

KOREAN REPORT

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In Pusan, provisional capital of ~~unhatched~~ South Korea, political banners and placards dot the streets as the embattled little republic holds its first Presidential election by popular vote.

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About 80 per cent of the country's eight million voters ~~goes~~ the polls and ~~the~~ balloting is slow. The long lines grimly reflect the ravages of the stalemated war -- a mother carrying her baby, an elderly war victim, a soldier.

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The going is heavy for the few ground troops as like a GI slogs along in the tradition of the foot soldier.

The clouds and rain can't silence the fire power of UN heavy guns, which blast away at Red positions high on this mountainside. Fair weather or foul, the war goes on!

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