

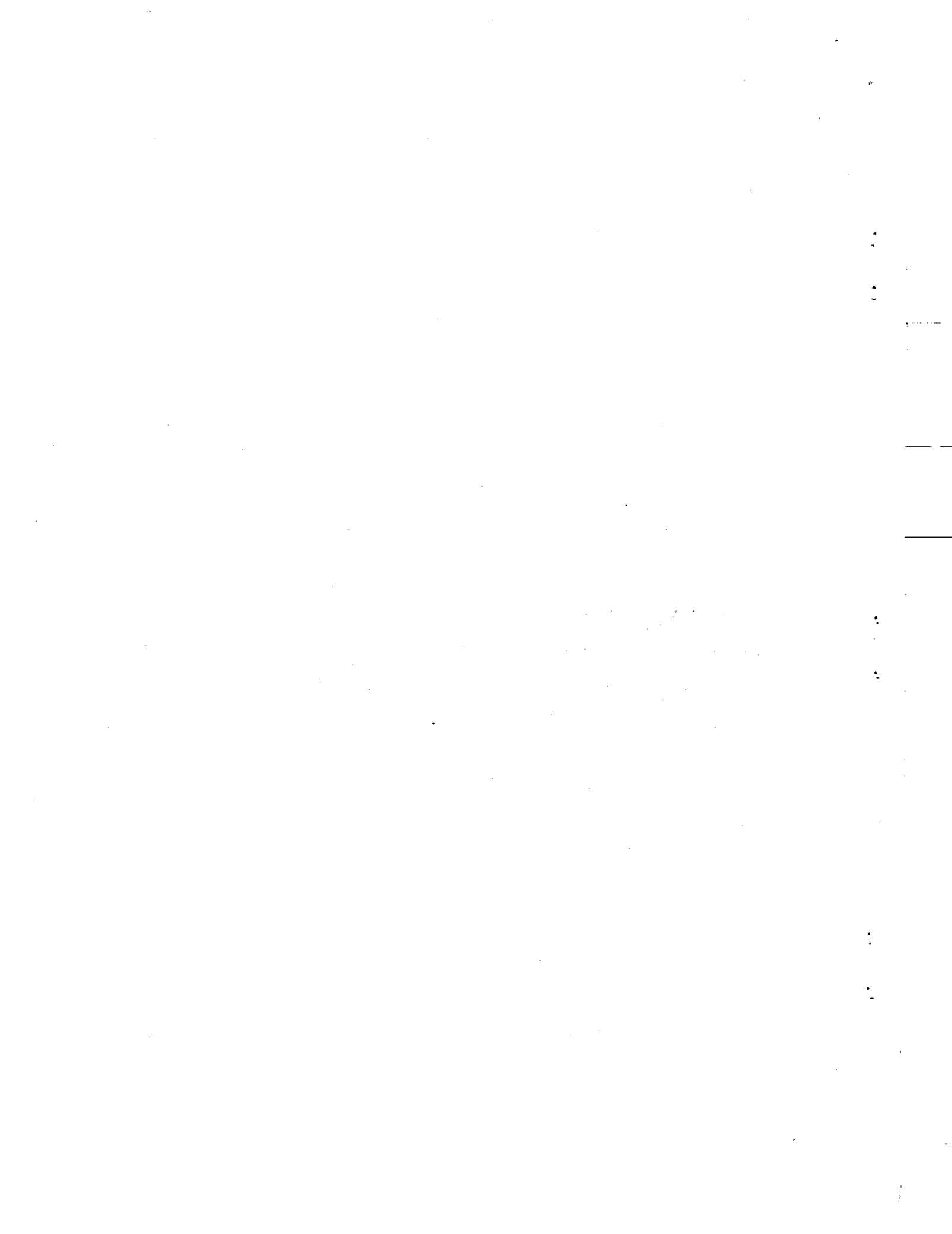


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FOREWORD

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

(1 January - 30 June 1973)

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- 1 ROK President PARK Chung Hee, in a New Year's message to his nation, says that he wishes to "broaden dialogue between South and North Korea in the coming year and seek prosperity and development in peace, not in war." Likewise, KIM Il Sung, the NK leader, says 1972 brought brightened prospects for peaceful reunification with the South.
- 1 An across-the-board pay increase of 6.69 percent for all 2.4 million members of the US armed forces and 5.14 percent for 1,316,000 federal employees goes into effect today.
- 1 As part of a new OER system, rated officers in Eighth Army will hereafter receive their evaluation almost immediately and will also receive an annual confidential report on their standing.
- 3 GEN William B. Rosson, CINCUSARPAC, makes a two-day inspection of US military facilities in Korea.
- 4 BG Harry W. Brooks, Jr, formerly DA's Equal Opportunity Director, arrives to become 2d Div ADC (S). The first black general to be assigned to the division, Brooks replaces BG George M. Wallace II who was reassigned last month to ACSFOR, DA.
- 4 ROK Premier KIM Jong Pil and Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik arrive in New York to attend memorial services for the late President Harry S. Truman. Later in the week they will confer with President Nixon.
- 4 A new Labor-Management Agreement between USFK and FOEU is signed. The pact, basically unchanged from that of the previous year, establishes the framework for dealings between USFK and FOEU which represents approximately 70 percent of the Korean workforce.
- 5 MG William E. McLeod, formerly with ACSFOR, DA, arrives to become Eighth Army CofS. He replaces MG William H. Blakefield who has been assigned as Dep CDR, First Army, Ft Meade, Md.

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- 5 MG Gerhardt W. Hyatt, Chief of Chaplains, begins a five-day tour to observe religious activities at US military installations throughout the ROK.
- 5 Mrs. Lucille P. Andrus, wife of SGM Donald R. Andrus, KORSCOM PIO, is selected as USFK Military Wife of the Year for 1973. Mrs. Andrus, active in community activities in the Taegu area since 1971, will represent Eighth Army in USARPAC competition.
- 6 After talks with President Nixon in Washington, ROK Premier KIM Jong Pil tells newsmen that US troops will remain in Korea throughout 1973 to help maintain stability in the area. Kim, who attended funeral services for the late President Harry S. Truman, also said ROK forces in the RVN would be withdrawn within 60 days of the signing of a ceasefire agreement.
- 8 In his final defense report to the House Armed Services Committee, outgoing SECDEF Melvin Laird says that if current plans for US military aid to the ROK are fulfilled, there will be no requirement for US ground troops in Korea. He explains, "In the case of aggression by North Korea against the South, without the direct involvement of Communist China, we would look to the South Koreans to provide the first line defense of their own country."
- 8 ROKA climaxes a week-long field exercise along the central and eastern front. Designed to test mobility during winter weather, the maneuvers simulated an enemy attack and a counterattack by friendly forces.
- 10 A new "checkbook" requisitioning system is initiated in Eighth Army whereby units draw supplies against a dollar allotment, subtracting the cost of each item requisitioned from their balance. The system is intended to increase cost consciousness, promote good management of supply funds, and enhance the command's stringent asset control program.
- 10 The Eighth Army PMO announces that 500 Ration Control Plates are currently being confiscated from USFK personnel for violations of PX or commissary ration control regulations which occurred during December. The action is being taken as part of the Asset Control and Security Program (Project PADLOCK) aimed at reducing the flow of custom-free items and US Government property into illegal channels.
- 11 ROK Premier KIM Jong Pil confers in Tokyo with Japanese Premier Kakuei TANAKA on economic cooperation and current Asian affairs.

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- 11 The US Army announces plans for a major reorganization of its command structure which it expects will eliminate 15,000 spaces and save \$1 billion over the next five years. The changes mainly involve HQ staffs and will not affect combat divisions or overseas commands. The new plan calls for: (1) a Force Command to be created to supervise and train all active and reserve units in the US, absorbing some of the duties of CONARC which will be disbanded; (2) replacement of USACDC with a Training and Doctrine Command to be responsible for individual training, army schools and ROTC programs; (3) a scaling down of USAMC; and (4) disbandment of Third Army with its responsibilities taken over by First Army, leaving three regional Army headquarters.
- 12 In a televised speech, President Park promises he will hold general elections for a new 219-seat unicameral National Assembly in late February or early March to complete restoration of Constitutional rule. The old legislation was dissolved 17 October when Park proclaimed martial law.
- 13 An air defense drill is held in 32 cities throughout the ROK. This year these ROKG-directed exercises will be held on a flexible date each month.
- 13 A ceremony, co-sponsored by the ROKG and the State of Hawaii, is held in Honolulu to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of a Korean colony there. It officially opens "Korea Week" in which PARK Keun Hye, the daughter of the ROK President, will participate.
- 14 Project Scrub Clean, a DA program to reduce property excesses and shortages, is completed in Eighth Army. The survey indicated that Eighth Army units have an overage of 6,034 line items estimated at \$10.3 million. At the same time, property valued at \$759,000 was distributed to units with shortages.
- 14 A Japanese newspaper reports that Communist China has decided to resume its grant-type military aid to NK. The assistance was suspended during 1971.
- 15 Religious services are held throughout Eighth Army to commemorate the 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 27th anniversary of its activation. In its relatively short history, the ROKA has become one of the Free World's largest and best trained armies.

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- 18 At the 334th MAC meeting, NK Senior Member MG KIM Poong Sup renews his side's demand that the UNC withdraw from South Korea to expedite unification talks between North and South. USAF MG Rollen H. Anthis, UNC Senior Member, retorts that the UNC has taken no actions which have in any way obstructed these talks and adds that these political discussions are not the business of the commission and that "the interest of the participants would be best served if the subject was not discussed at this table."
- 20 Richard M. Nixon is inaugurated for his second term as the 37th US president. Garrison Flag ceremonies at Yongsan's Knight Field salute the Commander in Chief.
- 20 I Corps, one of the senior major tactical units in the US Army with 20 campaign streamers, celebrates its 55th anniversary. The Corps has been reconfigured into a joint ROK/US headquarters but continues its heritage.
- 20 US Presidential envoy GEN Alexander Haig, Jr, arrives in Seoul from Saigon to consult with President Park on progress of the Vietnam peace talks.
- 21 The AF JAG, MG James S. Cheney, arrives for a two-day review of the administration of military justice within USAF units in Korea.
- 21 Fifth anniversary of abortive assassination raid by NK commandos on the ROK Presidential mansion in Seoul.
- 22 Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th US President, dies at the age of 64. His death followed by less than a month the death of Harry S. Truman, and leaves the US with no living ex-presidents. US military personnel in Korea will observe a day of mourning on the 25th and flags will be flown at half-staff for 30 days.
- 22 A new AUTODIN switch is officially opened at Camp Walker, Taegu, with MG Joseph W. Pezdirtz, USAKORSCOM CDR, sending the first transmission. The STRATCOM facility, along with joint message centers in Japan and Hawaii, is part of a Pacific-wide network that handles a normal eight million messages a month.
- 22 A 10-day MP Investigator's Course opens today. Seven students from USARJ and 28 from Eighth Army units will study the techniques and legal aspects of MP investigation. The school will be conducted by Eighth Army on a quarterly basis to take up the slack between the PM and Criminal Investigation Command by enabling basic MPs to handle minor criminal investigations.
- 23 ROK observes Freedom Day. On this date 19 years ago, ROK President Syngman Rhee freed 7,604 NKA and 14,235 CHICOM prisoners who chose freedom by refusing to return to Communist hands.

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- 23 USS Pueblo hijacked by NK five years ago today. One crewman was killed; remaining 82 were released from captivity 11 months later. Communists still retain the vessel.
- 24 MG Hugh R. Higgins, CDR, USAMECOM, begins a two-day visit to Eighth Army during which he will evaluate MECOM support.
- 25 The Right Rev Clarence E. Hobgood, Episcopal Bishop for the Armed Forces, begins a six-day visit to speak with chaplains and military personnel of his denomination.
- 26 DOD announces that BG Travis R. McNeil, CDR of the 314th Air Division at Osan AB, has been nominated for promotion to two-star rank.
- 26 Eighth Army firefighters rush to the aid of their Korean counterparts to combat a blaze at Seoul National University Hospital. They help evacuate 359 patients. The fire caused 10 million won (\$25,000) damage. There were no casualties.
- 27 Vietnam peace accord is signed in Paris ending the longest, costliest, and most unpopular war in US history. Ceasefire takes effect at 0800, 28 Jan, RVN time.
- 27 ROK MND YU Jae Heung announces that the 37,000-man ROKF-V contingent will be withdrawn from the RVN within 60 days in accordance with the ceasefire. They will be flown home by US-contracted aircraft.
- 30 A 100-man advance party of the returning ROKF-V lands at Suwon AB aboard a World Airways jet. More than 320,000 ROK troops have served in Indochina since their October 1965 commitment, with some 3,700 killed and 8,300 wounded. The ROKs inflicted 11 times that many casualties on the Communists.
- 30 USMC MG Fred Haynes arrives in Korea. He will assume duties as Senior Member, UNCMAC, on 6 Feb replacing AF MG Rollen H. Anthis who is being reassigned as Special Asst to CDR, AFLC. Haynes was previously CG, 2d Marine Division, Camp LeJeune, NC.
- 31 GEN Paul K. Carlton, CDR, MAC, arrives for a one-day tour of MAC-supported units in Korea.
- 31 January, normally the coldest month in Korea, passes with record-breaking warm weather prevailing. Thus far, it is the mildest winter the ROK has ever experienced.
- 31 Results of a survey conducted by the Seoul City administration show environmental pollution conditions in Seoul are close to or in excess of the international limits in terms of air, water and falling dust.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Statistics published on the Vietnam War show that it was the longest in US history: 11 years and 28 days; second to WW II in expenses: \$137 billion; and had 56,000 deaths, fourth after the Civil War, WW II and WW I. (The Korean War ranks fifth with 54,246 American dead.) Other figures reveal that US forces dropped or fired 6.8 million tons of bombs and rockets, fired 7.3 million tons of artillery shells and lost more than 8,500 aircraft.
- 1 The USASTRATCOM Signal Bde-Korea is redesignated the 1st Signal Brigade effective today. Signal Bde-Korea was formed on 15 Nov 67 to install, operate and maintain the Korea portion of the worldwide Defense Communications System and develop and operate the Korean Wideband Network. The 1st Signal Bde, formed in the RVN in 1966, will assume these missions.
- 1 In the first five months of FY 73, Eighth Army doubled its goals for first-term reenlistments by signing up 743 soldiers, a figure which gives the command top honors in USARPAC. Beginning today, soldiers will have to complete 21 months of active service (formerly eight months) before being eligible to reenlist.
- 1 Members of USFK and Eighth Army join with other government, military and civilian leaders around the world in a National Prayer Breakfast to seek divine guidance for national leadership. Attending the breakfast at the Eighth Army Officers' Club are: GEN D. V. Bennett, COMUSKOREA and CDR, Eighth Army; Francis T. Underhill, Dep US Ambassador; and LTG W. R. Peers, Eighth Army Dep CDR.
- 2 The Army Nurse Corps, including a professional staff of 90 throughout Eighth Army, today celebrates 72 years of service.
- 3 Lunar New Year. Today begins the Year of the Ox in the Orient and the year 4306 in Korean history.
- 4 USO celebrates its 32d year as a soldier welfare organization and its 17th anniversary in Korea. In the ROK, the USO has branches in Seoul and Taegu.
- 4 MG William B. Campbell, AAFES CDR, begins a three-day tour of Korea Regional Exchange facilities.
- 5 The Los Angeles City College vocational studies program begins at Camps Humphreys, Howard and Ames. The nine-week courses include Human Relations, Data Processing, Law Enforcement and Aviation Maintenance. Other classes will be slated depending upon the needs of local students.
- 5 Following an appeal from the ROK National Red Cross and Korean National TB Association fund, members of USFK contribute 6.5 million won (\$16,332), exceeding last year's donations by more than \$7,700.



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- 7 A large contingent of the ROK 9th (White Horse) Division returns from the RVN under the terms of the ceasefire agreement. Three groups of soldiers from the ROK Capital (Tiger) Division have come home and the remainder of the 37,000-man ROKF-V will leave Vietnam by the end of March.
- 7 Eighth Army HQ conducts a joint all-command Venereal Disease Control Seminar. The in-depth meeting deals with diagnosis and treatment of VD, epidemiological management of US personnel, moral issues involved with VD and health and education of US servicemen.
- 9 Figures released on the sixth anniversary of the effectuation of the ROK/US SOFA reveal that the ROK has assumed criminal jurisdiction over US personnel in 281 cases with 237 convictions and 4 acquittals thus far. Of the 237 convicted, 170 were fined, 54 received suspended sentences, and 13 US citizens were given prison terms (including 6 individuals still under confinement). US military personnel were involved in 109 cases whereas civilians and dependents accounted for 172 cases. SOFA representatives have conducted 81 formal meetings to date.
- 9 Eighth Army CSM D. H. Worley hosts the annual US Army Dining-In at Yongsan's Frontier NCO Club. Guest speaker is GEN D. V. Bennett, Eighth Army CDR. Invitees include all US Army sergeants major and the top NCOs of ROKA and the US/ROK sister services in Korea.
- 11 MG George A. Godding, named as next CDR of USASA, arrives in Korea for a two-day staff visit.
- 11 US libraries and service clubs in Korea schedule special programs and guest speakers to observe Black History Week which begins today.
- 12 The dining facility at A Co, 502d MI Bn, is named as Eighth Army's best small unit dining hall and will be entered in USARPAC competition.
- 12 Five pro football stars begin a 17-day USO tour of US military installations in Korea. They are: Bill Kilmer of the Washington Redskins; Marty Domres, Baltimore Colts; Jim Marsalis, Kansas City Chiefs; Ken Iman, Los Angeles Rams; and Karl Kassulke, Minnesota Vikings.
- 14 The 213th Assault Spt Helicopter Co joins the USAKORSCOM Avn Bn at Camp Humphreys, bringing the battalion up to its planned strength of two assault helicopter companies. The 170-man company from Fort Benning, Ga, flies CH-47C aircraft which will arrive at Pusan later this month.
- 15 ASCOM Depot closes. In this economy move, over 42,000 short tons of material are shipped to other locations in Korea, principally Camp Carroll Depot.

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- 15 Among moves to cut down on abuses of APO privileges, Eighth Army puts into effect a 100 percent customs examination of 2d, 3d and 4th class parcel post mail received from other points within the Pacific Command.
- 15 Additional procedures to improve the random urinalysis testing program are implemented in Eighth Army. All soldiers 28-years old and younger who have been on TDY or leave will be tested within 48 hours of their return to duty. The random sampling by SSAN will continue with no one excused unless hospitalized, on leave or TDY. These rules are expected to attain the goal of a one percent unexcused no-show rate and 3,300 tests per month. The purpose of the testing program is to identify drug users in order that they may receive treatment and to help deter individuals from casual or experimental use of drugs.
- 15 The DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign begins today in Eighth Army and will last through 31 Mar. The ARC, 13 national health agencies, and 13 international service agencies will share in the proceeds.
- 16 Eighth Army's Camp Red Cloud Consolidated Mess takes first place for the third consecutive year in the USARPAC best large dining facility competition. The next step will be the Army-wide Philip A. Connelly contest.
- 16 Two US airmen, CPT Thomas R. Ballard and 1LT Ronald B. Goodwin, both of the 36th Tactical Fighter Sqdn, are killed when their F4D Phantom crashes at sea 14 miles west of Osan AB.
- 17 Dr. Richard S. Wilbur, Asst SECDEF (Health and Environment), visits Eighth Army facilities for three days to receive an update on programs to combat drug and alcohol abuse and on the utilization of medical personnel.
- 18 A fire at Osan AB destroys seven offices in two separate building complexes and causes \$200,000 in property losses. There are no injuries. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.
- 19 William H. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, meets with ROK President PARK Chung Hee in Seoul to brief him on US Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger's trip to Hanoi.
- 20 The Senate Foreign Relations Committee releases a hitherto classified report on US commitments to the ROK compiled after a two-man investigative visit here last November. The authors note that in 1971 the US started a ROK armed forces modernization program which is expected to cost \$1.5 billion over a five-year period. The US has maintained an estimated 42,000 servicemen in Korea in recent years and has spent more than \$5 billion in military assistance and grants from 1949 through 1971. The report recommends that any policy reviews concerning Korea should question continued US military presence and grant aid.

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- 21 All US flags in Eighth Army are raised to full staff as ordered by President Nixon to honor returning Vietnam POWs who will arrive in the US today. The flags have been flying at half staff during the one-month mourning period for former President Johnson.
- 21 Undersecretary of State Curtis W. Tarr says that the five-year modernization program for ROK armed forces is in jeopardy as Congress has held up new funds for security assistance. Tarr has asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to support President Nixon's request for \$215.7 million for the Korean modernization program.
- 22 LTG Timothy F. O'Keefe, Vice CINCPACAF, arrives in Seoul on his semi-annual staff visit to USAF facilities.
- 22 Three officers from the 2d Div Arty, CPT Victor Stitzel, CPT Thomas E. Karstens, and WO Barney Maisel, are killed when the helicopter in which they are riding crashes 10 miles north of Uijongbu. Also killed are two Korean boys who had been playing at the scene of the accident.
- 22 ROK Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik, after a series of meetings with SECSTATE Rogers, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs William Porter, and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Pacific Affairs Marshall Green, tells the press he has received assurances that the US will maintain its present troop level of 42,000 men in Korea, even after the end of the current FY.
- 24 Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil declares in a press interview that a continued US military presence in Korea is essential to Asian stability in the transitional post-Vietnam period.
- 27 In today's parliamentary elections, 73 seats are won by the ruling Democratic Republican Party, 52 by the opposition New Democratic Party, and 21 by independents or splinter parties. A total of 146 of the 219 National Assembly seats were at stake in the election. Under the new ROK constitution, another 73 persons will be nominated by the President.
- 28 LTG Carl Eric Almgren, Commander in Chief of the Swedish Army, arrives for a four-day visit with Swedish members of the NNSC and UNC officials.

## MARCH

- 1 Samil Day. Host nation celebrates anniversary of the 1 March 1919 independence movement against Japanese colonial rule.
- 1 Effective today, the price of all KRE merchandise from Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan is increased 15 percent due to the recent dollar revaluation.

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- 1 ROKG agencies announce plans to raise the number of orientation tours for USFK personnel to 33 during 1973. About 1,500 officers and servicemen will be hosted on one and two-day tours designed to increase their knowledge of Korea and promote Korean-American relations.
- 4 ROKA CofS GEN RO Jae Hyun departs for a 15-day tour of CONUS military installations at the invitation of his counterpart GEN Creighton W. Abrams.
- 5 The ROK MND announces that two or three suspected NK espionage agents killed a civilian guard on an islet near Cheju Island earlier today. The men are believed to have escaped in a waiting boat. It is the first such incident since the 4 July 1972 North-South communique in which both sides pledged to end hostile actions.
- 5 LTG Robert E. Pursley, Cmdr, 5th Air Force, begins a two-day tour of COMAF-K facilities.
- 7 In the first fatal DMZ incident since 17 Sep 71, two ROK soldiers are killed and another wounded by NK fire while on a work detail.
- 7 USMC MG M. P. Ryan, Cmdr, III MAF/3d Mar Div, arrives in the ROK for a two-day visit.
- 10 The 2/61st ADA ends the first Chaparral/Vulcan ORTT in the Pacific Command. It deployed for four days during which its capability to engage and destroy low-flying enemy aircraft was evaluated. All units were rated combat ready.
- 12 A suggestion campaign, called "Get Involved with Management," begins in the Seoul area and will last until 30 April. It is designed to encourage individual soldiers and civilian employees to submit their ideas on management improvement, cost reduction and asset control.
- 14 The last of 35,000 ROKF-V personnel withdrawn in 161 increments arrives in Korea, ending the ROK's eight-year military commitment to the RVN. For their military and civic achievements, the ROK troops received 10 Korean Presidential Unit Citations, 265 American citations and medals, and nearly 10,000 Vietnamese awards. It is estimated that some 320,000 Korean soldiers served in the conflict.
- 15 FROKA observes the 19th anniversary of its activation.
- 16 The second conference of the North-South Coordinating Committee is held in Pyongyang, North Korea. No joint communique is issued as no concrete agreements were reached. NK spokesman, Vice Premier PARK Sung Chul, says conclusion of a peace treaty and mutual troop cuts are prerequisites to improving relations. His counterpart, LEE Hu Rak, Director of the ROK CIA, replies that an atmosphere of trust must be created first. To accomplish this, he proposes social, cultural and economic exchanges.

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- 16 Presidential Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler rules out a withdrawal of US forces from all of Asia, including Korea, such as Senate Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) has proposed.
- 16 The ROK announces its willingness to negotiate with authorities of the "Peoples' Republic of China" on the question of delineation of the continental shelf areas of the two countries which are believed to be rich in oil. It is the first time anti-Communist South Korea has used the official designation "Peoples' Republic of China."
- 16 The annual West Point Founders' Day dinner is held at the Eighth Army Officers' Club with GEN D. V. Bennett, CDR, Eighth Army, as the guest speaker.
- 19 MG Herbert E. Wolff, Dep CDR of the Central Security Service, arrives in the ROK for a three-day visit.
- 20 A rally is held in Seoul Stadium to honor the 320,000 ROK servicemen who have served in the RVN. ROKF-V units represented in the massive formation are the Capital Division (Tiger), 9th Division (White Horse), 100th Army Logistic Support Command, Military Assistance Group (Dove Unit), Naval Support Group (White Sea Gull), 11th Aviation Command (Silver Horse), and Marine Corps (Blue Dragon) unit.
- 21 The fifth plenary meeting in a series of North-South Red Cross talks to reunite families divided by the war opens in Pyongyang. No progress toward agreement is reported.
- 21 The Pentagon announces that duty tours for US servicemen stationed in the ROK will be cut from 13 to 12 months beginning 1 July 1973. The 13-month tour was established in 1958 to allow for lengthy sea travel.
- 22 MG Joseph W. Pezdirtz, outgoing USAKORSCOM CDR, departs for assignment as Cofs, USAMC. BG John D. Lewis, currently KORSCOM's Dep CDR, will take over the command.
- 22 A joint ROK/US SOFA Committee meets in Seoul and reports "significant improvement in the environmental conditions in Korean communities adjacent to US military bases during the past eight months."
- 23 COL Ernest R. Frazier, formerly USAG-Y CDR, begins a five-day visit to US installations in the ROK to discuss the Army's Equal Opportunity Program of which he is now the Director.
- 23 A USAF F4 Phantom jet from the 35th Tactical Fighter Sqdn at Kunsan crashes into the Yellow Sea while on a routine training mission. Both crew members eject safely.

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- 24 The Eighth Army Safety Well Done Award for the first half of FY 73 is awarded to SFC Henry F. Hurte, 833d Ord Co, for retrieving two HAWK missiles which had fallen down an embankment after a train derailment and created a hazardous situation. In addition to a plaque, Hurte receives a check for \$250.
- 25 The 38th ADA Bde in Korea celebrates the 12th anniversary of its reactivation.
- 27 The ROK's only known military POW in the Vietnam conflict returns home after his release by the Viet Cong.
- 28 SECDEF Elliot L. Richardson tells a Senate Armed Services Committee that the "continued presence of US forces in the ROK is imperative" to maintain stability.
- 29 The US Army officially ends operations in the RVN after eight years of involvement. The estimated 230 remaining American troops will be Embassy guards or assigned to the Defense Attache Office. The US Army combat role in Vietnam began in May 65 when the initial elements of the 173d Airborne Bde arrived in Saigon.
- 29 The Pentagon asks Congress to increase military assistance programs in FY 74 to compensate for cuts made in last year's program. Korea suffered a 40 percent reduction in FY 72 aid and will sustain a cutback of more than 30 percent in the FY 73 program.
- 31 The six-week 1973 DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign-Pacific ends today in Eighth Army. Total collection is \$120,031.37, representing an increase of \$33,376 or 40 percent over last year's donations.

## APRIL

- 1 JUSMAG-K celebrates the second anniversary of its organization.
- 1 The 2.5 million HDRF marks its fifth anniversary. The HDRF, made up mostly of reservists but including volunteers, was activated to meet the need for a civilian defense system to help counter NK infiltration and espionage.
- 1 An eight-man DA orientation team arrives in the ROK for a one-week visit to acquaint Eighth Army officers with the latest information on officer personnel policy and procedures and also to provide career counseling for individual officers.
- 2 Two heavily-armed US soldiers surrender peacefully after barricading themselves for nine hours in a police box on Namsan hill in downtown Seoul. The men are SP5 Michael McDonald and PFC Terry Herget, both of the 728th MP Bn at Camp Humphreys. No motive is given for their action.

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- 4 LTG Robert R. Williams, Dep CINCUSARPAC, begins a four-day staff visit to Eighth US Army.
- 4 Memorial services are conducted throughout USFK for Dr. Martin Luther King on the fifth anniversary of his death.
- 5 Arbor Day. US forces join the ROK populace in planting seedlings in the annual effort to enhance the natural beauty of the country.
- 5 MG Robert L. Fair, Director of Army Management Information Systems, arrives in Korea for a three-day tour of data processing facilities.
- 6 LTG Peers, Eighth Army Dep CDR, returns from a two-week trip during which he coordinated on-going Eighth Army projects with the DA and USARPAC staffs.
- 7 A helicopter from the 55th Avn Co, carrying the pilot's wife and child, crashes into the North Han River near Camp Page, killing two of the five persons aboard. The victims are Sven Carlson, son of the pilot, CW2 Bruce Carlson, and PFC Michael Whittle.
- 8 A combined US/ROK amphibious training exercise called GOLDEN DRAGON 73 begins off the SE coast. US/ROK Navy and Marine elements will participate.
- 8 Army libraries throughout Korea begin Library Week featuring a variety of lectures, exhibits and other activities.
- 9 Citizens of Roanoke, Va, celebrate "Wonju Day" to mark the sixth anniversary of a sister city relationship with the Korean city in Kangwon-do.
- 10 At the 338th meeting of the MAC, MG KIM Poong Sup, the chief NK delegate, says US military presence in Korea is an obstacle to the peaceful reunification of the peninsula. The UNC Senior Member, Marine MG Fred E. Haynes, terms the Communist charges totally false and propaganda.
- 11 LTG Thomas K. McGehee, Cmdr, Aerospace Defense Command, arrives for a two-day annual staff visit to Korea-based units.
- 11 RVN President Nguyen Van THIEU begins a two-day visit during which he will meet with President PARK Chung Hee and publicly express gratitude to the ROK people for their support during the Vietnam War.
- 15 LTG William F. Pitts, Cmdr, 15th AF, arrives for a one-day staff visit.

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- 15 The ROKG launches ULCHI 73, an annual nationwide CPX to check defense capabilities in the event of NK invasion. The five-day exercise, sponsored by the ROK National Security Council, will involve participation by UNC/USFK/Eighth Army.
- 15 Twenty-fourth anniversary of the ROKMC. In its short history, it has become one of the largest Marine Corps in the Free World--second only to the USMC.
- 16 A week-long course of intensive narcotics detection training begins at the US Embassy/Seoul. The course, conducted by six agents of the US Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, will be presented to 87 US Army, Air Force and Marine investigators based in Korea and Japan.
- 17 Two NK agents are killed by ROKA guards as they attempt to infiltrate the ROK through the central sector of the DMZ. No friendly casualties are reported in this third armed clash of the year.
- 18 Air Marshal CHUMSAI Ekachant, Commandant, Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College, heads a group of 61 faculty members and students who are participating in the school's annual orientation visit to the ROK.
- 18 KRE opens a one-stop gasoline station on Yongsan Compound. A like facility was opened in Taegu on 6 April. Formerly, gasoline for POVs was dispensed at military gas points in Seoul and Taegu.
- 18 The 4th USA Missile Command, the last of its kind in the Army, celebrates its 15th anniversary with organization day activities. Formed on 18 Apr 58 from the 100th FA Rocket Bn, the unit was assigned to Camp Page, Korea, its present location.
- 19 HON Richard J. Borda, Asst Secy of the AF (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), arrives for a two-day fact-finding visit.
- 19 In his annual report to Congress on US foreign policy, SECSTATE William P. Rogers says the US intends to maintain economic and military support for the ROK "to avoid the danger of miscalculation by the North."
- 19 Anniversary of the bloody 19 April 1960 student uprising which toppled the 12-year regime of President Syngman Rhee. Occasion is marked by students, government officials and members of the victims' families.
- 21 GEN Bennett, Eighth Army Commander, departs for a 10-day visit to Hawaii for briefings and discussions with the CINCPAC and CINCUSARPAC.
- 22 Ceremonies held at the Solma-ri battle site recall the valiant Korean War stand of the British Gloucester Regiment against CHICOM forces 22 years ago. After the three-day long action, only 84 of the 675-member regiment reached safety.



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- 23 At a Panmunjom Armistice meeting, Marine MG Fred E. Haynes, UNCMAC Senior Member, denounces NK for last week's infiltration attempt in which two agents from the North were shot to death in the southern portion of the DMZ. Communist spokesman MG KIM Poong Sup replies that the UNC "fabricated the incident for political purposes."
- 23 Eleven Democratic congressmen call for the total withdrawal of US forces in Korea in light of the new US-China rapprochement.
- 24 As a result of a ROKG investigation into the 5 Mar slaying of a civilian guard by armed intruders on U-do islet, nine South Koreans are arrested as espionage agents or collaborators.
- 25 ANZAC Day. In ceremonies at the Commonwealth War Memorial in Kapyong, Australian and New Zealand Korean War dead are honored today.
- 28 In court-martial proceedings, ROKA MG YUN Pil Yong, former Commander of the Capital Garrison Command, is sentenced to a 15-year prison term and a 20 million won (\$50,000) fine on graft, bribery and disobedience charges. Nine subordinate officers receive sentences on the same charges.
- 29 MG Carl W. Hughes, USARPAC Chief Surgeon, visits the ROK on a four-day staff visit.
- 30 The Taegu USO, beset by financial difficulties, closes down one month before its third birthday.

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- 1 Eighth Army observes Law Day with a special Garrison Flag retreat ceremony.
- 1 Wearing of the summer uniform becomes mandatory for USFK personnel. It had been optional since 16 April.
- 1 Widespread flooding in the southern portion of the ROK claims 18 lives and leaves 500 homeless.
- 1 Duty hours for HQ, Eighth Army are changed from 0800-1700 to 0730-1630 hrs to take advantage of daylight hours for recreation.
- 2 DEPSECSTATE Kenneth Rush requests \$261 million in grant military aid for the ROK for FY 74, nearly double FY 73's total of \$133 million, and says the Nixon Administration hopes to withdraw remaining US troops from Korea within five years.

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- 3 MG Henry E. Emerson, former CDR, JFK Ctr for Military Assistance, Ft Bragg, NC, assumes command of the 2d US Infantry Division. He replaces MG Jeffrey G. Smith who departs to become DCSOPS, FORSCOM, Ft McPherson, Ga.
- 3 USFK authorities and ROK customs agents join together to make a sweep of the Yongsan blackmarket area. This seizure of PX and commissary merchandise valued at nearly one million won (\$25,000) is believed to be the largest such raid in Eighth Army's history.
- 4 The Korea Chapter of AUSA holds a general membership meeting and dinner at the Eighth Army Officers' Club in Seoul. LTG Richard T. Knowles, CDR, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp is guest speaker.
- 5 The UNC JSA marks its 21st anniversary by holding organizational day activities to include a cookout for its US complement and KN employees.
- 7 The World Health Organization receives a membership application from North Korea. This bid by the North marks its first direct approach to the United Nations which condemned her as an aggressor at the outbreak of the Korean War.
- 7 The 22d anniversary of the arrival of Ethiopian troops (Kagnew Bn) in Korea is commemorated at the Ethiopian monument in Chunchon. The Kagnew Bn, part of the Emperor's imperial bodyguard, is credited with 253 successful actions in the Korean War, winning ROK and US Presidential citations and suffering 121 killed and 536 wounded in these engagements.
- 7 MG Henry R. Del Mar, CDR, Western Area MTMTS, arrives for a three-day visit to discuss the PACOM logistical situation and Eighth Army's transportation requirements.
- 8 Outgoing SECDEF Elliot L. Richardson tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the ROK is a prime example of the Nixon Doctrine whereby grant military aid enables a country to defend itself, thus allowing reduction of US personnel. He adds, "While Korea is far more capable of defending itself...we have not yet reached the day when no US forces are needed in a contingency."
- 8 GEN Lucius D. Clay, Jr, CINCPACAF, begins a five-day visit of military installations in the ROK.
- 8 An annual overseas study group comprised of 45 faculty members and students of the US National War College arrives for a three-day visit to ROK and US facilities.

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- 9 BG R. J. Fairfield, Jr, Dep DAIG, arrives to direct his team's 20-day inspection of HQs Eighth Army and USAKORSCOM.
- 9 MG John L. Locke, CDR, USAF HQs Cmd, begins a two-day inspection of his organization's services to Korea-based USAF units.
- 10 A two-day meeting of North/South Red Cross delegations ends in Seoul with no progress reported on ways to reunite the estimated 10 million persons separated by the war. The seventh in their series of talks is scheduled for July in Pyongyang.
- 11 Sixteen members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces begin a six-day field trip to Korea as part of the institute's annual International Field Studies Program.
- 13 Today marks five years since the start of the Paris talks to end the war in Vietnam. The talks continued for four years, eight months and 10 days. By contrast, peace negotiations to effect a ceasefire in the Korean War lasted two years and 17 days.
- 13 Twenty members of the DOD-sponsored Defense Orientation Conference Association arrive for a three-day visit. The group will receive command briefings at USFK HQs and make a courtesy call on President PARK Chung Hee.
- 14 LTG Louis H. Wilson, Jr, CG, FLTMARFORPAC, begins a three-day orientation tour of US and ROK Marine Corps facilities.
- 14 Thirty-first anniversary of the US Women's Army Corps. At present there are 11 WAC officers and 18 EW stationed in Korea.
- 14 MG Kenneth C. Dempster, Asst Dir of Plans, Programs & Systems, DSA, arrives for three days of consultations regarding the implementation and expansion of the Direct Commissary Support System.
- 16 Host nation marks the twelfth anniversary of the bloodless military revolution which brought President (then MG) PARK Chung Hee to power.
- 16 Seoul Mayor YANG Taek Shik signs documentation establishing "sister city" ties with Honolulu. This is the ninth such ROK/US affiliation; others include Pusan-Los Angeles and Wonju-Roanoke.
- 16 The USARPAC Personnel Management for Executives Program opens at HQ, Eighth Army. Executive-level participants representing the government and private sectors of Korea, Japan and Thailand join with PACOM military officials in an eight-day seminar on management techniques.

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- 17 North Korea is admitted to the UN's World Health Organization in a 66-41 (22 abstentions) vote by member nations. Despite efforts by South Korea, Japan, the US and other western powers, the North gains one of the qualifications for UN observer status and admission to other specialized agencies of the world body.
- 17 The ROK CEOH discloses that on 5 May security forces killed one of two NK espionage agents on Kumdang islet off the southern coast and that a search for the other continues. An island inhabitant who initially detected the infiltrators suffered a slight gunshot wound. This is the fourth confrontation with Communist agents in two months.
- 19 US forces in Korea celebrate America's 24th Armed Forces Day with a variety of open-house activities at US installations throughout the ROK.
- 21 LTG LEE Se Ho, former commander of ROKF-V, in briefing the ROK National Assembly on the accomplishments of his command during their eight-year participation in the Vietnam War, says: ROKF-V killed 41,462 of the enemy; confiscated 20,900 weapons; and pacified 96 percent of their 2,900 square-mile area of responsibility. ROKF-V suffered 7,582 losses: 3,844 combat and 3,788 non-combat. LTG Lee further states that the dispatch of Korean troops to the RVN benefitted the ROK militarily, diplomatically, spiritually and economically.
- 21 A ROK plainclothesman, investigating illegal cigarette transactions, dies of head injuries and four of his colleagues are injured in an alleged assault by personnel of the 38th ADA Bde. Five American soldiers are being held in US custody for the incident which occurred in Kunja, 15 miles south of Seoul.
- 21 The White House announces that LTC Peter M. Dawkins, 1/23d Inf CDR, and LTC Frederick Benson III, 1/31st Inf CDR, have been named 1973-74 White House Fellows. The two 2d Inf Div officers will join 16 other outstanding young civilian and military leaders for a year of high-level assignments in the executive branch.
- 21 An Eighth Army Well Done Safety Award is presented to 1LT Jeffrey Woythal, 1/32 Inf, for actions undertaken while assigned as a range safety officer, 2d Inf Div. Woythal covered an accidentally-dropped hand grenade with his helmet, thereby protecting others at the expense of injury to himself.
- 22 Ninety-first anniversary of the Korean/US "Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation" which established initial diplomatic relationships between the two countries.

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- 22 Admiral Noel A. M. Gayler, CINCPAC, begins a five-day command and staff visit to USEFK and ROK military installations during which he will confer with ranking US and ROK leaders.
- 22 Dr. Bruce Carter, a noted professor of art, departs after an 18-day OCMH-sponsored visit to portray US Army life in the ROK. He is participating in the Army Artist Program which adds distinctive military paintings to the US Army Art Collection.
- 23 In testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, ADM Thomas Moorer, Chairman of the JCS, calls for the full FY 74 authorization of \$238.8 million in military assistance for the ROK, warning "any significant reduction in grant aid would seriously jeopardize the five-year modernization program."
- 23 SGT Paul E. Zaneske, SP4 Robert E. Brockman (both formerly of the 2d Inf Div) and Alexander J. Janicki, Jr, an American civilian, are sentenced to 10 years in prison by the Seoul Criminal Court for the 4 Aug 72 murder of a taxi driver north of Uijongbu.
- 23 BG Winfield W. Scott, Jr, former Dep CofS for Ops and Tng, Randolph AFB, Tex, becomes COMAFK/CDR, 314th Air Div. He replaces BG Travis R. McNeil who departs 26 May to assume command of the AFMPC at Randolph AFB.
- 23 The ROK team captures first place with five division titles in the 1973 Conseil International du Sports Militaire Boxing Championships held in Seoul. The US team earns two gold medals, finishing third in the six-nation competition.
- 25 Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik informs the ROK National Assembly that the government will place the "Korean Question" before the UN General Assembly if a majority of the member nations so desire, but adds that the ROKG will ignore NK demands for the withdrawal of UN forces from the South.
- 25 LTG Glen W. Martin, Vice CINCSAC, arrives for a one-day visit to Korea-based USAF units.
- 27 The two-day Yongsan Community Carnival, featuring entertainment by the George Jessel show and host nation athletic demonstrations, closes at Lombardo Field. The festival's 60 booths and grand drawing net \$12,000 for charity projects sponsored by the Yongsan Community Council.
- 28 In Memorial Day ceremonies at Eighth Army's Knight Field, a 21-gun salute is rendered in honor of those Americans who died for the preservation of freedom, including the 48 Korea-based US soldiers who have been killed due to aggressive NK actions since the end of the Korean War.

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- 30 The ROK CIA announces the 23 Mar arrest of a Japanese couple and a Korean male resident of Japan on espionage charges. The trio are members of a five-man NK spy ring which used the cover of a Japanese/Korean joint venture firm for their activities. Two remaining agents are at large in Japan.

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- 1 GEN D. V. Bennett, Eighth Army CDR, called to Washington, D.C. on 18 May for high level consultations, returns to Korea.
- 1 Pentagon officials reaffirm the Nixon Administration's program for modernization of the ROK armed forces, despite congressional moves to cut military aid to US allies. They add that a squadron of F5E jet fighters will be supplied to the ROKAF in FY 74.
- 3 The Billy Graham Crusade concludes at Yoido Island, Seoul, with total attendance for the five-day evangelical meeting estimated at nearly two million. The opening night drew a military and civilian crowd upward of 500,000, the largest gathering ever to hear the famed preacher.
- 3 Mr. Ben B. Beeson, DA's Civilian Personnel Director, begins a three-day round of discussions with US/ROK military and government labor officials.
- 6 The people of the ROK mourn the dead of two wars during ceremonies observing their 18th Memorial Day.
- 6 Sister Margaret Gorman arrives to conduct four days of speaking engagements and consultations in support of USARPAC religious programs in Korea.
- 8 In a Paris press conference, ROK Premier KIM Jong Pil, on a tour of five European countries, states the negotiations between the two Koreas are deadlocked at both the Red Cross and Coordinating Committee levels. Commenting on the North's recommendation of a mutual 100,000-man troop decrease, he says "no other state demands a reduction in armed forces to promote co-existence and detente."
- 8 VADM James L. Holloway III, Seventh Fleet CDR, arrives for a four-day goodwill visit. His flagship, the guided-missile cruiser USS Oklahoma City, will be open to visitors while moored in Inchon harbor.
- 10 The Eighth US Army marks its 29th anniversary. Since its activation in Memphis, Tenn, the "Pacific Victors" has served consecutively in the Pacific (during WW II), Japan and, for the last 23 years, in Korea.

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- 11 The ROK MND announces that NK has resumed loudspeaker propaganda broadcasts across the DMZ. This action, breaking a seven-month buffer zone silence, represents a direct violation of the 4 Nov 72 agreement by the North-South Coordinating Committee.
- 11 BG Lloyd J. Faul, Army Log Det CDR, JUSMAG-K, departs for assignment to the Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. BG Louis J. Schelter, Jr, Chief Army Section, JUSMAG-K, additionally will assume Faul's duties.
- 12 MG John F. Gonge, 22d Air Force CDR, begins a one-day observation of MAC operations in Korea.
- 13 The third North-South Coordinating Committee completes two days of consultations in Seoul. ROK co-chairman LEE Hu Rak emphasizes that a basis for mutual trust must be established prior to discussion of Pyongyang's demands for the conclusion of a peace treaty and joint military reductions. No agreements are reached but the North promises to discontinue its recently renewed DMZ propaganda broadcasts.
- 14 Appropriate ceremonies mark the 198th birthday of the US Army and Flag Day.
- 14 LTG William R. Peers, Eighth Army Dep CDR, departs for 1 Jul retirement in CONUS. He will be replaced by LTG Richard T. Knowles, CDR, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp, with LTG (designee) James F. Hollingworth, Fifth Army Dep CDR, scheduled to assume command of the combined corps group.
- 15 NK's KIM Il Sung says he is undecided about UN membership for the North, but states that a NK representative should take part in any debate on the "Korean Question."
- 15 Convicted NK agent KIM Chun Bae is hanged in Seoul Prison. He had conducted extensive espionage activities in the South for two years before his Mar 70 arrest by the ROK ASC.
- 15 Eighth Army's AER/ARS fund campaign opens today. Contributions benefit the welfare of Army members in personal emergencies.
- 17 NK advocates removal of the MDL and free access to the entire peninsula for all Koreans, declaring that the military barrier, which divides the North and South, creates confrontation, competition and coexistence. ROKG makes no public comment.
- 17 BG John D. Lewis, KORSCOM CDR, departs for 1 Jul retirement in CONUS. The position he held will remain vacant pending a planned Eighth Army logistical reconfiguration.

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- 18 BG Orville L. Tobiason, Eighth Army ACOFS, G-3, and BG Thomas U. Greer, 2d US Inf Div ADC (M), are nominated for temporary two-star rank.
- 19 The White House announces that LTG Richard G. Stilwell, Sixth Army CDR, has been nominated for his fourth star and will replace GEN Donald B. Bennett, CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/Eighth Army CDR, who becomes CINCUSARPAC 1 Aug.
- 20 VADM Raymond E. Peet, DSAA Director, tells the Senate Foreign Appropriations Subcommittee that the FY 74 \$238.8 million military assistance request for Korea will strengthen mobility and firepower of the ROK armed forces by providing a squadron of F5E aircraft, self-propelled artillery, and improved air defenses along the coastlines.
- 21 The ROK CIA announces the 24 May arrest of an 11-member NK spy ring which based its operations at Seoul's Korea University. Led by long-time agent KIM Nak Jung, the espionage cell was attempting to gain student and labor support for a revolt against the government.
- 21 In response to recent NK provocations, espionage disclosures and propaganda attacks, ROKA CofS GEN ROH Jae Hyon tells his top commanders to strengthen military preparedness to preclude possibility of Communist misadventure.
- 23 ROK President PARK Chung Hee, in a seven-point foreign policy statement, declares that his government will no longer oppose simultaneous entry of both Koreas into the UN provided no hinderance results in the drive toward reunification. At a later press conference, Premier KIM Jong Pil says that this move in the South's efforts toward detente does not signify recognition of the North as a state. He adds that the ROKG will follow any UN resolution on the future of UNCURK, however it will oppose any withdrawal of the UNC "as long as threats to our security remain." In response to Park's announcement, NK leader KIM Il Sung rejects dual UN admission and proposes a confederated representation, leaving intact the two systems existing on the peninsula.
- 25 Twenty-three years ago today the NKA struck across the 38th Parallel in an all-out attack which started a war that cost an estimated 2,405,000 military/civilian casualties and displaced about 3.7 million refugees. In simple ceremonies ROK government and military officials pay homage to those who gave their lives in the three-year conflict.
- 25 The KNP disclose the capture on 10 and 18 Jun of two NK spies, one an armed female agent, who operated in the mining areas NE of Seoul.
- 26 ROK Premier KIM Jong Pil tells the National Assembly that the North's 23 Jun proposal for a Korean confederation UN entry is a propaganda repeat of similar Communist schemes over the past 13 years and questions NK sincerity in view of its past attempts to gain separate admission to the world body.



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- 26 Outgoing CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/Eighth Army CDR, GEN D. V. Bennett, in a press interview, says the ROKF can deter NK aggression, noting that the ROKAF's intensive training offsets the North's numerical air superiority.
- 28 At the 340th MAC meeting, UNC Senior Member Marine MG Fred E. Haynes displays NK publications as evidence of the North's military buildup and states this has necessitated UNC steps to improve its own defensive arms. He also dismisses as propaganda recent Communist allegations that the South made the initial attack of the Korean War.
- 29 Secretary General Kurt Waldheim grants UN observer status to North Korea. The ROK has had an observer mission since 1949, but this will be the first time since the Korean War that Pyongyang officials will enter the US.
- 29 The ROK ASC announces the mid-Jun arrests of 11 NK agents who organized four espionage rings in the Seoul and Pusan areas. The groups were establishing underground nets to undermine public opinion on continued American support to South Korea.
- 30 HQ, USAKORSCOM is inactivated and its functions absorbed by HQ, Eighth Army ACoFS, G-4. Installation and area support is transferred to the 19th and 23d Spt Gps and the 2d Trans Gp. KORSCOM's subcommands become subordinate to Eighth Army except the Camp Carroll Depot which will operate under the 19th Spt Gp and the 19th Avn Bn which will be responsible to the 23d Spt Gp. This reorganization streamlines the EUSA logistics chain of command and provides a nucleus from which a supply headquarters can be formed in the event of hostilities.
- 30 The ASCOM complex at Bupyong (excluding the PDA, US Army Stockade, KRE Bakery and limited storage facilities) terminates operations. The closure, which resulted from a consolidation of depot stocks and supply operations to Camp Humphreys and Camp Carroll, ends Eighth Army's association with ASCOM which for over 20 years was the in-processing point for newly arrived personnel and a major logistics support center for forces in the ROK. The sprawling installation is released to the ROK MND and will become the home of a ROKA division.
- 30 ROK authorities disclose the recent cracking of a seven-member family of NK spies which operated in a rural area about 100 miles south of Seoul. These arrests raise the total reported agent apprehensions to 42 in the last two months.
- 30 Compulsory military service ceases in the US as the Selective Service Act of 24 Jun 48 officially comes to an end this date.

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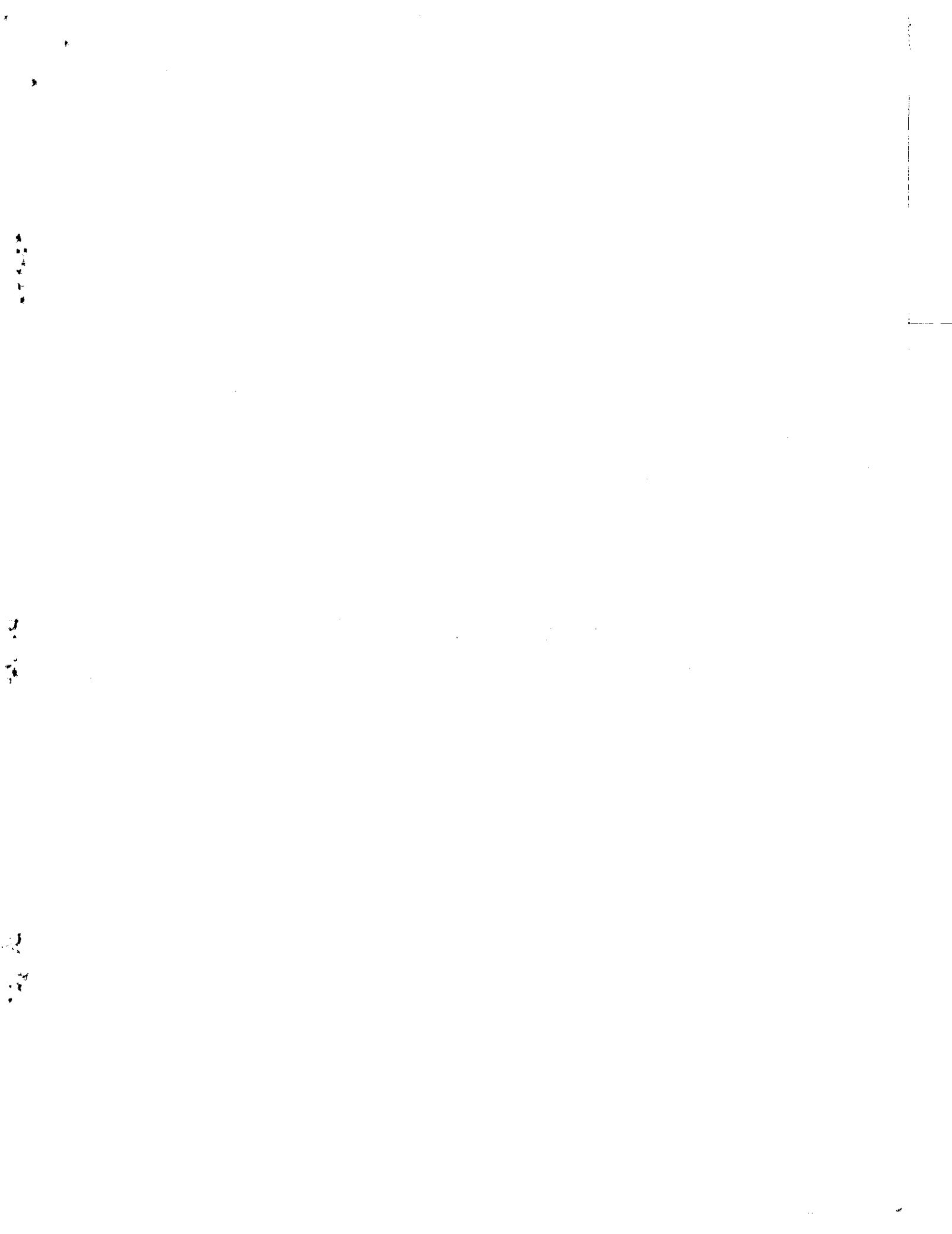
AAFES: Army and Air Force Exchange Service  
ACSFOR: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development  
ADA: Air Defense Artillery  
ADC (M): Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver)  
ADC (S): Assistant Division Commander (Support)  
AER/ARS: Army Emergency Relief and Army Relief Society  
AFLC: Air Force Logistics Command  
AFMPC: Air Force Military Personnel Center  
ANZAC: Australian and New Zealand Army Corps  
ARC: American Red Cross  
ASC: Army Security Command  
ASCOM: Army Support Command  
AUSA: Association of the United States Army  
AUTODIN: Automatic Digital Network  
CEOH: Counterespionage Operations Headquarters  
CHICOM: Chinese Communist  
CINCPAC: Commander in Chief, Pacific  
CINCPACAF: Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces  
CINCSAC: Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command  
CINCUNC: Commander in Chief, United Nations Command  
CINCUSARPAC: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific  
COMAF-K: Commander, Air Forces-Korea  
COMUSKOREA: Commander, United States Forces, Korea  
CONARC: Continental Army Command  
CPX: Command Post Exercise  
DAIG: Department of the Army Inspector General  
DCSOPS: Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations  
DSA: Defense Supply Agency  
DSAA: Defense Security Assistance Agency  
DMZ: Demilitarized Zone  
FLTMAFORPAC: Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific  
FOEU: Foreign Organizations Employees' Union  
FORSCOM: Force Command  
FROKA: First Republic of Korea Army  
HDRF: Homeland Defense Reserve Force  
JCS: Joint Chiefs of Staff  
JSA: Joint Security Area  
JUSMAG-K: Joint United States Military Advisory Group-Korea  
KN: Korean National  
KNP: Korean National Police  
KORSCOM: Korea Support Command  
KRE: Korea Regional Exchange  
MAC: Military Armistice Commission; Military Airlift Command  
MAF: Marine Amphibious Forces  
MDL: Military Demarcation Line  
MECOM: Mobility Equipment Command  
MI: Military Intelligence

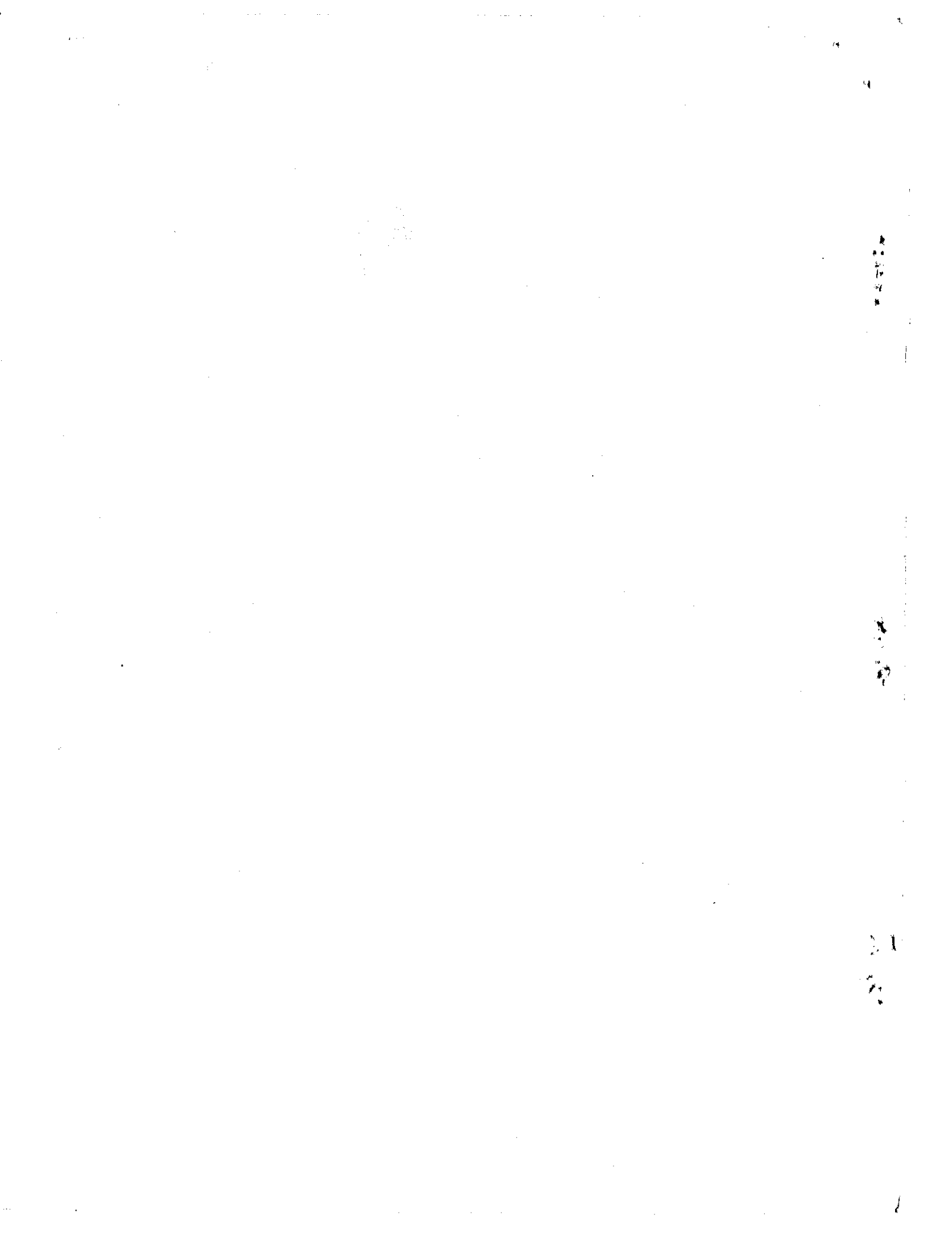
MND: Ministry of National Defense  
MMTMS: Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service  
NK: North Korea  
NKA: North Korean Army  
NNSC: Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission  
OCMH: Office, Chief of Military History  
ORTT: Operational Readiness Training Test  
PACOM: Pacific Command  
PDA: Property Disposal Agency  
PMO: Provost Marshal Office  
POV: Privately Owned Vehicle  
ROK: Republic of Korea  
ROKA: Republic of Korea Army  
ROKAF: Republic of Korea Air Force  
ROKF: Republic of Korea Forces  
ROKF-V: Republic of Korea Forces-Vietnam  
ROKG: Republic of Korea Government  
ROKMC: Republic of Korea Marine Corps  
RVN: Republic of Vietnam  
SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement  
SSAN: Social Security Account Number  
STRATCOM: Strategic Communications Command  
UNC: United Nations Command  
UNCMAC: United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission  
UNCURK: United Nations Commission for the Unification and  
Rehabilitation of Korea  
USACDC: United States Army Combat Development Command  
USAG-Y: United States Army Garrison-Yongsan  
USAKORSCOM: United States Army Korea Support Command  
USAMC: United States Army Materiel Command  
USAMECOM: United States Army Mobility Equipment Command  
USARJ: United States Army, Japan  
USARPAC: United States Army, Pacific  
USASA: United States Army Security Agency  
USASTRATCOM: United States Army Strategic Communications Command  
USFK: United States Forces, Korea  
USO: United Services Organization  
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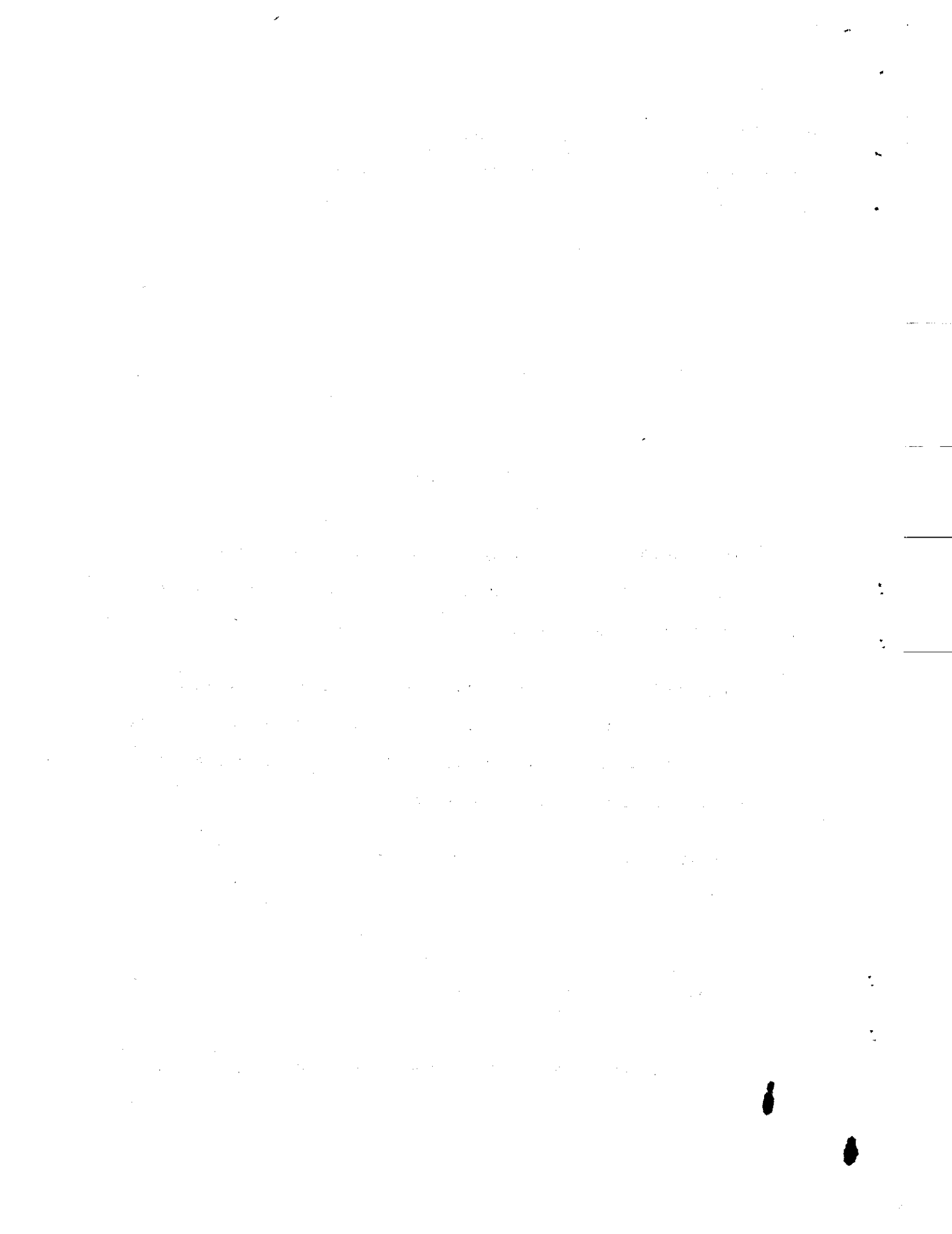


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**FOREWORD**

1. This semi-annual chronology, part of a continuing series, is designed primarily as a supplement to the classified Eighth US Army historical report for the corresponding period.
2. Comprised of entries on historic firsts, changes of command, anniversaries, command visits, and other significant events in Korea, this journal provides a handy reference document of the day-by-day sequence of events affecting Eighth Army.
3. Recipients are authorized to extract or reproduce portions as desired.
4. Comments by users pertaining to the utility or improvement of this compendium are welcome.

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





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EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY

(1 July - 31 December 1973)

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- 1 A third ROK army (TROKA) becomes operational today. Commanded by GEN LEE Sae Ho, its headquarters is located at Yongin, 25 miles S of Seoul.
- 1 I Corps (ROK/US) Gp marks the second anniversary of its reorganization as an integrated corps. The binational headquarters, situated 19 miles N of Seoul near Uijongbu, controls a composite of ROKA/ROKMC/Eighth Army combat elements.
- 1 The Volunteer Army concept officially begins today following the termination of the induction clause of the Selective Service Act of 1948.
- 4 Independence Day. US personnel serving in the ROK observe the 197th anniversary of our nation with traditional 4th of July festivities.
- 4 One year ago today North and South Korea issued a joint communique pledging discussions for the peaceful reunification of the peninsula and cessation of armed provocation and propaganda defamation. However, the six North-South Red Cross and three NSCC meetings in the past year have resulted in little progress. Moreover, the NKA re-initiated DMZ hostilities and anti-ROK/US loudspeaker broadcasts during the period.

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- 5 The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regiment, 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 NKA invasion stands on a hilltop at Chukmi-ryung near Osan.
- 5 USAF CofS GEN John D. Ryan, accompanied by LTG Duward L. Crow, AF Comptroller, and LTG George S. Boylan, AF DCofS for Programs and Resources, arrives for a two-day visit during which he will confer with US and ROK leaders and review Korea-based air activities.
- 6 According to testimony released today, then-SECDEF Elliot Richardson told the Senate Armed Services Committee in Apr that lack of funds has curtailed the ROK military modernization program. He was unable to give a date for further US troop reductions, noting "...the modernization program is very directly related to (the stability of northeast Asia and) our ability to withdraw additional forces."
- 8 A Peking news agency reports the 6 Jul NK apprehension of "five armed ROK CIA agents." The announcement alleges that the group had conducted espionage in the north since 1965. ROKG makes no comment.
- 9 A month-long relicensing and reregistration of USFK POVs begins today in compliance with a ROKG directive. The new license plates will be valid for five years rather than two years as before.
- 10 Korean War truce negotiations opened at Kaesong 22 years ago this date. The first UNC delegates were VADM G. T. Joy (Senior Member), LTG L. C. Craigie, RADM A. A. Burke, MG H. I. Hodes and ROKA MG PAIK Sun Yup.
- 11 UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim tells newsmen that admission of North and South Korea to the world body as a separate or combined entry is a matter of decision by the two countries.
- 11 A group of former national security officials recommends US troop reductions in the ROK as part of an overall 15 percent decrease in the defense budget. Headed by previous Asst SECDEF Paul Warnke, the panel said "There is no longer any justification for continuing to maintain an American division in Korea as the South Korean ground forces enjoy about a two-to-one advantage over those of North Korea."
- 12 Eighth Army infantry, artillery and aviation units participate in Apache Assault II, one of the largest airmobile exercises ever conducted in the ROK. Three rifle companies, six 105mm howitzers and crews, and 44 helicopters displace to a hilltop in the 2d Div training area in this demonstration witnessed by the ROK MND, the ROKA CofS, and the Eighth Army CG.

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- 13 Three days of consultations by N/S Red Cross officials conclude in Pyongyang with no progress made in the efforts to reunite families separated by the Korean War. A ROK proposal to allow mutual visitation rights to ancestral graves during the forthcoming Chusok (Thanksgiving) season is refused. No date is announced for the eighth meeting of the series which began in Sep 72.
- 13 Foreign Minister KIM Yong Shik says that a withdrawal of the UNC from Korea as proposed by NK means "the restoration of the situation before the signing of the truce pact" as the ROK was not a signatory to the Armistice Agreement. He emphasizes that his government will not seek the dissolution of UNCURK, the political element of the UN in Korea since 1953 whose authority has never been accepted by the North, but adds that the ROKG will abide by the majority decision of the world body member nations as to the future of the commission.
- 13 Eighth Army CSM D. H. Worley hosts the quarterly US Army Dining-In at Yongsan's Frontier NCO Club. Guest speaker is COL Fred Best, CO of the 23d Spt Gp. Invitees include all US Army sergeants major and the top NCOs of ROKA and the US/ROK sister services in Korea.
- 16 LTG Richard T. Knowles, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp CG, is appointed Eighth Army DCG, filling the position vacant since the 14 Jun departure of LTG William R. Peers. LTG James F. Hollingsworth, former Fifth Army DCG, Ft Sam Houston, TX. will assume command of the Corps on 18 Jul.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation celebrates the 25th anniversary of its first constitution.
- 17 One of Korea's hottest summers continues as temperatures hover at 95 degrees in Seoul. Adding to the heat and humidity is the absence of seasonal monsoon rains.
- 18 BG Frederick C. Krause, former XVIII Abn Corps CofS, Ft Bragg, NC, arrives to become the CG, 19th Spt Gp. His new command was upgraded to general officer status as a result of the 30 Jun 73 reorganization of logistical functions within Eighth Army.
- 20 SECSTATE William P. Rogers and Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent depart after three days of consultations with ROKG officials. The primary purpose of Rogers' visit was to discuss means of admitting both Koreas into the UN as proposed by President PARK Chung Hee but refuted in the North. The SECSTATE pledged to maintain the present level of US forces in Korea until 30 Jun 74 after which any withdrawal would reflect the increased capability and modernization of ROK forces. In this regard, Rogers reaffirmed America's commitment to the five-year \$1.5 billion ROK armed forces modernization program which has been the subject of recent Senate appropriations controversy.

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- 20 In his first public comment on NK leader KIM Il Sung's recent proposals for a confederated UN entry and a peace treaty between the two Koreas, ROK President Park charges that such actions are intended to undermine the security of the South by hastening the departure of US and other UN forces, thus providing the opportunity for renewed aggression by the Communists.
- 20 SP5 Michael McDonald and PFC Terry Herget, both of the 728th MP Bn at Camp Humphreys, are convicted by a general court-martial and sentenced to three years at hard labor and dishonorable discharges. On 2 Apr 73 the two heavily-armed discontented soldiers barricaded themselves for nine hours in a police box on Namsan Hill in downtown Seoul. No shots were fired nor injuries reported during the incident.
- 22 Three US Army crew members are injured, one critically, in a helicopter crash near Camp Casey. The downing of the UH1H during a night airmobile training exercise is under investigation.
- 23 Six 2d Inf Div EM are slightly injured as violence erupts in an entertainment district adjacent to Div Hqs at Camp Casey. About 20 soldiers were involved in the incident which was attributed to interference during MP apprehension of a suspected drug user.
- 24 Anniversary of the UNC. On this date 23 years ago, 22 nations came to South Korea's aid, 16 of which formed the UNC fighting team--the first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression.
- 24 Newly appointed SECDEF James Schlesinger warns a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that peace and stability in northeast Asia could be disrupted unless the ROK five-year modernization program is fulfilled. He urges approval of FY 74 security assistance for Korea amounting to \$239 million in military grants and \$5 million in credit sales.
- 24 The ROK CIA announces the 7 Jul apprehension of a NK agent who had conducted operations in the South since Aug 71. Using Japanese citizenship as a means to freely enter the ROK, his mission was to infiltrate into security and defense circles to collect information and recruit influential citizens.
- 24 MG Alton G. Post, USARPAC DCSLOG, begins a four-day orientation tour of Eighth Army logistical activities.
- 25 At the 341st MAC meeting, UNC Senior Member, Marine MG Fred E. Haynes, rebuts NK use of the conference as a propaganda forum, noting that the purpose of the Commission is solely to implement the Armistice Agreement.

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- 25 In his final press conference as CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/Eighth Army CG, GEN Donald V. Bennett concludes that reinvasion by the NKA is unlikely, even after withdrawal of US forces from Korea, due to the strength of the ROK combat arm.
- 27 Signing of the Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom 20 years ago today puts end to the shooting war in Korea. In the ensuing years of uneasy peace, 843 MAC plenary and secretary meetings have been held at the truce site during which the Communists have admitted to only two of the 17,437 violations charged by the UNC.
- 31 BG Leland C. Shepard, Jr, formerly with USAF DCSPER, arrives to become the JUSMAG-K Cofs, a newly designated one-star position.

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- 1 Newly promoted GEN Richard G. Stilwell, the previous Sixth Army CG, assumes command of the UNC/USFK/Eighth Army in ceremonies at Yongsan's Collier Field House. He succeeds GEN Donald V. Bennett, who departs to become CINCUSARPAC after an 11-month tenure in Korea, the briefest since the 1 Jul 57 establishment of the tri-headquarters following the arrival of HQ UNC from Tokyo and the concurrent formation of USFK. Among the dignitaries in attendance are: ROK MND YU Jae Heung; LTG Welborn G. Dolvin, USARJ CG; LTG William G. Moore, Jr, 13th AF Cmdr; and LTG Robert G. Pursley, 5th AF Cmdr.
- 1 NK releases 80 ROK fishermen who were captured by Communist gunboats last summer for allegedly violating the North's territorial waters.
- 1 MG Fred E. Haynes, Jr, UNCMAC Senior Member, departs to take command of the 3d Marine Div, Okinawa. No replacement for Haynes has been named.
- 1 Official opening of the 2d Inf Div's R&R and Training Center on Cheju, a resort island about 60 miles off the southern coast of the peninsula. The compound, Camp McNab, had previously been a US Air Force radar site.
- 1 The 1973 AER/ARS Fund Campaign closes in Eighth Army with total contributions of \$41,510, more than double last year's amount.
- 2 Following a two-day summit meeting between President Nixon and Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka, Japanese Foreign Minister Ohira says his country wants to contribute to peace and stability in Korea, but rules out military assistance.
- 3 MG Walter T. Galligan, USAFSS Cmdr, arrives for a two-day inspection of security activities in Korea-based AF units.

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- 4 NK refuses a ROK invitation to participate in an international volleyball coaches' course to be held in Seoul later this month. Citing the South's use of "North Korea" as opposed to "Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea" in the address, the North joins Outer Mongolia and North Vietnam in boycotting the event.
- 6 Retired GEN CHUNG Il Kwan, Speaker of the ROK National Assembly, is inducted into the new Allied Officers Hall of Fame at the US Army CGSC, Ft Leavenworth, KS. The former Chairman of the ROK JCS, who later served as Prime Minister, joins 76 officers from 23 countries who graduated from the institution and went on to head their nations' armed forces.
- 7 The ROK CIA discloses the 15 Jul surrender of a NK agent who conducted espionage activities against the South for 12 years. The spy penetrated the Mindan, a union of pro-ROK residents in Japan, and used this cover to carry out operations in both countries.
- 7 The Miss America USO Show '73, featuring Terry Meeuwsen and six state beauty contest winners, arrives for a two-week tour of US military bases in Korea.
- 8 Diplomats from the ROK, Japan, Britain, Australia and the US reach agreement on UN strategy for the "Korean Question." The accord notes that (1) the dispatch of UN troops to Korea in 1950 was made in compliance with a resolution of the Security Council, and (2) should the General Assembly vote in favor of withdrawing the UNC, the US has power of veto in the Security Council.
- 9 Mr. Don R. Brazier, Dep Asst SECDEF (Compt), begins a three-day review of installations funding throughout the ROK.
- 10 MG Robert D. Terry, Vice Director of DCA, arrives for four days of inspections and briefings in Korea.
- 11 South Korea sends a 38-member sport contingent to the World University Games in Moscow despite lack of diplomatic relations between the ROK and the USSR. North Korea embarrasses her allies by withdrawing from the event because of the South's participation.
- 12 An oil train derailment near Yondong, 110 miles south of Seoul, kills 38 persons, most of them villagers engulfed by the flames. A US Army fire truck and crew from nearby Camp Ames assist in battling the blaze.
- 13 KIM Dae Jung, leader of the opposition New Democratic Party, is returned to his Seoul residence by kidnapers who abducted him from a Tokyo hotel on 8 Aug. Kim, a presidential candidate in 1971, went into voluntary exile following the 17 Oct 72 martial law decree. Thereafter, according to press accounts, he criticized the regime of ROK President Park in appearances throughout US and Japan. South Korea rejects a Japanese request for the immediate return of Kim for investigation.

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- 14 BG Thomas U. Greer, former ADC (M) of the 2d Inf Div, is promoted to two-star rank and appointed Senior Member of the UNCMAC.
- 14 The Camp Red Cloud Consolidated Dining Facility, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp, receives the Philip A. Connelly Award for Excellence in the large category (over 200 headcount for each meal) competition, thus distinguishing itself as the best Army-wide.
- 15 The bombing of Khmer ceases, marking the end of direct US military participation in the Southeast Asia conflict. ADM Thomas H. Moorer, Chairman of the JCS, says the performance of American forces was "second to none in the longest, most difficult, and, in many cases, the most frustrating and complex war in the history of our nation."
- 15 ROK Independence Day. Host nation celebrates the 28th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 25th anniversary of the Republic's birth.
- 15 ROK President Park again calls upon the North to abandon illusions for reunification of Korea by force and accept a dual UN entry.
- 15 LTG Fred Kornet, Jr, DA's DCSLOG, begins a four-day review of Eighth Army supply operations.
- 18 Rep Clarence D. Long (D-MD) arrives in the ROK for four days of discussions with US officials on military construction, aid projects and security assistance.
- 19 BG Judson F. Miller, formerly the ADC of the 3d Inf Div, Germany, arrives in Korea. He will assume duties as the CofS, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp on 30 Aug, replacing BG Joseph L. Fant who departs to become ADC, 82d Abn Div, Ft Bragg, NC.
- 20 Thirty-seven men and six helicopters from the 52d Avn Bn and the 45th Trans Co are airlifted from Korea to aid rescue and recovery operations in Pakistan which is suffering from the worst flood in its history.
- 20 VADM George P. Steele II, newly appointed Seventh Fleet Cdr, begins a three-day orientation visit to ROK and US naval installations.
- 21 BG Lynn W. Hoskins, Jr, passes command of the 38th ADA Bde to BG John J. Koehler, Jr, previous DCG of the 32d Army AD Comd, Germany. BG Hoskins has been named ACofS, G4, US Army Elm AFCENT, Holland.
- 23 At the 342d MAC meeting, UNC Senior Member MG Thomas U. Greer tells his NK counterpart, MG KIM Poong Sup, to stop using the commission as a propaganda medium and start responding to the 3,745 NK violations charged since 1 Jan 73.

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- 25 Rep Lester L. Wolff (D-NY), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Narcotics, completes a fact-finding visit to Korea by commenting that he was pleased with USFK drug control programs. During his four-day stay, which included a meeting with President Park, he noted the ROK's rigid narcotics laws and concluded that this country is not a source of illegal drug supply to the US.
- 26 From Washington, SECDEF James R. Schlesinger tells a national TV audience that the 40,000 US troops in Korea will remain until the South and North agree on a stable relationship.
- 26 MG Donnelly P. Bolton, USARPAC DCSOPS, visits Eighth Army for a four-day review of troop programs and unit readiness.
- 28 NK NSCC Co-Chairman, KIM Yong Ju, demands the removal of his ROK counterpart, CIA Director LEE Hu Rak, from the Coordinating Committee. The North's statement, which seriously threatens the future of the reunification talks initiated in Oct 72, alleges that Lee was responsible for the Tokyo abduction of South Korean opposition leader KIM Dae Jung. In addition, the surprise announcement calls for abolition of the ROK anti-Communist policy prior to reconvening North-South discussions.
- 29 ROK CIA Director and NSCC Co-Chairman, LEE Hu Rak, denies his agency's involvement in the KIM Dae Jung kidnaping and emphasizes that the Anti-Communist Law is necessary in view of the North's continued dispatch of agents into the South. Lee adds that it now appears the only way the talks can be continued is by a NK retraction or by a reorganization of both delegations.
- 29 David H. Popper, Asst SECSTATE for International Organization Affairs, concludes a two-day meeting with ROKG officials in Seoul. In the course of discussion on the joint strategy for North-South UN admission and the future of UNCURK and the UNC, it is reported that agreement was reached to change the status of the US military presence in Korea to the garrison force outlined in the 1954 US/ROK Mutual Defense Treaty should the UN flag be withdrawn.
- 29 A sixty mile-an-hour gale hits central Korea for several hours, killing two and injuring 13. US Army facilities report broken power lines, downed trees, and roof damage, but no injuries.
- 30 In an announcement marking the first anniversary of the North-South Red Cross talks, ROK officials affirm their determination to continue the humanitarian conferences, despite the uncertain future of the NSCC political discussions.



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- 31 MG Abraham J. Dreiseszun, DPSC Director, begins a two-day evaluation of his agency's support to Eighth Army.
- 31 DA terminates the \$65 monthly hostile fire pay for some 900 soldiers of the 2d Inf Div stationed near the DMZ. The allowance was first awarded in 1968 due to increased NK armed incursions which resulted in 146 US casualties (31 dead, 115 wounded) during the 1967-68 period. However, current conditions no longer warrant the additional pay as no US combat deaths have occurred in Korea in the past four years. The ruling also ends overseas bar credit and unit patch privilege for duty in the former fire zone.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Due to rising prices, monthly ration limitations at USFK Post and Base Exchanges are raised from \$75 to \$85 for sponsors and un-accompanied personnel and from \$50 to \$60 for spouses. Commissary patrons were granted a similar \$10 increase 1 Aug.
- 2 Japanese surrender signed in Tokyo Bay aboard USS Missouri 28 years ago today, officially ending war in the Pacific after 1,364 days.
- 3 An 11-member NK permanent observer mission arrives at UN headquarters in New York. This is the first group of diplomats from North Korea to ever enter the US. Conversely, the ROK delegation has had observer status since 1949.
- 3 MG Cecil W. Hospelhorn, AAFES Cdr, begins a four-day review of KRE operations.
- 4 SECSTATE (Designate) Henry A. Kissinger tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that while "we have no desire to maintain US forces in mainland Asia, substantial reductions cannot be made until detente develops and peace returns to the Korean peninsula."
- 4 BG Robert A. Holloman leaves OSD's Army Element to become the 2d Inf Div's ADC (M). He replaces MG Thomas U. Greer.
- 5 BG William L. Webb, Jr, becomes the EUSA G-3 upon the departure of newly promoted MG Orville L. Tobiason, assigned to Turkey as the Cofs, US Army Elm, LANDSOUTHEAST. Webb comes from Ft Ord, CA, where he was DCG of both the post and the USATC (Inf).

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- 6 UNCURK recommends its own dissolution in a report prepared for the UN General Assembly. Citing primarily the unification talks between the two Koreas, representatives of the commission's five member nations (Australia, Netherlands, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey--all based in Seoul) consider its presence no longer necessary. Organized under a 1950 UN resolution as a seven-nation body (Chile withdrew in 1970 followed by Pakistan in 1972), UNCURK's mission was to oversee the rehabilitation, reunification and democratization of Korea. NK, however, has never recognized UNCURK.
- 6 MG Thomas U. Greer, UNC Senior Member, rejects a NK claim that recent UNC military exercises violated the Armistice Agreement or had aggressive intent. Speaking at the 343d MAC meeting, he points out that the North also frequently conducts training maneuvers.
- 6 ROK WACs celebrate the 23d anniversary of their founding.
- 7 The ROK Foreign Ministry says the recommended disbandment of UNCURK was inevitable as the commission has been thwarted in its efforts to enter the North.
- 7 Troops from Korea's 2d Div and Hawaii's 25th Div change places in an annual unit exchange program. Thirty-eight men from B Co, 1/19th Inf, 25th Div complete three weeks of rugged adventure training in the ROK while a platoon from A Co, 1/23d Inf, 2d Div participates in exercises with its host division in Hawaii.
- 8 Twenty-eighth 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.
- 9 Pentagon officials predict the \$1.5 billion modernization of the ROK armed forces will not be accomplished within the prescribed five-year period ending mid-1975. Congressional reductions have created a 28 percent deficit in the planned \$825 million funding for the first three years and equipment transfers have fallen 30 percent below the \$203 million promised. Furthermore, the requested \$250 million in MAP and equipment transfer authority for FY 74 is still pending approval by Congress.
- 10 DEPSECDEF William P. Clements, Jr, arrives in Korea to attend the sixth Annual ROK/US Security Consultative Meeting. His five-day stay will include talks with the President and the Premier, also visits to ROKA and USFK installations. He will be joined at the conference by ADM Thomas H. Moorer, Chairman of the JCS; ADM Noel Gayler, CINCPAC; and GEN Stilwell, COMUSKOREA. The ROKG's chief representative will be MND YU Jae Heung.

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- 11 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Ancestral tribute and rejoicing for the harvest are the main activities on this national holiday.
- 12 The Reverend Dr. Hugh M. Miller, Chairman of the General Commission of Chaplains, begins a six-day round of talks with USFK chaplains and visits to the various servicemen's religious centers in the ROK.
- 13 In a joint communique issued at the close of the two-day ROK/US Security Consultative Meeting in Seoul, the US reaffirms that it "has no present plans for reducing forces in Korea; recognizes and will strive to meet the ROK's need for a substantial level of military assistance; and will seek to provide appropriate aid in research and development for Korea's military industry."
- 13 Nine 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 on 25 Sep 65. A year later, the ROKA 9th (White Horse) Div joined 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. ROKF-V were credited with more than 41,000 enemy dead while suffering 3,900 combat losses.
- 13 The FY 73 USARPAC Reenlistment Trophy is awarded to Eighth Army for reenlisting 1,371 first-term EM, double the DA goal of 685.
- 13 LTG Jay T. Robbins, MAC Vice Cmdr, arrives for a one-day review of US Air Force transportation activities.
- 15 The 23d anniversary of the Inchon Landing by US and ROK forces. The historic amphibious assault which turned the tide of war is recalled in ceremonies at Inchon.
- 17 At a press briefing in Tokyo, DEPSECDEF Clements warns that the NK threat is greater now due to the North's recent modernization/buildup of hardware and her movement of forces toward the DMZ. He also states that the level of US forces in Korea is not predicated upon the completion of the ROK military modernization program, but rather is "commensurate with the threat" posed to the South by the Communists.
- 17 LTG Robert N. Smith, UNC/USFK CofS since May 69, departs for 1 Oct retirement in CONUS. His successor will be MG John R. Murphy, 5th AF Vice Cmdr, who has been selected for promotion to three-star rank.

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- 17 CSM Donald Peroddy, the former top NCO of Ft Ord, CA, becomes the Eighth Army CSM, replacing CSM Donnie H. Worley, who departs for assignment as the senior EM of the 1st Inf Div Arty, Ft Riley, KS.
- 17 MG Lawrence F. Tanberg, PACOM IG, heads an 11-man team on a nine-day inspection of US component commands in Korea. This is the team's first stop in a newly instituted field visit program.
- 18 USAF personnel in Korea mark the Air Force's 26th anniversary.
- 20 A 28-member DOD-sponsored Job Information Team arrives in the ROK where it will conduct three days of job fairs at Yongsan, Osan and Camp Casey. Business representatives at the fairs will acquaint separating or retiring personnel with CONUS career opportunities.
- 23 RADM Donald T. Poe, Dep Dir Opns for DCA, begins four days of C-E inspections at US facilities in the ROK.
- 26 ROK MND YU Jae Heung tells the National Assembly that NK has introduced new MIG-21 fighters, submarines, and missiles to their arsenal since the Korea reunification talks began last Oct.
- 26 In ceremonies today, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp is presented the Eighth Army Safety Award for FY 73.
- 26 Mr. John J. Connelly, Jr, DOD Asst Dir for Pers, begins a three-day examination of local personnel management programs.
- 28 On this date 23 years ago, combined US and ROK forces recaptured Seoul from the NK invaders who had held the city for three months.
- 29 SP5 Gilbert B. Myles III, PFC John E. Rainwater, PVTs Roy T. Cash and Larry Lowe, all from the 2d Inf Div's 702d Maint Bn, are apprehended in connection with last night's murder of a suspected Korean drug dealer in a Bupyong (ASCOM) hotel.
- 30 Among the US dignitaries arriving in Korea to attend ceremonies marking ROK Armed Forces Day are: GEN Robert E. Cushman, Jr, USMC Commandant; GEN Horace M. Wade, USAF Vice CofS; LTG Robert E. Pursley, 5th AF Cmdr; MG Martin G. Colladay, Vice Dir of the JCS Joint Staff; and Mr. John J. Muccio, first US Ambassador to the ROK (1948-52). Other distinguished foreign visitors include: Paul Vanden Boeynants, Belgian MND; Helmut Fingerhut of West Germany's Defense Ministry; LTG HO En-ting, ROCMC Commandant; and LTG Paul C. Guinard, French Army Vice CofS.

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- 1 ROK Armed Forces Day. To mark their 25th year of service, elements of the 600,000-man ROKF conduct a review and flyby at Yoido Plaza near Seoul. A display of military strength is held annually on this date to commemorate the historic day in 1950 when UNC forces crossed the 38th parallel in the course of pursuing the retreating NK Army following the Inchon Landing and the recapture of Seoul.
- 1 USAF LTG John R. Murphy assumes duties as the UNC/USFK Cofs. The former Vice Cmdr of the 5th AF replaces recently departed USAF LTG Robert N. Smith.
- 1 Duty hours for HQ Eighth Army personnel revert to the normal 0800-1700 schedule. Hours during the May-Sep period were 0730-1630.
- 1 Winter uniforms will be worn for social and ceremonial functions commencing today. Summer uniforms may continue to be worn for duty until 22 Oct.
- 2 In the first open display of resistance to the Park government since the Dec 71 national emergency declaration, 400 Seoul National University students stage a series of marches and sit-ins on the campus. The protesters demand restoration of individual civil rights, dissolution of the ROK CIA and a full airing of the KIM Dae Jung abduction investigation. More than 500 riot policemen quell the demonstration and take half the dissidents into temporary custody.
- 2 MG George Sammet, Jr, DA's Dep Chief of R&D, begins a four-day visit to Eighth Army units.
- 3 The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded the Land of the Morning Calm 4,306 years ago today.
- 3 ROK President Park urges NK to resume the suspended North-South reunification dialogue, adding that the continued Pyongyang boycott is rekindling tension on the peninsula.
- 3 Pacific Stars and Stripes marks its 28th 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 readership scattered over 3½ million square miles of the Western Pacific. At present the ROK receives 13,700 copies daily.
- 4 Anti-government demonstrations are held at SNU for the second time in three days. Faculty officials disperse the 300 student activists to avoid confrontation with assembling riot police.

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- 4 MG George S. Prugh, DA JAG, arrives for a three-day field inspection of legal activities in the command.
- 7 In separate racial incidents involving 100 2d Div troops in towns adjacent to Camps Casey and Pelham, 28 US soldiers are slightly injured, treated and released. No KNs are hurt but minor property damage is reported. Order is quickly restored and an investigation begun.
- 9 Hangul Day. The 527th 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 Asst SECDEF (Installations and Logistics) Arthur I. Mendolia arrives for two days of discussions with US and ROK officials on supply support and the ROKF modernization program.
- 10 The 24-year-old ROKMC is deactivated as a separate service command and simultaneously incorporated into the ROKN where it will function under a Vice CNO as an amphibious element. The MND cited budgetary and management considerations in ordering this reorganization. In 1950 the Marines participated in the Inchon Landing and the recapture of Seoul, and in 1965 dispatched its Blue Dragon Brigade to the RVN for 6½ years of acclaimed service.
- 10 The first USFK families move into the Seoul RGH located about five miles south of the Yongsan Military Reservation. This development, for which the US has guaranteed the private contractor 97 percent occupancy for ten years, consists of 300 western-style apartments and duplexes. A similar 70-unit project in Taegu will open 31 Oct.
- 12 The first anniversary of the NSCC political reunification talks passes unceremoniously. The three plenary conferences held in the past year reported no significant agreement. Currently the discussions are suspended due to NK's 28 Aug demand for removal of ROK NSCC Co-Chairman LEE Hu Rak.
- 12 Racial violence erupts for the second time in a week as 60 US Army and AF personnel brawl near Osan AB. Four Americans are hospitalized while 31 others, including nine Koreans, are slightly injured, treated and released. Some civilian property damage is reported.
- 12 At today's 344th MAC meeting, Communist spokesman MG KIM Poong Sup unleashes another tirade at the "US imperialist aggressors." UNC's MG Thomas U. Greer again reminds his counterpart to discuss only matters pertinent to the MAC.

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- 12 The first copies of Korus, a 16-page biweekly civilian enterprise tabloid, are distributed to US forces in the ROK. Feature stories and other content emanate primarily from the IOs of the various services in the command with gratis circulation effected through cooperation of Pacific Stars and Stripes. The publisher, Image Public Relations, Ltd, plans an eventual weekly edition with all costs covered by advertisement revenue.
- 13 USNAVFORKOREA personnel observe the 198th anniversary of the US Navy.
- 16 Bishop William J. Moran, retired Army BG representing Cardinal Cooke (military vicar to Catholic personnel in the armed forces), arrives for a six-day visit with Korea-based US troops.
- 18 The Pentagon confirms that a number of the 30 NK pilots on loan to the Egyptian AF are flying MIG-21 defensive missions in the latest Arab-Israeli conflict which broke out on 6 Oct. Yesterday NK leader KIM Il Sung announced the North's decision to give further military assistance to the Arab side.
- 22 US forces in Korea commemorate America's 20th Veterans' Day. From 1919 to 1953 the observance was known as Armistice Day and celebrated on 11 Nov.
- 22 A USAF HH3E helicopter crashes during an approach to Osan AF, killing the four-man crew. The cause of the accident is under investigation.
- 22 Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway arrives for four days of consultations with US and ROK leaders and visits with soldiers stationed here.
- 23 The 329th Postal Det (Ft Snelling, MN) and the 471st Postal Det (Milwaukee) begin two weeks of active duty training in Korea. Reservists (3 officers and 53 EM) are assigned to five separate APUs.
- 24 The UN founded 28 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 allies who gave their lives during the Korean War. Of these 2,267 are interred in the cemetery.
- 25 US government, through JCS, advances readiness stage of all military forces. The world-wide general alert is precipitated by possible USSR intervention in the Middle East.
- 25 The ROK CIA announces the neutralization of a NK-oriented intelligence network which infiltrated government, commercial and educational institutions. Two key members have been arrested while a third reportedly committed suicide during questioning.

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- 26 KIM Dae Jung, outspoken opposition party leader abducted in Aug from Tokyo and returned to Seoul, is freed from virtual house arrest "allegedly imposed for personal security and to facilitate questioning by ROK officials." No reason is given for his release nor are investigation results into the kidnaping revealed.
- 26 On this date 56 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.
- 27 The emergency alert for most of the 2.2 million American troops around the globe is lifted. US forces in Korea return to their normal readiness posture following three days of increased preparedness.
- 27 In a memorandum submitted to the UN General Assembly, the ROKG reiterates its strong opposition to the withdrawal of the UNC from Korea. The memo points out that an unconditional removal of the UNC may invalidate the Armistice and further endanger peace in East Asia. The UN will begin debate on the Korean issue in mid-Nov.
- 27 The University of Maryland's Far East Division observes its 19th anniversary. In Korea, 436 DOD personnel are currently enrolled in 35 courses offered at six education centers.
- 28 In an anti-ROK speech NK President KIM Il Sung denounces the ROKG proposal for entry of two separate Korea's into the UN and calls upon the people in the South to "struggle against Park's policy."
- 30 Financial facilities for USFK personnel double as Bank of America extends its services to Camps Page, Ames, Greaves, Stanley, Long, Carroll, Edwards and Hialeah Compound. Banking teams will operate the new branches on a once or twice weekly basis.
- 31 SROKA, headquartered at Taegu, observes the 19th anniversary of its activation.
- 31 RADM Robert C. Gooding, COMNAVSHIPSYSKOM, begins a three-day review of US support to the ROKN.
- 31 The six-week 1974 DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign ends today in Eighth Army. Total collection is \$211,066.49, representing an increase of \$91,035.12 or 76 percent over the 1973 drive. Heretofore conducted in the spring, the Korea CFC now coincides with those held in CONUS, thereby precluding double solicitation of transferring personnel.



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- 1 MG Edward P. McNeff, 5th AF Vice Cmdr, arrives for a three-day orientation visit.
- 4 GEN Creighton W. Abrams, on his first visit to Korea since being appointed CofSA in Jul 72, begins three days of discussions with ROK/US military and government officials. Tomorrow LTG Welborn G. Dolvin, USARJ CG, will arrive in the command to consult with Abrams.
- 6 LTG William F. Pitts, 15th AF Cmdr, makes a one-day command and staff visit to USAFK headquarters.
- 7 The USO begins the fourth annual two-day "Six Star Salute to Servicemen" with a dinner party at Seoul's Chosen Hotel for 136 outstanding junior EM. Second day activities for the honorees include meetings with ROKG officials, tours and cultural events.
- 7 MG George A. Rebh, DA Director of Military Construction, concludes a week-long inspection of military engineering projects in Korea.
- 8 PVT Anthony A. Cormier, USAG-Y, is arrested following overt larcenies of \$5,130 in checks from Yongsan's EDCEN and \$1,045 in cash from a counter at BOA's main branch. The suspect, who made no effort to escape after the bizarre thefts, is being held pending psychiatric evaluation.
- 8 MG Michael R. Ryan, III MAF CG, departs after completing a five-day tour of ROK and US Marine installations.
- 10 US Leathernecks in Korea celebrate the Corps' 198th anniversary with a birthday ball at the KAL Hotel in Seoul.
- 11 The founding of the ROKN 28 years ago today is marked by ceremonies at ROKFLT HQs in Chinhae.
- 12 The ROK CEOH discloses that during the past month NK has resumed ballooning propaganda leaflets across the DMZ.
- 12 The Eighth Army Small Arms Championship begins at 2d Div's Camp Casey. The five-day rifle and pistol matches will determine a team to represent this command in USARPAC-wide competition next year at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
- 15 In a speech before the UN committee debating the "Korea Question," US Ambassador to the UN John A. Scali says the 40,000 American troops in South Korea are there on the basis of a ROK/US bilateral agreement and a US military presence will remain until conditions for permanent peace on the peninsula have been established.
- 15 RADM Arthur W. Price, Jr, COMAMPHIBFORSEVENFLT, harbors his flagship at Inchon and begins four days of discussions with UNC officials.

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- 15 The first tornado-like storm in Seoul's recorded history strikes Camp Coiner and civilian communities contiguous to Eighth Army HQs. A local resident is killed and 31 other persons are injured, including a US soldier and three KATUSAs who are treated and released. In less than two minutes, the storm funnel caused \$15,000 damage to the US Army installation.
- 15 The ROK conducts a nationwide air defense drill which suspends traffic for an hour and signals a search for shelter by all citizens. These alerts are held once monthly, usually on the 15th.
- 16 SECSTATE Henry A. Kissinger makes a five-hour stop in Seoul to confer with President Park, US Embassy officials, and GEN Stilwell. His visit to Korea concludes a two-week mission of diplomatic talks with heads of state in the Middle East, China and Japan.
- 17 Protesting students of major universities and colleges in the ROK continue their seven-week series of rallies, sit-ins, boycotts and clashes, demanding reforms in President PARK Chung Hee's "dictatorial" government.
- 19 In a surprise announcement, USFK authorities direct conversion of MPCs to greenbacks for all its members and activities. The \$16.8 million one-day changeover, which DOD attributes to the ROK's economic progress and monetary stability, ends use of MPCs anywhere in the world. Since Sep 46, nine successive series of MPCs were used as legal tender by authorized US personnel in Korea.
- 19 RADM Wycliffe D. Toole, Jr, COMPATFORSEVENFLT, begins a week-long review of ROK and US naval operations.
- 20 To conserve energy due to the cutback in foreign fuel deliveries, the ROK, a non-oil producing nation, substantially curtails public and private transportation. In the past month operating hours of entertainment facilities were shortened, non-essential lighting of commercial and government buildings was prohibited, and lower temperature ceilings for homes and offices were established.
- 20 USFK officials report that military operations and readiness have not been affected by the world-wide oil crisis. However, increased conservation measures are being developed to meet any further reduction.
- 20 I Corps (ROK/US) Gp conducts a Modern Weapons Orientation at St. Barbara Range. This live fire demonstration of the Corps' armor and artillery arsenal is witnessed by President Park and senior ROKA/Eighth Army commanders.
- 20 MG John F. Gonge, 22d AF Cmdr, arrives for a brief review of MAC operations in Korea.

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- 21 The UN's Main Political Committee agrees to dissolve UNCURK and to eliminate the Korean issue from this year's General Assembly agenda. The status quo decision leaves the UNC in the ROK and shelves action on Free World and Communist resolutions for composition of Korean representation in the world body.
- 21 ROK and NK Red Cross liaison officials meet at Panmunjom for the first time since 11 Jul but fail to set a date for resumption of plenary discussions.
- 21 USEFK personnel benefit from liberalized KRE ration controls announced today. Spouses may now spend up to \$85 monthly, the established limit for sponsors. Purchases of beer and soft drinks will not be counted toward monthly limits, nor will purchases of other items totaling less than \$2.
- 22 US military and civilian personnel in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.
- 24 GEN R. G. Stilwell departs for Washington, D. C., to attend the annual US Army Commanders' Conference. The Eighth Army CG is accompanied on the 16-day trip by CSM Donald Peroddy.
- 27 US Ambassador to Korea Philip C. Habib travels to Washington, D. C., for home leave and consultations. He is expected to return to Seoul in Jan.

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- 1 The first territorial dispute of the 20-year-old Korean Armistice surfaces at today's 346th MAC meeting. UNC Senior Member MG Thomas U. Greer charges the Communists with six naval violations since 19 Nov stating that NK gun boats penetrated waters contiguous to Paengyong-do, Taechong-do, Sochong-do, Yonpyong-do and U-do, a chain of west coast ROK islands lying in the passageway to the NK port of Haeju. He rejects a demand by his counterpart, MG KIM Poong Sup, who retorts that the islands are in NK coastal waters and the South must first obtain the North's permission before sending vessels into the area. At a press conference called after the meeting, the South's Defense Minister cautions the North against further violation of ROK waters and warns that all ROK forces have been placed on alert against such a contingency.
- 3 President PARK Chung Hee makes 11 ministerial changes in the 20-member ROK cabinet. LEE Hu Rak, controversial head of the CIA, is replaced by SHIN Jik Soo; KIM Dong Jo becomes Foreign Minister vice KIM Yong Shik; and Special Assistant to the President for National Security, SUH Jyong Chul, replaces YU Jae Heung as MND.

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- 3 Eight suspected members of a large KN blackmarket ring are arrested by ROK customs officials for diverting PX merchandise with a local resale value of ₩800 million (US \$2 million). The ring, which includes four KRE employees, reportedly operated in the Camp Stanley area since Mar 71.
- 5 Political representatives of the two Koreas meet at Panmunjom for the first time since the NSCC talks were suspended 28 Aug when the North demanded the ouster of South Co-Chairman LEE Hu Rak. Two days ago Lee, the former head of the CIA, resigned as leader of the Seoul delegation and CHANG Key Young was appointed acting ROK Co-Chairman. No progress is reported from today's discussion which concerned reorganization of mutual committees and resumption of full dress conferences.
- 5 Congress votes a 30 percent cut in the administration's FY 74 foreign aid bill. The reduction is expected to impact heavily on the requested \$236 million in military assistance to the ROK. Final allocations will be announced early next year.
- 6 In a preparedness meeting, ROKA CofS ROH Jae Hyun warns his commanders that in addition to naval provocations in the Yellow Sea, NK is building up its capability to launch surprise air attacks and to infiltrate commandos into rear areas of the ROK.
- 8 President Park directs the release of all students arrested or detained since anti-government demonstrations began in Oct and allows colleges and universities to reinstate those expelled for participating in the political protests.
- 8 USFK officials announce POV gasoline rations of 75 gallons monthly for large cars; 50 for four cylinder cars; and 20 for motorcycles. Upward adjustments in cost of locally-procured fuel result in a 34 percent price increase at KRE filling stations.
- 15 LEE Cha Hun, a 54-year-old female NK espionage agent active in the South from May 68 until her arrest in Oct 72, is sentenced to life imprisonment by a Seoul court.
- 16 Four hundred Korean Catholics march peacefully in downtown Seoul after attending a Mass in which Cardinal KIM Soo Hwan urged restoration of a free democracy in the ROK.
- 20 President Park visits ROK and US troops in the forward areas to offer his personal Christmas greetings. He is met at HQ, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp by GEN R. G. Stilwell, Eighth Army CG, and LTG J. F. Hollingsworth, Corps commander.

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- 20 MG Lawrence F. Snowden, USFJ CofS, arrives for a three-day staff visit to the tri-headquarters.
- 21 The 19,000-member FOEU threatens a general strike unless USFK meets its demands for a 30 percent wage increase and other benefits.
- 23 Five years ago today 82 men of the USS Pueblo were released from 11 months in NK captivity. In the past year 18 of the crewmen were decorated for heroism during the 23 Jan 68 seizure while the ship's skipper, Cdr Lloyd M. Bucher, unceremoniously retired from the Navy.
- 24 At today's 347th MAC meeting, UNC spokesman MG Greer refutes the North's claim that a provincial boundary line referenced in para 13b of the ceasefire accord cedes them the coastal waters surrounding the five ROK islands in the Yellow (Western) Sea. He accuses the Communists of deliberately misinterpreting the Agreement and states that Map 3, Vol 2 of the Armistice clarifies that the line's only purpose is to delineate control of the islands and not their contiguous waters. Greer then charges the North with continued naval violations in the disputed area and terms invalid a renewed NK demand for control of ROK/US sea access to the islands.
- 24 Subzero temperatures hit the country's northern and central areas with Seoul reporting -4 degrees F. The severe cold wave compounds problems brought on by curtailed fuel allocations in the ROK.
- 25 Eighth Army celebrates its 24th Christmas in Korea.
- 26 The population of Seoul reaches 6.3 million, a three percent increase over last year, according to statistics released by city authorities today. Seoul rates among the ten most populated cities in the world.
- 27 A group of 20 US soldiers rampage through the barracks at Sihung Compound, a 38th ADA Bde site near Seoul, after an officer refused to grant a pass to a restricted comrade. Two EM are slightly injured in the melee which causes minor property damage.
- 29 In a follow-up to a national radio-TV address by Premier KIM Jong Pil warning that the North takes advantage of civil disturbances, President Park calls for an end to petitions, public statements and demonstrations opposing the current ruling system. Both statements come after three months of social unrest led by protestors from the ranks of student, religious, press and political groups.
- 29 The FOEU cancels its plan to strike following acceptance of a USFK proposal for a pay increase averaging 17 percent for 23,070 direct hire Korean employees. The raise will hike the mean monthly salaries of Eighth Army employees to about 64,000 won (\$160) in base pay.

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- 29 Terence Cardinal Cooke, military vicar to Catholic personnel in the armed forces, arrives for a two-day visit with Korea-based US troops.
- 31 The ROK experiences a 16.9 percent increase in its 1973 GNP, more than doubling last year's 7.5 percent gain. This year's economic growth rate is the largest in the nation's history, exceeding the 1969 record of 15.9 percent.
- 31 The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program completes the year with a collection of 3,442 units. A mobile collection team from the US Army Hospital, Seoul (121st Evac), through scheduled visits to all troop areas, averaged 254 units per month to meet the 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 156 Americans--24 military and 132 civilians. Of this number 14 are pending trial and 8 are pending appeal. There were 2 acquittals.
- 31 Eighth Army's Cost Reduction Program produced reported savings during the past six months of \$2,851,000 for the present fiscal year. Projected reported savings for the three-year period (FY 74 thru FY 76) resulting from measures approved thus far will amount to \$8,617,000.
- 31 For the fourth consecutive year, no US serviceman was KIA in Korea. The last US death as a result of enemy action was 18 Oct 69; the last KN fatality by hostile fire occurred on 7 Mar 73.

## GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

AAFES:	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
AD:	Air Defense
ADA:	Air Defense Artillery
ADC:	Assistant Division Commander
ADC (M):	Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver)
AER/ARS:	Army Emergency Relief and Army Relief Society
AFCENT:	Allied Forces, Central Europe
APU:	Army Postal Unit
ASCOM:	Army Support Command
BOA:	Bank of America
CEOH:	Counterespionage Operations Headquarters
CFC:	Combined Federal Campaign
CINCPAC:	Commander in Chief, Pacific
CINCUNC:	Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
CINCUSARPAC:	Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific
CNO:	Chief of Naval Operations
CofSA:	Chief of Staff, United States Army
COMAMPHIBFORSEVENFLT:	Commander, Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet
COMNAVSHIPSYSKOM:	Commander, Naval Ships Systems Command
COMPATFORSEVENFLT:	Commander, Patrol Forces Seventh Fleet
COMUSKOREA:	Commander, United States Forces, Korea
DCSLOG:	Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
DCSPER:	Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
DCA:	Defense Communications Agency
DPSC:	Defense Personnel Support Center
DMZ:	Demilitarized Zone
EDCEN:	Education Center
FOEU:	Foreign Organizations Employees' Union
GNP:	Gross National Product
JCS:	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JUSMAG-K:	Joint United States Military Advisory Group-Korea
KAL:	Korean Air Lines
KATUSA:	Korean Augmentation to the United States Army
KN:	Korean National
KRE:	Korea Regional Exchange
LANDSOUTHEAST:	Allied Land Forces, Southeastern Europe
MAC:	Military Armistice Commission
MAC:	Military Airlift Command
MAF:	Marine Amphibious Forces
MAP:	Military Assistance Program
MND:	Minister of National Defense
MPC:	Military Payment Certificate
NK:	North Korea
NKA:	North Korean Army
NNSC:	Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission
NSCC:	North-South Coordinating Committee
OSD:	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PACOM:	Pacific Command
POV:	Privately Owned Vehicle
R&D:	Research and Development
RGH:	Rental Guarantee Housing
ROCMC:	Republic of China Marine Corps

ROK: Republic of Korea  
 ROKA: Republic of Korea Army  
 ROKF: Republic of Korea Forces  
 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  
 RVN: Republic of Vietnam  
 SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement  
 SROKA: Second Republic of Korea Army  
 SNU: Seoul National University  
S&S: Stars and Stripes  
 TROKA: Third Republic of Korea Army  
 UNC: United Nations Command  
 UNCMAC: United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission  
 UNCURK: United Nations Commission for the Unification and  
           Rehabilitation of Korea  
 USAFK: United States Air Forces, Korea  
 USAFSS: United States Air Force Security Service  
 USAG-Y: United States Army Garrison-Yongsan  
 USARJ: United States Army, Japan  
 USARPAC: United States Army, Pacific  
 USATC (Inf): United States Army Training Center (Infantry)  
 USFJ: United States Forces, Japan  
 USFK: United States Forces, Korea  
 USNAVFORKOREA: United States Naval Forces, Korea  
 USO: United Services Organization  
 Won (₩): Korean currency (₩397 = \$1 as of 31 Dec 73)



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