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The Minister of the British Embassy called on me this afternoon to obtain information regarding the state of our talks with the Japs.

He had heard that all points had been agreed upon by the two sides except for two minor oness:

I gave him a brief outline of our problems with the Japs and the circumstances under which the koreans came to Japan. I told him of the Koreans detained at the Omura camp and how anxious we are to have them released and of our disagreement to the usage of certain terms pertaining to their release memorandum.

The British minister expressed his regrets over the attitude of the Japs adding that the Japs have not given up their old ways.

He asked if an agreement, if reached, would be publicly released.

I told him that the kcrean side would be willing to do so, however,

1 could not say for the Japs. Nevertheless, if agreement is reached,

a joint communique would be released, I said.

It seems the British are rather interested in the development of our talks.

I het Hoberecht of the UP for lunch the other afternoon. He talked of his and precting with General Decker/of the purges in Soviet Russia. He stated that with the UNC removed to Korea, the UP is thinking of stationing a UP Korean correspondent in Seoul.

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