1. KOREA. Communist truce talks strategy reported:

North Korean Vice Premier Ho Ka'i is alleged to have requested that the Soviet Union be a member of the neutral inspection team for the following reasons: to emphasize the Soviet Union's moral responsibility towards preserving the peace in Korea; to test the American reaction and to provoke rash statements by the UN negotiators; and to regain the initiative at the conference by diverting UN attention to this issue while the Communists concentrate on "other basic issues."

notes that the North Koreans were pleasantly surprised by the UN's agreement on the post-truce political conference, believing they had won a major point.

Comment: The points listed by Ho Ka'i, although unconfirmed, seem fairly logical. The 10 February speech echoes the current Communist propaganda line.