

## **Endangered Korean dialects in the former USSR and the 'Soviet Korean' that could have been: 150 years of Koremari**

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In my paper I describe the main features of 'Koremari' or 'Soviet Korean' as spoken in two broad varieties: one variety with its roots in North Hamkyeng Yukcin dialect, and another with its roots in North Hamkyeng Myengchen~Kilcwu dialect. Both are moribund, but Soviet Korean Yukcin variety is exceedingly rare now. I also briefly discuss the short-lived attempt to create a written Korean language for the Koreans living in the Russian Far East prior to their forced deportation to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in 1937.