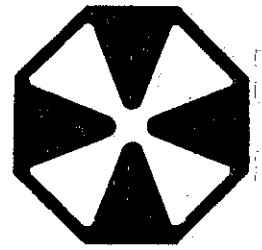


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FOREWORD

1. This compilation, part of a continuing series, is required by CINCPAC to supplement the classified UNC/USFK/EUSA Annual History.
2. Comprised of entries on historic firsts, key changes of command, anniversaries, protocol visits, and significant military, political and economic developments in Korea, this journal provides a handy reference document of the day-by-day sequence of events affecting local US forces.
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- 1 ROK President PARK Chung Hee, in a New Year's address, warns of attacks from the North on the South's political, economic and social foundations and the danger of military adventurism by NK. Concurrently, NK leader KIM Il Sung encourages a people's revolution to topple the ROKG and condemns "provocative policies of the US in Korea."
- 3 Responding to a US News & World Report release that major US military withdrawals from the ROK are in the offing, DOD reaffirms there is "no plan to reduce the present level of US forces in Korea." A similar pronouncement was made by President Ford during his 22-23 Nov 74 visit to the ROK. Present US strength is approximately 40,000.
- 4 ROK Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil cautions opposition groups in the ROK against engaging in further social dissent. The past year witnessed a series of public demands for constitutional revision; 184 persons were tried and convicted for involvement in these movements.
- 4 Rep Leo Ryan (D-Ca) arrives for a five-day fact finding visit and talks with senior ROK/US military and government leaders.
- 6 A House Appropriations Committee report, released today, recognizes the need for continued stationing of US troops on the Korean peninsula. Report noted the American military presence in Korea has helped prevent a confrontation among the major powers in NE Asia.
- 8 At today's Panmunjom meeting of NSCC Vice Co-Chairmen, the South's spokesman proposes a ROK/NK team be formed to investigate the tunnel discovered last Nov extending from the North to the UNC side of the DMZ. The NK spokesman rejects this offer and one which would have permitted postal exchange between the two Koreas. Plenary NSCC conferences on peaceful reunification have been suspended since Aug 73 due to NK's demand that the ROK abolish its Anti-Communist Law.

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- 8 VA announces that in 1975 dividends (averaging \$11) will be paid for the first time to Korean War veterans who hold current VSLI policies.
- 8 GEN David C. Jones, USAF CofS, here for a three-day review of Korea-based air units, receives the ROK Order of National Security Merit, First Class from President Park. Arriving tomorrow for talks with ROKG officials is Rep Otto E. Passman (D-La).
- 14 At a nationally broadcasted press conference, President Park says he would not oppose dissolution of the UNC provided that effective measures were implemented to maintain the 1953 Armistice Agreement. He adds that loss of the UN banner in Korea would have no bearing on the continued presence of American troops here, since they are deployed under the ROK/US Mutual Defense Treaty of 1954.
- 14 ROK Prime Minister Kim informs visiting Japanese legislators that NK has moved its artillery units forward, increasing their range of fire across the DMZ to Suwon, 25 miles S of Seoul.
- 15 The ROKA marks the 29th anniversary of its activation. In its relatively short history, the 520,000-man ROKA has become one of the Free World's largest and best trained armies.
- 15 In connection with Racial Awareness Week, religious services are held in US units 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.
- 16 Hon Carlyle Maw, Under SECSTATE for Security Assistance who is in Korea for three days of conferences, assures the ROK that the US Administration will continue to strive for early completion of the delayed ROKF modernization program, but emphasizes that funding is subject to Congressional approval.
- 16 Senate Armed Services Committeeman Sam Nunn (D-Ga) arrives on a three-day fact finding mission to ascertain readiness of US forces in Korea.
- 18 A Japanese news agency claims the US has 3,500 tactical nuclear warheads deployed in the ROK, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines. The arsenal in Korea is reported to include 150 ADMs and 210 artillery munitions.

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- 20 I Corps, one of the senior major tactical units in the US Army with 20 campaign streamers, celebrates its 57th anniversary. The Corps was reconfigured into a combined ROK/US headquarters on 1 Jul 71 but continues its heritage.
- 20 A predawn fire of undetermined origin at the US Embassy Housing Compound takes the life of Mrs. Antoinette Blackburn, secretary to Ambassador Schneider. Two USMC security guards are treated for smoke inhalation after their unsuccessful rescue attempt.
- 21 Seventh anniversary of abortive assassination raid by NK commandos on the ROK Presidential Mansion in Seoul.
- 22 President Park announces that a national referendum will be forthcoming on continuation of the Yushin (Revitalizing Reforms) Constitution. Promulgated under martial law conditions in 1972, the Yushin is now under attack by opposition party, religious and academic leaders. He promises to resign in event the plebiscite fails to support the existing constitution.
- 22 TROKA, headquartered 25 miles S of Seoul at Yongin, celebrates the second anniversary of its activation.
- 22 First heavy snowfall of the winter. Unusually mild temperatures prevail in Korea for this time of year, a boon to the USFK Fuel Conservation Program.
- 23 ROK observes Freedom Day. On this date 21 years ago, ROK President Syngman Rhee freed 7,604 NKA and 14,235 CHICOM POWs who chose freedom by refusing to return to Communist hands.
- 23 USS Pueblo hijacked by NK seven years ago today. One crewman was killed; remaining 82 were released from captivity 11 months later. Communists still retain the vessel.
- 24 Today at Panmunjom, officials at the seventh working-level meeting of N-S Red Cross societies fail to reach accord on resumption of full-dress talks aimed at reuniting the 10 million family members or relatives separated by the Korean War. Like the NSCC political dialogue, the plenary Red Cross talks have been suspended since summer of 1973.
- 24 ROKG reports 510 Korean firms expect to earn \$60 million this year through USFK procurement contracts, \$5 million less than the amount earned from USFK in 1974.

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- 24 Messrs. Joseph E. Michalski and James O. Stassinis, staff members of the House Appropriations Committee, begin a 10-day working visit to selected headquarters in Korea.
- 25 In violation of a Nov 72 joint N-S agreement barring slanderous attacks by either side, NK broadcasts propaganda along entire 151-mile DMZ for third consecutive day. Heretofore, only isolated and sporadic loudspeaker attacks were reported.
- 25 KBS reports that one of every 3.5 Korean households has television and that the current total of 1.6 million sets represents a five-fold increase since 1971.
- 27 USAMEDDAC-K restructures US Army hospital assets in Korea as part of a continuing program to improve efficiency and conserve resources. Effective 1 Feb 75, Pusan's 11th Evac Hosp will be converted to a dispensary and on 28 Feb the 43d Surg Hosp (MA) at Camp Mozier will be reduced to training status. In-patient care for personnel from Pusan, Taegu and Uijongbu will be accomplished through aeromedical evacuation to US Army Hospital, Seoul (121st Evac)--the residual facility of its kind in Eighth Army.
- 27 Second anniversary of the Vietnam ceasefire agreement which ended US involvement in the longest war in our nation's history--11 years and 28 days; second to WW II in expenses--\$137 billion; and fourth to the Civil War, WW II and WW I in deaths--more than 56,200 (the Korean War ranks fifth with 54,246 American dead). Remaining in SEA are 1,200 US missing and 1,100 unrecovered deceased servicemen.
- 28 Messrs. George C. Baird and Leonard M. Walters, staff members of the House (Survey and Investigations) Appropriations Committee, arrive for a five-day look into feasibility of a unit rotation system for US Army elements in Korea.
- 29 ROKAF's 11th TFW outpoints the 314th US Air Div's 8th TFW in the first F4 Phantom gunnery competition between air units of the two allies.
- 30 LTG James F. Hollingsworth, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp CG, tells reporters there are indications that the Communists have built more tunnels in the DMZ. He also confirms recent NK movement of long-range artillery and construction of heavily reinforced concrete positions near the truce line.

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- 30 GEN Stilwell and staff members of USFK join government, military and civilian leaders around the world in the 23d annual National Prayer Breakfast to seek divine guidance for national leadership. Similar breakfasts are held at major US installations in Korea.
- 31 Eighth Army's Wightman NCO Academy at Camp Casey graduates 84 EM and nine EW--the first WACs to complete a course at the Academy. Ten four-week classes are scheduled for 1975.
- 31 Mr. Amos A. Jordan, Prin Dep Asst SECDEF (ISA), departs Korea after a four-day review of the US military posture here.

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- 1 An OSD ruling, citing postal regulations, terminates a 20-year program whereby USFK organizations could use APO channels to forward relief parcels from CONUS donors to missionaries and volunteer agencies in Korea.
- 2 The Army Nurse Corps, including a professional staff of 98 throughout Eighth Army, celebrates 74 years of service.
- 3 ROKG reports that NK jammed KBS, the government-controlled TV station, three times in the past week.
- 4 A slight tremor, emanating from China and measuring two on the Richter scale, shakes the ROK for 11 seconds. No casualties or major damage are reported in the first earthquake to hit the peninsula since 1936.
- 4 MG John H. Cushman, USACAC Cdr, accompanied by the Asst Comdts of the Army's FA, AD and Inf Schools, arrives in Korea for a five-day field study of TRADOC training program requirements and results.
- 4 USO marks its 34th year as a soldier welfare organization and its 19th anniversary in Korea.
- 6 President Park places ROK armed forces on alert in order to repel possible NK attempts to disrupt the 12 Feb national referendum on continuation of the Yushin Constitution.
- 6 MG William E. McLeod, UNC/USFK/EUSA CofS, departs for reassignment as DCofS, PACOM. He will be replaced on 13 Feb by MG James C. Smith, previous CG of USA Readiness Region V, Ft Sheridan, Ill.
- 7 Army Secretary Howard H. Callaway, in testimony before Senate Armed Services Committee, reiterates Administration's policy of retaining 2d Inf Div in Korea for the near future.

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- 8 Three major political opponents of the Park regime--former President YUN Po Sun, minority party leader KIM Young Sam, and 1971 presidential candidate KIM Dae Jung--call for a boycott of next week's constitutional plebiscite, describing it as a political farce.
- 8 ROK CEOC announces recent recovery of a 9x18-foot balloon designed to carry NK propaganda leaflets into the South. In the past nine months, Communist leaflets in the tens of thousands have been found in the ROK.
- 9 Figures released on the eighth anniversary of the effectuation of the ROK/US SOFA reveal that the ROK has assumed criminal jurisdiction over US personnel in 494 cases with 436 convictions and 7 acquittals thus far. Of the 436 convicted, 307 were fined, 100 received suspended sentences, and 29 US citizens were given prison terms (including 13 individuals still under confinement). US military personnel were involved in 182 cases whereas civilians and dependents accounted for 312 cases. SOFA representatives have conducted 102 formal meetings to date.
- 9 USFK libraries and recreation centers schedule special programs and guest speakers to observe Black History Week which begins today.
- 10 GEN David C. Jones, USAF CofS, tells Senate Armed Services Committee that no FY 76 reductions are planned for Osan and Kunsan, the two major US air bases in the ROK.
- 10 CINCPACAF GEN Louis L. Wilson and party of 11 arrive for a four-day visit to Korea-based USAF units.
- 11 Lunar New Year. Today begins the Year of the Rabbit in the Orient and the year 4308 in Korean history.
- 12 ROK voters go to polls in national referendum on continuation of Yushin Constitution. Citizens cast 73 percent of votes in favor of the constitution as compared to 91 percent when it was first presented to the nation in 1972. About 80 percent of eligible voters participate.
- 12 Eighth Army CSM Donald Peroddy hosts 15th SGM Dining-In at Yongsan's Frontier NCO Club with GEN R.G. Stillwell, Eighth Army CG, as guest speaker. The 268 attendees include all US Army sergeants major and the top NCOs of the ROK/US sister services in Korea.

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- 12 MG Kenneth J. Houghton, 3d Marine Div CG, begins three days of conferences with ROK and US military leaders.
- 13 Mr. Franklin P. Shaw, Dep Asst SECDEF (Regional Programs) for Program Analysis and Evaluation, arrives in Korea for a four-day survey of the defense posture and US support to ROKF.
- 15 Following a one-hour running gun battle off the Republic's east coast, ROK planes, ships and shore batteries sink a vessel believed to be a NK spy boat south of seaward extension of MDL. Of a possible 10-man crew, only a wounded member survives. No friendly forces are injured but a young Korean boy is killed on shore when struck by stray rounds. Today's incident is first ROK/NK clash on the high seas in seven months.
- 15 President Park orders release of 149 individuals imprisoned last year for anti-ROK activities. Among those freed are poet KIM Chi Ha, Catholic Bishop Daniel Tji, and two Japanese. Clemency is not extended to 34 persons convicted of Anti-Communist Law violations or involved in the outlawed People's Revolutionary Party.
- 15 To further streamline logistical activities in Korea, PDSK is reassigned from HQ Eighth Army to 19th Spt Bde. The Taegu-based unit is responsible for receipt, storage and distribution of all POL products for USFK/ROKF and operates the 258-mile TKP extending from Pohang to Seoul.
- 16 The 2d Inf Div marks its 5,000th day of service in Korea. The famed Indianhead unit first arrived 31 Jul 50 and departed 20 Aug 54; it returned 1 Jul 65 and today is the only US division on the mainland of Asia. Three days of commemorative ceremonies are attended by troops, local leaders and Rep John M. Murphy (D-NY), a platoon leader with the "Second to None" in 1950.
- 17 Upon completion of live-fire training at Rodriguez Range, the 1/32d Inf's Cbt Spt Co becomes first unit in Korea to qualify with the TOW missile.
- 18 Former Yankee great Joe DiMaggio visits Korea as part of Asian tour. His three-day stopover includes talks with troopers at 2d Div's Camps Casey and Howze.
- 19 Due to shortage of PCS funds, DA advises that soldiers in Korea and other short tour areas will be involuntarily extended one month, effective 1 Jun 75. Earlier, USMC officials said accompanied Marines serving overseas will be extended three months, beginning Apr 74. These extension policies, which do not include Navy or Air Force personnel, will remain in effect until budgeting permits a return to specified tour length assignments.

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- 20 Eighth Army announces that 2d Div's 1/73d Armor will be converted to 2/9th Inf by mid-Aug 75. This action will give the Division increased versatility in employment of its maneuver battalions and allow redistribution of armor assets to other US Army units in and out of Korea.
- 21 The 359th meeting of the MAC is held at Pammunjom. UNC Senior Member RADM Henry S. Morgan, addressing the 15 Feb sinking of a Communist boat, charges NK with intrusion of an armed infiltration vessel into ROK's east coast waters. He displays pictures to refute claim that ship was a "maritime traffic control craft" adrift in inclement weather.
- 21 Following a recommendation by the ROK/US SOFA Joint Committee, the Korean government designates Kunsan AB as an entry-exit point for USFK personnel. Other approved facilities are Kimpo, Pusan, Cheju-do, Osan, Taegu and Kwangju.
- 22 In a report to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senators Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and William Scott (R-Va), who visited the ROK last Dec, note that NK is "the most intransigent and Stalinist of all Communist nations...intent on expanding its control into South Korea." Among their recommendations are: (1) establishment of a US/ROK combined headquarters (2) retention of the 4th Msl Comd's Honest John elements; (3) transfer of I Corps (ROK/US) Gp's mission to ROKA; and (4) designation of the 2d Div as a PACOM contingency force with additional air mobile assets.
- 24 RADM W.D. Toole, Jr, Cdr of Carrier TF 72, arrives for four days of discussions with NAVFORKOREA and ROKN officials.
- 26 Two armed NK craft cross south of the Yellow Sea's MDL extension and are intercepted by ROKN ships. The Communist vessels speed north to seek cover in a fleet of eight NK fishing boats. In ensuing chase, a ROKN destroyer accidentally collides with one of the fishing boats, sending it under with an undetermined loss of life. Escaping enemy craft safely elude pursuers as jet fighters from both sides scramble in the area. No areial gunfire is reported.
- 27 Enemy aircraft withdraw from Yellow Sea area after flying near or over the ROK's west coast islands since late last evening.

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- 27 USN Cmdr Robert M. Ballinger is posthumously awarded the ROK's Order of Military Merit, Chungmu; USMC MAJ Anthony D. Nastro and USAF MAJ William R. Ford receive the Order of Military Merit, Hwarang. Ballinger was killed and the two other officers injured last 20 Nov when an explosion erupted during their JOT investigation of the NK-built tunnel extending under the UNC portion of the DMZ.
- 28 GEN RO Jae Hyun, ROKA CofS, succeeds retiring Chairman of the ROK JCS, GEN HAN Shin. Moving into the top Army position is GEN LEE Sae Ho, former TROKA CG.

MARCH

- 1 Samil Day. Host nation celebrates anniversary of 1 March 1919 independence movement against Japanese colonial rule.
- 1 ROKG reports that the country's urban families earned an average 59,360 won (\$123) per month during last quarter 1974--an increase of 25 percent over corresponding period for 1973.
- 2 MG Erwin M. Graham, MG Jack C. Fuson, and BG Jere W. Sharp, CGs of the US Army's Log, Trans and Ord Centers, respectively, begin eight days of field visits and discussions with Eighth Army and ROKA officials regarding logistics problems and current combat support efforts.
- 3 At the 360th MAC meeting, the UNC spokesman charges the North with 11 violations of ROK territorial air space during 26-27 Feb 75. The Communist side countercharges that ROKN vessels indiscriminately fired at 12 Red fishing boats on the 26th.
- 5 Five Eighth Army members die when their UH-1 helicopter strikes a power line and crashes during a training exercise near Chunchon. Victims are 4th Msl Comd's SP4 Daniel McGrew and the 55th Avn Co's WO2 Larry Sain, SP6 Joseph Johnson, SP5 Everett Wencura, and SP4 Bengt Johansson. The co-pilot, WO1 Michael Van Doren, is hospitalized in serious condition.
- 6 DOD announces a ten percent increase in US military strength in Korea during first half FY 75. On 30 Jun 74 the figure stood at 38,000; by 30 Sep it was 40,000 and at year's end the total reached 42,000.
- 6 ROKAF CofS GEN CHOO Young Bock departs for three-week tour of CONUS military facilities at invitation of his counterpart, GEN David G. Jones.

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- 8 Oct 74 figures released by Seoul officials place population of the nation's capital at 6,541,000, a four percent increase over 1973. The city, one of the 10 largest in the world, has a density of about 14,500 persons per square mile.
- 10 The House Appropriations Committee reports that South Korea has received an estimated \$11.9 billion in US economic and military aid since World War II, second only to South Vietnam's \$22.5 billion.
- 11 Army MG Gerhardt W. Hyatt, Chief of Chaplains, begins a six-day tour to observe religious activities at US military installations throughout the ROK. Also visiting the command this week are MG Norman W. Gourley, 1st Marine Air Wing CG, and BG John W. Collens III, Cdr of the Air Weather Service.
- 11 Five pro football stars begin a four-day visit to USFK installations to talk with the troops and show films of 1974 football highlights. They are: Ahmad Rashad of the Buffalo Bills; Carl Eller, Minnesota Vikings; Tom Mack, Los Angeles Rams; and the Pittsburgh Steelers' Ray Mansfield and Rocky Blier.
- 13 ROK MND hosts its first day-long sight seeing tour of the year for USFK personnel. During 1975 about 1,050 US officers and enlisted men are expected to participate (as VIPs for a day) in ROKG excursions designed to increase their knowledge of Korean life and culture and promote binational relations.
- 14 Dissident poet KIM Chi Ha, released from prison 15 Feb following presidential clemency, is rearrested and charged with violating the ROK's Anti-Communist Law. In a recent news article on his prison experiences, Kim accused the government of "using torture and fabricating cases" against 23 members of the outlawed People's Revolutionary Party.
- 14 Two years ago today the last of 320,000 Korean soldiers who had served in the RVN returned home, ending the ROK's eight-year military involvement. The corps-sized ROKF-V was credited with more than 41,000 enemy dead while suffering 3,800 combat losses, an 11 to 1 kill ratio.
- 14 The annual West Point Founder's Day dinner, commemorating the 1802 Congressional authorization for a US military academy, is held for 185 graduates at the Eighth Army Officers' Club. Guest speaker is GEN Stilwell, CG, EUSA, also a graduate and a former Commandant of Cadets.

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- 15 The 21st anniversary of FROKA is observed at its headquarters in Wonju, 55 miles SE of Seoul.
- 16 MG Albert R. Escola, head of USACIC, begins a six-day observation of CID operations in Korea.
- 17 Newsweek, citing worldwide strategic balances, credits Red China with a 3.5 million-man military arm, 3,800 aircraft and 52 vessels. Russia's Far East posture is given as 600,000 troops, 1,100 planes and 55 ships. US defense forces in NE Asia are placed at 190,000 men, 240 tactical aircraft and 48 warships.
- 17 A six-day sit-in ends at Dong-A Ilbo (East Asia Daily), the ROK's most widely read vernacular newspaper, as 160 journalists are forcibly evicted. The striking newsmen had charged management with "stifling of a free press." The heretofore outspoken newspaper underwent a front office shakeup in late Feb following a three-month curtailment of advertising by major Korean firms.
- 19 UNC discloses that a suspected tunnel-like cavity has been confirmed in southern portion of the DMZ, approximately eight miles NE of Chorwon. Photographs from a bore-hole camera show the 170-foot subterranean excavation to be man-made. Interior is estimated to be six feet high, five feet wide, and 2,300 yards long with a 1,000-yard extension into UNC side of truce zone. Civilian engineers, assisted by military personnel, are digging an intercept passage to allow further investigation. This is second secret enemy underground tunnel into the South to be discovered in past four months.
- 20 At the 361st MAC meeting, UNC presents video-tape interviews with two NK defectors who had first-hand knowledge of Communist tunnel construction beneath the DMZ. KIM Po Sung, a compressor operator in drilling activities since May 72, came south last Sep; Lt YU Tae Youn, who fled the North this month, had also observed tunneling since spring 1972. The NK spokesman makes no comment.
- 24 An intercept shaft dug by ROK engineers penetrates the NK-built tunnel recently disclosed by underground photos. Observations do not indicate presence of rail or electric lines such as found last Nov in first Communist tunnel.
- 24 Six NK MIGs from a formation of 30 aircraft enter UNC airspace over west coast islands of Paengyongdo and Sochongdo. Intruders fly north when ROKAF planes scramble to within 20 miles of the area.

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- 24 LTG John R. Guthrie, Cdr USARJ/CG IX Corps, arrives for a five-day orientation visit to USFK units.
- 25 The 38th ADA Bde, headquartered at Osan AB, marks the 14th anniversary of its reactivation.
- 28 Hon David P. Taylor, Asst SAF (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), makes a one-day visit to the Osan-based 314th Air Div.
- 31 The 28-week US conditional amnesty program for Vietnam-era draft evaders and deserters ends. An estimated 25,000 individuals of 113,900 eligibles have applied for a presidential pardon and clemency in return for up to two years public service.
- 31 In the year's first confrontation between students and authorities, Seoul police restrain 500 anti-ROK demonstrators at Korea University. Dissidents call for "freedom of the press" and "pardons for imprisoned students."

APRIL

- 1 ROK CIA discloses the Feb 75 neutralization of an eight-man NK espionage ring which had infiltrated political and educational circles during past seven years.
- 1 JUSMAG-K celebrates fourth anniversary of its organization.
- 1 The 2.7 million HDRF marks its seventh 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.
- 2 Rep Donald M. Fraser (D-Mn), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Int'l Organizations and Movements, concludes a four-day fact finding mission on alleged human rights violations in the ROK. Fraser, who had previously called for a cut in US military aid to Korea "as long as President Park maintains his oppressive rule," says the ROKG prevented him from meeting some opposition politicians and dissident students recently released from prison.
- 3 About 8,000 students at Seoul National and Yonsei Universities battle riot police for five hours as demonstrations against the government continue. Some 130 activists are taken into custody. A dozen police and students are injured.
- 4 Army MG Cecil W. Hospelhorn, AAFES Cdr, begins a three-day visit to KRE facilities.

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- 5 Arbor Day. In this annual assist to reforestation programs in the ROK, USFK units plant tens of thousands of US donated trees and seedlings on and near US military installations.
- 5 Nationalist China President Chiang Kai-shek succumbs to heart failure. The 87-year-old generalissimo offered troops to the ROK during the Korean War, a proposition declined by the US.
- 5 MG H.P. Smith, USAF Scty Svc Cdr, arrives for five days of conferences at 314th Air Div.
- 7 Seven ROKA soldiers clearing the NK-built tunnel discovered last month are found dead. Preliminary investigation indicates the men died from asphyxiation.
- 8 Following two more days of anti-ROK demonstrations at Korea University, President Park issues Emergency Measure No. 7 which closes the prestigious institution and provides lengthy prison terms for subsequent dissident activities. ROK soldiers and police move onto the campus to enforce the decree and 40 students are arrested.
- 9 Eight men are hanged in Seoul Prison for their involvement in the outlawed People's Revolutionary Party which ROK authorities charge is a subversive organization instigating violent student demonstrations. Notwithstanding today's executions and yesterday's presidential decree, some 3,000 youths from five universities clash with police in a "demand for restoration of democracy."
- 9 Sixty members of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College begin a five-day field trip to Korea which will include briefings at this headquarters.
- 13 USFK personnel support and participate in Korea's third annual Miles for Millions Walk for Needy Children. More than 7,600 persons raise 11.5 million won (\$24,000) to trek a 15-mile route in Seoul. Last year a similar walk generated the equivalent of \$17,000 for underprivileged youngsters.
- 13 The 51 RSA-K libraries throughout Korea begin National Library Week featuring a variety of lectures, exhibits and related activities.
- 15 SECDEF James R. Schlesinger tells the New York Overseas Press Club that US treaty commitments to Korea, Japan and NATO "remain the highest law of the land."

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- 15 Twenty-sixth anniversary of the ROKMC. In its short history, it became one of the largest Marine Corps in the Free World--second only to the USMC. In Oct 73 the Corps, previously a separate service command, was incorporated into the ROKN.
- 16 Following an appeal from the ROK National Red Cross and the Korean National TB Association Fund, members of USFK contribute more than 7.9 million won (\$16,500). Korea-based American military have been participating in this annual campaign since 1956.
- 16 MG Harold R. Aaron, DA ACSI, arrives for a two-day review of Army intelligence activities in Korea.
- 17 Cambodia surrenders to the Khmer Rouge, ending five years of war in that SEA nation. In Apr-Jun 70, American troops entered Cambodia (now called Khmer) to destroy Viet Cong sanctuaries but further deployment of US soldiers was prohibited by Congress in Dec 70 as was use of air power in Aug 73. US defense aid to Phnom Penh totaled more than \$1 billion.
- 17 In reply to a press query on Japan's attitude toward defense of Korea, a Tokyo Foreign Ministry spokesman says, "In event of danger to the region, US can use military bases under certain conditions."
- 18 NK leader KIM Il Sung and nine of his top aides, including three senior generals, arrive in Peking for a nine-day meeting with the Chinese hierarchy. Kim's visit to China, his first since 1961, leads to speculation in Seoul that he is seeking support for reunification of the Korean peninsula on his own terms.
- 18 The 4th US Army Msl Comd, the last of its kind in the Army, celebrates its 17th 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.
- 18 LTG Walter Galligan, Cdr USFJ/5th Air Force, departs after a three-day visit to ROK and US air bases.
- 19 Anniversary of the bloody 19 Apr 60 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.
- 20 RADM George P. March, Cdr, Navy Scty Gp, makes a two-day orientation visit to HQ NAVFORKOREA.

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- 24 Rep Les Aspin (D-Wi) urges the US Nuclear Regulatory Agency to reconsider shipping 50 tons of uranium to the ROK for its reactor. He claims 1,500 pounds of plutonium could be produced, enough for 100 atomic bombs. The ROKG, licensed to receive nuclear materials from the US, cites its ratification yesterday of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- 25 ANZAC Day. In ceremonies at the Commonwealth War Memorial at Kapyong, Australian and New Zealand Korean War dead are honored today.
- 25 MG Gunnar Gerring, Swedish Member of the NNSC, departs. His replacement is MG Allan Mansson.
- 26 Air controllers at Kursan AB begin operating a new Mobile Radar Approach Control, the first of its kind in the world to be installed with direct altitude read-out information and a video mapper.
- 26 ROK CIA announces arrest of an eight-member NK espionage ring which had attempted to recruit agents from ranks of students in the South. Ringleader is LEE Dong Hyon, a naturalized Japanese of Korean descent.
- 26 Ceremonies at the Solma-ri battle site recall the valiant Korean War stand of the British Gloucester Regt against CHICOM forces 24 years ago. After the three-day action, only 84 of the 675-member regiment reached safety.
- 27 In House Armed Services Committee testimony reported today, Asst SECDEF for Program Analysis and Evaluation Leonard Sullivan said the DOD five-year projection calls for presence of US troops in Korea at least until 1980 and possibly 1990, barring significant developments in international relations.
- 27 Eighth Army units, participating in Operation NEW LIFE, begin a two-day airlift of 45 food specialists, field kitchen equipment, and other relief supplies to Guam in support of Vietnam refugees. A C-141 loaded with tents and blankets provided by Taegu AB preceded today's movement.
- 27 Statistics released by the ROK's Korea Development Institute show that the South's 1974 GNP was \$17.16 billion and per capita income reached \$513, indicating a growth rate of 11 percent. By contrast, NK is credited with a \$4.82 billion GNP, \$313 per capita income, and growth rate of four percent.

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- 29 In light of KIM Il Sung's recent trip to Red China and possible fall of the RVN, President Park goes on nationwide radio and television to call for unity among his people, confidence in the government, and a firm determination to repulse any Communist attack.
- 30 Saigon surrenders to Communist forces, ending 35 years of fighting in Vietnam. Fall of the RVN followed a six-week enemy offensive during which three-fourths of the country was captured and Saigon itself was virtually surrounded. Last official Americans were evacuated yesterday.
- 30 RADM Mark P. Frudden, former commander of the USS Gridley, becomes COMNAVFORKOREA, replacing retiring RADM Henry S. Morgan. The latter's concurrent assignment as UNCMAC Senior Member is assumed by MG William L. Webb, UNC/USFK/EUSA ACoFS J3.
- 30 ROKG, citing persistent involvement in anti-government political activism, deports Father James Sinnott. The American Vicar General of the Inchon Diocese, who served here for 14 years, is the second foreign clergyman expelled from Korea since the country was liberated from Japanese rule in 1945. Methodist minister Rev George E. Ogle was forced to leave 14 Dec 74 for similar reasons.

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- 1 USFK 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 15 Apr.
- 1 Duty hours for HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA are changed from 0800-1700 to 0730-1630 to take advantage of daylight hours for recreation.
- 2 SECDEF Schlesinger tells Pentagon press corps that, in the wake of South Vietnam's collapse, the US "forward defense areas must continue to be Western Europe and Korea."
- 3 The second of two heavily armed NK infiltrators who were sighted in Pusan last week is captured in Seoul. The other Communist agent was apprehended in a Pusan suburb four days ago.
- 3 On the occasion of the 23d anniversary of its activation, the UNC JSA holds an open-house for local residents. About 165 US personnel, 57 KATUSA, 64 KNs and 71 KSC members man the advance camp near the DMZ.

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- 5 Ethiopian troops (Kagnev Bn) arrived in Korea 24 years ago today. The Kagnev Bn 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.
- 5 The 53d celebration of Children's Day, designated a national holiday for the first time, begins Family Week in Korea. Tomorrow is Adults' Day and 8 May is Mother's Day.
- 5 USAF BG Leland C. Shepard, JUSMAG-K CofS, departs to become DCSPER, HQ MAC. His former position will be assumed by a colonel rather than a general officer.
- 6 ROK National Assembly Speaker CHUNG Il Kwan tells President Ford in Washington that if the US withdraws its troops from South Korea, North Korea would attack within six months. Chung reportedly received President Ford's assurances that US troops in Korea will remain for "forseeable future" and that "America would stand by its security commitments to the ROK."
- 6 An annual overseas study group comprised of 37 faculty members and students of the US National War College arrives for a three-day visit to ROK and US facilities.
- 10 In the largest anti-Communist rally in the ROK's postwar history, an estimated two million citizens assemble at Seoul's Yoi Island to reaffirm their determination to thwart any renewed NK aggression. Today's well-organized patriotic demonstration climaxes 12 days of similar but smaller rallies held throughout the country.
- 13 President Park issues Emergency Measures 8 and 9. The former withdraws troops from and reopens Korea University which was closed 8 Apr 75 due to student demonstrations. The latter bans all acts opposing the 1972 Yushin (Revitalizing Reforms) Constitution which strengthened presidential authority. It also limits the outflow of capital from the country.
- 13 On this date in 1968, talks to end the Vietnam War began in Paris and continued for four years, eight months and 10 days. Despite Communist promises to the contrary, the Jan 73 treaty was abrogated and the RVN was overrun 27 months later. By contrast, peace negotiations to conclude a ceasefire in the Korean War lasted two years and 17 days and the Jul 53 truce is still in effect.
- 13 Hon James W. Plummer, Under SAF, arrives in Korea for a three-day review of USAF and ROKAF capabilities.

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- 13 Two ROKN LSTs arrive in Pusan with 1,364 Koreans and Vietnamese who escaped prior to the fall of Saigon. Included are 392 South Vietnamese without relatives or friends in Korea. Refugees will be temporarily housed at the Pusan Women's High School pending relocation.
- 14 A USAF F4 Phantom, enroute from Osan AB to Kadena AB, crashes into a Pusan factory dormitory, killing 11 Koreans and seriously injuring five others. The two pilots parachute to safety. Cause of accident is under investigation.
- 14 ROK MND honors 23 USFK military and civilian members, most of them J2 personnel, for their efforts in locating, last March, the large tunnel built under the DMZ by NK. Awards include National Security Medals and Certificates of Appreciation.
- 14 Thirty-third anniversary of the US Women's Army Corps. WACs in Korea now number 780, including 30 officers. Two years ago, when long-established restrictions against assignment of women soldiers to Korea were in effect, only 11 WAC officers and 18 EW were in the command.
- 16 Pusan extends a warm welcome to the guided missile cruiser USS Long Beach. The 1,100-man crew will be granted liberty during the four-day stay of the Navy's first nuclear-powered surface ship, making its initial visit to Korea.
- 16 Host nation marks the 14th anniversary of the bloodless military revolution which brought President (then MG) PARK Chung Hee to power.
- 17 US forces in Korea celebrate America's 26th Armed Forces Day with a variety of open-house activities at US installations throughout the ROK.
- 18 RADM William R. McClendon, CINCPAC J5, begins four days of conferences with UNC/USFK/EUSA planners.
- 18 An estimated 10.1 million Korean disciples mark Buddha's 2519th birthday, observed this year for the first time as a national holiday. According to the ROKG, the country's other major religions (with followers in millions) are: Confucianism 4.4, Protestantism 3.5, and Catholicism 0.8. Population of the ROK is about 34 million.
- 19 LTG Edward M. Flanagan, Eight Army DCG, departs for San Francisco to assume command of Sixth Army. Under reduced organizational structure for the consolidated headquarters, no replacement is authorized.

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- 20 ROK Ministry of Education announces activation of a Student National Defense Corps in Sep 75. High school and college males will receive increased military training aimed at wartime rear area defense missions and maintenance of public order.
- 20 The Command announces reduced dependent access to USFK exchanges, commissaries and Class XI outlets. Action is predicated by overtaxed physical and logistical resources and a ROK/US SOFA Joint Committee recommendation to alleviate the situation. Hereafter, dependents acquired in the ROK will be authorized entrance to cited facilities only if they have spent one year or more with their sponsors out-of-country. Some 3,000 will be denied shopping privileges and ration control plates. Exceptions will be made on a case-to-case basis.
- 20 Fourteen members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces begin a five-day field trip to Korea as part of the institute's annual International Field Studies Program. Henceforth, selected personnel from the Industrial and National War Colleges may make a combined yearly trip to the ROK as DOD is planning to merge the two schools in 1976.
- 22 Garrison Flag ceremonies are conducted at Yongsan's Knight Field in commemoration of US National Maritime Day.
- 22 Ninety-third anniversary of the Korea/US "Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation" which established initial diplomatic relationships between the two countries.
- 25 Newsweek reports that the North may further test US resolve regarding islands in the Western (Yellow) Sea. Five islands (Paengyong-do, Taechong-do, Sochong-do, Yongpyong-do and U-do) lying in the passageway to the NK port of Haeju were ceded to UNC control under terms of the 1953 Armistice Agreement. Since late 1973 they have become subject to enemy naval and air provocations.
- 25 Reps Edward J. Derwinski (R-IL) and Dominick V. Daniels (D-NJ), House Post Office Committeemen, begin a three-day review of the command's postal facilities and operations.
- 26 In Memorial Day ceremonies at HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA's Knight Field, a 21-gun salute is rendered in honor of those Americans who died for the preservation of freedom, including 49 Korea-based US military personnel who have been killed due to NK actions since the Armistice.

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- 26 ADM Noel Gayler, CINCPAC, arrives for five days of conferences with top ROK/US government and military officials.
- 27 At today's 362d MAC meeting, UNC Senior Member MG William L. Webb charges the North with continuing its illegal tunneling activities in other areas beneath the DMZ and says "it represents the greatest threat to peace since the Korean War." The Communists counter that the UNC is fabricating the tunnel accusations.
- 30 DOD figures released today reveal the five-year \$1.5 billion ROK Forces Modernization Program, originally planned for completion in FY 75, is nearly 30 percent behind schedule. Delay is attributed to Congressional restraints and priorities of other programs world-wide. Of the \$1.25 billion to be appropriated by Congress, only \$886.9 million has been provided. Annual increments (\$ in millions) are: FY 71--\$293.8; FY 72--\$155.4; FY 73--\$149.6; FY 74--\$150.3; and FY 75--\$137.3. The additional \$250 million in excess defense articles to be transferred to the ROK is in arrears by \$105.3 million. Pentagon officials now expect the program to be fulfilled by end FY 77.
- 30 MG John R. Thurman III, former Dir of Program Analysis and Evaluation, OCSA, assumes command of the 2d Inf Div in ceremonies today at Camp Casey's Indianhead Field. He replaces MG Henry E. Emerson who departs to receive his third star as CG, XVIII Abn Corps, Ft Bragg, NC.
- 31 GEN Louis L. Wilson, Jr, CINCPACAF, begins a five-day inspection of air units in the ROK. Also arriving today for a four-day fact finding visit to USFK installations are Reps Dawson Mathis (D-Ga), David R. Bowen (D-Ms) and Thad Cochran (R-Ms).

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- 1 The three-day annual Yongsan Community Carnival closes on South Post. Featuring 39 booths and a grand drawing, the festival nets \$67,000 (more than double last year's total) for local charity projects sponsored by the Yongsan Community Council.
- 3 BG Garry A. Willard, Jr, recently arrived from AFLC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh, replaces retiring BG John F. Barnes as UNC/USFK/EUSA Dep ACofS J3 (Joint).

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- 3 USFK's restricted DOD dependent school enrollment policy, announced on 1 Mar 75, will be continued through the Aug 75-Jun 76 school year. Due to overcrowded conditions, only children of command-sponsored military and DOD civilian personnel will be admitted. Those noncommand-sponsored dependents who were enrolled before 1 Mar 75, however, may continue to attend on a space available, tuition-free basis.
- 5 ROK CIA arrests seven alleged collaborators of the two armed NK agents apprehended five weeks ago in Pusan and Seoul, respectively. All were reportedly involved in a plot to create social unrest and revolution in the South.
- 5 GEN Richard G. Stilwell, COMUSKOREA, departs on a 12-day trip to Washington D.C. for consultations in the Pentagon. His visit will include addresses to students at the CGSC, Ft Leavenworth, Ks, and SGM Academy, Ft Bliss, Tx.
- 6 The people of the ROK mourn the dead of two wars during ceremonies observing their 20th Memorial Day.
- 7 MG Harold R. Vague, USAF JAG, arrives for a four-day review of legal activities in the 314th Air Div and its subordinate units.
- 9 President Ford tells a nationally televised news conference that "The present American military contingent in South Korea is important for maintenance of peace on the peninsula."
- 9 Japanese Prime Minister Miki states that while American forces stationed in Japan may be allowed to carry out emergency military operations in Korea, they will not be permitted to introduce nuclear weapons into Japan under any circumstances.
- 9 Two NK MIG-21s overfly the Yellow Sea island of Paengyong-do and flee north as ROKAF jet fighters scramble to intercept. Incident marks third enemy intrusion of ROK air space over west coast islands this year.
- 9 The Senate passes the FY 76 Military Construction Bill which includes, for Korea, \$9.281 million earmarked for improvement of existing bases, an 80 percent increase over FY 75's \$5.1 million.
- 10 Eighth US Army's 31st anniversary. Since its activation in Memphis, Tn, the "Pacific Victors" has served consecutively in the Pacific (WW II), Japan and, for the last 25 years, in Korea.

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- 11 At today's 363d MAC meeting, NK again refuses to participate in a joint investigation of tunnels under the DMZ, and brands the tunneling allegation and the UNC's charge of a 9 Jun intrusion of ROK airspace as "no more than a fabrication."
- 11 NK indefinitely postpones the next working-level meeting of N-S Red Cross officials. No reason is given for the unilateral suspension of these sessions which are aimed at finding means to resume full-dress talks on reunification of families separated by the Korean War.
- 11 Army Times reports that four of Eighth Army six BGs have been selected for promotion to two-star rank. Names and current assignments of those nominated are: Kenneth E. Dohleman, ADC (M), 2d Div; John J. Koehler, CG, 38th ADA Bde; William A. Patch, ADC (S), 2d Div; and Judson F. Miller, CofS, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp.
- 11 ROC Armed Forces CofS, GEN LAI Ming-tong, begins a four-day visit to Korea. He is here at the invitation of ROK JCS Chairman GEN RO Jae Hyun.
- 12 Washington Post quotes President Park as admitting that the ROK has the capability to produce atomic weapons but will honor the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as long as the US provides a nuclear umbrella.
- 13 Citing economy factors, USARJ/EUSA report that the US Army Printing and Publishing Center, Honshu, currently at Kawasaki City, Japan, will move to Camp Market (ASCOM), Korea. The relocation, scheduled for Oct 75, will create one NCO space, and jobs for four DACs and 59 KNs.
- 13 President Park says NK could misjudge American resolve to defend its allies and cautions that it is highly possible for the North to consider the period prior to the 1976 US presidential elections as "the most opportune time to launch an aggressive military action against the ROK."
- 14 US Army Bicentennial. At Yongsan's Knight Field, a historical pageant and band concert, featuring Eighth Army Honor Guard members attired in nine different US Army uniforms from the past, highlight local activities. Displays depict the Army's history and contributions to nation-building over the last 200 years. Today is also Infantry Day and Flag Day.

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- 14 The 45-man Eighth Army contingent sent to Guam in Apr to assist in the RVN refugee effort returns today. The only cooks at the temporary center for six weeks, they had prepared all meals for up to 10,000 Vietnamese daily. The EUSA messmen were replaced by members of the Hawaii-based 25th Division.
- 15 ROKG's Revisit Korea Program begins. A group of 52 Korean War veterans and their families from the US and other UNC member nations arrives in Seoul. As this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Korean War, the ROK plans to invite some 10,000 veterans from 16 allied countries to return for five days, all expenses paid (less air fare which is half price).
- 15 The ROK conducts a nationwide Civil Defense Day drill which suspends traffic for an hour, signals a search for shelter by all citizens and, for the first time, calls for first-aid practice. These alerts, formerly titled Air Defense Drill Day, are held once monthly, usually on the 15th.
- 16 Washington Post reports LTG James F. Hollingsworth, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp CG, has devised a nine-day war concept to counter a NK ground strike against Seoul. His plan calls for five days of heavy non-nuclear air sorties to immobilize the enemy in the forward area and four days of infantry mop-up. The 2d US Div would relocate from the front line to a reserve position upon warning of invasion. Questioned on this strategy, the Pentagon's only comment was "The US and ROK have a variety of contingency plans."
- 17 ROK Home Ministry announces a draft law to organize a Civil Defense Corps, distinct from the 2.7 million-member HDRF. The measure, effective 1 Aug 75, makes it mandatory for an estimated 3.5 million males between the ages of 17 and 50 to join the Corps which is designed to provide an effective manpower defense potential. Members will train periodically in air defense, reconstruction work and other wartime emergency procedures.
- 17 GEN Frederick C. Weyand, CofSA, begins a three-day series of discussions with key ROK/US officials. This is his first visit to Korea since assuming the Army's top military post in Oct 74.
- 18 The 43d Surg Hosp (MA), converted to training status last Feb, is awarded the ROK Presidential Unit Citation for meritorious service during the period Jul 50 to Feb 75. The 43d was the last of 14 M*A*S*Hs which provided medical support in Korea.

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- 20 SECDEF Schlesinger acknowledges that US has tactical nuclear weapons deployed in Korea. He warns that America "cannot forclose any option" in defending the ROK against a NK invasion, but adds that nuclear weapons would be used only as a last resort.
- 20 ROKG initiates an emergency duty system for its 600,000 civil servants due to rising threats and provocations by the North. A grade one, two or three alert cancels all leaves and obligates 50, 20, and 10 percent of workers, respectively, to report for duty on nights and holidays.
- 20 ROK MND holds a ground-breaking ceremony near Freedom Bridge, spanning the Imjin River 25 miles N of Seoul, for a monument commemorating American participation in the Korean War. Formal unveiling is scheduled for early Oct 75. ROKG is erecting memorials in honor of all UNC allies that fought here, and that to the US is one of six to be dedicated this year.
- 21 CAPSTAN DRAGON begins. A joint, combined amphibious FTX featuring battalion-size participation by the 2d US Inf Div and 1st ROK Marine Div, it is being conducted for three-days at Pohang.
- 22 NK Vice Premier CHONG Chun Ki reaffirms the North's rejection of President Park's Jan 74 proposals for a non-aggression pact and separate entry of the two Koreas into the UN.
- 22 Dep Asst SECSTATE for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, J. Owen Zurhellen, Jr, arrives for a six-day orientation visit to Korea.
- 25 Twenty-five years ago today the NKA struck across the 38th Parallel in an all-out attack which started a three-year war that cost an estimated 2,405,000 military/civilian casualties and displaced about 3.7 million refugees. In a statement prepared for the occasion, President Park again urges NK to accept his 18 Jan 74 offer of a non-aggression pact between North and South.
- 25 Seven years ago AAFES designated Korea as a separate exchange region (KRE). Today the operation employs 150 Americans and 2,200 KNS in facilities which include 92 retail stores and 109 food outlets; another 3,445 persons are associated with KRE's 1,205 concessions.

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- 27 US Ambassador to the UN John Scali sends letter to the Security Council President outlining a US/ROK proposal for terminating the 25-year-old UNC effective 1 Jan 76, provided alternate arrangements are made to maintain the Armistice Agreement. Letter suggests US and ROK designate military officers as "successors in command" to enforce provisions of the Armistice, now responsibility of CINCUNC. Offer, reportedly, is aimed at pre-empting an expected General Assembly demand this year for removal of US troops in Korea under UN banner.
- 27 ROKG lifts a second degree alert ordered three days ago for government employees. Measure was called on eve of 25th anniversary of the Korean War. No incidents were reported along the DMZ during the period.
- 30 At Panmunjom, MAJ William D. Henderson, Dep Cdr, USA Spt Gp-JSA, is target of unprovoked attack by 10 NK guards. Incident occurs while 364th MAC meeting is in progress. Officer suffers a fractured larynx and will be medically evacuated to CONUS.
- 30 A member of NK's UN observer mission denounces the 27 Jun American letter to the Security Council which proposed replacing the UNC with a combined US/ROK command. He states the offer "still keeps US troops in Korea indefinitely involved in pursuing an aggressive policy."
- 30 One NK infiltrator is killed and his companion escapes following an exchange of gunfire with a ROK military/police team near Kwangju in Korea's SW corner. Four members of the ROK security force die in the firefight and two others are wounded. CEOC officials surmise from articles seized at the scene that the two agents were planning to assassinate ROKG officials and sabotage major military and industrial complexes.
- 30 MND announces that mobile combat units have been organized in the HDRF and equipped with locally produced, infantry-type heavy weapons. These combat elements will act as quick reaction forces to counter expected NK incursions in the rear areas.
- 30 GEN Louis H. Wilson becomes 26th Commandant of USMC. Other members of the JCS are USAF GEN George S. Brown, Chairman; ADM James L. Holloway III; USAF GEN David C. Jones; and Army GEN Frederick C. Weyand.
- 30 The 1975 AER/ARS campaign closes in Eighth Army with estimated contributions of \$27,000. Last year more than \$219,000 was paid out in loans or grants to Korea-based soldiers in need of emergency financial help.

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30 US News & World Report, quoting International Institute of Strategic Studies' data, gives North-South military postures as follows (NK statistics in parentheses): Armed Forces--625,000 men (467,000); Reserve Forces and Civilian Militia--3,128,000 (1,600,000); Tanks--1,000 (1,030); and Combat Planes--210 (598). Other IISS figures reported list a 410,000-man NKA with 22 infantry divisions, one motorized division, and 20 surface-to-air missile battalions; and credit a 40,000-man NKAf with 300 MIG-15/17s, 70 MIG-19s, 130 MIG-21s, and 70 bombers. UPI, in a related story, attributes to the NKN a strength of 17,000, four submarines and 150 torpedo boats and other craft.

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GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

AAFES:	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
ACSI:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
AD:	Air Defense
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
ADM:	Atomic Demolition Munition
ANZAC:	Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
ASCOM:	Army Support Command
CEOC:	Counterespionage Operations Command
CHICOM:	Chinese Communists
CID:	Criminal Investigation Division
CofSA:	Chief of Staff, United States Army
FROKA:	First Republic of Korea Army
FTX:	Field Training Exercise
GNP:	Gross National Product
HDRF:	Homeland Defense Reserve Force
IISS:	International Institute of Strategic Studies
ISA:	International Security Affairs
JOT:	Joint Observer Team
JSA:	Joint Security Area
JUSMAG-K:	Joint United States Military Advisory Group, Korea
KATUSA:	Korean Augmentation to the United States Army
KBS:	Korean Broadcasting System
KN:	Korean National
KRE:	Korea Regional Exchange
KSC:	Korean Service Corps
MA:	Mobile Army
M*A*S*H:	Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
MDL:	Military Demarcation Line
MND:	Ministry of National Defense
NAVFORKOREA:	United States Naval Forces, Korea
NKA:	North Korea Army
NKAF:	North Korea Air Force
NKN:	North Korea Navy
NNSC:	Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission
NSCC:	North-South Coordinating Committee
OCSA:	Office, Chief of Staff, United States Army
OSD:	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PACOM:	Pacific Command
PCS:	Permanent Change of Station
PDSK:	Petroleum Distribution System, Korea
ROC:	Republic of China
ROKA:	Republic of Korea Army
ROKAF:	Republic of Korea Air Force

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ROKF:	Republic of Korea Forces
ROKF-V:	Republic of Korea Forces-Vietnam
ROKG:	Republic of Korea Government
ROKMC:	Republic of Korea Marine Corps
ROKN:	Republic of Korea Navy
RSA-K:	Recreation Service Agency, Korea
RVN:	Republic of Vietnam
SAF:	Secretary of the Air Force
SEA:	Southeast Asia
SOFA:	Status of Forces Agreement
TF:	Task Force
TFW:	Tactical Fighter Wing
TKP:	Trans-Korea Pipeline
TOW:	Tube Fired, Optically Sighted, Wire Guided Missile
TRADOC:	United States Army Training and Doctrine Command
TROKA:	Third Republic of Korea Army
UNCMAC:	United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission
USACAC:	United States Army Combined Arms Center
USACIC:	United States Army Criminal Investigation Command
USAMEDDAC-K:	United States Army Medical Department Activity, Korea
USARJ:	United States Army, Japan
USFJ:	United States Forces, Japan
USFK:	United States Forces, Korea
VSLI:	Veteran Service Life Insurance
Won or W:	Korean currency (₩484 = \$1 as of 30 Jun 75)

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FOREWORD

1. This compilation, part of a continuing series, is required by CINCPAC to supplement the classified UNC/USFK/EUSA Annual History.
2. Comprised of entries on historic firsts, key changes of command, anniversaries, protocol visits, and significant military, political and economic developments in Korea, this journal provides a handy reference document of the day-by-day sequence of events affecting local US forces.
3. Recipients are authorized to extract or reproduce portions as desired.

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

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- 1 Army MG William L. Webb, Jr, UNCMAC Senior Member, sends letter to his NK counterpart protesting yesterday's unprovoked attack on MAJ William D. Henderson, Dep Cdr, US Army Spt Gp-JSA, which occurred while the 364th MAC Meeting was in session. The officer suffered a fractured larynx when kicked by Communist guards and was medically evacuated to CONUS.
- 1 One year ago today HQs UNC/USFK and Eighth Army were merged to form a single joint staff. It was the first major organizational change of the tri-headquarters since the 1 Jul 57 move of HQ UNC from Tokyo to Seoul and the concurrent formation of USFK.
- 1 Today marks the seventeenth anniversary of the establishment of NAVFORKOREA and AFK which was part of a major realignment of component commands in the Pacific.
- 1 I Corps (ROK/US) Gp commemorates the fourth 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/EUSA combat elements (12 divisions, 4 brigades) which comprise the largest Army corps in the Free World.
- 1 SGM Helen H. Allen of the US Army Hospital, Seoul (121st Evac) becomes the first WAC in Korea to be promoted to the Army's highest enlisted grade.
- 2 ROK Prime Minister KIM Jong Pil tells the ROK National Assembly that NK could stage a full-scale attack on the South without assistance from Russia or Red China. He also asserts that it will be four to five years before the South will achieve a self-reliant defense posture under which "we can match--without direct support by US forces-- a NK attack and stage a counterattack."
- 2 The National Observer reports that DOD recently decided that relocation of the 2d US Inf Div to a position S of Seoul was impossible due to the \$500 million cost of such a move.

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- 2 MG James C. Smith, UNC/USFK/EUSA CofS, assumes concurrent duties as UNCMAC Senior Member, vice MG Webb, ACofS, J-3.
- 2 Mr. Lloyd W. Grable, DN's Dir of Civilian Manpower Mgmt, visits the command for a three-day look into the current status and problems of DNC employees.
- 3 In House Armed Services Committee testimony released today, DOD officials state that the US will keep its present 42,000-man force level in Korea through end FY 76.
- 3 Among the nations backing the US 30 Jun proposal to the UN are Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, Japan, New Zealand, Uruguay and the Netherlands. The resolution would dissolve the UNC by 1 Jan 76 provided US/ROK military officers are designated successors in command and the 1953 Armistice Agreement is continued.
- 4 Independence Day. US personnel serving in the ROK observe the 199th anniversary of our nation with traditional 4th of July festivities.
- 4 Three years ago today North and South Korea issued a joint communique pledging discussions for peaceful reunification of the peninsula and cessation of armed provocations. Plenary NSCC meetings, however, have been suspended since 28 Aug 73 due to NK's demand that the ROK abolish its Anti-Communist Law, and hostile incidents have continued.
- 5 The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regt, 24th Inf Div's Task Force Smith, who were killed in a valiant holding action beginning on this date in 1950, are honored in ceremonies at the battle site. A monument in memory of this first US ground force to meet the spearhead of the NK invasion stands on a hilltop at Chukmi-ryung near Osan. The silver anniversary observance is highlighted by attendance of the task force commander, BG (then LTC) Charles B. Smith (Ret) who, during his one-week visit to Korea, will be awarded the ROK's highest military medal by President PARK Chung Hee.
- 5 At a state dinner honoring visiting President Bongo of Gabon, President Park says both Koreas should join the UN and that NK should return to peninsular conferences designed to reunify the two countries.
- 6 SECDEF James R. Schlesinger, appearing on a nationally-televised interview program, says "the possibility of a new war in Korea has receded in recent weeks." He also restates the US commitment to defend the ROK--possibly including the use of nuclear weapons, although he calls a nuclear strike "a very unlikely event."
- 6 Twenty-five Koreans die and 410 are left homeless as seasonal heavy rains buffet the ROK's southern provinces.

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- 6 Mr. Edwin Greiner, Prin Dep Asst SA (I&L), arrives for a six-day review of Army logistics programs in Korea.
- 7 The new UNCMAC Senior Member, Army MG Smith, requests NNSC assistance in halting Communist incidents at Panmunjom such as last week's violent assault on a UNC officer.
- 8 ROK National Assembly passes four security-related bills. The Civil Defense Law calls for formation of a 3.5 million-male civilian corps between ages 17 and 50, distinct from the 2.7 million-man HDRF. The Defense Tax Law allows the government to collect \$400 million annually through surtaxes on salaries, entertainment and imports. The Public Security Law provides for two-year surveillance of 30,000 persons released after imprisonment for violating national security/anti-Communist statutes. Lastly, the Professors' Reappointment Law requires academicians to attempt to restrain anti-ROK student demonstrations or face removal.
- 9 The ROK proposes to NK that fourth NSCC plenary session be held before 15 Aug, the 30th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule.
- 9 A DA release informs that the one-month tour extension imposed on Korea-based US soldiers last Apr will remain in effect for at least part of FY 76 due to a continuing shortage of PCS funds.
- 9 GEN William V. McBride, AFLC Cdr, begins a three-day in-country review of the F-5E program. Concluding a four-day command visit is MG Donnelly P. Bolton, CG, USASCH.
- 10 KNRC proposes that the 11th working-level meeting of N-S Red Cross officials be convened 25 Jul to pave the way for plenary talks on reuniting ten million persons separated by the Korean War. Like the NSCC sessions, full-dress humanitarian conferences have been suspended for nearly two years.
- 10 Korean War truce negotiations opened at Kaesong 24 years ago this date. 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.
- 10 MG Kenneth B. Cooper, DA's Asst Chief of Engineers, arrives for a three-day inspection of the relocatable barracks project underway in the 2d Inf Div.
- 11 SSG Robert M. Patterson, MOH recipient for heroic action in the RVN during 1968, is assigned to the 2d Div's 4/7th Cav.
- 11 ROKN names LTG LEE Dong Yong, former CG, 1st Marine Div, to be 2d Vice CNO, replacing retiring LTG KIM Yun Sang. Lee assumes responsibility for ROK Marine operations.

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- 12 ROKF garrison on Paengyong-do, an island 120 miles NW of Seoul, fires warning shots as six NK vessels approach within two miles. Intruding craft head north without returning fire. The island is one of five in the Yellow Sea ceded to UNC control by the 1953 Armistice. NK has violated their territorial waters on numerous occasions since Oct 73.
- 12 UNC calls MAC Meeting (365th) to further protest 30 Jun attack on MAJ Henderson and offers a series of safeguards including disarming of security forces in the JSA to preclude a more serious incident. The Reds reject the proposal.
- 14 314th Air Div F-4E Phantoms and ROKAF F-5A Freedom Fighters combine to conduct the first emergency landing-takeoff exercise on the Seoul-Pusan Expressway near the Suwon interchange. The eight-hour test also evaluates ground support and bomb damage repair capabilities on the five-year-old superhighway.
- 14 NK rejects the ROK's 9 Jul request to reconvene plenary NSCC conferences, reiterating that the political dialogue cannot be resumed until the South abandons its anti-Communist policies.
- 14 ROK lifts its 30-hour first degree alert for government employees which went into effect due to NK provocations in the Yellow Sea two days ago. One-fifth of the civil servants were on duty overnight.
- 14 MG John J. Koehler, Jr, 38th ADA Bde CG, assumes concurrent duty as UNC/USFK EUSA ACofS, J-3, as MG William L. Webb, Jr, departs to take command of 1st Armored Div in Germany. MG Koehler, who received his second star 1 Jul 75, will be replaced at the 38th ADA on 25 Jul by newly-promoted BG John Oblinger, presently on the DA R&D staff.
- 15 NK leader KIM Il Sung is quoted as terming "deceptive" the West's proposal to the UN whereby the UNC would be disestablished 1 Jan 76. According to wire service reports, Kim told a leftist Japanese delegation visiting Pyongyang that withdrawal of all US forces from Korea, conclusion of a peace agreement between NK and the US, and reduction in armed forces of both Koreas are necessary to ease tension on the peninsula.
- 15 SECSTATE Henry Kissinger, answering a press query on the Korean situation, says that since North and South have irreconcilable interests he cannot see any solution in the foreseeable future. He adds, "What we must do is prevent an outbreak of war and create conditions in which the two governments can resume the process of negotiations which they started a few years ago."
- 15 BOA, in Yongsan Military Reservation's Finance Bldg since it opened its doors 3 Jan 56, relocates to new building on same post. In intervening years, seven additional full-time and eight part-time BOA military banking facilities have been established at other US installations in Korea.

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- 16 GEN Richard G. Stilwell, CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA/CG, EUSA tells a Seoul luncheon of Korean/American businessmen that US and ROK armed forces under his command, should they face renewed invasion by the Communists, "will defeat aggression right at the DMZ."
- 16 UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim urges direct dialogue between the two Koreas but dismisses as premature a hypothetical question as to whether the UN would step in if a new war breaks out in Korea.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation celebrates the 27th anniversary of its first constitution.
- 18 GEN Stilwell, COMUSKOREA, leaves on a one-week trip to Japan for consultations with USFJ/USARJ officials.
- 19 The Osan-based 5th Composite Wing (Tac) wins 5th Air Force Commander's Trophy for overall outstanding performance during first half 1975.
- 19 Ceremonies are held at ROK National Cemetery to commemorate death 10 years ago today of Syngman Rhee, first President of the Republic. He died in Hawaii following an exile brought about by the Apr 60 student uprisings.
- 19 MAJ William D. Henderson, injured 30 Jun when set upon by NK guards at Panmunjom, is released from Walter Reed Army Hospital for home convalescence.
- 20 Two MOH winners are in a group of 24 Korean War veterans arriving today in the second increment of the ROK's Revisit Korea Program. As this year marks 25th anniversary of Korean War, the ROKG is inviting senior officers and war heroes from 16 allied countries to return with their families for five days, all expenses paid.
- 20 The 2d Div's entries capture all six men's gold medals during the two-day Foreigners' Taekwondo (Korean martial art) Championships held in Seoul. All Indianhead members undergo a mandatory six-week course in Taekwondo and 300 of the 14,000 troopers have progressed to a black belt degree.
- 21 UK liaison officers rotate as Brigadier Kenneth Neely succeeds Brigadier Donald M. Fletcher as chief of Commonwealth mission to UNC.
- 24 Anniversary of the UNC. On this date 25 years ago, 22 nations came to South Korea's aid, 16 of which (plus the ROK) formed the UNC fighting team--the first international armed force in history organized to repel Communist aggression. Honor guard/liasion groups from 10 nations, including US and ROK, are still represented in the UNC.

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- 24 RADM James C. Donaldson, Cdr, Flt Air, WESTPAC, arrives for a three-day conference with NAVFORKOREA officials.
- 25 A DOD spokesman announces that USAF fighter squadrons at Osan and Kunsan are at their normal 18-20 aircraft strength. Units had been operating at the 13-17 level during SEA conflict.
- 25 Yongsan Army Community Service Center holds open house activities to celebrate 10th anniversary of the ACS.
- 27 Signing of the Armistice Agreement at Pammunjom 22 years ago today puts end to the shooting war in Korea. In the ensuing years of uneasy peace, 365 MAC plenary and 434 Secretary meetings have been held at the truce site during which the Communists have admitted to only two of the nearly 29,000 violations charged by the UNC.
- 27 LTG Walter T. Galligan, Cdr USFJ/5th Air Force, begins a three-day tour of air units in the ROK.
- 27 The Thai prime minister tells newsman that military agreements with the US are null and void and that the remaining 17,000 American forces in Thailand are to leave the country by 20 Mar 76.
- 28 Five days of heavy rains in the ROK subside, leaving 10 dead, eight missing, 627 homeless, and property losses of 1.32 billion won (\$2.7 million). US troops assist in rescue operations, flood assessment and control.
- 28 Korean-American Friendship Day in Pusan. Citizens and USFK personnel stationed in the port city join together for third annual outing of sporting events, entertainment, and civic ceremonies.
- 28 MG Kenneth J. Houghton, outgoing CG, 2d Marine Div, makes a three-day visit to this headquarters and JUSMAG-K.
- 29 US provides ROKN with a prototype Coastal Patrol Interdiction Craft, a small high-speed boat designed for improved coastal defense. The \$5.7 million ship was delivered last month under MAP, according to DOD officials. Negotiations are underway for ROK purchase of additional CPICs with FMS funds.
- 29 ROK National Police state NK is sending munitions concealed in wooden boxes into the rain-swollen HRE. During the past week, five explosions have killed one and injured eight inquisitive victims, most of them children.
- 30 The ROK resubmits its application for membership in the UN. Its petition for entry to the world body, first filed in 1949, has been vetoed by the USSR on four occasions.

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- 30 At today's 366th MAC Meeting, the UNC charges that four NK vessels intruded into ROK west coast waters near Paengyong-do on 12 Jul and that the Communists opened machine gun fire across the DMZ on 11 and 18 Jul. NK, silent on the UNC accusations, counters that the US has illegally deployed nuclear weapons in the South. The UNC spokesman retorts that the North was the first to introduce modern weapons into its inventory in direct contravention of the 1953 Armistice Agreement.
- 30 GEN Paul K. Carlton, Cdr, MAC, arrives for two days of discussions with US and ROK Air Force officials.

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- 1 A lone NK agent is killed and a ROK soldier wounded during a fire-fight near Chonju, 140 miles S of Seoul. Deceased is believed to be the infiltrator who escaped 30 Jun after an exchange of gunfire killed one NK agent and four ROK security force members at Kwangju, 50 miles further south.
- 1 STATEDEPT rejects a reported bid by North Korea for direct talks with the US, stressing that the "issues must be settled by the ROK and NK themselves."
- 1 YOON Ryu Dae, former NKA officer who fled south 5 Mar and furnished intelligence on Communist tunneling activities beneath the DMZ, is commissioned into the ROKA. Other NK defectors have become officers in the ROKAF or ROKN, but this is a first for the ROKA.
- 3 Asst SECDEF (Compt) Terence E. McClary begins a three-day review of fiscal matters in the command.
- 6 UN Security Council votes not to place the ROK's application for membership on its agenda. STATEDEPT announced earlier today that if South Korea's bid is turned down, the US would oppose, by veto if necessary, memberships for North and South Vietnam.
- 6 A joint communique issued following Washington meetings between President Ford and Japanese Prime Minister Miki states "the security of the ROK...is necessary for peace and security in East Asia, including Japan."
- 8 Rep Lester L. Wolff (D-NY) heads a delegation of 11 House members arriving today for a four-day overview of the military and political situation in the ROK.
- 11 Some 35 NK-supporting nations place a proposal on the agenda for this fall's UN General Assembly which calls for dissolution of the UNC, withdrawal of all foreign troops stationed in the ROK under the UNC, and replacement of the 1953 Armistice Agreement with a peace treaty.

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- 11 MG Don D. Pittman, former SAC IG, assumes command of AFK/314th Air Div, replacing BG Walter P. Paluch, Jr, who departs for 1 Sep retirement in CONUS. Attending the ceremony is LTG Walter T. Galligan, 5th Air Force Cdr.
- 11 Three House members, lead by Rep Clair Burgener (R-Ca), begin a four-day fact-finding mission to the Republic.
- 12 GEN William E. DePuy, TRADOC CG, arrives to present briefings to senior EUSA/ROKA officers on innovations developed by his command regarding laser technology, use of television in training, and revised Army training literature. His six-day stay will include visits to US/ROK bases.
- 15 The 2d Inf Div's 1/73d Armored Bn is redesignated the 2/9th Inf in an action designed to increase versatility in employment of maneuver battalions and to release armor assets for redistribution Army-wide.
- 15 ROK Independence Day. Host nation celebrates 30th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 27th anniversary of the Republic's birth.
- 15 One year ago today Madame Park, Korea's First Lady, was killed in Seoul by a bullet intended for her husband. The assassin, a leftist Korean residing in Japan, was hanged four months later.
- 16 BG David E. Grange, previous ADC, 4th Inf Div (Mech), replaces BG Judson F. Miller as CofS, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp. Miller departs for promotion and assignment as DCG, VII Corps in Germany.
- 17 LTG John J. Burns, former 7th Air Force Cdr, becomes Dep Cdr, UNC/USFK. He succeeds LTG John R. Murphy who left 8 Aug for retirement in the US.
- 18 Rep Joseph P. Addabbo (D-NY) and six other House Appropriations Committee members begin four days of consultations with ROK/US government and military officials.
- 18 Temperatures in Seoul reach 96 degrees F., the highest in three years, as an extended heat wave continues throughout the ROK.
- 19 BG Louis Menetrey arrives from Ft Campbell, Ky, for assignment as 2d Div ADC (M). Previous incumbent, BG William A. Patch, departed 1 Aug to receive his second star as CG, USATC and Ft Dix, NJ.
- 19 GEN Louis L. Wilson, CINCPACAF, comes into Osan AB for a two-day official visit there and at Kunsan AB.

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- 21 USAF GEN George S. Brown, Chairman of the JCS, tells the annual VFW national convention that America's current commitments to 41 countries are consistent with US dependence on free-flowing international trade and that forward deployment of forces, as in Korea, continues to support these economic interests.
- 21 A third group of 26 Korean War veterans and their families (21 US) arrives today to participate in the ROKG's Revisit Korea Program. Among notables are GEN Bruce C. Clark (Ret), an I Corps commander during the conflict, and three MOH winners including GEN Raymond G. Davis (Ret), former USMC Asst Comdt.
- 21 Rep Paul Findley (R-Ill) begins three days of conferences with key allied defense authorities in Korea.
- 22 Interviewed by the New York Times, ROK President PARK Chung Hee states his nation currently would need only US naval, air and logistics support to counter a NK attack if mounted without external aid from Communist allies. Further, given the expected completion of the \$1.5 billion MAP for ROKF modernization and the anticipated raising of an additional \$5 billion (US equivalent) in local defense taxes, he avers that by 1980 the ROK would not need American assistance to repel unsupported NK aggression. He asserts, however, that until strengthening of ROKF is completed "...it is absolutely necessary for US forces in Korea to be kept at their present level." Commenting on relations with the North, he offers to meet personally with KIM Il Sung to discuss an easing of tension on the peninsula.
- 22 MG Herbert L. Wilkerson, CG, 3d Marine Div, and MG Norman W. Gourley, CG, III MAF, briefly visit Korea to observe combined US/ROK Marine Corps training at Pohang.
- 22 During a bipartisan working-level conference today at Panmunjom, NK and the ROK fail to agree on site of long-delayed plenary N-S Red Cross talks, both sides opting for their respective capitals.
- 23 The Pathet Lao declare final control of Laos. The Vientiane government becomes third in SEA to fall to Communists this year, following Khmer (17 Apr) and the RVN (30 Apr).
- 24 The Pentagon lists 31 Mar 75 USFK strength statistics as follows: military personnel--42,000; dependents of active duty military--11,311; and DOD civilian dependents--908. It is also reported that there are about 4,000 other Americans in Korea, including business and government officials. Total US military strength outside the US is given at 518,000, the majority in Western Europe (308,000) and the Western Pacific (134,000).
- 24 MG Ralph S. Saunders, Cdr, ARRS, makes a one-day visit to Osan AB.

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- 24 Two Korean show troupes, featuring top-name talent and sponsored by the ROKG and private ROK organizations, begin a series of free shows for US military personnel in Korea. The 50-member "Korea Thanks You Festival of Stars" will tour major US bases through 5 Sep and the 25-member "Korea Salutes You Revue" will visit smaller compounds until 22 Sep.
- 25 SECDEF James R. Schlesinger arrives in Korea to attend eighth Annual ROK/US Security Consultative Meeting. His four-day stay will include talks with the President and Prime Minister, also visits to ROKA and USFK installations. He will be joined at the conference by GEN George S. Brown, Chairman of the JCS; ADM Noel Gayler, CINCPAC; and GEN Stilwell, COMUSKOREA. The ROKG's chief representative will be MND SUH Jyung Chul.
- 26 A ROK farmer, KIM Sae Yoo, is kidnaped by two armed NK soldiers while working in a field just south of the MDL near the DMZ hamlet of Taesong-dong (Freedom Village). This is first enemy abduction in that area since 1953 Armistice.
- 26 Delegates to the 82-country Conference of Nonaligned Nations, meeting in Peru, reject the ROK's membership application but grant full admission to NK, North Vietnam, the PLO, and Panama.
- 27 In a joint communique issued at close of the two-day ROK/US Security Consultative Meeting in Seoul, the US assures its "readiness and determination to render prompt and effective assistance to the ROK in event of armed attack on the Republic." SECDEF Schlesinger also reaffirms that the US has no plan to reduce present level of American forces in Korea and that it will do its utmost to effect expeditious completion of the ROKF modernization program, 30 percent of which remains unfunded.
- 27 A ROK news service credits NK with a regular armed force of 563,000 (Army--489,000; Navy--27,000; and Air Force--47,000). During past four years, Communist inventory has reportedly grown as follows (1971 figures in parentheses): tanks--1,600 (400); arty pieces--15,700 (8,800); fighter-bombers--600 (520); cargo planes--300 (170); submarines--9 (4); large combat vessels--8 (5); and high-speed missile boats--18 (14).
- 28 LTG James F. Hollingsworth, I Corps (ROK/US) Gp CG, briefing SECDEF Schlesinger during a field visit, reiterates the nine-day short war concept for destruction of a NK invasion force which he first made public last Jun. Citing necessity to protect the 6.5 million persons in Seoul, the commander of the western sector defenses says this plan can be carried out with tremendous firepower and B-52 air support.
- 28 AID discloses that in 1974 it furnished the ROK funds totaling \$5,974,011 and supplies valued at \$3,424,923, including medical equipment (\$1,904,419) and food (\$539,450).

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- 28 Sen Thomas F. Eagleton (D-Mo) arrives for a three-day review of defense, economic and political policies in the ROK.
- 30 Today marks third anniversary of first N-S Red Cross talks. Seven plenary discussions held between Aug 72 and Jul 73 resulted in little or no progress toward reuniting families separated by the Korean War. Full dress talks have been suspended for two years due to strained NK-ROK relations.

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- 1 SECDEF Schlesinger, back in Washington following a 10-day Far East trip, says the 42,000 American troops in Korea should not be withdrawn for at least another five years. He also asserts that the US JCS has approved a new defense plan for the ROK under which intense firepower would be used to thwart any attack.
- 1 The ROKG dedicates its new National Assembly Building on Yoido, an islet just south of Seoul. Six years and 13.5 billion won (\$27 million) were expended on the parliament structure, the largest of its kind in the Orient. A number of downtown Seoul government, civic and commercial buildings are being relocated to Yoido which is envisioned as a model urban center.
- 2 Japanese surrender signed in Tokyo Bay aboard USS Missouri 30 years ago today, officially ending war in Pacific after 1,364 days.
- 3 The 367th meeting of the MAC is held at Pamunjom. UNC refutes NK claim that the ROK farmer seen being escorted north last week went of his free will and proposes he be brought to a JOT meeting inside the DMZ so that his desires can be freely expressed. NK rejects the offer, reiterating that the man defected.
- 5 ROK WAC members celebrate the 25th anniversary of their founding.
- 6 MG James F. Hamlet, DA Dep IG, begins a one-week stay in conjunction with the 8 Sep-10 Oct inspection of HQs Eighth Army, 2d Inf Div, 38th ADA Bde, and 2d Trans Gp. LTG Herron N. Maples, DA IG, will be in Korea for the final nine days of the AGI.
- 8 ROKMC LTC KIM Hak Chul is posthumously awarded the US Legion of Merit. Kim and an American officer were killed last 20 Nov when an explosion erupted during the UNCMAC investigation of a NK-built tunnel extending under the UNC portion of the DMZ.
- 8 Thirtieth 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.

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- 9 UNC flag is removed from most US military installations in Korea. This action, begun 16 Aug, leaves the flag at sites where approximately 300 US forces are directly connected with UNC functions and lowers it at those bases where American personnel are serving under the 1954 US-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty. AP reports the move is designed to counter the Communists' 11 Aug demand that US troops serving under the UN flag in Korea be withdrawn.
- 10 GEN Stilwell lauds KATUSA and KSC personnel for 25 years of valuable services in commemorative ceremonies held today at Yongsan's Knight Field. Born early in the Korean War, both groups have served shoulder-to-shoulder with American forces in a wide variety of combat, combat support, and peacetime missions.
- 11 One NK infiltrator is killed and "several" escape following an exchange of gunfire with a ROK military/police team near the west coast city of Kochang, 130 miles S of Seoul. Four ROK security force members are wounded in the firefight. This is fourth armed clash with NK agents reported this year.
- 12 Korea District-Boy Scouts of America, sons of USFK personnel, hosts first local International Boy Scout Camporee. Some 450 youths from the US, ROC and Korea are participating in the three-day event held near Pyongtaek.
- 13 Eleven 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 3,800 combat losses, an 11 to 1 kill ratio.
- 14 National Hispanic Week. The many contributions of Spanish-Americans to our country's defense are acknowledged throughout USFK.
- 14 MG William L. Mundie, Cdr, US Army Admin Ctr and MG Edward H. Vogel, Supt, US Army Academy of Health Science, arrive with five other TRADOC representatives for a four-day review of school-field relationships.
- 15 Bangkok announces that in accordance with its new foreign policy of neutrality it will recall the 40 men serving in a UNC (Rear) air detachment at Tachikawa, Japan and its five-man UNC honor guard contingent in Seoul. Move is planned to take place at conclusion of this year's UN General Assembly session. Thailand, which sent regiment-strength combat troops to the ROK in 1950, withdrew its last infantry company from Korea in 1972.

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- 15 Today marks the 25th anniversary of the Inchon Landing--the historic amphibious assault by US and ROK forces which turned the tide of war.
- 16 Two helicopters from EUSA's 271st Avn Co rescue 106 Korean farmers from a Han River islet as more than six inches of rain pelt central and southern portions of the ROK. Floods kill three and leave 243 homeless.
- 17 Mr. Harry G. Wiles, American Legion National Commander, begins three days of meetings with ROK/US leaders and Korean War veterans.
- 17 Garrison Flag ceremonies are held at HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA to mark America's Constitution and Citizenship Day.
- 18 A tentative federal FY 77-80 Army construction program made public today requests Congress approve \$40 million for EUSA projects. Barracks for 2d Div troops are a prime consideration and it is stressed that such new facilities will be relocatable in event unit is moved south of the Han River or major troop reductions are directed.
- 18 USAF personnel in Korea mark the Air Force's 28th anniversary.
- 18 MG Otis C. Lynn, USFJ CofS, heads a 14-man delegation in Korea for a three-day Boy Scout Far East Council Executive Meeting.
- 20 Korean Thanksgiving Day (Chusok). Ancestral tribute and rejoicing for the harvest, the main activities on this national holiday, are limited as 40 MPH winds and more rain buffet the ROK. Eleven are reported dead in the storm and 466 homeless.
- 21 An annual overseas study group comprised of 12 senior officers attending the UK Royal College of Defense Studies arrives for a six-day visit to ROK and US military facilities.
- 22 In a speech to the UN General Assembly, SECSTATE Kissinger proposes the convening of an international conference to discuss ways to preserve the Armistice Agreement and that such discussions must include the ROK. While reaffirming US willingness to dissolve the 25-year-old UNC, he warns such a move would be "foolhardy without new arrangements to preserve the integrity" of the ceasefire accord.
- 22 ROK Home Ministry establishes a Civil Defense Corps, a 3.86 million-man auxiliary organization. Males between ages of 17 and 50 will train periodically in air defense, reconstruction work and other non-military wartime emergency procedures. The Corps is separate from the HDRF, the 2.7 million-member militia formed in 1968 to help counter NK infiltration and espionage.

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- 23 Ambassador LI Yun Gwon, a NK observer to the UN, replying to yesterday's proposal by SECSTATE Kissinger, says only NK, CPV and the US were parties to the truce pact. He offers to talk directly with the US on Armistice matters, but without South Korean participation.
- 24 SEATO's Council of Ministers agrees to phase out the alliance within two years. Diplomatic sources attribute the decision to establishment of better relations between SEATO nations and Communist China, and the Sino-US rapprochement. The Organization was formed 8 Sep 64 by Australia, the Philippines, Britain, Thailand, the US, France and Pakistan. The latter two withdrew in the mid-60's.
- 24 ROK MND honors the men of the Columbian Battalion by unveiling a battle monument to their memory near Inchon. ROKG is erecting Korean War memorials in tribute to all UNC allies that fought here. The program began two years ago and four of 16 remain to be dedicated.
- 25 The House Appropriations Committee recommends planning for a 20,000-man reduction of the US troop level in Korea by FY 78, assuming stabilization of the situation on the peninsula and strengthening of ROKF by that time. It urges consideration for increasing USAF power in exchange for forward-based ground units, and transferring OPCON of US/ROK forces from CINCUNC to COMUSKOREA. Other key recommendations include withdrawal of 4th US Army Msl Comd, future phase-out of I Corps (ROK/US) Gp, and a decrease in USEFK's dependent population.
- 26 Red China's Foreign Minister, CHIAO Kuan Hua, tells UN General Assembly that the UNC should be unconditionally dismantled and all US troops immediately removed from Korea. He says his country is opposed to a four-nation (US, ROK, NK, China) conference to work out ways of continuing provisions of the Armistice Agreement.
- 26 ROKG announces that the last 118 Vietnamese refugees temporarily housed in Pusan will resettle in Korea. Of the 1,557 who arrived in May after the fall of Saigon, 661 are remaining in the ROK, 646 went to the US, 143 to Canada, 48 to France, 43 to the ROC, and 11 to other nations.
- 26 ROK MND dedicates a monument N of Tongduchon in honor of the Belgium-Luxembourg combat contribution to the UNC war effort. Attending the ceremony are 32 invited veterans from the two nations, headed by LTG Albert E. Crahey (Ret), a commander of the Belgium Battalion during the Korean conflict.
- 26 USAF LTG Ray B. Sitton, JCS J-3, begins a three-day series of briefings and conferences at this headquarters.
- 28 Mr. Norman Augustine, Under SA, and a 13-man party arrive for a three-day review of EUSA training, logistics and R&D activities.

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- 28 On this date 25 years ago, combined US and ROK forces recaptured Seoul from the NK invaders who had held the city for three months. To mark today's commemoration, the mayor of Seoul sends special letters of appreciation to CINCUNC, USMC Comdt, and ROK MND.
- 29 Fifth Annual Pacific Region Army Senior Officer Logistics Seminar opens in Seoul. Attending the five-day conference at ROKA HQ are 47 logisticians from the host nation, US, ROC, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Pakistan, and Thailand. Heading the 14-man US delegation is LTG Jack C. Fuson, DA DCSLOG. Discussions will focus on defense industries and logistics systems in each of the eight countries.
- 29 Ceremonies are held today near Wonju to dedicate a ROKG memorial to the Netherland servicemen who fought in Korea under the UNC banner. Among invitees for the unveiling are 23 war veterans from Holland.
- 29 Inchon extends a warm welcome to VADM Thomas B. Hayward, Seventh Fleet Cdr, and his flagship, the guided-missile cruiser USS Oklahoma City. The admiral will make a five-day visit with US and ROK officials while the 1,200-man crew will be granted liberty.
- 30 Among dignitaries arriving in Korea to attend ceremonies marking ROK Armed Forces Day are: GEN Louis L. Wilson, CINCPACAF; LTG Walter T. Galligan, Cdr, USFJ/5th Air Force; LTG Samuel Jaskilka, Asst USMC Comdt; LTG John R. Guthrie, USARJ/IX Corps CG; GEN Hermenegildo Diaz, Mexican MND; COL Mario Carcamo, Honduran MND; Ferit Melen, Turkish MND; and COL Heberto Sanchez, Nicaraguan MND. Also in-country for tomorrow's events are senior military officials from Spain, Japan, Belgium, and the Philippines, plus 252 allied veterans invited to return under the ROK's Revisit Korea Program. The latter includes retired GENs Paul D. Harkins (wartime EUSA Cofs) and Lewis W. Walt (1st Marine Div CG during the war).

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- 1 ROK Armed Forces Day. To mark their 27th year of service, elements of the 600,000-man ROKF conduct a review and flyby at Yoido Plaza near Seoul. Today's parade of defense hardware features the first public appearance of the ROKA's TOW missile. 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 NKA following the Inchon Landing and recapture of Seoul.
- 1 Duty hours for HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA personnel revert to the normal 0800-1700 schedule. Hours during the May-Sep period were 0730-1630.

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- 1 Winter uniforms will be worn for social and ceremonial functions commencing today. Summer uniforms may continue to be worn for duty until 21 Oct.
- 2 MG Thomas A. Aldrich, 22d Air Force Cdr, makes a brief visit to the Osan-based 314th Air Div.
- 3 ROK MND SUH Jyung Chul hosts unveiling ceremonies today at Freedom Bridge, spanning the Imjin River 25 miles N of Seoul, for memorials honoring US participation in the Korean War and the US president who authorized the initial commitment of forces. The monument to the US troops is a four-foot white marble centerpiece surrounded by four ten-foot black marble walls which bear reliefs depicting combat action by each of the four services. These are encircled by 51 poles, 18 feet high, bearing the emblems of the 50 states plus Puerto Rico whose sons fought in Korea. An eight-foot bronze statue of President Harry S. Truman and a bilingual combat chronicle of the 1950-53 American war effort in Korea stand before the central plaza. Participating in the dedication are US Ambassador to Korea Richard L. Sneider and CINCUNC GEN Richard G. Stilwell. Official attendees include 10 of the 36 living Korean War MOH winners who are in-country under the host government's Revisit Korea Program.
- 3 The ROK celebrates National Foundation Day. According to legend, King Tangun founded the Land of the Morning Calm 4,308 years ago today.
- 3 Pacific Stars and Stripes marks its 30th anniversary. First published in Tokyo on 3 Oct 45 as a four-page edition, it was circulated to troops in occupied Japan, liberated Korea, and other Asian areas. Today the S&S produces a 24-page newspaper that is distributed to a readership scattered over 3½ million square miles of the Western Pacific. At present the ROK receives 13,000 copies daily.
- 4 AFKN observes its 25th birthday. From a wartime nucleus of "Radio Seoul's" one transmitter augmented by mobile vans to cover the front lines, AFKN-Radio has emerged into a network of 16 AM outlets and two FM transmitters. AFKN-TV, on the air since 15 Sep 57, broadcasts from 17 major USFK installations and plans to convert to color telecasting in 1976.
- 6 Following a three-hour running gun battle, ROK air and sea elements sink a NK agent boat about 50 miles S of Taehuksan, an island off Korea's SW coast. There are no enemy survivors and no friendly casualties in today's incident which is first N-S clash on the high seas in nearly eight months.
- 9 Hangul Day. The 529th 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.

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- 10 LTG Donald G. Nunn, AF IG, arrives for a three-day inspection of OSI operations at the base level.
- 13 USNAVFORKOREA personnel observe the Navy's bicentennial. Festivities are highlighted by a formal reception and dinner-dance at the Eighth Army Officers' Club.
- 13 Opposition Assemblywoman KIM Ok Sun resigns from the ROK legislature, averting a showdown vote on her ouster from the National Assembly. Despite immunity privileges for parliamentary remarks, Rep Kim had been under fire for her 8 Oct speech which charged that President Park used claims of danger to national security as a subterfuge to prolong his one-man rule.
- 14 Lee Elder, first black to compete in the Masters Tournament, conducts three days of golf clinics and exhibitions at Yongsan, Camp Casey, and the JSA Advance Camp.
- 16 DOD notifies Congress of its intent to sell 12 Harpoon surface-to-surface missiles to the ROKN at an estimated cost of \$80.4 million. The weapons system will counter Soviet-made, high-speed NK craft which are equipped with Styx missiles. The ROK will be among the first US allies to be supplied with Harpoon.
- 16 President Park and top ROK/US defense officials journey to east coast to view a combined ROKF/HDRF counterinfiltration exercise designed to block landings by enemy agent boats.
- 18 Osan AB, judged the most improved base in the Pacific during FY 75, is first recipient of newly established PACAF Commander's Award.
- 18 MG Thomas U. Greer, CG, USASCH, begins four days of conferences in the command.
- 20 Pentagon announces plans to sell the ROK a squadron of 18 F-4E Phantoms at a cost of \$177.9 million. This is third sale of modern military aircraft to South Korea in past 60 days. Last month DOD disclosed it would allow ROKAF to purchase, for \$46.5 million, a squadron of F-4D fighters which had been on loan since 1969; earlier this month Congress was advised that the South was being offered 60 F-5 International fighters for \$205.9 million. The advanced planes are to replace obsolete F-86 fighters in the ROKAF inventory.
- 20 Two Korean War MOH winners, six retired general officers and a like number of Gold Star Mothers head a group of 65 Americans arriving today under auspices of the ROKG's Revisit Korea Program.

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- 22 A ROKA helicopter and ROKAF light plane collide in mid-air near K-16 Airfield, seven miles SE of Seoul. All six men aboard perish in the accident which eyewitnesses say occurred as the plane was taking off and the helicopter was landing. Cause of mishap is under investigation.
- 22 Army Times reports that DOD is planning a large-scale air mobility exercise for Korea in early 1977. The last maneuver to include deployment of CONUS-based troops to Korea was in Mar 71.
- 22 ADM Maurice F. Weisner, CINCPACFLT, flies into Seoul for a three-day round of discussions with US and ROK naval officials.
- 23 Latest contingent in ROKG-sponsored Revisit Korea Program is group of seven House members, headed by Rep John M. Murphy (D-NY). All are Korean War veterans.
- 24 The UN founded 30 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 conflict, 2,268 of whom are interred in the cemetery. At the UN Cemetery, the Pusan mayor unveils a monument to the 16 UNC nations that sent fighting forces to Korea in the early 1950's.
- 24 At 368th MAC Meeting, the Communist spokesman remains silent to UNC charges that two NK high-speed aircraft intruded three miles into the ROK's central airspace N of Hwachon on 30 Sep. Responding to numerous NK countercharges, MG James C. Smith says allegations presented since he became UNCMAC Senior Member on 2 Jul have been investigated and not one had any basis.
- 26 MG Slade Nash, MAAG Chief in ROC, arrives for a six-day review of country programs of mutual interest.
- 26 On this date 58 years ago, the 2d US Inf Div was activated in Bourmont, France. The Indianhead Division, which later distinguished itself in combat during WW I, WW II and the Korean War, has been in the ROK continuously since 1 Jul 65.
- 27 US forces in Korea commemorate America's 22d Veterans' Day. From 1919 to 1953 the observance was known as Armistice Day and celebrated on 11 Nov, the date WW I ended.
- 27 The first three-day Pusan Spectacular closes on Hialeah Compound. Sponsored jointly by USAG-Pusan and the port city's civic and business concerns, the festival featured games, rides, a grand drawing, and discount merchandise for USFK personnel offered by 35 Korean firms. The shoppers' bonanza realized sales of \$250,000--10 percent of which will go to the Garrison's Community Relations Fund.

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- 27 A break in the TKP 20 miles SE of Taejon results in loss of 1,850 barrels of jet fuel being pumped through the pipeline for a civilian oil company. Incident occurs when a contractor's bulldozer accidentally strikes a valve. The 258-mile POL line stretches from Pohang to Seoul and is operated by EUSA's PDS-K.
- 27 The University of Maryland's Far East Division observes its 21st anniversary. In Korea, 1,900 DOD personnel are currently enrolled in 130 courses offered at 18 education centers.
- 31 The six-week 1976 DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign ends today. Total USFK collection is more than \$374,000, representing an increase of \$51,000 over the 1975 drive.
- 31 UNC AAD records reveal that, since the 27 Jul 53 Armistice, 368 MAC Meetings have been held at Panmunjom. Of these, the Communists called 272 or 74 percent. Since 1970, however, the Communists have called 64 of 71 meetings, a ratio of 90 percent.
- 31 SROKA, headquartered at Taegu, observes the 21st anniversary of its activation.
- 31 RADM William L. Harris, Jr, Cdr, TF 77, and party of 10 arrive for a two-day orientation on DMZ activities.

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- 1 USFK institutes new ration control policies in order to curb black marketing and insure equitable distribution of goods. Changes reduce monthly amount families can spend in exchanges and increase dollar limit for unaccompanied personnel. Commissary purchase ceilings are increased for families of up to three persons, remain the same for those of four, and are reduced for larger households. Other major revisions include limitations on cosmetic purchases and a 20 percent liquor ration reduction for all individuals.
- 1 USFK's 23,000 direct hire KN employees receive a pay boost averaging 30 percent. The increase ups the mean monthly salaries of the command's local employees to about 99,000 won (\$206) in base pay. Recent ROK OLA statistics indicate the country's male workers average 45,000 won (\$94) monthly and females receive 21,000 won (\$44).
- 5 LTG Louis W. Truman (Ret) visits ROK in his capacity as Commissioner, Georgia Department of Community Development. Truman, nephew of the late president, was a regimental commander in the Korean War.
- 5 Two NK agents who infiltrated the South in Apr and were apprehended about three weeks later are sentenced to death by a Seoul court.

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- 5 Mr. Vernon McKenzie, Prin Dep Asst SECDEF (Health & Environment), begins a three-day review of the command's medical programs and facilities.
- 7 ROKN successfully test fires a MAP-provided surface-to-surface missile from a locally-produced patrol craft during Operation Milmul (High Tide) No 2. The launch highlights joint ROKN/ROKAF maneuvers off the Pusan coast which are witnessed by President Park, MND Suh, and GEN Stilwell.
- 9 LTG John R. Guthrie, CG, USARJ/IX Corps, begins observation of combined ROK/US field training.
- 10 USFK places all Korean drugstores and pharmacies off-limits to reduce availability of unauthorized or harmful medication which is frequently dispensed locally without prescription.
- 10 USMC Bicentennial. USFK's 40 Leathernecks will celebrate the Corps' anniversary a week hence with a birthday ball at the Eighth Army Officers' Club. Delay is caused by Marine participation in UNC CPX.
- 10 Mrs. Glenn Grossman, VFW Ladies Auxiliary President, arrives for a four-day tour of selected US military facilities and inspection of projects funded by her organization in cooperation with AK-AF.
- 11 The founding of the ROKN 30 years ago today is marked by ceremonies at ROKFLT headquarters in Chinhae.
- 12 Senate Appropriations Committee opposes the House's 25 Sep report which advised a 20,000-man US reduction in Korea by FY 78. Other House recommendations on force structure in Korea are not addressed.
- 12 MG Lucius Theus, USAF Director of Accounting and Finance, conducts two days of discussions at 314th Air Div on fiscal plans, policies, and systems.
- 13 UNC concludes CPX FOCUS LENS FY 76, an annual autumn testing of defensive plans featuring participation by US/ROK tactical forces. During this joint/combined exercise, elements of command and staff personnel from major headquarters in Korea coordinate efforts to counter a simulated attack.
- 13 The Senate Armed Services Committee notes that the US armed forces are now at their lowest level since 1950, 2.1 million members, a decrease of 1.5 million since the 1968 Vietnam War peak. Senators voice concern over rising pay and other personnel costs, now at 60 percent of the defense budget, and retirement costs which have risen 330 percent in past 10 years and currently total \$6.9 billion annually for 1.1 million men and women on retirement rolls.

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- 15 MG John W. Morris, DA's Dep Chief of Engineers, begins a five-day inspection of local USAED-FE programs and projects. Also due in command this week is Dr. Edward C. Killin, Director of DOD Dependent Schools, Pacific.
- 17 A group of 77 American Korean War veterans and Gold Star Mothers arrives today under the Korea Revisit Program. Among retirees are ADM John S. McCain, VADM George C. Dyer, and AF COL Dean Hess, author of Battle Hymn which recounts his successful efforts to evacuate 900 Korean children from Seoul during the war.
- 18 1LT William L. Lambert, assigned to Osan's 51st Trans Sqdn, receives the Outstanding AF Transportation Officer of the Year Award. While stationed at the San Antonio Air Log Ctr, Lambert designed a unique carriage device which allowed shipment of eight disassembled F-5E fighters in a C-5 Galaxy, double the previous load capability.
- 18 LTG Walter T. Galligan, Cdr, USFJ/5th Air Force, visits the command for four days of briefings on USFK plans and operations.
- 19 The UN General Assembly simultaneously endorses two rival resolutions on the Korean Question. The pro-Wes' proposal, recommending dissolution of the UNC by 1 Jan 76 pending negotiations among parties directly concerned on alternative arrangements to maintain the Armistice Agreement, is adopted by a 59-51 vote (29 abstentions); the pro-NK submission, calling for immediate removal of the UNC and withdrawal of all foreign forces serving under its banner, passes by a 54-43 margin (42 abstentions). The contradictory votes are mutually exclusive, retaining status quo of the UNC. Passage of Communist-backed resolution marks first time NK, under censure as an aggressor since its 1950 invasion of the ROK, has won any UN endorsement for its approach to the Korean issue.
- 20 Donald Rumsfeld, recently Asst to the President and once Ambassador to NATO, is sworn in as SECDEF, replacing James R. Schlesinger who was removed from office earlier this month as part of a major cabinet reshuffle.
- 20 US Army crews and trucks from Camp Henry assist Taegu City firefighters in battling a conflagration that destroys 1,800 market stalls and causes damage estimated at \$2 million. No casualties are reported.
- 21 Forty-six US Korean War veterans and seven Gold Star Mothers arrive on Revisit Korea excursion. Group includes retirees GEN Theodore J. Conway and MG John H. Chiles, wartime X Corps G-3 who was instrumental in the successful evacuation of 98,000 Korean civilians from Hungnam area in Dec 50. This is sixth contingent of American invitees to come here this year for five days with all expenses paid by ROKG agencies. Program, commemorating 25th anniversary of outbreak of Korean War, continues until next Jun.

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- 22 ROK CIA announces arrest of 21 alleged members of a NK spy ring. Most are students, including five coeds, who were recruited in Japan and are now attending universities in Seoul and Pusan. Reported mission was to infiltrate campus groups in order to instigate anti-ROK demonstrations. Government promises leniency to others connected with the ring who turn themselves in before 10 Dec.
- 23 LTG John W. Pauly, USAF DCSOPS, and his Deputy, MG Billy J. Ellis, head a delegation of 11 senior Air Force planners here for a four-day examination of force programming and operational readiness in Korea.
- 24 GEN LEE Sae Ho, ROKA CofS, receives the US Legion of Merit (1st OLC) for distinguished service as CG, ROKF-V from May 69 to Mar 73.
- 24 The Miss America Pageant USO Show '75, a 90-minute musical revue featuring six state beauty contest winners, begins a 22-day tour of 35 US military bases in Korea.
- 25 Citing spiraling rental fees, Seoul USO relocates to SP 51 Compound from large building opposite Seoul RTO where it had been past 15 years. In being since 1945, the Seoul USO is last center in Korea, the Taegu USO having closed on 30 Apr 73.
- 26 GEN Richard G. Stilwell departs for Washington, D.C., to attend the annual US Army Commanders' Conference. The Eighth Army CG is accompanied on the two-week trip by representatives of his principal staff sections, the TO and CSM.
- 26 Rep Robert W. Daniel (R-Va), Armed Services Committeeman, visits Korea from Taiwan for four days of conferences with ROKG officials.
- 26 Peace Corps Director John Dellenback, here for a four-day observation of his organization's activities, notes that 1,005 volunteers have served in Korea since arrival of first group in Aug 66. Presently 255 Peace Corps members are assigned to the ROK--double the number in any other country.
- 26 Letty C. Pogrebin, author and co-founder of Ms. Magazine, starts five days of speaking engagements and workshops on career opportunities for women. Visit is part of USEFK's International Women's Year program.
- 28 Pentagon reports that the Administration is requesting \$231.1 million in military assistance to the ROK for FY 76. Totals by program follow (\$ in millions): FMS--\$127.5; MAP--\$75.4; EDA--\$25; and Training Funds--\$3.2. In 1976, the fiscal year ends 30 Sep rather than 30 Jun due to changes in US budgetary system. Amounts shown are for 15 months, to include the 90-day transitional period.

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- 28 Pending ratification by both governments, ROK/US SOFA members agree to allow US military police to patrol all ROK highways to better control and assist USFK official vehicles and POVs operated by military and DOD civilian personnel.
- 30 USAF LTG William G. Moore, Jr, PACOM CofS, and party of 12 begin a four-day visit to this headquarters and subordinate commands.

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- 1 RSAK, citing DA budget restrictions, begins assessing nominal fees at selected USFK installations. Hereafter, all patrons in Seoul, Taegu and Pusan will pay for use of facilities or equipment in recreation centers, sports activities, arts and crafts shops, music theater centers, and youth activities. Services in outlying areas, however, will be free for military personnel. There will be no charge for library patrons.
- 3 USFK real estate holdings have decreased significantly over past six years due to withdrawal of 7th Inf Div in 1971 and other consolidation, according to published statistics. In 1969, 285 installations occupied 348,000 acres; now 152 facilities utilize 90,000 acres.
- 3 The House's International Relations Committee amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1975 to allow stockpiling of defense articles for emergency situations in allied countries, particularly Korea and Israel. Heretofore, the Act prohibited any setting aside of reserve war material for foreign nations.
- 3 Dr. Stanley J. Drazek, a U of Md official, begins a five-day visit to education centers at Yongsan, Osan, Casey and Humphreys.
- 5 In its 1976 fiscal plan released today, ROK will allocate more than 677 billion won (\$1.4 billion) for defense appropriations, a 52.2 percent increase over 1975. Military spending for 1976 will represent 34.6 percent of total budget and will be financed, in part, by a new defense tax which is expected to generate the equivalent of \$430 million next year.
- 5 MG Bates C. Burnell, DA's Director of Mil Constr, conducts three days of inspections at Corps of Engineer projects within Eighth Army.
- 7 President Ford announces a six-point Pacific Doctrine for a stable Asia at conclusion of his seven-day journey to China, Indonesia and the Philippines. Commenting on close ties with the ROK, he says, "We remain committed to peace and security in Korea and will consider constructive ways of easing tension on the peninsula, but we will continue to resist any moves which attempt to exclude the ROK from discussion of its own future."

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- 8 Asst SECSTATE for Far East Affairs Philip C. Habib arrives to brief the ROK President and top ROKG officials on President Ford's trip to Peking. He will depart tomorrow.
- 10 ADM Noel Gayler, CINCPAC, tells a House subcommittee that there is strong indication of a considerable number of NK tunnels under the DMZ in addition to the two discovered in Nov 74 and last Mar, both of which penetrated into the South. He says US should remain in ROK after Korean forces are modernized, noting that our continued presence should be conditional on the existing situation rather than on number of years the upgrading will require.
- 10 The MAC's 369th Meeting, called today at Panmunjom by the Communists, is characterized by numerous unsubstantiated charges and a propaganda tirade. No mention is made of last month's passage by the UN of rival resolutions on future of UNC in Korea.
- 12 ROKAF receives five F-4D Phantoms purchased through citizen contributions. A defense fund campaign begun in Apr elicited equivalent of nearly \$34 million, of which 58 percent went for weaponry, 26 percent for construction and fortification, and remainder for training and upgrading the HDRF.
- 12 Stephen Cardinal Kim, chief prelate in the ROK, celebrates Mass for 3,000 American soldiers at Camp Casey's Hanson Fieldhouse. The service, requested by MG John G. Thurman III, 2d Div CG, is attended by GEN and Mrs. Stilwell and the Papal Nuncio to Korea.
- 13 KIM Dae Jung, former leader of the rival New Democratic Party and a presidential candidate in 1971, is convicted of election law violations and sentenced to one year imprisonment. Kim went into voluntary exile following the 17 Oct 72 martial law decree which abolished political opposition and, according to press accounts, criticized the regime of President Park in appearances throughout the US and Japan. In Aug 73 he was kidnaped from a Tokyo hotel and returned to Seoul by unknown abductors, an incident which strained ROK/Japan relations for nearly two years. Kim will appeal.
- 13 A report, prepared by 11 members of the House Intl Relations Committee who visited Korea in Aug, quotes President Park as saying "US troops in Korea should not stay forever." The report cautioned against any sizeable withdrawal of US forces from the ROK at this time and noted that the 2d US Inf Div was needed in place north of Seoul.
- 15 ROK conducts a nationwide Civil Defense Day drill which suspends traffic for an hour, signals a search for shelter by all citizens, and calls for first-aid practice. These alerts are held monthly, usually on the 15th.

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- 15 USFK issues new ration control plates to authorized personnel. The plastic plate, embossed for computer purposes, retains its similarity to commonly-used credit cards but coding has been revised to allow adaptation to a new management information system (CUPIDS) which went into effect 1 Nov.
- 15 MC Norman W. Gourley, outgoing CG, III MAF, pays a farewell call to this headquarters.
- 17 A Pentagon study reveals that the 2d Inf Div has a greater ratio of blacks, 30.1 percent, than any other active Army division. It is reported that blacks consider Korea a good country with very little racial prejudice. The study also shows that blacks comprise 31.7 percent of all first-term reenlistments, and that black strength in the Army rose from 17 to 22 percent between 1 Jul 72 and 1 Jan 75.
- 19 President Park reshuffles his cabinet, installing CHOI Kyu Hah as Prime Minister, replacing KIM Jong Pil. Choi was formerly Special Asst to the President for Foreign Affairs. Eight cabinet members are changed including the appointment of PARK Dong Jin, Ambassador to the UN, as Foreign Minister, succeeding KIM Dong Jo.
- 19 The last group of USAF combat planes in Thailand, 22 F-4 Phantoms, leave in accordance with the Thai government foreign policy statement of 27 Jul. Some 13,500 American support personnel remain, a number scheduled to be reduced drastically by next Mar. At height of Vietnam War, the US had 48,000 troops in Thailand and 750 fighters and bombers.
- 19 First heavy snowfall of the winter follows a cold spell which gripped the ROK for nearly two weeks.
- 20 ROK narcotics authorities conclude first part of their two-phase drive against illicit drug traffic, arresting some 70 Korean marijuana users since 1 Dec. Beginning tomorrow, investigators will target on producers and dealers.
- 22 In ceremonies at Ansong-kun, the host nation dedicates a memorial to the South African contingent in the Korean War. Today's event completes the ROK MND battle monument program. In past two years, all 16 of the UNC member nations that sent combat forces to Korea in 1950-53 have received similar honors.
- 23 President Park visits ROK and US troops in forward areas to offer his personal Christmas greetings. Accompanied by GEN Stilwell, he is met at HQ I Corps (ROK/US) Gp by LTG James F. Hollingsworth, Corps Commander.
- 25 On this 31st consecutive Christmas that American servicemen have spent in Korea, ROKG leaders, in greetings to the command, express appreciation for services that help "maintain peace and stability in this part of East Asia."

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- 26 US carrier force in Western Pacific, numbering at least three since the Korean War, drops to two as Kitty Hawk leaves area. Remaining on station are the Midway and Oriskany. Departure is part of Pentagon decision to reduce by two its 15 carriers in service world-wide.
- 27 New ROK Foreign Minister PARK Dong Jin discloses his government is studying a policy to remove the Korean Question from the annual UN General Assembly debate in view of the UN's adoption of two incompatible resolutions last month. He says the matter should be solved by parties concerned, namely the US, USSR, Red China and both Koreas.
- 29 VADM Thomas B. Hayward, Seventh Fleet Cdr, comes to Korea for a three-day consultation with US and ROK officials.
- 29 NK notifies UNC that MG HAN Ju Kyong, former senior military attache at the NK Embassy in Cairo, will be their side's next Senior Member to the MAC. He replaces MG KIM Pung Sop who has been the North's spokesman since Nov 72.
- 29 ROKG hosts a visit by 40 more Chosen Soren members, pro-Pyongyang Koreans residing in Japan. The new program, which has allowed some 1,000 family reunions this year, is arranged in Japan by the Mindan, a pro-Seoul rival organization to the Chosen Soren.
- 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 201 Americans--30 military and 171 civilians. Of this number 35 are pending trial or appeal. There were two acquittals.
- 31 The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program completes the year with a collection of 2,660 units. A mobile collection team from the US Army Hospital, Seoul (121st Evac), through scheduled visits to all troop areas, averaged 222 units per month to meet the quotas established by USARJ-based laboratories and local authorities.
- 31 The ROK experiences an increase of 7.4 percent in its 1975 GNP, nearly matching 1974's 8.2 percent gain. Wholesale prices are up 20.2 percent--less than half last year's record 42.1 percent rise.
- 31 According to ROKG figures compiled in Oct and released today, the population of South Korea stands at 34,688,000. About 6,884,000 persons live in Seoul, making it one of the world's 10 largest cities.

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GLOSSARY OF SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

AAD: Armistice Affairs Division
ACS: Army Community Service
ADA: Air Defense Artillery
ADC: Assistant Division Commander
ADC (M): Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver)
AFK: Air Forces Korea
AFKN: American Forces Korea Network
AFLC: Air Force Logistics Command
AGI: Annual General Inspection
AID: Agency for International Development
AK-AF: American Kor-Asia Foundation
ARRS: Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service
BOA: Bank of America
CINCPAC: Commander in Chief, Pacific
CINCPACAF: Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces
CINCPACFLT: Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet
CNO: Chief of Naval Operations
CPIC: Coastal Patrol Interdiction Craft
CPV: Chinese People's Volunteers
CPX: Command Post Exercise
CSM: Command Sergeant Major
CUPIDS: Command Unique Personnel Information Data System
DCSLOG: Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
DCSOPS: Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
DN: Department of the Navy
DNC: Department of the Navy Civilian
EDA: Excess Defense Articles
FMS: Foreign Military Sales
GNP: Gross National Product
HDRF: Homeland Defense Reserve Force
HRE: Han River Estuary
I&L: Installations and Logistics
JOT: Joint Observer Team
JSA: Joint Security Area
JUSMAG-K: Joint United States Military Advisory Group, Korea
KATUSA: Korean Augmentation to the United States Army
KN: Korean National
KNRC: Korean National Red Cross
KSC: Korean Service Corps
MAAG: Military Assistance Advisory Group
MAC: Military Airlift Command
MAF: Marine Amphibious Force
MAP: Military Assistance Program
MDL: Military Demarcation Line
MND: Minister of National Defense
NAVFORKOREA: Naval Forces Korea
NKA: North Korea Army
NNSC: Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission

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NSCC: North-South Coordinating Committee
OLA: Office of Labor Affairs
OLC: Oak Leaf Cluster
OSI: Office of Strategic Information
PACAF: Pacific Air Forces
PACOM: Pacific Command
PCS: Permanent Change of Station
PDS-K: Petroleum Distribution System-Korea
PLO: Palestine Liberation Organization
ROC: Republic of China
ROKA: Republic of Korea Army
ROKAF: Republic of Korea Air Force
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
RSAK: Recreation Service Agency Korea
RTO: Rail Transportation Office
RVN: Republic of Vietnam
SA: Secretary of the Army
SAC: Strategic Air Command
SEA: Southeast Asia
SEATO: Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement
SP: Supply Point
SROKA: Second Republic of Korea Army
S&S: Stars and Stripes
TKP: Trans-Korea Pipeline
TO: Transportation Officer
TOW: Tube Fired, Optically Sighted, Wire Guided
TRADOC: United States Army Training and Doctrine Command
UK: United Kingdom
UNCMAC: United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission
USAED-FE: United States Army Engineer District-Far East
USAG: United States Army Garrison
USARJ: United States Army, Japan
USASCH: United States Army Support Command, Hawaii
USATC: United States Army Training Center
USFJ: United States Forces, Japan
USFK: United States Forces, Korea
VFW: Veterans of Foreign War
WESTPAC: Western Pacific
Won or ₩: Korean currency (₩484 = \$1 as of 31 Dec 75)