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FOREWORD

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

JULY

- 1 USARPAC and PACAF mark their 12th anniversary.
- 1 The 7th US Inf Div, activated on 6 Dec 17 and reactivated on 1 Jul 40, celebrates its Organization Day. The Bayonet Div has spent 22 of the last 24 years in Korea.
- 1 KMAG's 20th anniversary. In these two decades, KMAG has helped ROKA grow into one of the world's most effective military forces.
- 1 GEN CHUNG Kwang Ho, Dep ROKMC Commandant, is promoted to his present rank and appointed Marine Corps Commandant, replacing GEN KANG Ki Chon who is retiring.
- 1 The ROKG begins "Operation Eagle," a three-day field exercise designed to test civilian cooperation in countering infiltration. Cash awards will be given to anyone reporting mock infiltrators who will be parachuted into the Seoul-Suwon area.
- 1 Effective today Army Service Numbers are eliminated and replaced by Social Security Numbers as a soldier's numerical identity.
- 3 LEE Su Kun, a high ranking Communist, whose dash south through Panmunjom made headlines in Mar 67, is hanged in Seoul Prison. Lee was condemned to death on 10 May for spying on the ROK while posing as a defector from the North.
- 4 Independence Day. American personnel serving in the ROK mark the day with traditional 4th of July festivities.
- 4 BG Harold G. Moore, formerly Dep Dir of Plans, DCSOPS, DA, assumes duties as ACoS, G3, Eighth Army, replacing BG George C. Fogle who was reassigned to USCONARC on 31 May.
- 5 Members of Task Force Smith (elements of the 24th US Inf Div) who were killed in a valiant Korean War holding action are honored in ceremonies at the battle site. A monument in memory of the first US ground force to meet the spearhead of the NK invasion on this date in 1950 stands on a hilltop at Chukmi-Ryung near Osan.
- 5 I ROK Corps celebrates the 19th anniversary of its activation.
- 7 Some 3,800 students of five universities in Seoul clash with riot police in the 11th straight day of demonstrations opposing constitutional amendment moves which would allow the ROK President to run for a third consecutive term.

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- 8 LTG John A. Heintges, formerly I US Corps (Gp) Cmdr, Dep, MACV Cmdr and, most recently, Dep CINCUSAREUR/7th Army, is named DCG, Eighth Army.
- 10 KIM Chong Tae, leader of a NK spy network called the Unification Revolution Party, is hanged in Seoul Prison. He was sentenced to death in Jan for espionage activities against the ROK since Mar 64.
- 12 NK infiltration into the ROK continues. On this date a NK agent is captured on the Kimpo peninsula by combined ROKA, KNP and HDRF units who were alerted by suspicious ROK citizens. The agent was infiltrated by sea on 8 Jul.
- 16 LTG John H. Michaelis, presently serving as Eighth Army DCG, is named by President Nixon to succeed GEN C. H. Bonesteel III as CINCUNC/COMUSK/CG Eighth Army. LTG Michaelis, who received his first star in Korea in 1951, will receive his fourth star here when GEN Bonesteel departs the command.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation commemorates acceptance of its constitution on this date in 1948.
- 17 The ROKG draws up plans to increase the KNP force by 15,000 men to better cope with increased NK infiltration.
- 19 SP4 Frederick H. Bassett, Camp Carroll Depot, is convicted by the Taegu Criminal Court of a rape-slaying last Jan. He will appeal his five-year prison sentence.
- 21 In a statement to the press, GEN C. H. Bonesteel III, CINCUNC, affirms that US forces in Korea will not be affected by current US government moves to cut its overseas military manpower.
- 21 In the first DMZ incident since 12 Jul, NK infiltrators are repulsed by 2d US Inf Div troops after a 35-minute firefight. There are no casualties.
- 21 US spacemen walk on the moon. In recognition of the historic Apollo-11 space venture, President Nixon proclaims a National Day of Participation and US personnel and ROK citizens watch live TV coverage of the lunar descent, landing, and man's first step on the moon.
- 22 RADM Thomas J. Rudden, Cmdr of the 7th Flt's 3d Cruiser and Destroyer Gp, pays a courtesy call on the ROK CNO, ADM CHANG Chi Shu, during his four-day goodwill visit.
- 23 USMC MG Arthur H. Adams, CG, 3d Marine Acft Wg, El Toro, Calif, becomes the UNCMAC Senior Member replacing USAF MG James B. Knapp who is reassigned as Cmdr, Chanute Tech Tng Ctr, Chanute AFB, Ill.

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- 24 Anniversary of the UNC. On this date 19 years ago, 22 nations came to Korea's aid, 16 of which formed the UNC fighting team, first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression. Troops and/or liaison groups from 11 nations still remain in the ROK as members of the UNC.
- 24 VADM Harold G. Bowen Jr, Cmdr of Anti-Submarine Warfare Forces, Pacific, arrives for a two-day visit with ROKN and USN officials.
- 25 Three NK armed agents are tracked down and killed by KNP and HDRF on the island of Taehuksan off Mokpo. The Communists, infiltrated by boat, were originally part of a 16-man guerrilla band, 13 of whom were neutralized in Jun.
- 25 On this 16th anniversary of the Korean Armistice, three NK armed intruders and two ROK soldiers are killed in three separate firefights in the southern half of the DMZ.
- 29 Seoul Local 1363 of the Washington-based National Federation of Federal Employees becomes the first overseas local to be granted exclusive recognition.
- 30 In another example of Communist belligerence, 45 NK guards attack 15 UNC personnel with fists and clubs at the JSA truce site. No serious injuries resulted.
- 31 US SECSTATE William P. Rogers arrives for a two-day visit to discuss Asian security measures with ROKG officials. During his visit he will tour the I US Corps and 26th ROK Div areas.

AUGUST

- 1 EADC/EAR marks its fifth anniversary.
- 1 Seoul police announce the capture of two NK armed agents in the capital city. The agents, who has landed on the southern coast, were detected and reported by a ROK citizen.
- 1 BG Bertram K. Gorwitz, I Corps (Gp) Artillery Commander, is promoted to that rank. He has commanded the Corps Arty since Oct 66.
- 4 GEN C. H. Bonesteel, CINCUNC, departs Korea for a short farewell visit to SEA countries before his retirement on 1 Oct.
- 4 The 83d Ord Bn compound at Anyang-ni is named Camp Handrich in honor of MSG Melvin O. Handrich who was awarded the Medal of Honor during the Korean War.

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- 6 Eighth Army donates \$12,500 to the Korea Micro-Library Assn for the purchase of 350 micro-libraries. A micro-library is a wooden cabinet containing upward of 300 self-help Korean-language books for placement in rural farming and fishing villages.
- 6 The ROKG announces it will not withdraw its 50,000 combat troops from Vietnam as long as they are needed in the RVN.
- 6 Monsoon rains increase. A helicopter of I US Corps' 59th Avn Co rescues four Korean civilians from a flooded stream near Uijongbu.
- 7 RADM Emmet P. Bonner, Cmdr of Naval Spt Activity at Da Nang, RVN, begins a three-day tour of US and ROK naval installations.
- 7 A USAF helicopter of the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wg rescues 34 ROK citizens trapped on islands in a flooded river.
- 8 LTG Patrick F. Cassidy, formerly Chief, OPO, DA, assumes duties as CG, I Corps (Gp), replacing LTG William P. Yarborough who was reassigned as Dep CINCUSARPAC.
- 8 GEN C. H. Bonesteel, CINCUNC, visits ROK troops in the RVN. Earlier in the week, he visited Taiwan and received an award from President CHIANG Kai-Shek for his contributions to ROC-US military cooperation and to ~~security in Asian areas~~.
- 8 KNP announce the capture of a NK espionage agent in Pusan who had infiltrated by fast craft with the mission of recruiting Communist sympathizers and agitating unrest among students and factory workers.
- 10 One ROKA soldier is killed and two wounded after NKs attack a ROKA patrol in the eastern sector of the DMZ. NK positions covered the withdrawal of the Communist intruders with mortar and 76mm guns.
- 12 GEN Ralph E. Haines, CINCUSARPAC, begins a five-day visit to US and ROK military units.
- 12 A high-speed NK boat attacks a ROK fishing vessel off the southern islands of Cholla province killing two men and wounding three others, before escaping northward.
- 12 LTG John B. Coulter (USA Ret), wartime Eighth Army DCG and later Director of the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency, visits Korea at the invitation of ROK Dep Premier/Economic Planning Minister, KIM Hak Yul.

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- 13 Monsoon rains end. Casualties caused by the month-long rains number 155 persons killed, 28 missing, and 126 injured, while damage is estimated at 5.16 billion won (\$18 million).
- 14 The 2d US Division's Advanced Combat Training Academy graduates its first all-KATUSA class. Also for first time in the Academy's history all students met qualifications for graduation.
- 14 The 291st meeting of the MAC is held, the first since 18 Apr when the UNC Senior Delegate walked out after protesting NK's downing of the USN EC121 reconnaissance plane. The UNC charges the Communists with 13 major Armistice violations both in the DMZ and along the coast of the ROK since the 290th meeting.
- 15 Host nation celebrates the 24th anniversary of liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 21st anniversary of the Republic's birth.
- 15 GEN SUH Jyong Chul, ROKA Vice CofS, is named ROKA CofS. He will command the Free World's third largest army when GEN KIM Kae Won retires on 1 Sep.
- 17 The ROKA Security Command announces the arrest of three espionage agents residing in Sochon, South Chungchong province, and the capture of two NK armed intruders who were attempting to exfiltrate near Munsan.
- 17 An unarmed US OH-23 helicopter with three members of the 59th Avn Co aboard is shot down over NK territory after the pilot became disoriented and inadvertently overflew the DMZ. NK keeps silent on the fate of the crew.
- 17 In an interview with a US news magazine, President PARK says "NK is fully prepared for a new invasion of the ROK" and pointed to 1970 as a likely target date.
- 19 ROKA announces the arrest of six Communist agents belonging to two separate espionage groups. The first group included two NKs who had been infiltrated on the SE coast of the ROK to spy on military facilities in Seoul, Pusan, and Taegu.
- 19 Two US soldiers escape from the US Army Stockade at ASCOM. They are PVT Stephen Day, 2d Inf Div, who had been convicted of possession and use of marijuana, and SP4 Jack G. Abercrombie, Eighth FASCOM, who is awaiting trial on charges of murder.

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- 20 President PARK leaves for San Francisco where he will discuss Korea's national security problems with President Nixon.
- 20 Six officers and 79 enlisted men of the 21st Royal Thai Co begin a two-week course at the 7th Div's Counter guerrilla Warfare School (CWS). Thai companies are assigned to the 7th US Inf Div and each contingent completes CWS as part of its training.
- 20 LTG NOH Chae Hyon, formerly CG of the 2d ROKA Corps, assumes duties as ROKA Vice CofS replacing GEN SUH Jyong Chul who moves up to CofS on 1 Sep.
- 21 The two American soldiers who escaped from the US Army Stockade, ASCOM, two days ago are seized by US MPs in a house near Camp Custer in the 2d Inf Div area.
- 24 Three ROKA soldiers are killed and five wounded in a firefight in the central sector of the DMZ that claimed the life of at least one NK infiltrator. It is the largest clash with NK agents in the DMZ so far this year.
- 25 President PARK Chung Hee returns from summit talks with President Nixon in San Francisco and confirms there will be no change in basic US policy toward the ROK.
- 26 About 150 Korean employees walk off their jobs at the Yongsan Main PX in protest against the suspension of three Korean PX employees who are being investigated on charges of violating KRE regulations.
- 26 The ROK Supreme Court upholds the conviction of two leaders of an Imja island-based espionage ring arrested in Jul 68 and sentences them to death.
- 28 The KRE allows all 150 Korean employees of the Yongsan Main PX to return to their jobs after meeting with officials of the employees' union. The three employees under investigation remain suspended until their cases are completed.
- 29 Six F4D Phantom jet fighters arrive, the first of 18 to be given the ROK by the US as part of the \$100 million 1968 MAP supplement. The fastest, most powerful fighter plane in the Free World arsenal, the Phantoms cost over \$2 million each.
- 29 At a Panmunjom MAC meeting, NK discloses that WO1 Malcom Loepke, the pilot of the OH-23 helicopter downed over NK on 17 Aug, suffered slight injuries, while CPT David H. Crawford and SP4 Herman Hofstatter, the other two men aboard, were more seriously injured.

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- 29 Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor begins a three-day visit to the ROK for conferences with ROK National Defense Minister IM Chung Sik.
- 29 In an agreement made at a ROK-US SOFA Joint Committee meeting, some 20,000 USFK Korean employees serving in key jobs will be exempted from HDRF duty and labor service during wartime.
- 31 Eighth Army achieves a 30.4 percent reenlistment rate for the month of August, the highest since Dec 68.

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- 2 The recently completed Eighth Army Memorial Chapel, honoring the sacrifice of soldiers for almost two decades of conflict and tense peace in the ROK, is dedicated in ceremonies on Yongsan Main Post.
- 3 In a MAC meeting, the UNC indicates it is willing to submit to NK a document of "regret" in exchange for the three wounded helicopter crewmen held prisoner by the Communists since they were shot down over NK on 17 Aug.
- 5 As enemy seaborne operations increase, a ROKN public relations team begins a month-long tour of off-shore islands in an effort to build a stronger anti-Communist attitude among the islands' inhabitants.
- 6 Army Chief of Staff, GEN William C. Westmoreland states in a Washington press conference that large scale military conflict in Korea is "certainly a possibility."
- 8 Twenty-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) reach Korea to accept Japanese surrender south of the 38th parallel.
- 9 Rook hurling students battle with riot police in bloody demonstrations in Seoul, continuing their protest against a proposed constitutional amendment which would allow ROK presidents to seek a third consecutive term.
- 9 President Nixon announces the nominations of Eighth Army Brigadier Generals Harold G. Moore, Jr, ACofS, G3; and John A. B. Dillard, Jr, Engineer, for promotions to MG.
- 10 Five UH-1H helicopters, purchased from USAMC with money donated during local fund raising campaigns, arrive to be used in CI operations by the ROK forces.

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- 12 The ROKG announces it will construct electronic barrier walls along its shorelines as part of its defenses against NK sea infiltration. Initially the emplacement of the walls, equipped with special explosives that detonate when touched, will be limited to the most vulnerable areas.
- 14 Three NK Communist infiltrators are killed and one captured in the eastern sector of the DMZ. One ROK soldier is killed and four wounded in a firefight with the agents when a ROKA blocking force intercepts the infiltrators after they crossed into the ROK.
- 14 The I Corps (Gp) pistol team wins the Eighth Army Off-Duty Pistol Matches held in Seoul, edging the Eighth FASCOM team.
- 15 The 19th anniversary of the Inchon landing by US and ROK forces. The historic amphibious assault which turned the tide of war is marked in ceremonies at Inchon.
- 15 GEN C. H. Bonesteel, outgoing CINCUNC, receives the ROK Order of National Security Merit First Class from President PARK Chung Hee. The medal, one of the ROK's highest awards, is presented for GEN Bonesteel's outstanding contributions to the military readiness of US and ROK forces.
- 15 The heaviest rain storm in the history of the Pusan area ends leaving 318 dead, 373 injured and 89 missing. The rains caused 15.7 billion won (\$56 million) damage destroying 13,644 homes and leaving 410,722 persons homeless.
- 16 The final 1969 Eighth Army Emergency Relief and Army Relief Society fund drive report indicates that a total of \$34,543 was contributed by 88.7 percent of the command's personnel.
- 18 GEN C. H. Bonesteel departs the ROK ending three years of service as CINCUNC, COMUSK, and CG Eighth Army. GEN Bonesteel, who will retire on 1 Oct, was honored at K-16 airfield by a UNC review comprised of a troop contingent representing the major units he has commanded since Sep 66.
- 18 GEN John H. Michaelis is promoted to that rank in a ceremony presided over by ADM John S. McCain, CINCPAC. GEN Michaelis, formerly Eighth Army DCG, assumes command of USFK and Eighth Army. He will assume command of the UNC on 1 Oct.
- 18 ADM John S. McCain, visiting CINCPAC, receives the ROK Order of National Security Merit First Class from President PARK Chung Hee.

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- 18 LTG James V. Edmundson, Vice CINCPACAF, arrives for a three-day visit to air bases throughout the ROK.
- 19 A cholera epidemic which began in the SW coastal areas spreads to Seoul as two cases are confirmed in the capital. Thus far a total of 704 cases have been reported in the ROK, 73 deaths have resulted and 331 patients have been cured. Eighth Army medical authorities, who helped identify the disease as cholera, report that no US personnel have been infected.
- 19 MG S. H. Matheson, formerly CG, Ft Campbell, Ky, assumes command of the 2d Inf Div replacing MG Leland G. Cagwin whose next assignment is J3, USEUCOM.
- 20 Four NK agents are killed and their infiltration boat captured by combined ROK Army, Navy, Air Force, HDRF, and KNP forces near Kunsan on the west coast of the ROK. There were no friendly casualties.
- 20 The 2d Inf Div team places first in rifle competition and Eighth FASCOM wins the pistol title in Eighth Army Rifle and Pistol Championships held at Camp Lawton in the 2d Inf Div area.
- 22 Eighth Army assists flood-ravaged South Kyongsan province with 22,000 blankets, 170 tents and a large quantity of pharmaceutical supplies. The 44th US Engr Bn is also aiding in the restoration of damaged areas.
- 22 NK howitzers and recoilless rifles open fire on a ROKA guard-post in the central sector of the DMZ. No ROKA casualties are reported in the ensuing artillery duel.
- 22 ROKA frontline troops repel five NK infiltrators attempting to penetrate the DMZ security system in an area north of Chorwon.
- 22 An armed NK agent is captured by ROK Marines and HDRF after a firefight near Yongil on Korea's east coast. A ROK citizen alerted authorities to the agent's whereabouts.
- 22 The ROK Economic Planning Board estimates the nation's population at 31,139,000 as of the end of June.
- 22 Some 5,000 members of the FOEU stage rallies at US military compounds to protest a cut of Korean employees hired under USFK maintenance and service contracts. The manpower cutbacks are the result of US DOD budgetary restrictions.

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- 23 USFK announces a drastic reduction in its operating funds during this fiscal year and that a USFK/Eighth Army review of all programs is in progress to economize without impairing the primary mission.
- 23 The first Phantom F4D fighter-bomber squadron in the ROKAF is activated at Taegu AFB by President PARK. The last of the 18 Phantoms of the new 151st Tactical Fighter Sqdn were delivered last week under the supplemental \$100 million US MAP.
- 24 The ROKN destroyer Pusan-Ham sinks a NK spy boat after a running gun battle off the SW coast of the ROK. All aboard the agent-infiltration craft, an estimated 15 men, are killed and six ROKN sailors are injured.
- 25 The 50,000-man ROKF-V begin their fifth year in Vietnam. A ROK non-combatant medical team arrived in the RVN on 13 Sep 64. It was followed by the Dove construction unit on 15 Feb 65. ~~The subsequent arrival of combatants--the 2d Marine (Blue Dragon) Brigade~~ and the ROKA Capital (Tiger) Division--led to the establishment of the ROKF-V on this date in 1965. A year later, the ROKA 9th (White Horse) Division augmented the original force. The two ROKA infantry divisions and Marine brigade boast a 12-1 kill ratio in operations against the Communists.
- 25 The Chief of the ROK CIA announces that NK appears to have suspended large-scale penetration attempts but has redoubled its efforts to infiltrate small agent teams, particularly in rear areas of the ROK.
- 26 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Rejoicing for the harvest and ancestral tribute are the main activities on this national holiday.
- 28 LTG John A. Heintges, formerly Dep CINCUSAREUR/7th Army, arrives to become DCG, Eighth Army.
- 28 On this date 19 years ago, combined US and Korean forces recaptured Seoul from the NK Communists who had held the city since 28 Jun 50.
- 29 President PARK opens the second leg (stretching from Osan to Chonan) of the 270-mile Seoul-Pusan expressway. This highway, which will form the backbone of a nationwide mass transit network and improve military supply lines, is scheduled to be completed by mid-1970.

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- 30 The ROK CIA announces the arrest of two NK agents and 10 suspected accomplices who are accused of attempting to reorganize the Unification Revolution Party (URP) in South Kyongsan province. The URP was neutralized in Aug 68 with the arrest of its NK-sponsored members.
- 30 GEN Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the US JCS; ADM John S. McCain, CINCPAC; GEN J. C. Meyer, USAF DCS; and GEN Creighton B. Abrams, MACV Cmdr, arrive in the ROK to attend ceremonies marking ROK Armed Forces Day. Among other dignitaries in-country for the event are: LTG Thomas K. McGehee, Cmdr, 5th AF; LTG Henry W. Buse, CG, US Flt Marine Force, Pac; LTG A. Schnetz, FRG Army CofS; LTG Hoang Xuan Lam, Cmdr of I ARVN Corps; and MG K. Teramoto, Japanese JCS J3.

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- 1 GEN John H. Michaelis officially assumes command of the UNC.
- 1 Select units of the ROK's 600,000-man armed forces march in the 21st observation of the nation's Armed Forces Day. This annual display of military strength commemorates the historic day when UNC forces crossed the 38th parallel in the course of pursuing the retreating NK Army following the Inchon landing and the recapture of Seoul.
- 1 The V ROKA Corps marks the 16th anniversary of its activation.
- 2 The first air shipment of four million doses of anti-cholera vaccine arrives at K-14. The vaccine and other prevention and relief supplies are furnished by USAID to help stem the cholera epidemic that has spread through the ROK since 27 Aug and claimed 99 lives.
- 2 The ROKAF holds an impressive one and one-half hour air show over the Han River as a climax to two days of military events marking the 21st ROK Armed Forces Day.
- 3 The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded the Land of the Morning Calm 4,302 years ago today.
- 4 The ROK CECH announces the capture of two NK spies sent into the ROK in early Jul to create an underground espionage ring and foment public unrest.

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- 5 A NK agent and a ROK-recruited sympathizer are captured near the DMZ in an exfiltration attempt after a brief firefight with ROK Marines. The agent was equipped with an inflatable suit to facilitate crossing of the Imjin River.
- 7 The KNP announce the arrest of 10 men on charges of operating a spy ring in three cities of North Cholla province. The crack down followed the surrender of the group's leader.
- 7 In a report to the UN General Assembly, UNCURK blames the tension in Korea on spy activities and attacks by NK agents against the South. The report pointed out that from 31 Mar to 31 Aug 69, 32 NKs, 18 members of the UNC and five ROK civilians have been killed in Communist aggressions. Another 31 UNC troops were wounded and 13 NK armed agents captured.
- 11 The Seoul Area American Officers Wives' Club donates \$15,000 to build a gymnasium for paraplegics in Seoul. The gymnasium will be named for GEN C. H. Bonesteel III, recently departed CINCUNC.
- 11 LTG YU Kun Chang, CEOH Chief, predicts that NK will step up their subversive efforts against the South after the settlement of the constitutional amendment issue and the debate of the Korea question in the UN. He expects guerrilla infiltration to resume at an increased rate on the ground, by sea, and possibly by paratroop.
- 12 MG Hugh F. Foster Jr, CG USASTRATCOM, Pacific, begins a visit of signal facilities in Korea. In 1966, MG Foster, then a COL, served as Eighth Army Signal Officer.
- 12 ROK soldiers kill two NK infiltrators and repel a third after a 15-minute firefight in the central sector of the DMZ. Two ROKA personnel are wounded.
- 12 Search operations begin in the Yangju district of Kyonggi province for suspected infiltrators who are reported to have stolen food from villagers in the I US Corps area.
- 13 The ROKN destroyer Chungmu-ham, aided by ROKAF F5A jets, sinks a 75-ton NK gunboat after a running sea battle off the SW coast of the ROK. The enemy infiltration craft is the largest sunk to date and is believed to have been carrying 20 Communist agents.

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- 13 A NK armed agent is killed in an infiltration attempt by ROK troops in the central sector of the DMZ. There are no friendly casualties.
- 13 BG John A. Dillard, Eighth Army Engineer, presides over ground-breaking ceremonies for a new \$1.4 million Yongsan Main PX. The 44,000 sq ft structure is scheduled for completion in Jul 70.
- 13 The ROK Army Security Command announces the arrest of nine suspected NK espionage agents operating two different Kunsan-based spy rings.
- 15 Two NK espionage agents and 17 collaborators are arrested in Seoul after a gun battle in which two ROK CIA agents were wounded.
- 16 Acting on a tip from a ROK citizen, KNP apprehend two NK subversive agents in Yongdongpo. The two had infiltrated the ROK on 8 Jul to stir up political dissension.
- 17 The two Communist agents who had appeared in the I US Corps area on 12 Oct are killed by ROK Marines when they attempt to cross the Imjin River and escape north.
- 18 Results of yesterday's national referendum reveal that two-thirds of the voters favored the "third-term" constitutional amendment. Of 15 million eligible voters 11.1 cast their ballots, with 7.5 million voting for and 3.6 million against the bill. President Park, who may now run for a third consecutive term in 1971, had threatened to step down if the "third-term" proposal was defeated.
- 18 Four soldiers of the 7th US Inf Div are killed in a daylight ambush by NKs. SSG James R. Grissinger, SP4 Charles E. Taylor, SP4 Jack L. Morris, and PFC Wm E. Grimes were each shot through the head by their NK attackers. Their light truck, flying a white truce flag in accordance with the terms of the Armistice, was riddled with small arms fire and grenade fragments.
- 20 GEN Joseph J. Nazzaro, CINCPACAF, lands at Kimpo AFB to begin a four-day visit to US and ROK Air Force installations.
- 21 The ROK CECH and CIA announce the capture of four spies and three suspected spies in two separate roundups in Seoul and Taegu in the past week.
- 22 Defense Secretary Melvin Laird reaffirms DOD assurance that the US troop levels in the ROK and in the NATO area will not be affected by reductions of some \$4 billion in defense spending in the 2d half of FY 70 or in FY 71.

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- 24 The UN founded 24 years ago today. In ceremonies in Seoul and at the UN Memorial Cemetery near Pusan, representatives of the ROK, US and UN honor the thousands of allied troops who gave their lives during the Korean War. Of these, 2,267 are interred in the UN Memorial Cemetery.
- 26 Washington announces that the Nixon administration has requested Congress to approve \$288,027,000 for overall US aid to Korea in FY 70. This figure represents \$124,034,000 in economic aid and \$163,993,000 for military assistance programs. A USAID official puts the total of US aid to Korea since 1948 at \$7,438,200,000.
- 26 ~~UNC initiates CPX FOCUS LENS FY 70, an annual testing of defensive plans featuring participation by US/UN/and ROK tactical forces and command staff personnel. In this five-day field exercise, elements of major headquarters in Korea coordinate efforts to counter a simulated attack.~~
- 26 On this date, 52 years ago, the 2d US Inf Div was activated in Bourmount, France. Today the 2d guards an 18½ mile sector of the Korean DMZ as it has since 1 Jul 65.
- 28 Former US Vice President, Hubert H. Humphrey, begins a four-day visit to the ROK. In an interview with President PARK, Mr. Humphrey notes continued Communist provocations in Korea and states that the US should not reduce its forces in this strategic area.
- 30 The 1969 US Army Friendship Mission to Korea arrives for a 10-day stay which features visits with leading ROK and US military and civilian officials and tours of the Republic. This sixth in a series of reciprocal goodwill missions that began in 1961 under joint USARPAC and Eighth Army sponsorship, is composed of four prominent Korean-Americans from Hawaii.
- 31 SROKA marks the 15th anniversary of its founding. SROKA presently is responsible for security and training in rear areas of the ROK.

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- 1 GEN John H. Michaelis, CINCUNC, departs for a eight-day visit to the RVN to observe ROKF-V operations.
- 1 BG C. J. Levan, formerly Director, Air Defense, ACSFOR, replaces BG Lloyd L. Leach as CG, 38th Arty Bde (AD). BG Leach is reassigned to the Air Defense School, Ft Bliss, Texas.

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- 1 UNC/USFK/Eighth Army announces a RIF of 788 Korean and 36 US civilian employees of six American firms under contract to US forces. The planned layoff is necessitated by world-wide budget cuts ordered by the Pentagon.
- 1 Two USAF pilots of the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing are killed when their F4 Phantom jet crashes on the east coast of the ROK near Ulchin.
- 1 The 27 service clubs in Eighth Army begin an eight-day observance of the 50th anniversary of US Army service clubs with a variety of special programs depicting club activities since 1919.
- 1 In a report to the UN Security Council, the UNC recounts 99 serious incidents perpetrated by NK in the ROK during the first seven months of this year. In these incidents a total of 44 NK soldiers were killed and three others captured. Fifteen ROK civilians were murdered and nine wounded. The report charges that not only has NK violated the ban on new materiel forcing the UNC to modernize its equipment in self defense, but since 1953 has increased the size of its ground forces by one-third and its navy and air force each by one-half. Buildup of personnel has been concurrent with substantial increases in armament.
- 1 The Eighth Army Wightman NCO Academy (Prov) is reorganized this date and assigned to I Corps (Gp). The Academy, located at Camp Casey, was first established in Nov 60 under 7th Inf Div control and became the I Corps NCO Academy on 11 Feb 69.
- 3 AF GEN William Momeyer, SAC Cmdr, arrives for a two-day visit with ROK and US air force officials.
- 3 The ROK Health-Social Affairs Ministry declares the nation to be free of the cholera which first struck 27 Aug and claimed the lives of 125 persons out of 1,396 persons infected.
- 3 HDRF in Seoul and Kyonggi province areas begin a five-day field exercise to test wartime mobility, the first to be conducted jointly with regular army frontline units.
- 3 Three tons of confetti are showered on Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin Jr and Michael Collins, as the Apollo-11 moonmen are greeted by nearly a million ROK citizens. The astronauts, nearing the end of a worldwide goodwill tour, leave Korea tomorrow..

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- 3 (The ROKG announces a devaluation of its currency as the open market exchange rate jumps from 290 to 305 won to one US dollar.
- 5 HQ, Korea Support Command (Prov), is organized to plan, organize and implement the consolidation of Eighth FASCOM and EADC/EAR. BG G. P. Holm, Eighth FASCOM CG, is designated CG of the new organization and assumes operational control of EADC/EAR.
- 8 Twenty-one US congressmen, led by Sen John J. Sparkman (D-Ala), begin a three-day goodwill exchange visit at the invitation of ROK National Assembly Speaker RHEE Hyo Sang.
- 10 US Marine Corps members serving in the ROK celebrate the Corps' 194th anniversary with a birthday ball at the Eighth Army Officers Club.
- 11 US forces in Korea commemorate Veterans' Day with ceremonies at Knight Field, Yongsan Military Reservation.
- 11 US Postmaster General, Winton M. Blount, visits APO facilities in the ROK as part of his Asian tour.
- 11 Eight high ranking ROKA officers on the ROKF-V staff--three BGs, two COLs, and three LTCs--are killed in the RVN when their military aircraft crashes near Qui Nhon Airfield.
- 11 Flames driven by 40 mph winds destroy the headquarters building of Pusan Base Command on Hialeah Compound. There are no serious injuries in the hour-long fire of undetermined origin.
- 12 The Seoul Criminal Court sentences SP4 Jack G. Abercrombie, 335th Maint Bn, Eighth FASCOM, to 12 years imprisonment for the murder of a Korean woman in Bupyong (ASCOM) on 19 May. The sentence will be appealed to the Seoul Appellate Court.
- 12 As a result of a \$38 million cut in the Eighth Army budget, US civilian strength will be reduced by 12 percent, the KN staff by 4.5 percent, and the KSC by five percent. Other measures to cut operating expenses are: deferral of some military construction, reduced purchases of supplies and equipment, and economizing the use of vehicle and heating fuels, spare parts, water and power.
- 13 BG Wallace C. Magathan, Jr, 2d Inf Div ADC, departs for reassignment to the AWC at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He will be replaced by COL John W. Collins, a BG designee who is currently PMS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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- 16 GEN Ferdinand J. Chesarek, CG, USAMC, accompanied by J. Ronald Fox, Asst Army Secretary (I&L), and MG Joseph M. Heiser, DCSLOG, arrives for a three-day tour of US/ROK military installations.
- 17 The UN rejects a Communist-led resolution calling for the withdrawal from the ROK of all foreign troops under the UN flag. The vote was 61 against, 29 in favor, and 32 abstentions.
- 17 GEN MUN Hyong Tae, Chairman of ROK JCS, departs for a three-week visit to CONUS at the invitation of his US counterpart, GEN Earle G. Wheeler.
- 19 SP4 Frederick Bassett, Camp Carroll Depot, convicted on 19 Jul of a rape murder and sentenced to five years in prison, receives a reduced two-year sentence by the Taegu Appellate Court on a lesser charge of violence resulting in death.
- 19 The ROK Army Security Command rounds up a five-man Communist spy ring based in Yongdongpo, Seoul. The cell was organized by a NK agent who had been infiltrated in 1961.
- 19 LTG Kajdundit Chotikajan, DCofS (I&L), Royal Thai Army, arrives for a six-day observation tour of ROK installations and an inspection of the Royal Thai Company assigned to the 7th US Inf Div.
- 20 Eighth FASCOM receives the Eighth Army Safety Certificate of Merit for its outstanding accident prevention record for FY 69. During one period, Eighth FASCOM vehicles travelled eight million miles without a traffic fatality.
- 23 George C. Wallace, former Alabama governor and presidential candidate, arrives in the ROK for a four-day private fact-finding visit which will include briefings at Panmunjom and a DMZ outpost.
- 24 The fifth in a series of closed meetings on the release of the US Army helicopter crewmen held captive by NK takes place at Panmunjom. The OH-23 helicopter was shot down on 17 Aug after accidentally flying into Communist territory.
- 25 The UN General Assembly approves a resolution calling for the continued presence of UNC troops in the ROK by a vote of 70 to 26, with 21 abstentions.
- 26 Defense Secretary Melvin Laird announces a decision to reduce military personnel abroad by 15,000 and overseas DOD civilians by 3,825 as part of an overall effort to reduce the US presence abroad. Exempted from the military cut are the ROK, FRG, and the RVN.

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- 26 GEN John H. Michaelis, CINCUNC/COMUSK/CG Eighth Army, departs for Washington, D. C. to attend the annual Army Commanders' Conference.
- 26 BG Joseph W. Pezdirtz, former DCG of US Theater Army Spt Cmd, Europe, arrives for assignment as CG, Det L, KMAG. He replaces BG George Sammet Jr, who is reassigned to OCRD, DA.
- 27 A number of U-10B light aircraft arrive in the ROK under the US supplementary MAP. The single-engine propeller craft, equipped with communications gear, searchlights and loudspeakers, will be employed in CI operations.
- 27 US military personnel in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.
- 29 The ROK Education Ministry announces that military training will be included in the compulsory curriculum for 424,115 male students in high schools and colleges beginning in 1970.

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- 2 Theater #2, built at a cost of \$100,000 is opened on Yongsan Military Reservation. The new structure replaces the theater destroyed by fire in Mar 68.
- 3 Pilot WO1 Malcolm Loepke, CPT David H. Crawford, and SP4 Herman Hofstatter, the crewmen of the OH-23 helicopter shot down on 17 Aug after inadvertently flying into NK territory, are released at Panmunjom after 108 days in Communist captivity. Marine MG Arthur H. Adams, Senior Member of the UNCMAC, signs a NK-dictated admission of guilt and disavows the document after the release. The three men, who had all been wounded but appeared in fair condition, will be medically evacuated to military hospitals near their homes within the next 24 hours.
- 4 The ROK Maritime Police in Pusan acquire a number of high-speed patrol boats. The boats will be used to guard 900 miles of coastline against NK sea infiltration.
- 11 A KAL turboprop YS11 enroute from Kangnung to Seoul with 51 Korean nationals aboard is hijacked to a NK airport near Wonsan. The ROK MND asks the UNCMAC to arrange a meeting with the Communist side to discuss the return of the plane and its passengers, and also enlists the aid of the IRC. This is the second hijack of a ROK commercial airliner. In Feb 58, a C-47 was diverted to NK from its Seoul-Pusan run. In that case, the Communists kept the plane but returned the passengers within three weeks.

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- 11 ADM John J. Hyland, PACFLT Cmdr, arrives for a three-day visit with ROK and US government and military officials.
- 12 BG Allan L. Leonard Jr, 7th Inf Div ADC, departs for retirement on 1 Jan. He will be replaced by BG Sidney M. Marks who is presently J3, US Southern Cmd (CZ).
- 12 In a 17 Jun statement to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee made public today, Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor notes the vigorous counterinfiltration program in Korea, and says "ROK/US anti-subversive efforts are steadfast and working well under hazardous and trying conditions."
- 13 Large scale anti-Communist rallies are held throughout the ROK to protest the 11 Dec hijacking to NK of a KAL airliner.
- 15 GEN John H. Michaelis, CINCUNC/COMUSK/CG Eighth Army returns to the ROK after a month-long visit to the US. In Washington, the CG participated in the annual Army Commanders' Conference and presided over a promotion board to select permanent MGs.
- 15 GEN Seth J. McKee, NORAD Cmdr, begins a two-day visit to discuss US-ROK cooperation and ways of strengthening ROK air power.
- 16 Rotation of air units to Korea continues. The 334th and 335th TAC Sqdns arrive to replace the 68th and 560th TAC Sqdns. The two F4D Phantom sqdns are on their second TDY to the 354th TFW, having served in the ROK during the post-Pueblo buildup in early 68.
- 17 Howard E. Houston is sworn in as the new Director of the USAID mission to Korea. He replaces Henry J. Constanzo who departed early last month to become US Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.
- 17 Three US Army EM assigned to the 38th Arty Bde are killed when the truck in which they are riding is struck by a train at a RR crossing near Onyang.
- 23 One year ago 82 men of the USS Pueblo were released from 11 months in North Korean captivity. Today 33 have left the Navy, one has been returned to sea duty, and the remainder are posted ashore.
- 25 Eighth Army celebrates its 19th Christmas in Korea.

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- 26 The ROKG rejects a NK proposal for "non-official organizations" to negotiate the return of the hijacked KAL plane and passengers, declaring that such political negotiations are unnecessary and that the NKs need only to notify the UNCMAC of the time and place of the return.
- 29 The US Congress approves a \$23.7 million plan for upgrading troop housing in Korea.
- 29 The Japanese government announces that it will provide bases and facilities for military operations in case the NK Communists again invade the South and also voices its support of the presence of UN forces in the ROK.
- 30 US Vice President Spiro Agnew and ROK Prime Minister CHUNG Il Kwon, meet in Manila to discuss ROK security against intensified NK provocations, the peaceful settlement of the Vietnam War, and the future of the Asian collective security system. The two men are in the Phillipines to attend President Ferdinand Marcos' inauguration.
- 31 According to LTG YU Kun Chang, Chief of CEOH, a total of 367 NK agents attempted to infiltrate the ROK in 1969 on 153 occasions. He notes that these figures are one-third of the 1968 total of 1,142 attempted infiltrations but states that the frequency of sea infiltrations tripled in 1969. Of the 367 NKs, 79 were captured and 93 were killed. Captured equipment included three heavily armed espionage boats between 50 and 75 tons, eight rubber or wooden rafts, 38 submachineguns, 37 pistols and more than 8,000 rounds of ammunition.
- 31 The ROK Joint Staff announces that during 1969, ROKF-V mounted 198 major operations and 724 small sized operations in which ROK troops killed 8,001 of the enemy; captured 324 enemy personnel; and confiscated 5,301 individual and 250 crew-served weapons. ROKF-V losses were 562 KIA and 989 wounded. Throughout the year, ROK military personnel intensified their civic action programs, completing 253 rehabilitation projects, including 33 bridges, 47 classrooms, 30 dispensaries, and 143 public installations, and opening 55.5 km of road. (Cumulative figures from same source indicate that, since their mid-1965 involvement, ROKF in the RVN have killed 29,754 enemy, captured 4,197 enemy personnel and suffered 2,458 personnel losses. They have captured 14,342 small arms and 947 crew served weapons. Their civic action programs included the construction and maintenance of 131 bridges, 179 classrooms, 105 dispensaries and 371 public installations, for a total of 786 rehabilitation projects while 343.31 km of roads were opened through their efforts.)

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- 31 The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program for Vietnam completes the year with an impressive collection of 27,275 units. A mobile collection team from the 121st Evacuation Hospital, through scheduled visits to all troops areas, averaged 2,273 units per month to meet quotas established by USARJ-based laboratories and local authorities.
- 31 A year-end review of criminal cases allegedly involving Korea-based US personnel reveals following data: Under the ROK/US SOFA, the Ministry of Justice exercised jurisdiction over 51 Americans--11 military and 40 civilian employees. Of this number, 34 are pending trial, two are pending appeal, and 15 proceedings have been completed. There were no acquittals but the punishment level was generally reasonable.
- 31 Command statistics show that during 1969 approximately 54 billion won (\$186 million) was expended by US Forces in Korea with breakdown as follows: Payment of wages to Korean employees: ₩15 billion or \$51 million. Individual expenditures by US military/civilian personnel and their dependents: ₩12 billion or \$41 million. Purchase of goods and services from Korean contractors: ₩27 billion or \$94 million. Foregoing represents a 20 percent increase (₩9 billion or \$31 million) over the 1968 expenditures. (NOTE: Computation based on exchange rate of ₩290 = \$1)
- 31 Publicized statistics reveal that enemy actions in the ROK this year resulted in a decrease of military fatalities over last year (1968 figures in parentheses). Enemy 93 (320); friendly 20 (162). Of the UNC deaths, US figures are 5 (15), and ROKA 15 (147).
- 31 Eighth Army's Cost Reduction Program produces savings during the past six months which total \$542,700 for the present fiscal year. Projected savings for fiscal years 1970 through 1972 resulting from validated economy measures will amount to \$1,732,100.

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GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

ACofS: Assistant Chief of Staff
ACSFOR: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
AD: Air Defense
ADC: Assistant Division Commander
AFB: Air Force Base
APO: Army Post Office
ARVN: Army of Republic of Vietnam
ASCOM: Army Supply Command
AWC: Army War College
CEOH: Counterespionage Operations Headquarters
CI: Counterinfiltration
CIA: Central Intelligence Agency
CINCPAC: Commander in Chief, Pacific Command
CINCUNC: Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
CINCUSAREUR: Commander in Chief, US Army, Europe
CINCUSARPAC: Commander in Chief, US Army, Pacific
CNO: Chief of Naval Operations
CofS: Chief of Staff
COMUSK: Commander, United States Forces Korea
CZ: Canal Zone
DCG: Deputy Commanding General
DGS: Deputy Chief of Staff
DCSLOG: Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
DCSOPS: Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
DMZ: Demilitarized Zone
DOD: Department of Defense
EADC/EAR: Eighth US Army Depot Command/Eighth US Army Rear
FASCOM: Field Army Support Command
FOEU: Foreign Organization of Employees Union
FRG: Federal Republic of Germany
FROKA: First Republic of Korea Army
FTX: Field Training Exercise
HDRF: Homeland Defense Reserve Force
I&L: Installations and Logistics
IRC: International Red Cross
JCS: Joint Chiefs of Staff
JSA: Joint Security Area
KAL: Korean Airlines
KATUSA: Korean Augmentation to United States Army
KMAG: US Army Advisory Group, Korea
KNP: Korean National Police
KRE: Korea Regional Exchange
KSC: Korean Service Corps
MAC: Military Armistice Commission
MACV: Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MAP: Military Assistance Program
MDL: Military Demarcation Line
MND: Ministry of National Defense
NK: North Korean

NORAD: North American Air Defense Command
 OCRD: Office Chief of Research and Development
 OPO: Office of Personnel Operations
 PACAF: Pacific Air Forces
 PACFLT: Pacific Fleet
 PMS: Professor of Military Science
 RIF: Reduction in force
 ROC: Republic of China
 ROK: Republic of Korea
 ROKA: Republic of Korea Army
 ROKAF: Republic of Korea Air Force
 ROKF-V: Republic of Korea Forces-Vietnam
 ROKG: Republic of Korea Government
 ROKMC: Republic of Korea Marine Corps
 ROKN: Republic of Korea Navy
 RVN: Republic of Vietnam
 SEA: Southeast Asia
 SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement
 SROKA: Second Republic of Korea Army
 TAC: Tactical Air Command
 TFW: Tactical Fighter Wing
 UNC: United Nations Command
 UNCMAC: United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission
 UNCURK: United Nations Commission for Unification and
 Rehabilitation of Korea
 USAID: United States Agency for International Development
 USAMC: United States Army Materiel Command
 USARJ: United States Army, Japan
 USARPAC: United States Army, Pacific
 USASTRATCOM: United States Army Strategic Communications Command
 USCONARC: United States **Continental Army Command**
 USFK: United States Forces Korea
 USEUCOM: United States European Command
 Won (₩): Korean currency