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Summary:

President Rhee comments on William Randolph Hearst's article about US policy in Asia regarding anti-Communism.

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To Minister Young Kee Kim

From the President

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 80 of 19 April and thank you for it. Thank you also for the enclosures which include your report on the 12th Session of the ECAFE held at Bangalore, which I have read with interest.

The Editor-in-Chief of the Hearst newspapers, William Randolph Hearst, Jr. recently published some significant articles which included a remark that there are places and situations which sound danger for the American position in the Orient, one of which is India, where Communism is very strong and is growing. He stated further however, that one of the most significant causes for gratification was 'the sturdy democracy of the Philippine Republic' and the continued influence and determined of Syngman Rhee on the American side in the cold war.'

We are very much concerned that Mr. Harold E. Stasson, chief US delegate to the Disarmament Conference held in London on 12 April, proposed "a compromise solution in Korea". We anticipate the Communists will take advantage of this statement and use it for their propaganda purposes. 