Situation In Korea Could Develop Into Third World War Kick-Off

Associated Press Foreign News Analyst Korea this week upheld its growing reputation as a likely spot for the birth of World War III.

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"Some very significant figures in the . . . government think the time must come soon when this infant republic must invade the communist-ruled north as a self-delense measure."

Moore said moderate Koreans advised against this. But the talk of beating the north to the punch obviously has increased recently. A few months ago in Tokyo, American Army officers back from Korea told me it existed, but was not very open.

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Later this week Moore cabled that the northerners had invaded the southern part of the Obgjim peninsula, which is intersected by the 38th parallel that divides Korea into two separate countries. Each is recognized by its respective sponsor in the cold war and by some of each sponsor's allie.

This little war at Ongjin has been going on since late May.

been going on since late May, when a southern expedition by sea drove the northerners out. The northerners kept coming back, however, and did so in force this week.

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Russia, America Concerned

The question of who actually invaded whom may not be as important as this question: whether the situation that makes invasion attractive to both sides can be ended without a bloody civil war, and whether that could be kept from expanding into something bigger. Russia and America both have vital strategic interest in Korea.

In any case, the renewal of fighting at Obgjim helped to spoilight the meeting scheduled this week between southern president Syngman Rhee and Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek of China, to promote a Pacific union against communism. A merican help

mo Chiang Kai-shek of China, to promote a Pacific union against communism. A merican help would be asked.

There long seems to have been sentiment in the north to "reunify" Korea (which all Koreans want, one way or another) but to do it by conquering the south. The growth of a rival sentiment in the south has speeded up since the southern Army acquired the arms left behind by Department U.S. Occupation troops early this summer. Soviet troops reportedly left the north some months earlier, after building and arming a northern Korean army. Young Vets Want Reunion

But there's something else worth noting about the southern army, it contains thousands of young Koreans who bore arms under Japan. Just how many is not known but I am told by some Koreans that there may be as many as 30,000—roughly a third of President Rhee's present land force, which he wants to quadrurde.

force, which he wants to quadruple.

The story is that there were about 100,000 young Koreans who joined or were drafted into the Japanese Army. After the war thousands of them got into the southern Korean army, where they naturally are interested in any situation which might improve their lot. My information is that their main idea of how to do this is to "reunify the coun-

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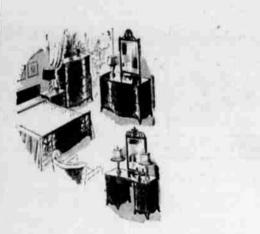
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