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Summary:

An advertisement in the New York Times announces the establishment of the American-Korean Friendship and Information Center and warns of a new war in Korea if the U.S. did not remove its troops from the peninsula

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