this year.
- 20 AP terms recent student-led violence in Pusan and nearby Masan "worst since riots of 1960 which brought down government of Syngman Rhee." The news service estimates that 79 demonstrators were injured and 1,350 arrested.
- 23 GEN John A. Wickham, Jr, CINCUNC, speaking at a Korean-American Association meeting, says newly assessed NK capabilities are impressive but enemy overall strength would "diminish with surprising rapidity" if another attack on the South was attempted.
- 23 Rep Lester Wolff (D-NY) discloses that NK has invited several US congressmen to visit Pyongyang in an apparent bid to open a direct dialogue with the US. State Dept puts number at five and says none has accepted. Washington does not maintain diplomatic relations with NK and no US legislators have ever been there.
- 24 The UN was founded 34 years ago today. The world peace-keeping organization has grown from its 51 original charter member nations to a present-day membership of 152. In ceremonies in Seoul and at the UN Memorial Cemetery near Pusan, representatives of the ROK, US and five other UNC nations honor the thousands of allies who gave their lives during the Korean War, 2,266 of whom are interred in the cemetery.
- 26 On this date 62 years ago, the 2d US Inf Div was activated in Bourmont, France. The Indianhead Division, which later distinguished itself in combat during WWI, WWII and the Korean War has been in the ROK continuously since 1 Jul 65.

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- 26 President PARK Chung Hee is gunned down by KCIA chief KIM Jae Kyu at an informal dinner party in a KCIA building near presidential mansion. Also slain are CHA Ji Chul, chief of presidential security and four bodyguards. An extraordinary cabinet session designates Prime Minister CHOI Kyu Hah acting president in accordance with ROK constitution and proclaims martial law throughout South Korea except for Cheju, the southernmost island. ROKA Cofs GEN CHUNG Seung Hwa is named martial law commander. US places USFK members on alert and warns NK not to exploit situation in South. Park, 62, had ruled ROK for more than 18 years.
- 27 The University of Maryland's Far East Division observes its 23d anniversary. More than 200,000 students have earned credits in that period. In Korea 1,500 DOD personnel are currently enrolled in 90 courses offered at 13 education centers.
- 28 US announces it has dispatched an aircraft carrier, three guided missile cruisers and a frigate to Korean waters "to deter external interference or adventurism." Naval task force is supplemented by two AWACS surveillance aircraft which will help monitor air and ground movements in NK.
- 28 A special ROK military/police investigation team, headed by MG CHON Too Hwan, issues a preliminary report which suggests that KIM Jae Kyu, incensed by CHA Ji Chul's harsh criticism of his competence, personally assassinated Cha and President Park after hastily ordering underlings to exterminate the presidential guard detail. Kim and seven KCIA subordinates are in custody. Also being questioned is KIM Kae Won, chief presidential secretary, who was at the fatal dinner party but was unharmed.
- 29 US intelligence officials report that NK has heightened the readiness posture of its forces in wake of President Park's death, but there is no sign of imminent attack. This is only second known instance since 1953 armistice when both Koreas simultaneously placed their troops on advanced alert; other was during 18 Aug 76 Panmunjom tree incident.
- 29 The USS Blue Ridge, which recently replaced the Oklahoma City as Seventh Fleet flagship, arrives at Pusan on a goodwill/liberty visit. On board are VADM S.R. Foley and 1,000 crewmembers.

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- 19 Korea's 84 colleges and universities resume classes 23 days after Martial Law Command suspended their operations. Closure order on lower level schools was lifted one week ago.
- 19 Sixth exchange of ROK-US Friendship Force groups begins today as 113 Koreans depart for a two-week stay at Richmond, Va. A like number of Americans will make similar goodwill visit to ROK. Objective of program is development of understanding and friendship between peoples of different cultures.
- 22 US military and civilian personnel in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.
- 23 Two fires of undetermined origin strike USFK facilities. At Kunsan AB one airman is killed and seven injured in a dormitory blaze; at Camp Mercer a dining facility of 44th Eng Bn is leveled but no injuries are reported. Estimates of losses are not given.
- 23 ROK MOJ reports that 47,146 foreigners from 68 countries (excluding USFK members) currently reside in Korea. Chinese top list with 31,000, followed by 9,500 Americans and 3,000 Japanese.
- 24 NK renews its call for direct contact with US "to secure peace on the peninsula." UPI notes that Washington has rejected similar Pyongyang offers, saying exclusion of South Korea from talks is unrealistic.
- 25 Elements of ROKN and US Seventh Fleet end a week-long combined anti-submarine exercise off southern coast.
- 26 Curfew returns to normal in Korea's major cities. For past month, usual midnight-0400 span had been extended by two hours to 2200-0400.
- 26 Ninety-six dissidents are detained for conducting a political rally in violation of a Martial Law Command decree which prohibits unauthorized assemblies. Gathering, disguised as wedding party, was held at YWCA auditorium in downtown Seoul.
- 26 An OV-10 Bronco aircraft, assigned to Osan AB's 51st Composite Wg, crashes in Yellow Sea off Kunsan after hitting telephone lines and exploding in air. Both crew-members are presumed dead.

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- 26 More than 2,000 students at Pusan's Isabelle Girls High School hold a prayer meeting and festival in honor of US servicemen stationed in the southern coastal city.
- 28 Twenty persons, including six university students, are sentenced to prison terms ranging from two to five years for causing injuries or damage in the Oct anti-government riots in Pusan and Masan. A total of 1,568 protestors, 397 of them students, had been arraigned for participating in the violent demonstrations.
- 31 Making separate, brief visits to the command in Nov are GEN Bryce Poe, III, AFLC Cdr; VADM S. R. Foley, Jr, COMSEVENTHFLT; LTG William H. Ginn, Jr, 5th AF Cdr; MG Thomas D. Ayers, FORSCOM DCSLOG; MG Robert T. Herres, Cdr, AFCS; RADM E. S. Ince, Naval Scty Gp Comd; and MG Stuart H. Sherman, AF/MPM.

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- 1 ROK Nat'l Assembly approves a record budget of \$11.9 billion for 1980. Top emphasis is placed on military expenditures, projected at \$4.4 billion or 37 percent of total.
- 1 Reuter says KIM Chong Il, 38, eldest son of NK chieftan KIM Il Sung, has regained a prominent position in his country's power structure. The younger Kim has been in political obscurity since late 1976.
- 1 A ROKG population survey reveals that the nation's oldest person is a Seoul woman, aged 127. There are 221 other centenarians, 184 of them women. Average life expectancy for Koreans is currently 67.3 years.
- 6 Former Premier CHOI Kyu Hah, running unopposed, is named to succeed PARK Chung Hee. Indirect presidential election is conducted by Nat'l Conference for Unification, an electoral college. Choi, act'g president for past 40 days, will head an interim government which will pave way for constitutional reforms and free elections.
- 6 Washington Post reports that four Korean construction firms now rate among the world's 20 largest. Industrial conglomerates are (ranking in parentheses): Hyundai (4), Hangang (12), Dong Ah (13) and Daelim (19).

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- 7 The Miss America Pageant USO Show, a 90-minute musical revue featuring beauty contest winners from six states, begins a ten-day tour of 11 USFK bases. The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, also sponsored by USO, will bring their Xmas show to Korea later this month.
- 9 ROKG's controversial Emergency Decree 9, which for nearly five years outlawed all forms of political dissent, is lifted. Under that measure and similar proclamations, all now defunct, a total of 1,370 violators had been arrested. Figure includes 786 students, largest number (296) from SNU.
- 10 KIM Dae Jung, who was narrowly defeated by President Park in the 1971 election, is freed from house arrest. Sentenced to five years imprisonment in 1976 for organizing an anti-government movement, he was released in 1978 and confined to his home.
- 10 Three Seventh Fleet ships, led by the aircraft carrier Coral Sea, call at Pusan and Chinhae. Other vessels are cruiser USS Wm H. Stanley and destroyer USS John Paul Jones. Combined crews total 5,500 men.
- 11 NK returns body of SFC Thomas L. Anderson, killed five days ago near Panmunjom when his three-man patrol strayed into NK sector of DMZ in dense fog and tripped a land mine. Other two soldiers were slightly injured; all were members of 2d Div's 1/9th Inf.
- 11 Visiting American Legion Nat'l Cdr, Frank L. Hamilton, commends forces positioned along DMZ "for their important duty, isolation and hardships", and says his organization's 3.7 million members strongly support US commitment to ROK security.
- 12 GEN Chung Seung Hwa, ROKA CofS and martial law commander, is held for possible complicity in 26 Oct slaying of President Park. Arrest follows gunbattle at Chung's residence between his guards and military/police squads reportedly dispatched by MG CHUN Doo Hwan, chief investigator into assassination. Other generals, not identified, are also taken into custody. Replacing Chung in top ROKA position is GEN LEE Hee Sung, act'g KCIA director and a former Vice CofS.

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- 13 In further regard to last evening's events, ROKG discloses a second shoot-out took place before dawn at Defense Ministry. No casualty figures are given for either incident.
- 13 US issues warnings to both Koreas. Seoul is told that any further moves of what AP terms "a power struggle between rival military factions" would have adverse impact on ROK-US relations. Pyongyang is again cautioned not to try to exploit situation in South. In Seoul, DOD schools are closed and American citizens are advised to restrict personal travel to essential needs for present.
- 14 In Korea's largest-scale cabinet reshuffle in 18 years, 17 of 20 portfolios are changed. Cabinet will be headed by newly named Prime Minister SHIN Hyon Hwak, formerly Deputy Premier and Economic Planning Minister. In key MND post GEN CHOO Young Bok, former AF CofS, succeeds RO Jae Hyun.
- 14 ROK's EPB estimates 8.1 million people are currently living in Seoul, which makes the capital one of world's ten largest cities. Total population for nation is estimated at 37.4 million, 55 percent of whom reside in urban areas.
- 15 In keeping with Christmas spirit, USFK will again allow non-command sponsored dependents entry into KOAX facilities until Xmas eve. Accompanying sponsors must make actual purchases.
- 17 A joint congressional committee recommends against testing a six-month unaccompanied tour unit rotation system for Army and AF in ROK, agreeing with Senate that plan "would detract from readiness in both Korea and US by significantly increasing personnel turbulence."
- 17 Arriving this month for brief command visits are ADM Donald C. Davis, CINCPACFLT; AF MG Wm L. Nicholson III, DMA Dir; RADM Lawrence C. Chambers, Carrier Gp Three Cdr; and BG Sarah P. Wells, Chief AF Nurse Corps.
- 19 A helicopter from Det 13, 33d ARRS battles rain and high winds for four hours before locating and picking up ten Korean seamen clinging to mast of their partially submerged ship two miles SE of Chejudo. Osan unit's lifesaving record for 1979 now stands at 89.

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- 20 A ROK military court finds President Park's admitted assassin, former KCIA chief KIM Jae Kyu, and six others guilty of treason and sentences them to death. An eighth defendant is given three years in prison for concealing evidence. Decisions are subject to review by higher courts.
- 20 GEN LEW Byong Hion, ROK-US CFC Deputy Cdr, is appointed JCS Chairman, vice GEN KIM Chong Hwan who retires to become MOHA. Replacing Lew at the binational headquarters is LTG PAIK Seok Chu, formerly KMA superintendent.
- 20 A huge Christmas tree with 5,000 colored lights is placed on a hilltop in the western sector overlooking North Korea. An annual practice since 1961, the tree will shine nightly along DMZ throughout Xmas season.
- 21 CHOI Kyu Hah is inaugurated as ROK president. In his address, he indicates plans for a new constitution within a year and a democratic presidential election "as early as possible after that."
- 25 Today marks 35th consecutive Christmas that American servicemen have spent in Korea.
- 28 GEN John A. Wickham, Jr, says there have been no significant military movements by NK in past two months. He adds "I think KIM Il Sung knows an attack across the DMZ is a direct threat to the US--he better know it!" Remarks are made to reporters after CINCUNC tours ROKA outposts on central front.
- 29 A new defense barrier system, comprised of a series of reinforced concrete structures emplaced strategically along northern perimeter of Seoul, is unveiled to the press. The fortress complex is designed to withstand an enemy armor thrust into the capital area. Project, built with \$6.6 million in public donations, took 53,750 workers 195 days to complete.
- 29 Bank of Korea says ROK's economic performance will reflect about a seven percent growth for 1979, compared with a 12 percent average in recent years. Per capita GNP is provisionally given as \$1,624, a \$345 rise over last year's figures. Time notes that South Korea was hampered by a 24 percent inflation rate.

GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

AAFES.....Army and Air Force Exchange Service
ACofS.....Assistant Chief of Staff
ACSI.....Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
ADA.....Air Defense Artillery
ADC.....Assistant Division Commander
AFCS.....Air Force Communications Service
AF/MPM.....Air Force/Military Personnel Management
ANZAC Day.....Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (WWI) Day
APC.....Armored Personnel Carrier
ARCOM.....Army Commendation Medal
ARRS.....Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service
ASA.....Army Security Agency
ASD(ISA).....Assistant Secretary of Defense for International
Security Affairs
ASD(MRA&L).....Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve
Affairs and Logistics
AUTODIN.....Automatic Digital Network
AWACS.....Airborne Warning and Control System
AWACW.....Air Warning and Control Wing
CERCOM.....Communications and Electronics Materiel Readiness
Command
CFC.....Combined Forces Command
CHICOM.....Chinese Communist
CIA.....Central Intelligence Agency
CINCMAC.....Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command
CINCPAC.....Commander in Chief, Pacific
CINCPACAF.....Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces
CINCPACFLT.....Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet
CINCUNC.....Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
CNO.....Chief of Naval Operations
CODEL.....Congressional Delegation
COMNAVAIRPAC.....Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific
COMUSKOREA.....Commander US Forces Korea
DARCOM.....Materiel Development and Readiness Command
DCA.....Defense Communications Agency
DCSLOG.....Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
DIA.....Defense Intelligence Agency
DMA.....Defense Mapping Agency
DMZ.....Demilitarized Zone
EPB.....Economic Planning Board
EUSA.....Eighth United States Army
FA.....Field Artillery
FMFPAC.....Fleet Marine Force Pacific
FORSCOM.....Forces Command
FROKA.....First Republic of Korea Army
GNP.....Gross National Product
HDRF.....Homeland Defense Reserve Force
HRE.....Han River Estuary

IISS.....International Institute of Strategic Studies
 ITTF.....International Table Tennis Federation
 JA.....Judge Advocate
 JAL.....Japan Airlines
 JSA.....Joint Security Area
 JUSMAG-K.....Joint US Military Assistance Group-Korea
 KAL.....Korean Air Lines
 KATUSA.....Korean Augmentation to the United States Army
 KCIA.....Korean Central Intelligence Agency
 KIA.....Killed In Action
 KMA.....Korean Military Academy
 KNHC.....Korean National Housing Corporation
 KNP.....Korean National Police
 KNRC.....Korean National Red Cross
 KNTC.....Korea National Tourism Corporation
 KOAX.....Korea Area Exchange
 KVA.....Korea Veterans Association
 MAAG.....Military Assistance Advisory Group
 MAC.....Military Airlift Command or Military Armistice
 Commission
 MACOM.....Major Command
 MAF.....Marine Amphibious Force
 MAW.....Marine Air Wing
 MCI.....Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 MCUI.....Ministry of Culture and Information
 MDL.....Military Demarcation Line
 MND.....Ministry of National Defense
 MOFA.....Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 MOHA.....Minister of Home Affairs
 MOJ.....Ministry of Justice
 NDTA.....National Defense Transportation Association
 NK.....North Korea
 NKA.....North Korea Army
 NSACSS.....National Security Agency/Central Security Service
 NSCC.....North-South Coordinating Committee
 NWA.....Northwest Airlines
 ODCSPER.....Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
 OLA.....Office of Labor Affairs
 OMB.....Operational Maintenance Budget
 OPEC.....Oil Producing and Exporting Countries
 OSD.....Office of the Secretary of Defense
 OSI.....Office of Special Investigations
 PACOM.....Pacific Command
 PDSK.....Petroleum Distribution System Korea
 POPPA.....Prevention of Purchase Privilege Abuse
 PS&S.....Pacific Stars and Stripes
 RCP.....Ration Control Plate
 ROK.....Republic of Korea
 ROKA.....Republic of Korea Army

ROKAF.....Republic of Korea Air Force
 ROKFLT.....Republic of Korea Fleet
 ROKF-V.....Republic of Korea Forces-Vietnam
 ROKG.....Republic of Korea Government
 ROKMC.....Republic of Korea Marine Corps
 ROKN.....Republic of Korea Navy
 RP.....Republic of the Philippines
 RSOK.....Recreation Services Operation, Korea
 RVN.....Republic of Vietnam
 SA.....Secretary of the Army
 SAF.....Secretary of the Air Force
 SCM.....Security Consultative Meeting
 SEA.....Southeast Asia
 SECDEF.....Secretary of Defense
 SECSTATE.....Secretary of State
 SMA.....Sergeant Major of the Army
 SNU.....Seoul National University
 SOFA.....Status of Forces Agreement
 TAC.....Tactical Air Command
 TAG.....The Adjutant General (DA)
 TROKA.....Third Republic of Korea Army
 TSAK.....Training Support Activities Korea
 TSARCOM.....Troop Support and Aviation Materiel Readiness
 Command
 UK.....United Kingdom
 UNC.....United Nations Command
 USACSC.....United States Army Computer Systems Command
 USAFK.....United States Air Forces Korea
 USAFSS.....United States Air Force Security Service
 USAG-Y.....United States Army Garrison-Yongsan
 USAJFKCENMA.....United States Army John F. Kennedy Center for
 Military Assistance
 USAMEDCOM-K.....United States Army Medical Command-Korea
 USARJ.....United States Army Japan
 USASAC.....United States Army Security Assistance Center
 USFK.....United States Forces Korea
 USNAVFORKOREA.....United States Naval Forces Korea
 USO.....United Services Organization
 WESTPAC.....Western Pacific
 W or Won.....Korean currency (₩484=\$1 as of 31 Dec 79)

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