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**Letter, Korean Mission in Japan to Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Report about the lunch party held at Chinese restaurant and conversation between Mr. Sulzberger and Minister Yiu regarding ROK-Japan issues.

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At the lunch party held at Chinese restaurant Sun Ya from 1230 to 1400 hours on October 5, 1957, Messrs. Trumbull, Hailoy, Sulzberger and his son were present from the New York Times while Ambassador Kim, Minister Yiu and his English secretary Mr. Limb attended.

The following are the gist of the conversations exchanged between Mr. Sulzberger and Minister Yiu:

Mr. Sulzberger said, " I am touring the world for sightseeing. I want to see those parts of the world which I have never been to. I want to see Formosa, Philippines, Hongkong, Bangkok, and other places. I dropped in Japan en route to these countries. As I am not able to visit Seoul this time, I wrote a letter apologizing to President Rhee." He further added, " I have deep sympathy toward, interest in, Korea. I am very glad to hear that both President Rhee and madame Rhee are in good health."

Being asked about the ROK-Japan issues, Minister Yiu explained that the short cut for settlement of the outstanding issues between Korea and Japan is to observe strictly the provisions of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. Japan does not show sincerity in observing the Treaty, making twisted interpretation in its own favour. Minister Yiu also pointed out in this connection that some Americans  
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are prone to take the favourable view for the Japanese side, which is to be regrettable. Minister Yiu further detailed the predicaments the Korean detainees in Omura Camp are facing.

As to the anti-Japanese feeling in Korea, Mr. Hailey briefed that the majority of Korean people including the government circles still have ill-feeling against Japan. In this connection, Mr. Trumbell quoted his experience with a Japanese Foreign Office official. When he asked reason why the Japanese side did not renounce the property claims against Korea, and withdraw the infamous Kubota statements even though it announced repeatedly its willingness to do so, the Japanese Foreign Office official, contemplating for some time, replied that he would phone him the following day. When he told his story, Mr. Trumbell was laughing.

As for the rehabilitation situation in Korea, Mr. Hailey praised Mr. Coulter and Mr. Warne for their meritorious job. He further explained the case surrounding the reconstruction of CHOONJOO fertilizer factory, pointing out that both Mr. Stassen and Mr. Harter, Jr. are involved in it. (Please refer to my previous report on the case)

Speaking of Mr. Nehru's visit to Japan, Mr. Hailey / said that

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said that nobody except a first secretary from the American Embassy in Japan was out at the airport to welcome him on October 4, 1957. Judging from the way of his expression, his attitude or the American stand toward Nehru is cold and tough. Nehru is a sort of man with whom it is very difficult to establish friendly relation. Mr. Hailey said in this connection that there was only one American diplomat by the name of Mr. Macpherson who maintained good relation with Mr. Nehru. Mr. Macpherson used to be counsellor at the American Embassy in India when he met Mr. Nehru.

Being asked about the prospects of American correspondent's entering into Communist China, Mr. Sulzberger opined that their chance was very bad within this year. He mentioned that those American young students who toured Communist China should be punished on the ground that they were fooled by Communists as their propaganda tools. He however voiced that American newsmen should enter into Communist China to see what is really happening inside the bamboo curtain.

Being questioned of his view on the admission of Communist China into the United Nations, Mr. Sulzberger is taking the view that sooner or later, Communist China will be seated in the United Nations, however adding that it will not be realized as long as Generalissimo Chaing Kai-shek is alive.

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The above is the outline of what I heard from Mr.  
Sulzberger during the lunch on October 5, 1957.

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