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Soviet responses to the American installation of Japanese servicemen in Korea.

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Decision of 25 October 1950  
332. - About the use by the United States of Japanese in the war against Korea.  
To confirm the draft order of MID USSR to Comrade Vyshinsky (attachment 1) and to the Soviet representative in the Far Eastern Commission (attachment 2).  
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No. 78  
Attachment 1  
NEW YORK  
TO VYSHINSKY  

353. Your proposal about the inadvisability of supporting in the General Assembly the accusation made by the government of the DPRK against the USA, which is using Japanese in the aggressive war against the Korean people, we consider incorrect. A statement by the Soviet delegation in the General Assembly with a declaration of support for the accusation made by the government of the DPRK against the USA, cannot weaken our position with regard to this question in the Far Eastern Commission. Therefore it is necessary for you to support the protest of the government of the DPRK against the use by the Americans of Japanese servicemen in the war in Korea. Use the facts brought forth in the statement of Pak Heon-yeong [Pak Hon Yong], in one of your next speeches in the General Assembly at an appropriate moment, according to your discretion.  

We are simultaneously giving an order to the Soviet representative in the DVK [Far Eastern Commission] to make a corresponding statement on this question and to support the protest of the government of the DPRK against the use by the United States of Japanese in military operations in Korea.  

By order of Instantsiia [i.e., Stalin].  
A. GROMYKO  
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TOP SECRET  
Attachment 2  
WASHINGTON  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR  

It is necessary for you the make the following statement at the next meeting of the Far Eastern Commission:  

"As is known, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Korean People's Democratic Republic, Pak Heon-yeong, has sent to the chairman of the General Assembly and to the chairman of the Security Council a protest against the use of Japanese servicemen in military actions in Korea. In this protest it is shown that in the fundamental facts found in the decree of the government of the Korean People's Democratic Republic, it is established that Japanese servicemen participated in battles in the area of Seoul together with American troops, that one Japanese company participated in battles in the area of Chkholvon and that a significant number of Japanese are found in the 7th and 8th divisions of the Rhee Syngmann troops.  

The use by the United States of Japanese servicemen in military operations in Korea is a gross
violation of the Potsdam declaration, and also of section III of the resolution of the Far Eastern Commission "Basic Policy in Relation to Japan after Capitulation" of June 19, 1947, and the resolution adopted on the basis of this document "Prohibition of Military Activity in Japan and Use of Japanese Military Equipment" of February 12, 1948. The Potsdam declaration and aforementioned resolution of the Far Eastern Commission provide for the full disarmament and demilitarization of Japan, forbid the reestablishment or possession of any kind of Japanese military formations.

The Soviet delegation supports the protest of the government of the Korean People's Democratic Republic against the use by the USA of Japanese servicemen in the war against the Korean people. The Soviet delegation considers that the Far Eastern Commission must not disregard the aforementioned facts, which testify to the direct violation of the agreed-upon decision on the demilitarization of Japan."

Give the statement to the press.
A. GROMYKO