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FOREIGN PAPERS SUPPORT PYONGYANG'S NEW PROPOSAL

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1019 GMT 24 Mar 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang 24 March (KCNA)--Foreign papers carried articles fully supporting the new national salvation proposal adopted at a joint meeting of the political parties and public organisations of our country, according to reports.

A recent issue of the Polish paper DZIENNIK LUDOWY carried an article headlined "New Initiative of Pyongyang." The article quoted the great leader President Kim Il-song as teaching:

"In the new year the entire people of north and south Korea and all the Koreans abroad should pool their strength and closely unite on the principle of great national unity, and wage with added vigour the struggle for independent, peaceful reunification of the country, the common cause of the nation."

The article said: The essence of the new national salvation proposal is that the two sides should realise a great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south desirous of reunification, refraining from imposing their ideas and systems upon each other and subordinating everything to the lofty common goal and national cause.

A recent issue of the Czechoslovak weekly paper BESEDA in an article captioned "Letter to the Whole World" said:

The Pak Chong-hui fascist "regime," dead set against the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from south Korea, are mobilizing the youths and students of south Korea in opposing the peaceful reunification of the country and making war preparations to invade the northern half of the republic. The "anti-communist" ideas are instilled into the minds of the students at the schools in south Korea.

Noting that the letter adopted at the joint meeting of political parties and public organisations enjoys the full support of the democratic forces

of the world, the paper stressed: The peaceful reunification of Korea will put an end to the misfortunes of the south Korean people, remove the danger of war from Korea and consolidate world peace.

A recent issue of the Yugoslav paper VJESNIK in an article stressed: If the proposal on convening a north-south political consultative conference put forward recently by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is realised, the door of reunification will be gradually opened.

The position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea holding that the question of Korean reunification is an affair of the Korean people themselves and, accordingly, it must be settled only in conformity with the interests of the Korean people without outside interference was highly appraised by the non-aligned movement, the paper noted, and added: As a result, the position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been further strengthened in the non-aligned movement.

Saying that the initiative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea draws the particular attention of the world public circles, the paper said: The efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to terminate the division of the country peacefully enjoy the support of the non-aligned movement and other progressive forces of the world.

A recent issue of the Maltese paper MALTA NEWS in an article titled "Sacred Struggle" emphasized that the four-point national salvation proposal is the fairest one for smashing the "two Koreas" plot. The paper demanded the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from south Korea.

The Egyptian papers AL-JUMHURIYAH and AL-AHRAM recently carried with due respect portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and introduced in detail the national salvation proposal.

The Puerto Rican paper CLARIDAD and the Cameroonian magazine AFRIQUE INDUSTRIE reported about the joint meeting of political parties and public organisations and introduced the content of the letter adopted at the meeting.

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FOREIGN PUBLIC, PRESS COMMENTS HAIL BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1604 GMT 22 Mar 77 OW

[Excerpt] Pyongyang 22 March (KCNA)--The World Conference for the independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea which was successfully held in Brussels in February evoked widespread repercussions upon the world.

According to reports, publication, news agencies and radios of many countries stressed that the conference marked a very important milestone in further expanding and developing the international solidarity movement supporting the Korean people's cause of national reunification.

The Romanian paper SCINTEIA recently reported a detailed account of the world conference. It noted that the conference adopted a general resolution of the world conference for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and a letter to the heads of state or government of various countries and to the United Nations and other international organizations.

Another Romanian paper MUNCA carried an article headlined "Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea." The reports delivered at the conference, it pointed out, stressed the need to take concrete measures for the Korean reunification such as forcing the U.S. troops to withdraw from south Korea, ending the suppression of democratic figures in south Korea and democratizing society there.

A recent issue of the Cuban paper GRANMA reported that the Brussels world conference was held with a large attendance. It introduced a detailed summary of the speech made at the conference by the chairman of the Cuban Committee for Supporting Korea's reunification who is member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba.

Another Cuban paper JUVENTUD REBELDE carried a detailed account of the conference.

Under the title "Korean Reunification Should Be Attained by Her People Themselves," the Yugoslav paper BORBA recently gave an account of the conference, together with the speech made there by Milosevic Milutin, member of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav League of Communists.

The news of the conference was also carried by the Ugoslav papers VECERNJE NOVOSTI, OSLOBODJENJE, DELO, DNEVNIK, VJESNIK, NOVA MAKEDONIJA, VECERNJE NOVINE, NOVI LIST and NARODNE NOVINE.

The Polish paper TRYBUNA LUDU 9 March carried an account of the world conference and the full text of the general resolution adopted there.

An account of the conference was carried that day by the Polish papers ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, SZTANDAR MLODYCH and QLOS PRACY.

Lao papers, radio and news agency also reported the full text of the speech made by the Lao delegate at the World Conference for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea. [Passage on comments from noncommunist countries omitted]

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PAKISTANI GROUPS BACK BRUSSELS CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0337 GMT 24 Mar 77 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 24 March (KCNA)--The Pakistan Confederation of Labour and the Pakistan Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation 14 March made public statements supporting the World Conference for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea held in Brussels in February and the general resolution adopted at the conference, according to a report. In its statement, the Pakistan Confederation of Labour stressed:

The world conference which was held recently with success clearly expressed the unanimous support and solidarity of the world people for the struggle of the Korean people to clear south Korea of the U.S. imperialist aggression troops and all the weapons of mass destruction, remove the danger of war and achieve the reunification of the country at an early date.

It is none other than the U.S. imperialists who are keeping the split of Korea and creating the danger of war in Korea. Therefore, it is the common task of the peaceloving people of the world to check the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists.

Considering that the general resolution adopted at the recent conference is of great significance in frustrating the U.S. imperialists new war provocation and nation-splitting manoeuvres in Korea, the Pakistan Confederation of Labour expresses full support to it, the statement said.

The statement of the Pakistan Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisation said:

The Pakistan Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisation considers that for the promotion of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and for peace in Korea and Asia, the U.S. troops must quit south Korea forthwith taking along all weapons of destruction.

We assure you that we will continue to express support and solidarity for the struggle of the Korean people for achieving the reunification of the country in accordance with the national reunification policy advanced by the great leader President Kim Il-song.

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IM CHUN-CHU 22 MARCH SPEECH ON NATIONAL DIVISION

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0900 GMT 22 Mar 77 SK

[Text of report by Im Chun-chu at a 22 March meeting held at the People's House of Culture on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Korean National Association--live]

[Excerpts] Comrades! Today we significantly mark the 60th anniversary of founding of the Korean National Association amid a grave and magnificent atmosphere in which all workers, upholding the banner of the Three Revolutions in ideology, technology and culture, are accelerating grand socialist construction across the nation. The Korean National Association organized by Comrade Kim Hyong-Chik, who was a distinguished leader of the Korean national independence movement 60 years ago, was the largest anti-Japanese revolutionary infrastructure operating at home and abroad around the time of the 1 March people's uprising, and it was a thoroughly anti-imperialist revolutionary organization the major tasks of which were to achieve anti-imperialist national independence by the hands of the Korean people and to firmly protect the interests of the people.

[Passage omitted detailing Kim Hyong-chik's achievements in the anti-imperialist anti-Japanese struggle and proletarian revolution and recounting Kim Il-song's feats in achieving national independence from Japanese rule and bringing about successful socialist construction in the DPRK.]

Comrades! The northern half of the republic is dazzling with the lofty ideology of the Korean National Association. The southern half of the republic, however, is still suffering from the colonial rule of foreign imperialism. Today, after 32 years of national division in the history of the single Korean people, we find fading away the homogeneity of our nation which has lived on the same land for thousands of years. In effect, the gap between north and south Korea in the political, economic and other sectors is becoming bigger and bigger every day. Totally to blame for this is the U.S. forces' occupation of south Korea and the subsequent territorial and national division.

The U.S. imperialists occupied south Korea by force, placed our nation under the disaster and sufferings of national division, and did not

hesitate to invade and interfere in our country under the banner of the United Nations, committing a variety of bestialities in our country. The U.S. forces' occupation of south Korea and their aggressive maneuvers there have been the major obstacle barring the reunification of our fatherland and the chronic source of stirring tension in Korea and deepening the danger of war. The south Korean authorities, supported by the United States, adhere to the two-Koreas policy and adamantly oppose the independent and peaceful reunification of our fatherland. The south Korean puppet clique, adhering persistently to foreign forces, violently trampled down the north-south joint communique which enunciated the three principles for reunification of the fatherland--sovereignty, peaceful reunification of the country and national unity. The clique has brought the north-south dialogue to rupture and tries to retain the U.S. forces and nuclear weapons in south Korea against the will of the Korean people and the world peoples. This is aimed at perpetuating the division of Korea and shattering the peace in our country with foreign nuclear weapons. Today the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique is continuously strengthening the puppet armed forces by importing modern military hardware in large quantities and kicking up a clamorous row with all sorts of war exercises, thereby worsening the country's situation deliberately. The Pak Chong-hui puppet clique is further intensifying its fascist and terrorist rule of the people under the pretext of anti-communism. The clique has unified its repressive system and forged a large number of fascist wartime laws and other murderous laws, including the social security law and emergency measures, relentlessly murdering the patriotic people who demand reunification of the fatherland, and arresting and ferreting out at random the young students, democratic figures and conscientious religious people who cry out for democracy.

The indiscreet criminal acts of the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique who are hellbent on reinforcing the oppression organs and capabilities with modernized equipments are not only an overt challenge against the Korean people who earnestly wish for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and against the world peoples criticizing the serious human right violations in south Korea, but also a senseless act to block the ever-intensified struggle against fascist rule and for democracy and to prolong their meager lives. South Korean society has been beset with terror and horror due to the puppet clique's fascist repression of the people, and the political, economic, cultural and all other circles in south Korea are being brought under the thorough control of foreign aggressors, as a result of these unprecedented treacherous acts of the puppet clique.

The single Korea is on the verge of being split into two halves, and the bloodline of the nation faces the danger of being severed permanently, due to the puppet clique's splittist maneuvers. In addition, the clique's war maneuvers gravely jeopardize peace in Korea.

With the continuation of the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique's fascist terrorist rule and treacherous acts, we cannot realize the democratization of the

south Korean society nor achieve the reunification of that country and maintain peace in Korea. As long as the Pak Chong-hui clique continues to carry out its fascist plot of treachery, division and war, they will not be able to avoid being denounced by the angry patriotic people and will be duly subjected to the criticism of history for their condemnable treacherous acts. From generation to generation Japanese reactionaries have been servile to the U.S. imperialists and adopted hostile policies toward our country. By trying to fabricate two Koreas in collusion with the U.S. imperialists, they have attempted to convert south Korea into a supply base of cheap labor and raw materials and market for commercial goods of Japanese monopoly capital. When opinions regarding the withdrawal of the U.S. forces occupying south Korea by force came out of late in the United States, Japanese reactionaries began cunningly maneuvering toward opposing the withdrawal of the U.S. forces, making remarks such as upsetting the power balance and threat to Japan's security. This act is well proven by the fact that of late Japanese reactionaries, having invited the south Korean puppet cliques, held the so-called Japan-Korea parliamentary meeting to beg the United States for the continued presence of the U.S. ground troops and air force in South Korea.

Due to the imperialists' and their stooge's maneuver toward division and war, today our country is faced with an increased danger of the perpetual division of the people, instead of peace and reunification. Our people should not be divided into two, because we are unique people who have lived together, developing a unique culture and using a single language.

Terminating the division of the people and reunifying the fatherland constitute our people's paramount duty and the most important tasks assigned to us.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught us: In order to guarantee peace in Korea and expedite the reunification of the country, nuclear weapons should immediately be withdrawn from south Korea along with the unconditional withdrawal of the U.S. forces, the fascist, terrorist rule in south Korea--the source of discord among the people--should be terminated; and an atmosphere of grand alliance among the people should be created.

The joint meeting of various political parties and social organizations held in Pyongyang on 25 January put forward a four-point national salvation policy as a practical measure to prevent the danger of the perpetual division of the people, eliminate tension and expedite the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland delineated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The world people as well as the Korean people are now enthusiastically supporting this national salvation plan as the most just and patriotic proposal practically guaranteeing the peaceful settlement of the Korean problem.

Saying that this new national salvation proposal is the most opportune, practical and just measure, the attendants to the world conference for supporting the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea held some-time ago in Brussels, capital of Belgium, unanimously supported the proposal

and severely denounced the U.S. forces' continued occupation of south Korea and the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique's fascist oppressive row.

The United States should discontinue its two-Koreas plot in accordance with the unanimous desire of our people and world peaceloving people, refrain from abetting the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique toward division, confrontation and war, and immediately withdraw all of its lethal weapons, including nuclear weapons and its troops, from south Korea.

Japanese reactionaries should discontinue their hostile act abetting the south Korean authorities and opposing the reunification of our country, and should refrain from maneuvering toward the reinvasion of south Korea.

The south Korean authorities should discontinue their anti-communist row and fascist oppression, guarantee the democratization of the society, and step down from power in accordance with the desire of the south Korean people.

The sublime and great task of reunifying the country cannot be achieved by a single force representing a specific class, segment or faction; this task is the entire people's task, which can be achieved through the joint participation of all forces from the north and south who truly want reunification.

Today when the danger of the perpetual division of the country is ever-increasing due to the maneuvers by the splittists within and without, if one really loves the country and nation and wants the reunification of the fatherland, one should vigorously launch into the realization of the joint task of achieving the reunification of the fatherland, transcending differences in ideology, ideal or religion.

The south Korean people of all strata, including the south Korean political parties, social organization, workers, peasants, youth and students, intellectuals and religionists, should vigorously fight to crush the two-Koreas plot of the splittists within and without with the united efforts of all patriotic forces of the north and south, and to realize our national salvation measures for reunification in regard to the termination of the perpetual division of the nation, the elimination of the danger of nuclear war and the realization of peaceful reunification of the country.

In accordance with the three principles and five lines elucidated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song for reunification of the fatherland and the four-point national salvation proposal embodying the three principles and five lines, all peoples in north and south Korea are determined to achieve, without fail, the historic task of the reunification of the fatherland by being firmly united and resolutely crushing the two-Koreas plot of the splittists within and without.

Comrades, during the 60 years since the formation of the Korean National Association, the national liberation movement of our country and the Korean communist movement have created a new brilliant history of victory and glory.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, in accordance with the testament of Kim Hyong-chik who devoted his life to the sacred struggle to seek a homeland with [words indistinct] patriotism, liberated the fatherland robbed by the Japanese imperialists, freed our people permanently from all sorts of exploitation and oppression, and is now leading our people toward the brilliant future of socialism and communism.

We must always bear invariable loyalty to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song the genius of the revolution, sun of the nation and the legendary hero, and struggle with all devotion to brilliantly achieve the revolutionary task set forth by him while regarding it as the utmost happiness and glory to have the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song with us as our leader.

All party members and working people must thoroughly study the respected and beloved leader's instructions and the party policies and firmly arm themselves with the leader's revolutionary thought--Chuche thought--so as to further thoroughly establish the unitary ideological system of the party in the entire party and society.

We must safeguard and defend with our life the great leader politically and ideologically at all times and under all circumstances and strengthen in every way the unity and solidarity of the party and people around the leader.

The unconditional acceptance and thorough implementation of the great leader's instructions and party policies for the realization of the leader's instructions are the basic guarantee for the successful fulfillment of the revolution and construction.

We must more firmly consolidate the independent efforts of our revolution politically, economically and militarily by thoroughly carrying out the line and policy set forth by the respected and beloved leader so that we expedite the realization of the great task of the reunification of the fatherland.

In all sectors and units we must mark a new great upswing in socialist construction and achieve brilliant success in this year's worthy struggle by further deepening and developing the Three Revolutions of ideology, technology and culture and by mobilizing the boundless might and creative wisdom of the masses.

Constantly upholding the revolutionary slogans "Ideology, technology and culture, all in accordance with the demands of Chuche" and "Production, study and life, all in the manner of the anti-Japanese guerrillas," we must constantly struggle and march forward, thus vigorously accelerating the revolution and construction.

All functionaries, by thoroughly studying the work methods taught by the great leader, vigorously planning and organizing the economic organization

work and enhancing to the maximum the political zeal and creativity of the masses, must see to it that the entire society is full of the revolutionary habit of all people to sincerely and responsively carry out their assigned tasks in a manner worthy of the masters of the revolution.

Without slacking revolutionary alertness even the slightest degree in order to cope with the currently created situation, we must maintain ourselves in a mobilized posture at all times and push ahead with all works in a revolutionary and militant manner. We must actively support and encourage the struggle of the south Korean people for the revolution with all efforts, and at the same time continue the vigorous fight by firmly uniting with the people of the socialist countries and the progressive peoples of the world, including the peoples of the Third World. By doing so we can crush the two-Koreas plot of the splittists within and without and expedite the realization of the historical task of reunifying the fatherland, which is the utmost national aspiration of the Korean people.

Although the path of our revolution remains arduous and rugged, victory will be ours without fail. No one in the world can stop the march of our people who are fighting for the just cause under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the genius of the revolution, ever victorious iron-willed commander, and legendary hero.

By being firmly united around the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and upholding the ever-victorious revolutionary banner, the banner of the everlasting Chuche thought, let us all more vigorously fight for the independent reunification of the fatherland, for the nationwide victory of the revolution, and for the successful achievement of the revolutionary task of Chuche.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MARKED

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1029 GMT 22 Mar 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang 22 March (KCNA)--A scientific forum was held in Pyongyang on 21 March to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Korean National Association by Kim Hyong-chik [Kim Il-song's father], an indomitable revolutionary fighter and outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement in our country.

The subjects of the speeches at the forum included "The formation of the Korean National Association by Kim Hyong-chik, an indomitable revolutionary fighter, is a historic event of epochal significance in the development of the anti-Japanese national Liberation movement in our country."

The speakers stressed that the formation of the association was a precious fruition of the undaunted revolutionary struggle waged by Kim Hyong-chik for many years under difficult conditions and a historic event that forcefully stimulated the anti-Japanese national liberation movement to a new upsurge.

With the formation of the Korean National Association, the Korean people came to have a revolutionary organisation to lead the national liberation movement independently on a nationwide scale and our people's anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle entered a new road of development with its own guiding centre under the leadership of Kim Hyong-chik, said the speakers.

Noting that the idea of "Chiwon" (aim high) propounded by Kim Hyong-chik in his practical struggle was the foundation of the political programme and activities of the Korean National Association, the speakers underscored the precious feats made by the association in the course of the struggle for bringing the revolutionary idea of "Chiwon" to materialisation with this idea as its guiding compass.

The unbreakable revolutionary spirit of Kim Hyong-chik, an outstanding leader of the Korean national liberation movement, and his noble revolutionary cause were brilliantly succeeded by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, peerless in our history spanning thousands of years, whom our people hold in high esteem, stressed the speakers.

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MANY LETTERS BACKING 'SALVATION PROPOSAL' RECEIVED

Proposal Realistic

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0338 GMT 22 Mar 77 SK

[Text] Pyongyang 22 March (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the state of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received letters of solidarity from various countries supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced by a joint meeting of political parties and public organisations of our country.

A letter from the Youth Union of the United National Independence Party of Zambia said:

We Zambian youth assure you that we will resolutely denounce the machinations of the U.S. imperialists to keep Korea divided [between] the north and south permanently. We Zambian youth believe that the complete reunification of Korea will be realized under the outstanding and revolutionary leadership of President Kim Il-song.

A letter from U Pho Tah Bey, secretary of the Burma-Korea Friendship Association, said:

The four-point proposal is the fairest and reasonable one for realising the reunification of the country at an early date. We will continue to support the fair and reasonable proposals set forth by the great leader for the reunification of Korea.

A letter from Hemanta Bahadur B.C., secretary of the Nepalese Committee for World Peace, said:

I am firmly convinced that the "two Koreas" plot of the imperialists and their followers will be frustrated and an independent and prospering, reunified Korea will certainly be built on the beautiful Korean peninsula under the wise and energetic leadership of Your Excellency. The honest people of the world who love peace and independence, justice and social progress are always with the Korean people.

A letter from Manssobompha Tude, chairman of the Youth Council of Sierra Leone, said:

We are well aware that the four-point national salvation proposal is a very realistic and original one for removing the danger of a nuclear war from Korea and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country without outside interference. We will continue to propagandise this national salvation proposal to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

In a letter sent by Bt Abdella Tiph Mohamed Khamad Salla on behalf of the inhabitants of the "Korean village" in Baradi District, Khartoum, the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, said:

We inhabitants of the "Korean village" will always express firm support and militant solidarity for the just cause of the heroic Korean people under the wise leadership of respected and beloved Your Excellency president. We inhabitants of the "Korean village" firmly believe that the reasonable four-point national salvation proposal contained in the letter will certainly be realised and the historic cause of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the supreme national desire of the Korean people, be realized without fail.

A letter sent by Mitsuo Ara, master of the Japanese ship "Reiyo-maru," on behalf of her crew, said:

We think that the new national salvation proposal, as a reasonable one most correctly reflecting the present situation of Korea and the desire and demand of the Korean people, (?is) a new milestone in accelerating the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea. We are convinced that the reunification of Korea will be realised in the near future by the concerted efforts of the Korean people in the north and south under the wise leadership of respected Your Excellency president.

A letter sent by Georgia Zebizopulos, master of the Cyprian ship "Eurovik," on behalf of her crew, said:

We hold that the U.S. troops must be withdrawn from south Korea at an early date, the danger of a nuclear war be removed and the question of Korean reunification be solved independently in conformity with the will of the Korean people in an atmosphere of peace. We firmly resolve to actively support and encourage in the future, too, as in the past, the righteous struggle of the Korean people to accelerate the reunification of the country.

The letters reverentially wished the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

Positive Measure Against Tension

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0400 GMT 24 Mar 77 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 24 March (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea received letters of solidarity from parties of various countries supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced by a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang. A letter from the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour said:

Our people and our party cherish warm feelings of friendship for the Workers Party of Korea and follow with keen interest the just struggle of the Korean people. We express full support to the great revolutionary cause being carried out by the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, the fortress of national and social liberation, world peace and the progress of the people.

A letter from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Denmark said:

The realization of the new national salvation proposal advanced by your country will usher in a new era when a new prospect will be opened for the Korean people to achieve peace and democracy in the whole of Korea without interference of the U.S. imperialists.

A letter from Pentti Walzer, chairman, and Aarne Sellin, general secretary, of the Central Committee of the Finnish Socialist Labour Party, said:

The Finnish Socialist Labour Party considers that the new national salvation program is a positive measure of your country to remove the tension and the danger of nuclear war on the Korean peninsula and create favourable conditions for the peaceful reunification of Korea. The question of Korean reunification should be settled with the united strength of socialism and democracy on the basis of the new national salvation program. And this means the victory of the cause of peace on a world-wide scale.

A letter from the Central Committee of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola said:

The South Korean authorities are openly plotting to start a nuclear war to reduce the country to ashes, leaving one half of the country at the disposal of the imperialists and storing quantities of nuclear weapons in south Korea. We cannot tolerate this. We express firm solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for national reunification and denounce all the machinations of the imperialists to plunge the country and the nation into a holocaust.

A letter from Kiichi Furukawa, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Toyama prefectural headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party, said:

The new four-point national salvation proposal adopted at the recent Pyongyang joint meeting of political parties and public organisations is a fully opportune one reflecting the desire of the entire Korean people and this proposal, together with the July 4 north-south joint statement, is of historic significance. We express full support to it.

We are resolved to devote all our strength to the movement against the Japan-U.S.-south Korea military alliance system and the Pak "regimes" military fascistization in south Korea and for the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from south Korea and the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

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CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY ENDORSES KOREAN REUNIFICATION

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 19 Mar 77

[Text] The Central Committee of the Korean Worker's Party has received from the Central Committee of the Congolese Labor Party a letter of solidarity supporting the new national salvation proposal set forth by the joint meeting of various political parties and social organizations held in Pyongyang on 25 January. Following is text of the letter:

Pyongyang.

To: The Central Committee of the Korean Workers Party

Dear comrades:

We have received your Central Committee's letter of 26 January 1977 regarding the national salvation proposal for expediting the independent and peaceful reunification of divided Korea.

Our people and party have cherished warm friendly feelings toward the Korean Workers Party and are deeply interested in the Korean people's just struggle. The Korean people's resolute anti-imperialist stand has won the support of those people who love peace and justice. The international prestige of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is being increasingly enhanced.

Our party and people have decided to unite with friendly and progressive world people in struggles waged in Asia, Latin America and Africa against the imperialists' anti-revolutionary strategy. Reaffirming our militant solidarity with you on this occasion, we wish for lasting friendship between the parties, governments and people of the two countries.

We also express our whole-hearted support to the great revolutionary tasks being carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea--a citadel of national and social liberation, of world peace and of progressive people.

Comrades, please accept our greeting of friendship.

The Central Committee of the Congolese Labor Party
14 March 1977, Brazzaville.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING URGED

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2230 GMT 23 Mar 77

[Unattributed talk: "Let Us Supply the People With More Nutritious and Delicious Foods by Developing the Food-Processing Industry"]

[Summary] Supplying more nutritious and delicious foods to the workers who are effecting miracles and innovations in socialist construction today is an important revolutionary task assigned the functionaries and workers in the food-processing industry. Today's reality in which the livelihood of workers is increasingly upgraded as socialist construction proceeds successfully calls for an epochal turnaround in the development of the food-processing industry. The struggle for developing the food-processing industry is a glorious undertaking to show the superiority of our country's socialist system by radically raising the standard of the people's material and cultural living; it is a sacred struggle for fulfilling the independent technical revolutionary tasks put forward by Kim Il-song and for freeing women from household chores.

"Important in an epochal development of the food-processing industry is to improve the quality of foods and to diversify their kinds drastically."

"The highest priority task in the development of the food-processing industry is to radically improve the quality of foods. Of vital importance to upgrading the quality of foods is that all workers engaged in food processing strictly abide by the technical regulations and the standard operational methods and raise the technical standards a step higher."

"The problem to which we must pay heed in the food-processing industry is to fully secure sanitary conditions. Raising the cultural level of the food-processing industry for production of sanitary and clean foodstuffs is a prerequisite to improving the quality of foods. More specifically, the food plants and factories should be managed more culturally and sanitarily, and the workers themselves who handle foodstuffs must be clean, cultural and sanitary, so as to produce foods which are cleaner and stimulate our appetite."

"In parallel with introducing sanitation to the food-processing industry, efforts should be made to diversify food types. In particular, cookies and soft drinks, the demand for which is increasing among the people, and processed fish, meat and fruits require a greater variety."

In order to effect a new turnaround in the food-processing industry, it is needless to say that food plants and factories must be rearranged and expanded to step up food production.

"Very important in the development of the food-processing industry is the problem of food containers. Development of the food-processing industry is almost inconceivable without solving the problem of food packing and containers. For this reason all kinds of wrapping paper and such handy and nice looking food containers as glass bottles, wooden pots and china jars must be produced in large quantities.

Also important in the development of the food-processing industry is the mechanization and automation of the industry's production processes. This not only obviates much labor of the workers but also enables rapid production of cheaper foodstuffs with available effort and facilities.

"In addition, what is required for further advancement of the food-processing industry is that local food plants and factories secure their own raw material bases."

More soy beans and sesame must be produced to provide the people with sufficient edible oil. Fruits such as apricots, peaches, apples, pears, cherries and strawberries must be made into jams, juices and soft drinks. Besides, such edible greens as bracken, mushroom and bell-flower must be cultivated to meet the people's demand.

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IMPORTANCE OF SPRING SOWING STRESSED BY EDITORIAL

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2320 GMT 21 Mar 77 SK

[NODONG SINMUN 22 March editorial: "Let All Efforts in the Rural Areas Be Concentrated on Sowing in the Spring Season"]

[Excerpts] All cooperative farms throughout the country are now waging a battle to carry out sowing in the spring season. Carefully considering the need for development of our country's agriculture, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has set forth the militant task of occupying the height of 8.5 million tons of grain this year and clearly delineated concrete measures to fulfill this goal.

Occupying the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain this year is an honorable struggle to systematically improve the living standard of our people by continuously concentrating on the development of the economy of the rural areas and solidifying the foundation of the country's economy.

One of the most important tasks assigned to us today is to achieve success in sowing--the initial process in agricultural production. The struggle in sowing this year is the initial offensive battle waged to reliably guarantee a victorious advance in this year's agricultural production and an important task to hoist the victorious banner to occupy the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain.

Achieving success in the sowing battle constitutes an important requirement for overcoming abnormal weather conditions at a time when the cold front prevails and guaranteeing safe and rapid growth of the crops.

Upholding the great leader's instruction to occupy the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain this year, all party members and workers in the agricultural sector should reap bumper harvests this year by successfully carrying out sowing work in the spring season on time.

In order to achieve good results in the sowing work in the spring season by thoroughly implementing the Chuche-oriented method of farming, it is necessary to effectively carry out all farming work, including sowing, by meeting scientific and technical demands.

Cooperative farms should not delay sowing and wait for the arrival of warm weather on the pretext that the soil is deeply frozen due to the influence of last winter's cold front and that the spring weather this year is irregular. They should actively take measures to raise the temperature of the seedbeds to adapt to the changing weather, so that they can infallibly sow on time.

One of the important tasks in successfully waging the spring sowing battle in accordance with the demand of the Chuche-oriented farming method is to strictly follow technical standards in every process of sowing.

All party members and workers in the agricultural sector should make every effort to successfully sow the cold corn field seedbeds in the unseasonable and dry weather season. All party members and workers in the rural areas, while continuously reclaiming fertile farming fields, should promptly transport compost to the corn fields so as to construct standardized corn seedbeds on time. They should also take good care of the seedbeds to protect them from dry weather and from sudden drops in temperature.

Along with the successful spring sowing, good management of the seedbeds is important. All party members and workers in the rural areas are actively adopting measures to take good care of seedbeds, following established rules in adequately irrigating them, in constructing vinyl houses and straw shelters to maintain proper temperature on these seedbeds and in applying compost and fertile soil to them. One of the important requirements for achieving meritorious results in the pending spring sowing is to successfully carry on the sowing of various other crops on time, while concentrating on sowing rice and corn.

While successfully waging a spring sowing struggle all agricultural workers should vigorously push ahead with preparations for comprehensive farming work by expediting the tilling of paddy fields and by correctly applying manure to the fields.

With a lofty sense of awareness that achieving success in the battle of sowing contributes to the occupation of the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain to elevate our country's agricultural production to a higher stage, so as to implement the great leader's lofty intent and plan to help our peasants to lead a more affluent life, all functionaries and workers in the agricultural sector should infallibly accomplish all tasks assigned to them in carrying out their farming work by unconditionally implementing the leader's instructions and the party agricultural policy.

By vigorously carrying out political propaganda explaining the importance of the sowing battle in the occupation of the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain to agricultural workers, the local party organizations of all levels, the rural area party organizations and the Three Revolution teams should help them to make a breakthrough in their farming work this year with a lofty revolutionary sense.

By grasping the overall status of farming work in a manner of those who take responsibility for the rural areas and by insuring that seedbeds are correctly constructed and that irrigation and sowing are properly carried out, all agricultural functionaries should help agricultural workers proceed with every process of their sowing work in a scientific and technical way.

Let all functionaries and workers in the agricultural economy sector hoist a victorious banner on the heights of 8.5 million tons of grain by brilliantly achieving the most meritorious labor results in their sowing battle. They should not idle away even a minute.

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DANISH CP MESSAGE BACKS DPRK REUNIFICATION PROPOSAL

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 20 Mar 77

[Text] The Central Committee of the Korean Workers Party has received from the Central Committee of the Danish Communist Party a letter of solidarity supporting the new national salvation proposal set forth by the joint meeting of our country's various political parties and social organizations. Following is text of the letter:

Pyongyang.

To: The Central Committee of the Korean Workers Party.

Dear comrades:

We have carefully studied your country's new peaceful reunification policy outlined in the document we received of late. We assert that we enthusiastically support this proposal.

The realization of the new national salvation proposal will usher in a new era and offer a promising prospect to the Korean people for elimination of the U.S. imperialists' interference and for the peace and democracy in all of Korea.

We extend greetings of friendship.

The Central Committee of the Danish Communist Party
11 March 1977, Copenhagen

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'NODONG SINMUN' ARTICLE BACKS REUNIFICATION PROPOSAL

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2317 GMT 20 Mar 77 SK

[NODONG SINMUN 21 March article: "Independent and Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland Has Been a Consistent Stand of Our Party and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea]

[Summary] The reunification of our country is a matter of life or death for our nation and entirely an internal problem of our nation that the Koreans must solve with their own efforts.

For this reason "the reunification of the country through peaceful means, under the independent and democratic principle, without the interference of outside forces, has been the consistent stand and policy of our party and the DPRK Government."

The Workers Party of Korea and the DPRK Government which bear a heavy responsibility for the fate of the fatherland and nation have been making all possible efforts by putting forward just, realistic and reasonable reunification proposals on many occasions in order to put an end to the tragic division of the country and reunify it without outside interference.

"Our party and the DPRK Government have so far put forward realistic and reasonable proposals for the reunification of the country as many as 150 times." "This fact alone bespeaks how ardently we have desired the reunification of the country and how hard we have endeavored to achieve it."

With the great leader's historical speech of 6 August 1971 concerning the opening of the dialog between north and south Korea, "the dialog between the north and south was opened for the first time. At the same time, the north-south joint communique, which embodies the Three Principles for Independent and Peaceful Reunification and National Unity, was issued." The issuance of the joint communique was the outcome of the sincere efforts of our side.

"The Three Principles for the Reunification of the Fatherland which were set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song reflect the principled stand

of our party and the DPRK Government concerning the realization of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country."

Since the announcement of the joint communique in August 1971, our party and the government of the republic have put forward just and reasonable proposals on many occasions to expedite the great task of the reunification of the country. "On 23 June 1973 the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song advanced a five-point proposal for reunification of the fatherland as an epoch-making national salvation measure." The five-point proposal, which involves: 1) the elimination of the military confrontation and the tension between north and south; 2) the realization of collaboration and exchanges in many fields between the north and south; 3) the convocation of a great national conference composing the representatives of the peoples of all walks of life, political parties and social organizations in north and south Korea, 4) the adoption of a federation between north and south Korea with the name of the country "The Federal Republic of Koryo"; and 5) entry into the United Nations with the name of "The Federal Republic of Koryo," is the most just and reasonable proposal which serves to make possible the achievement of the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

"The five-point proposal, from the time it was announced, won the overwhelming support from the entire Korean people and the progressive people of the world." "In addition to this proposal we have put forward many other proposals to expedite the reunification of the fatherland in conformity with the will and interests of our people. However, the south Korean authorities have so far accepted none of these proposals of our side."

The reactionaries in south Korea have never shown sincerity in the dialog between north and south Korea, but rather have further strengthened their fascist rule and the provocative schemes against us.

With the announcement of the so-called "23 June declaration," the south Korean ruling clique has further intensified the fascist rule and the war provocation scheme internally, and more viciously carried out the "two Koreas" plot in an attempt to perpetuate the national division.

Because of these criminal schemes of the south Korean ruling clique, the Three Principles for the Reunification of the Fatherland which are elucidated in the north-south joint communique have been ruthlessly suppressed and the dialog between the north and south has been broken off.

"The proposal put forward by the joint conference of political parties and social organizations, which is a realistic and patriotic one, constitutes another vivid expression of the stand and effort of our side for the achievement of the reunification of the fatherland, the internal problem of the nation, with the united might of the entire patriotic forces."

The proposal of the joint conference of the political parties and social organizations is, needless to say, "a realistic measure for expediting the tasks of maintaining and solidifying peace in Korea and for the reunification of the fatherland."

'PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT' BY KOREANS IN JAPAN BEING WAGED

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0030 GMT 21 Mar 77 SK

[Unattributed talk: "The 100-day Patriotic Movement by the General Association of Koreans in Japan"]

[Excerpts] From the early part of this year a 100-day patriotic movement, initiated by the Central Committee of the General Association of Koreans in Japan [GAKRJ] is being vigorously waged among young Koreans in Japan.

This 100-day patriotic movement, initiated by the Central Committee of GAKRJ, is a patriotic movement to make all the GAKRJ functionaries and members overseas Chuche-type compatriots who are boundlessly loyal to the great leader, and have them assume and fully fulfill the roles and the responsibilities as the assault force and the vanguard.

The GAKRJ, in reflecting the wishes and yearning of the fellow young countrymen who desire to support and contribute to the prosperity of the fatherland, has decided to send, during this 100-day movement, varied machinery and equipment to the young men of the fatherland who are waging battles of the nature remodeling programs.

The functionaries and the members of the Aichi, Chiba and Tokyo headquarters of the GAKRJ have established the goal of sending at least one unit of machinery from each chapter and or section-level to the battlegrounds of nature-remodeling warfare, and they are vigorously dashing forward in the labor campaign of loyalty.

The GAKRJ organizations under the Osaka headquarters and deeply mingling with the ranks of youth from all strata with the purpose of indoctrinating them in the spirit of the 100-day movement and its significance. The campaign has already succeeded in recruiting 6,000 Korean youth into this movement. A considerable amount of machinery, thanks to the efforts of these young men's popular struggles, has already been made available.

On the other hand, the functionaries and members of GAKRJ are also vigorously waging propaganda activities to expedite the independent peaceful reunification of the fatherland, one of the major objectives of the 100-day patriotic movement.

The GAKRJ functionaries and members throughout Japan are deeply mingling with the ranks of young people of all strata, explaining about the ways and means for the fatherland's reunification set forth by the great leader and the proposal adopted by the political parties and the social organizations of the republic, and thus making them respond to the pan-national struggle for the fatherland's reunification.

During this campaign period GAKRJ's functionaries and members are also striving to attain the projects aimed at the visiting Koreans from South Korea. Such projects are being vigorously launched by the young GAKRJ members of the Osaka and Okayama headquarters. These young members, while carrying out the projects aimed at the Korean travelers from south Korea, are doing their best to stir these south Koreans into struggles for the fatherland's reunification.

The members and the functionaries of GAKRJ's Aichi and Kyoto headquarters are not only stepping up their efforts, through various gatherings such as ski meetings and so forth, to cement friendship with young people not affiliated with MINDAN, but are also working hand in hand with these peoples in the task of the national alliance.

Through various meetings and social events, these GAKRJ functionaries and party members are also promoting solidarity with the Japanese youth in the areas.

Today the functionaries and the members of GAKRJ are vigorously struggling to expedite the day when they can submit a loyal and glorious report to the fatherly leader.

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HILL ASSOCIATED WITH KIM'S FATHER NOW HISTORIC SITE

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1536 GMT 23 Mar 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang 23 March (KCNA)--The Ponghwa-san hill is a historic hill in Ponghwa-ri, Kangdong County, South Pyongan Province, some 36 kilometres northeast of Pyongyang.

Kim Hyong-chik, father of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and indomitable revolutionary fighter, held aloft a new torch of revolution for the liberation of the fatherland on this hill 60 years ago.

The Ponghwa-san hill was the commanding centre of the Korean National Association (KNA) organized and guided by Kim Hyong-chik and the base of the anti-Japanese revolutionary movement. It was the lighthouse of hope for our people.

Around the anniversary day of the founding of the KNA, many working people from different parts of the country visit the Ponghwa-san hill to study the brilliant revolutionary exploits and noble anti-Japanese patriotic spirit of Kim Hyong-chik, an indomitable anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement in our country and the great pioneer in changing the course from the nationalist movement to the communist movement.

There are in and around the Ponghwa-san hill of picturesque scenery the Myongsin school, the rock site, a spring, the site of morning exercise and many other historic sites where Kim Hyong-chik energetically conducts his revolutionary activities.

Before the statue of Kim Hyong-chik erected with due respect in front of the Myongsin school at the foot of the Ponghwa-san hill, the visitors reverently adjust the neckbands of their clothes and listen to a lecturer with deep emotion on the grand aspirations and energetic activities of Kim Hyong-chik who organized the KNA and unfolded his far-reaching plan to liberate the country by the internal force of the nation.

On 23 March 1917, the spring following the year when he shifted the theatre of his struggle to Kangdong, Kim Hyong-chik called revolutionary comrades

active at home and abroad to form the KNA, an anti-Japanese underground revolutionary organisation, in Ponghwa-ri.

The KNA was the anti-Japanese underground revolutionary organisation biggest in scale in our country around the 1 March popular uprising, whose scope of activities stretched beyond the boundary of the country; it was an out-and-out anti-imperialist revolutionary organisation which put it forth as its task to accomplish the cause of anti-imperialist national liberation by the efforts of the Korean people themselves and steadfastly defend the interests of the popular masses.

The formation of the KNA roused our people who were standing at the cross-roads of life and death, subjected to the fate of colonial slaves of Japanese imperialism, in the struggle for bringing a new spring of liberation under the rays lighting the path ahead of the nation.

The KNA was a powerful weapon and the strength of Korea for carrying into practice the far-reaching plan of Kim Hyong-chik to hasten the spring of a liberated, free and happy Korea.

Tracing the undying revolutionary exploits of Kim Hyong-chik, the visitors walk into the yard of the Myongsin school. The Myongsin school is a historic school set up by Kim Hyong-chik on 20 March 1916 to educate and train the youth and children in Ponghwa-ri soon after he moved there.

The historic mementoes of those days are preserved in the original state in the rooms.

At the Myongsin school, Kim Hyong-chik taught history and geography of our country to the pupils, putting his heart and soul into implanting the lofty intention of "Chiwon" (aim high) for the independence of Korea in their minds and rearing them as pillars for the liberation of the country.

Going round historic sites associated with the brilliant revolutionary exploits of Kim Hyong-chik, the visitors climb the Ponghwa-san hill. The site of morning exercise is situated halfway up the Ponghwa-san hill rising high, overlooking the low and high hills afar.

Kim Hyong-chik went up the hill in early mornings, sounded the bugle himself to call the youths and children and began the daily routine with a morning exercise with them.

The bugle call ringing out from the Ponghwa-san hill was a new signal which awakened the consciousness of the compatriots languishing in the tragedies of national ruin under the Japanese imperialist colonial rule and roused them to the struggle for accomplishing the cause of national liberation to bring earlier the new spring of Korea.

The visitors, with excited feelings, walk up to the rock-site on the Ponghwa-san hill where Kim Hyong-chik guided secret meetings of members

of the KNA. At that time, this place gave a good shelter from the enemy's watch, from where they could see every move of the Japs in the Pyongyang and Kangdong areas, because it was the highest place there.

Here revolutionary comrades received teachings from Kim Hyong-chik and left for their fighting posts all over the country and abroad to hasten the day of the liberation of the fatherland. At this rock site on the Ponghwa-san hill, Kim Hyong-chik lifted high the new torch of revolution for the liberation of the country.

Much water has flowed under the bridge since then.

Carrying forward the lofty intention of Kim Hyong-chik, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song accomplished the cause of national liberation and has built a paradise for the people on this land. Under his loving care, our people are now leading a happy life to their heart's satisfaction.

A firm determination is read on the faces of the workers, peasants, soldiers and students visiting the Ponghwa-san hill today.

Labour hero Kim Myong-ho, an engine driver of the Chongjin Locomotive Corps who visited here, evinced his determination in the following words:

"We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Korean National Association with big successes in transportation, bearing in mind the teaching of the great leader that we should make this year a year for reinforcing the transportation front. We will strive ever harder to overfulfill our assignments for this year without fail."

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'NODONG SINMUN' ATTACKS ROK MILITARY REINFORCEMENT

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1601 GMT 21 Mar 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 March (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today comes out with a commentary headlined "Acts Ignoring People's Desire for Reunification" flaying the continued reinforcement of military strength and war rackets on the part of the Pak Chong-hui clique.

Recalling that a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of our country put forward a four-point national salvation proposal to radically improve the north-south relations and actively pave the way for reunification and initiated a number of realistic steps particularly to put an end to the military confrontation between the north and the south, the commentary notes:

The initiative of the joint meeting has enlisted the warm support of the entire Korean people and the world peace-loving people and loud voices calling for an early realization of our patriotic initiative are ringing out from them.

But the present rulers of South Korea act quite contrary. The Pak Chong-hui clique stressed at the puppet cabinet council on 18 March that they should further increase the "national power" and "defence capacity" in a few years to come.

Meanwhile, the puppet army headquarters put it on the order of the day to step up the tactical training of the reserve forces and incited north-south confrontation and staged an "exhibition exercise for defence" to ship up war hysteria.

This is part of the noisy argument for the reinforcement of military strength which is heard more frequently from the South Korean ruling quarters and the war racket kicked up behind it. By crying for military buildup and inciting the war fever, the South Korean ruling circles are going against the urgent demand of the times, the commentary remarks, and continues:

If the South Korean authorities persist in words and deeds seeking arms reinforcement and whipping up war hysteria at a time when the peoples at home and abroad desire in unison the relaxation of tension in Korea, this will result in rendering the situation more strained and eventually leading it to an irrevocable phase.

It is a consistent stand of our party and the government of our republic to ease the tension and improve and develop the north-south relations. To dispel distrust and misunderstanding within the nation caused by the protracted division, improve and develop the north-south relations and peacefully settle the question of reunification, the cherished desire of the nation, practical steps must be taken first of all to put an end to the military confrontation between the north and the south. There is no other way. This demand is reflected in the proposition of the joint meeting for easing tension between the north and the south, a part of the national salvation proposal. The South Korean authorities should not cling to the reckless policy of military adventures, but lend an ear to the voice of the times, concludes the commentary.

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MOSCOW COMMENTATOR ON SOVIET-DPRK LOGGING AGREEMENT

Moscow Radio in Korean to Korea 0930 GMT 15 Mar 77 OW

[Petrov Commentary on the Soviet-DPRK agreement on DPRK logging operations in the Soviet Union from 1977 through 1981]

[Text] An agreement has been signed in Moscow between the Soviet Union and the DPRK on cooperating with each other in cutting trees in the Soviet territory from 1977 through 1981 for the national economy of the DPRK. In this connection, our station commentator Comrade (Petrov) says the following.

For over 10 years, our two countries have successfully cooperated in cutting trees within the Soviet territory. At logging sites in the Khabarovsk frontier area, thousands of Korean timbermen, [word indistinct], and construction workers are at work. They live in (Songdowon), a new urban type community, which is equipped, under their management, with well-arranged [word indistinct], a library, [word indistinct], and other facilities. In other words, the community is equipped with all they need in their normal lives and for cultural activities.

From morning till nightfall, the engine noise of tractors, timber-hauling trucks, and [words indistinct] never ceases. There the Korean friends are cutting down trees.

Under the new agreement signed between the Soviet Union and the DPRK, [words indistinct], blueprints, and various kinds of modern machinery will be supplied to logging camps in the DPRK. Korean timbermen [words indistinct] timber-loading cars, powerful gas-engine saws--Ural No 2's [word indistinct] No 214's, Friendship No 4, and other machines.

The new agreement envisages not only an increase in the quantity of felled timber but also the complete utilization of this valuable raw material.

The Korean timbermen, in fact, while cutting down trees, will be able to collect lacquer, varnish, and other materials widely used in the paint

industry. In addition, bark and sawdust available from logging camps can be utilized. [words indistinct] supplied pulp factories in [words indistinct] in the DPRK.

(?As before), the Korean (?comrades) will supply part of the timber they have cut down to the USSR in return for the machinery and equipment used in logging operations.

The agreement of cutting trees in the Soviet territory from 1977 through 1981 is another example of reciprocal economic cooperation undertaken between our two countries on the basis of the socialist principle of fraternal mutual assistance and socialist cooperation.

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WORKERS SUCCESSFUL IN DRIVE TO BOOST COAL PRODUCTION

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1013 GMT 22 Mar 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang 22 March (KCNA)--The workers of the collieries under the general bureau of coal industry, upholding the teachings of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song on increasing coal output, boosted the production of coal in February 1.2 times as against December last year and are further expanding their success in March.

The colliers and Three-Revolution team members in North Hamgyong Province in the northern region of the country are these days surpassing the average daily results of February over 1.3 times in capital tunnelling and preparatory tunnelling and 1.2 times in coal cutting by pushing earth scraping and capital tunnelling ahead of other work and effecting technical innovation.

The tunnelling workers of the Aoji Colliery, a leading coal-production centre in the northern region, have introduced a new tunnelling method and raised the efficiency of dynamiting to heighten the tunnelling speed 1.3-1.5 times. The members of many hewing companies and platoons are increasing the daily coal output 1.2-1.5 times as against February.

The tunnelling workers of the Hakpo Colliery are vigorously waging a high-speed tunnelling drive to tunnel more than 1,500 metres a month. Through this drive they are overshooting their daily plans 1.5 times. Keeping pace with their surging drive, the coal cutters are carrying out their daily plans over 1.3 times, 1.5 times at maximum.

The workers of the Pungin Colliery are these days augmenting the daily coal output by 500-1,000 tons, coal output is boosted also by the workers of the Sanghwa, Obong and Kogonwon collieries.

Coal output shows a steady rise at the collieries in South Hamgyong and South Pyongan provinces, too.

The workers of the Toksong Colliery, a new promising coal production centre of our country, have carried out their monthly production plan in half a month through a vigorous high-speed tunnelling drive.

Many platoons and companies of the Yonghung Youth, Ramjon, Kowon and other collieries in different parts of the country have already finished their first quarter-year plans.

Our colliers are increasing the number of cutting faces and upping coal output at each hewing face by pushing tunnelling ahead of other work at the existing collieries. At the same time new promising large collieries in the Kumchon area of North Hwanghae Province and the Hakdong and Kilju areas of North Hamgyong Province are being developed on a large scale and medium and small collieries expanded further in various parts.

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CUBAN-LIBYAN COMMUNIQUE--A joint communique issued on the official goodwill visit of the Cuban party and government delegation to Libya expressed support to the Korean people's cause of national reunification, according to a report. In the communique the two sides supported the struggle of the Korean people for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from south Korea and the reunification of the country. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1025 GMT 23 Mar 77 OW]

CUBAN WOMEN'S TEAM--Pyongyang, 21 March--A friendship game between the women's volleyball selection of our country and the Cuban women's volleyball selection was held on 17 March at the Pyongyang indoor stadium. The high skill, staunch fighting spirit and stunts of the women volleyballers of the two countries were warmly applauded by the spectators. The game proceeded in an atmosphere overflowing with the militant friendship between the Korean and Cuban peoples who are struggling for the building of socialism and the victory of the anti-imperialist common cause. On 20 March a friendship game between the 8 February women's volleyball team of our country and the Cuban women's volleyball selection was held. The friendship games were watched by personages concerned and Ambassador Arouimides Poveda Godinez and staff members of the Cuban Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0352 GMT 21 Mar 77 SK]

CONDOLENCES TO CONGO--Pyongyang 25 March (KCNA)--The Korea-Africa Friendship Association sent a message of condolence to Sassou-n'Guesso, chairman of the Military Committee of the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour, upon the assassination of Marien Ngouabi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour and president of the People's Republic of the Congo. Upon hearing the sad news that Marien Ngouabi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour and president of the People's Republic of the Congo, was assassinated surprisingly by stooges of the imperialists, we express deep condolences to Your Excellency chairman, the Congolese people and the bereaved family of the deceased, the message said. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0336 GMT 25 Mar 77 SK]

STEAM POWER OUTPUT--Pyongyang 19 March--One more generator has been recently installed at the Chongchon-gang steam power plant which is now under construction. Many steam power plants built in various parts of the country

are today playing a big role. Workers of the Pyongyang steam power plant, which holds a big portion in the nation's production of electricity, are these days surpassing their daily production assignments by 100,000 kwh. The workers of the Pukchang steam power plant, one of the giant power bases of our country, are overshooting the rated capacity of the generating equipment by 10 to 15 percent. These days the plant is surpassing the output of electricity in the same period of last year by over 100,000 kwh on a daily average. The output of electricity is on a steady rise at the Unggi steam power plant and many other big and small steam power plants. The total electricity output at the steam power plants throughout the country is now 20 percent higher than that of early February [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1009 GMT 19 Mar 77 OW]

KANGSON STEEL COMPLEX--Upholding the leader's New Year message, workers of Chollima Kangson Steel Complex have successfully overfulfilled their goal for the first quarter of this year. During the execution of their goal, melting workers, in cooperation with members of the Three Revolutions team, have reduced the electricity consumption rate to 21 percent by adopting a new melting method and by effecting a revolutionary labor management system. As of yesterday they successfully overfulfilled the steel production goal for the first quarter of this year by 100.2 percent. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 1300 GMT 25 Mar 77 SK]

KOWON LOCOMOTIVE UNIT--The Kowon electric locomotive unit has completed as of 24 March its coal-transportation quota for the first quarter of this year. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 28 Mar 77 SK]

PYONGYANG LOCOMOTIVE UNIT--The Pyongyang locomotive unit has overfulfilled as of 23 March its cargo transportation quota for the first quarter of this year by 102 percent. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 28 Mar 77 SK]

NAECHUNG RAILROAD STATION--The Chollima Naechung railroad station has transported daily 1,800 tons of additional cargo by placing all available locomotives and freight cars into full operation. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 28 Mar 77 SK]

MAPO TRUCK TRANSPORT--The Mapo trucking station in Changang Province has overfulfilled its daily transportation quota by 130 percent. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 28 Mar 77 SK]

SINUJU WEAVING MACHINERY PLANT--Workers of the Sinuiju weaving machinery plant have doubled their goal in March. Mechanics of the plant have increased efficiency in the production of parts by continuously renovating their techniques and by solidifying their cooperation with technicians. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0300 GMT 26 Mar 77 SK]

KOSAN MINE--Miners of the Kosan Mine are waging a speed battle. Upholding the leader's instruction, guidance functionaries of the mine, under the guidance of the local party organizations of the mine and the Three

Revolutions team members, have encouraged miners to place the production of ore on the right track by vigorously carrying out political propaganda. Excavation team members have expedited tunneling by adopting the method of high speed tunneling. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0200 GMT 27 Mar 77 SK]

NONFERROUS ORE PRODUCTION--The mines under the control of the South Hwanghae Province's nonferrous ore-mining bureau are making innovation in production of nonferrous ores. The Sinwon Mine has recently overfulfilled its average daily production quota by 300 percent. The Iwol Mine has sustained its daily production. While the Nagyong Mine has radically increased production compared with last month. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 1100 GMT 18 Mar 77 SK]

CARGO TRANSPORT--The transportation workers of the Manpo Railroad Station in Chagang Province had completed their March cargo shipping quota as of 15 March. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 19 Mar 77 SK]

CAR REPAIRS--The repair shop of the Wonsan Youth Passenger and Freight Car Station has increased the speed of repairing passenger and freight cars 1.3 times, while manufacturing hundreds of kinds of parts and accessories, including nuts and bolts and shock absorbers. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 19 Mar 77 SK]

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PRODUCTION--Disabled veterans and their wives of the Chongjin Disabled Veterans School Supplies Factory have increased production and improved the quality of the products. By properly organizing work processes and by fully mobilizing potential. They have overfulfilled their daily goal by 150 to 200 percent. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0600 GMT 17 Mar 77 SK]

ORE PRODUCTION--The mines in the western sectors are marking constant innovations in overfulfilling their quotas by 1.2 to 1.5 times. The Unyul Mine has adopted some 20 innovation ideas to increase its production, while the Chaeryong Mine has increased its stripping in the month of March by 1.5 times. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 19 Mar 77 SK]

VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION--The No 5 Pyongyang trucking station has scored an innovation in carrying cargos by utilizing trailers. The station has overfulfilled its daily quota, carrying some 30 truck-load cargos more every day. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 20 Mar 77 SK]

KAPSAN ORE MINE--The Kapsan Mine workers have marked a new upsurge in ore production by increasing tunneling speed. They have tunneled some 100 meters more than in the previous month. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0300 GMT 24 Mar 77 SK]

MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION--The Tanchon magnesium plant has increased daily magnesium production 1.3 times as compared with that of last month. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0300 GMT 24 Mar 77 SK]

NAGWON MACHINERY PLANT--Workers and technicians of the Nagwon machinery plant have successfully supported the railroad transportation sector. Under the guidance of the local party organization of the factory and the Three Revolutions teams, the workers and technicians have marked an innovation in the production of tools and repair parts and supplied them to the transportation front. They have also repaired more than 40 freight-cars and supplied them to the transportation front. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0300 GMT 24 Mar 77 SK]

PUKCHANG THERMAL POWER PLANT--Energy production workers of the Pukchang thermal power plant have produced 100,000 to 150,000 more kilowatt hours daily than stated capacity by putting every generator into full operation. Engraving on their hearts the militant tasks set forth by the great leader in his New Year address for this year, they have brilliantly overfulfilled daily power generation plans through revolutionary equipment operation and technical control. The flames of increased power generation have also wildly spread to generators Nos 4, 5, and 6. Operators of these generators have created collective innovations during operation hours, put every generator into full use, and thus produced 30 more percent of power daily than planned. [Text] [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 1300 GMT 19 Mar 77 OW]

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