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REPORT

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Dear comrades!

Dear citizens of Pyongyang!

The U.S. imperialist aggressors that have occupied the southern half of our country stubbornly continue to hinder the peaceful unification of our country and bring more and more misfortunes and suffering to the South Korean people.

Today we have met here resolutely to lodge our repeated demand that an end be put to the criminal acts of flagrantly intervening in the affairs of our country by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and that they immediately withdraw from our land.

Throughout the post-liberation period, the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic have made consistent and sincere efforts for the peaceful unification of the country.

In the period of peaceful construction, our Party advanced concrete proposals that the Korean people themselves unify the fatherland by means of conversations or negotiations, without interference from outside.

But the U.S. imperialists, seeing that the ardent desire of the Korean people for peacefully unifying their divided country had reached the climax and that the peaceful unification of Korea by the Koreans themselves was becoming more and more feasible, answered the proposals by starting an outrageous armed intervention.

In the postwar period, too, the Party and Government have made persistent efforts for peace, and for the peaceful unification of the country, exposing and smashing every desperate intrigue of the U.S. imperialists to reinforce their military strength, in gross violation of the armistice agreement.

Our Party and Government have put forward, more than once, proposals on the peaceful unification of the country, and repeatedly introduced proposals for promoting the peaceful unification of the country through the establishment and development of economic and cultural intercourse and businesslike relations of co-operation between North and South Korea.

Particularly, on February 5, the Government of the Republic, after holding a discussion on the existing situation, issued a historic statement which proposed the withdrawal of all foreign forces from North and South Korea.

It was a most fair and reasonable step aimed at the solution of the most important problem for the peaceful unification of the country, and opened up a new phase in the peaceful settlement of the Korean question.

This is why the statement of the Government of the Republic has met with wholehearted endorsement and approval not only of the socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union, but also of the other peace-loving states and peoples of the whole world.

Particularly, the Government of the Chinese People's Republic wholly agreed with the proposal of the Government of our Republic and accepted it.

The Chinese People's Volunteers, which not only have consistently given selfless assistance to the just struggle of the Korean people, but also made sincere efforts for the peaceful unification of Korea, decided on their own initiative to complete their withdrawal from the territory of the northern half of our Republic by the end of 1958.

The Chinese People's Volunteers have thus already completed their first stage withdrawal, and have just entered the second stage of their withdrawal.

The U.S. imperialist aggressive forces, however, are completely overriding the earnest aspiration of the entire Korean people for the peaceful unification of Korea and the voice of conscience of the world people.

They shut off North and South from each other with the demarcation line and stand there with bayonets as if they were guarding the frontier of the United States, and they are occupying South Korea, and are persistently hindering the peaceful unification of our country.

While continuously devising all sorts of vicious intrigues to ensure the prolonged occupation of South Korea, the U.S. imperialists are transforming South Korea into their atomic-rocket base by continuing to reinforce their military strength and introducing weapons of new type in gross violation of the armistice agreement, and they often cause provocative military disturbances.

Stalking unchecked on the territory of South Korea, men of U.S. imperialist aggressive army are committing atrocious acts every day: they subject innocent people to barbarous torture, rape women, and kill Koreans for pastime.

The tyrannous colonial rule by the U.S. imperialist aggressors, aimed at enslaving again the Korean people, is the cause of the tragic state of affairs in South Korea, unprecedented in the history of the country.

Today, South Korea's economy is going headlong into bankruptcy and the popular masses are suffering from hunger and poverty.

Just at this very moment, in the streets of South Korea, hordes of unemployed and part-time workers are helplessly prowling about looking for jobs.

Just at this very moment, South Korean peasants with empty stomach are roving about the mountains and fields to get grass roots and tree bark for food.

And just at this very moment young students and schoolboys, the hope and the future of our people, driven out of schools, are either wandering aimlessly from place to place, begging their bread, or selling their own blood—their life—in order to continue their studies.

Every passing day, and every passing hour, sees the fine customs and manners of

our people and the valuable cultural legacy they have inherited trodden under foot by the U.S. imperialist aggressive army in South Korea.

What untold misfortune and calamity for our nation!

The acts of U.S. imperialist aggressors who have turned the southern half of our country into an extremely decadent, dark society where bankruptcy, degeneration, poverty and starvation prevail, will inevitably receive the curses of the entire Korean people and severe condemnation of the world people.

The people in the northern half of the Republic, who cannot remain indifferent to the woeful plight of their compatriots in South Korea who are groaning under misfortunes and hardships, have held out warm hands of help to them from a wholehearted love of their fellow countrymen.

We have offered a gift of 100,000 suk (1 suk=150 kg) of rice to our fellow countrymen in South Korea, who are on the brink of death from starvation, and have proposed to rescue the children who are wandering about and begging their bread, by sending cordial gifts to them.

In view of the extremely miserable living conditions of the South Korean people, we offered to supply electricity, and open our fishing-grounds to the South Korean fishermen in the fishing season.

All these efforts, however, were in vain.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have prevented, and are preventing, the South Korean people from taking the warm, brotherly hand extended by the people in the northern half.

It is not only today that the Korean people have realized the true, aggressive nature of the shameless and wicked U.S. imperialists.

The U.S. imperialists have for a long time coveted the natural resources of Korea and its strategically advantageous position.

The beginning of Korea's relations with the United States, which is recorded in our country's history, was marked by the aggression and pillage of our country by the U.S.S. "General Sherman."

From the first, the United States of America appeared before us not as a friend but as an enemy of the Korean people. It aided the Japanese imperialists in their colonial enslavement policy in Korea and was a party to the conspiracy of the Japanese imperialists in Korea.

The U.S. imperialists, the sworn enemy of the Korean people, have laid systematically underhanded schemes for converting our country into their colony and securing Korea as a military and strategic base ever since liberation.

The U.S. imperialists have done all they can to hamper and wreck the Korean people's cause of establishing a united, independent state, in shameless violation of the universally accepted international commitments.

The U.S. imperialist aggressive forces openly intervened in our country with arms to obstruct its peaceful unification.

But all the U.S. imperialist armed invaders earned from it was that their aggressive true nature was more clearly revealed and the myth about the "powerfulness" of the U.S. armed forces was burst to pieces.

The Korean People's Army won victory, beating back the attack of U.S. imperialist aggressive forces, and liberated nearly all the territory of South Korea within a brief space of time.

The South Korean people were rescued from the status of a colonial slave; they regained freedom and democracy which they had been deprived of by the U.S. imperialists.

The intervention of the U.S. imperialist armed invaders kindled more strongly the hostility of the entire Korean people, making them come out more resolutely for victory in the war.

In the course of the just Fatherland Liberation War, the political enthusiasm of the entire people of North and South Korea was enhanced beyond measure, and they firmly united as one under the banner of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

All these facts clearly show what kind of government the liberated Korean people wanted to have and what kind of society to build.

All these facts also show clearly what foreign aggressive forces intervened to stop the realization of our national aspiration.

Had the U.S. imperialist aggressors not interfered in the internal affairs of our country and not dared to do an armed intervention, our country would have long ago been united, and national misfortune of our people caused by the artificial split and suffering of the people in South Korea would long ago have been

put to an end, and the entire Korean people would have come to build in a unified prosperous country a hopeful new life as the people in the northern half of the country are doing.

Dear comrades!

Citizens of Pyongyang!

The people in the northern half of the country have attained tremendous achievements only in five years after the truce.

These shining achievements eloquently show that if the people who have taken the power into their own hands make energetic efforts for their own welfare, without any intervention of foreign aggressive forces, they can display unlimited creative energy.

Today the people in the northern half of the country, under the wise guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, have united even more firmly and are achieving astonishing labour exploits in building socialism.

The U.S. imperialists expected that the people in the northern half of the country would never rise from the ruins of war.

They, however, made a great error in calculation.

Today our people have not only healed the severe wounds of war but have come to have a powerful industry which has already surpassed the pre-war level by 2.8 times in its gross output.

Everywhere in the northern half of the country new factories and electric power stations are continuously being built; new collieries explored; new railways laid; and large-scale irrigation projects newly built.

Our heavy industry centers, rapidly restored, expanded and newly built in so short a space of time after the truce, are now supplying power, materials and equipment such as metals, electricity, coal, building materials, chemical goods, etc. needed in the building of socialism. Beginning with large-sized blast furnaces and highly efficient machine-tools we are now turning out by ourselves numbers of machines and tools such as sewing machines, bicycles, radio sets, gramophones.

Our builders are building in a year enough dwelling houses to accommodate 20,000 fami-

lies in the city of Pyongyang alone, building a flat to accommodate one family in only 16 minutes.

Numbers of cities and towns which were turned into ruins are now rising up with ever-changing looks.

Today our countryside which was unable to get out of the small-scale, backward economy for thousands of years in the past has now made development in an advanced, socialist economy embracing more than 98.6 per cent of the total peasant households in co-ops.

Socialist agriculture has turned the northern half of the country into an area with provisions enough and to spare.

Our patriotic peasants applied the cold-bed seedling method to almost all the paddy fields this year and have been undertaking an unprecedentedly vast nature remaking so as to build irrigation system also for non-paddy fields.

In this way, our national economy is making rapid progress by eliminating rapidly the century-old backwardness, while consolidating its self-supporting foundation.

These signify deep-going revolutionary changes such as our people had never seen in the history of the country, and tremendous leaps forward. Today, unprecedented high tide of socialist construction is sweeping the northern half of the country.

Our people are confidently looking forward to their radiant morrow, and are forging ahead on a winged horse towards the bright height of socialism.

In such conditions, the people in the northern half of the country enjoy the material and cultural life which is growing more bountiful with each passing day on the basis of the great achievements in the national economy.

The social and economic situation in South Korea is diametrically different from that in the North, which firmly convinces the entire Korean people of the incomparable superiority and the might of the people's democratic system established in the northern half of the country.

The Korean people have witnessed clearly that the Syngman Rhee's fascist rule has dedicated all the natural resources and rights and interests in South Korea to the interests

of the American imperialist aggressors and has ensured them the right to oppress and exploit the people, thereby driving the masses of people into dire strait.

The entire Korean people, therefore, well understand that the Syngman Rhee clique are traitors who are selling the country and betraying the nation, and are the cat's paw of the American imperialists, and are faithfully carrying out the aggressive policy worked out by the American imperialists.

Were it not for the American imperialists who are occupying South Korea, the South Korean people would be leading a happy life along with us and be building a new life of powerful socialism.

Why are American imperialists, on the other side of the Ocean several thousands of kilometres from Korea, interfering in the domestic affairs of the Korean people?

For what and by what authority are the American imperialists running amuck to keep the South Korean people, who are suffering unheard-of distress, forever in a living hell?

Why do the American imperialists stand in the way of the vigorous advance of our people who want to unify their country peacefully in order to lead a happier life in a new prosperous and thriving society?

The root cause of the misfortune and suffering of the Korean people today lies in the occupation of South Korea by the aggressive U.S. army.

To compel the U.S. imperialist occupiers to leave South Korea is, therefore, the task of the entire nation in the struggle for delivering the South Korean people from the mire and for attaining the cause of country's peaceful unification.

Persons with national conscience and love of their fellow countrymen cannot look on with folded arms at the untold suffering of their brothers in South Korea, and cannot sit idle looking on at the attempt to perpetuate the national split.

The entire Korean people must rise up in a body, regardless of their political views and religious beliefs, regardless of their career in the past, property status or education, and come out for the implementation of the supreme national task—to compel the aggressive U.S. army to leave Korea.

No aggressor is strong enough to break the united forces of the people or can stand in the way of their advance.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have no right to interfere in the domestic affairs of Korea, nor there is any excuse for their interference.

There is no ground and reason whatsoever for the American imperialist aggressors to remain in South Korea.

Korea belongs to the Koreans.

The Korean people has been and will ever be a single people.

The Korean people cannot tolerate perpetuation of their territorial division. They will certainly attain the peaceful unification of their country.

American imperialism, the incarnation of all calamity and evil, must get out of our land.

The American imperialists, the sworn enemy of the Korean people, go home!

Long live the peaceful unification of the country!

STATEMENT

of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the D.P.R.K.

Continuously violating the Korean Armistice Agreement, the American imperialists have recently set up in South Korea a base for launching guided missiles and are conducting every description of provocative acts.

In connection with this, Foreign Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement as follows:

The U.S. imperialists have recently been more undisguisedly pursuing an aggressive policy and have gone so far as to set up a guided missile base in South Korea in the wake of the introduction of atomic weapons in constant violation of the Armistice Agreement.

In this connection, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea authorized me to state as follows:

Today, the question of consolidating the Korean Armistice, guaranteeing peace in Korea and, further, realizing the peaceful unification of Korea not only accords with the national interests of the entire Korean people, but also is of great importance in easing international tension and preserving peace in the Far East and the world.

As is generally known, in its statement dated February 5, 1958, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which has been exerting consistent effort for converting the Armistice into a lasting peace and for accomplishing the peaceful unification of the country, set forth an important programme concerning the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and the peaceful unification of Korea.

The Government of the Chinese People's Republic supported the proposal of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and took the initiative for withdrawing all Chinese People's Volunteers from North Korea by the end of 1958. The first stage withdrawal of the Chinese People's Vol-

unteers has already been completed and the second stage withdrawal is now in progress.

This initiative step taken by the Korean-Chinese side has opened a new phase for the preservation of peace in Korea and for the promotion of the peaceful solution of the Korean question.

The U.S. army occupying South Korea also should, as a matter of course, withdraw from South Korea at an early date, following the example of the Chinese People's Volunteers. However, instead of withdrawing their aggressive army from South Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressive circles have recently gone so far as to set up a guided missile base for the mass annihilation of the population.

While expanding to a great measure the Syngman Rhee puppet army since the Armistice, the U.S. ruling circles arbitrarily made the inspection teams of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission pull out of South Korea in June 1956, and took in June 1957, the step of unilaterally rejecting the implementation of Paragraph 13-d of the Armistice Agreement prohibiting the introduction of reinforcing combat material.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea warned the United States time and again against such provocative act.

This notwithstanding, while bringing in the "U.N. Command" and the U.S. First Cavalry Division from Japan to South Korea and reorganizing the units of the U.S. army stationed in South Korea into atomic divisions, the U.S. bellicose elements illegally introduced

280 mm calibre atomic guns, Honest John rocket launchers and various other new types of weapons and have gone so far as to set up officially on July 4 the "4th Guided Missile Command" of the U.S. army in the vicinity of Choonchun south of the Military Demarcation Line and to run amuck in establishing a guided missile base.

Menacing peace in this way, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are inciting the bellicose Syngman Rhee clique to raise the "march north" outcry, thereby aggravating tension in Korea.

The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. aggressive army as well as the establishment of a guided missile base and various other open provocations constitute not only another grave violation of the Armistice Agreement, but also a provocative act of hindering the peaceful solution of the Korean question and seriously menacing peace in Korea and the Far East.

July 12, 1958

Therefore, the withdrawal of the U.S. army from South Korea is the prerequisite for the preservation of peace in Korea and for the peaceful solution of the Korean question.

Resolutely denouncing the adventurous war policy the U.S. ruling circles are pursuing in South Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea strongly demands them to remove the guided missile base in South Korea, take back atomic weapons and all the new type weapons and immediately withdraw the U.S. army from South Korea.

If the U.S. government continues to run wild in establishing a guided missile base in South Korea and to refuse to withdraw its aggressive army, disregarding the voices of the entire Korean people and the peace-loving peoples of the world, it will be held entirely responsible for all the ensuing consequences.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

APPEAL

of the Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front against the Establishment of a U.S. Army Guided Missile Base in South Korea

Fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters in North and South Korea!

Patriotic personages of the whole country who are concerned about the future of the fatherland and the destiny of the nation!

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on July 12 an important statement against the setting up of a guided missile base in South Korea by the U.S. army.

The statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic solemnly warns against the dangerous provocative act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and denounces and rejects it with national indignation.

Today when the ardent desire of the Korean people and world peace-loving people for the preservation and consolidation of peace in Korea and for the peaceful unification of Korea is mounting ever higher and the struggle against weapons of mass destruction is in a high upsurge throughout the world, the U.S. imperialists, in a frenzy in provoking a new war, are bringing guided missiles into South Korea.

Today when the Chinese People's Volunteers are withdrawing from North Korea in keeping with the active efforts of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the joint measures of the Korean and Chinese governments for promoting the peaceful unification of Korea and when the voice demanding the withdrawal of the U.S. army is ringing higher and higher, the U.S. imperialists are brazen-facedly setting up even an aggressive guided missile base in South Korea, far from pulling their army out

of South Korea.

This is a vicious challenge to peace in Korea and, further, to peace in the Far East and the world.

Although the South Korean towns and villages still remain heaps of ashes to which they were reduced by the bestial outrages of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army, they are hatching pernicious plots to unleash again a destructive war in the territory of our fatherland.

Even before the blood shed by our nation in the war provoked by the U.S. imperialist aggressors is dry and when the South Korean people are groaning in the depth of misery, they are scheming to force greater calamities upon our nation with heinous lethal weapons.

How can we, a sagacious nation with a history of thousands of years, permit this provocative act?

How can we tolerate this heinous criminal act when we wish to see the fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters in the North and South live in peace and lead a happy life in a peacefully unified family?

The hateful provocation of the aggressors who have kept divided our single nation for more than ten years and imposed unheard-of sufferings upon the South Korean compatriots roused burning indignation in the hearts of all the Korean people.

Today when the aggressors are madly preparing to bring grave calamities upon the Korean nation, the Syngman Rheeites are undisguisedly showing their true colours as country-selling traitors whose crimes will never be forgiven down through the ages.

The Syngman Rhee clique are running a-muck as despicable executors of the criminal move of the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

Such dirty traitorous acts would make even the notorious Five Traitors at the time of the annexation of Korea by Japan blush in their graves.

We have not forgotten the shameful history of the occupation of Korea by the Japanese imperialists who invaded Korea with the Li Wan Yong clique as their cat's paw, set up gun emplacements, built military barracks everywhere in our country and oppressed the Korean people by armed forces.

Today, the U.S. imperialists are occupying South Korea with the Syngman Rhee clique as their puppet, and are attempting to invade the whole of Korea by bringing in lethal weapons.

Fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters of North and South Korea!

Patriotic personages of the whole country who are concerned about the future of the fatherland and the destiny of the nation!

At the present juncture when the U.S. imperialist aggressors are committing grave provocative acts, the Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front appeals to your noble patriotic sentiments: the beautiful land of our country can by no means be trampled upon by the aggressors with sinister weapons.

Come out, one and all in support of the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic!

Rise up in opposition to the U.S. imperial-

ists' aggressive provocative act of setting up a guided missile base in South Korea!

Frustrate through a nation-wide struggle the heinous manoeuvre of the aggressors!

No patriotic Korean with national conscience, noble national spirit and mettle can look on with folded hands at this situation.

No one who desires peace and peaceful unification and does not want to see the misfortunes of the parents, wives and children and the wretched plight of the fellow countrymen can hesitate.

Let us unite as one in compelling the aggressors to withdraw from our land at the earliest possible date!

No matter how frenzied the aggressors may become, the Korean people will certainly be crowned with victory. The revolutionary democratic base in the northern part of the Republic is being consolidated as firmly as an impregnable fortress capable of checking any provocative manoeuvre of the aggressors. The colonial rule of the U.S. imperialist aggressors is shaking to its very foundation.

Standing on the side of the Korean people are the socialist camp and the peace-loving forces headed by the Soviet Union which has the most advanced science in the world.

The developments of the situation are plunging the aggressors into the destiny of the setting sun.

The Korean people will compel the U.S. imperialist aggressors to pull out and accomplish the peaceful unification of their fatherland without fail.

**Central Committee of the United
Democratic Fatherland Front**

July 12, 1958

APPEAL

to Peace Organizations and Peace Champions of the World

All who prize peace and human civilization!
Peace champions of goodwill in all countries of the world!

Peace, which is so ardently desired by the peace-loving people of the world, is being seriously threatened by the U.S. bellicose elements in the southern part of our country. Those who are dreaming of the provocation of a new war are now running amuck in building a guided missile base in South Korea.

In flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, they have not only introduced into South Korea 280 mm atomic guns, Honest John rocket launchers and various other new types of weapons and reorganised U.S. units stationed in South Korea into atomic divisions but also have gone so far as to set up there the "4th Guided Missile Command" of the U.S. army recently.

How can one who values peace and human life restrain indignation at the reckless, outrageous acts of the U.S. bellicose elements who are out to cause a large scale bloodshed?

At a time when the Chinese People's Volunteers are withdrawing from Korea in accordance with the initiative measure of the Korean-Chinese side for promoting the peaceful solution of the Korean question, the U.S. army, far from pulling out, is attempting to convert South Korea into a guided missile base, reinforcing armaments and armed forces. Can we find anywhere a more brazen-faced, provocative act than this?

This is apparently an open challenge to peace in Korea and the rest of the world and a grave menace to the lives of millions.

The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. army constitutes the biggest obstacle in the way of the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, the source of all sufferings and misfortunes the South Korean people are undergoing and the main factor in the aggravation of tension in Korea and the Far East.

It is nobody's secret that the machination of the U.S. bellicose elements to turn South Korea into a guided missile base is a link of their overall plan for atomic war against progressive mankind.

There is no doubt that unless the military adventure of the U.S. bellicose elements in South Korea is checked in good time, it will bring unimaginable consequences to the Korean people as well as the peoples of all countries.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on July 12 a statement which opposed the establishment of a guided missile base in South Korea, trenchantly denouncing the adventurous war policy the U.S. ruling circles are pursuing in South Korea, and strongly demanded the removal of guided missiles and all other new types of weapons and the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. army from South Korea. Following this, the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front called upon the entire Korean people to struggle resolutely against the criminal plot of the American imperialist aggressors.

Out of the deep consciousness of their duty before peace and mankind and for the sake of their honour and freedom as well as for the happiness of their posterity, the thirty million Korean people are waging nation-wide struggle against the conversion of the southern half of their fatherland into an atomic and guided missile base of the U.S. aggressive army.

Mass protest meetings condemning the provocative acts of the U.S. aggressive circles of setting up a guided missile base in South Korea are now being held in factories, enterprises, offices, residential quarters, rural communities, fishing villages and in every nook and corner of our country. Indignant voices, "We strongly protest against and denounce

the establishment of the guided missile base of the U.S. army in South Korea!" and "U.S. imperialist aggressive army, pull out of South Korea immediately!" are shaking the whole country.

Friends of peace in all countries!

We firmly believe and deem it our duty to appeal to you that you will join by possible ways and means in the struggle of the Korean people for removing one of the sources of the threat of atomic war in the Far East.

The Korean people draw boundless and inspiring strength from the fact that they have

hundreds of millions of friends of peace on their side.

If the Korean people and the peace-loving people of all countries unite as one and struggle, the dangerous play with fire of the American bellicose elements in South Korea will certainly be curbed and the U.S. army will not be able to remain in South Korea.

We are convinced that the just struggle of the Korean people who are taking upon themselves part of the noble mission of relieving the human race from the danger of an atomic war will enjoy the full support and encouragement of the men of goodwill of all countries.

July 14, 1958

**Enlarged Meeting of the Korean National
Peace Committee Against the Establishment
of U.S. Army Guided Missile Base in South
Korea**

STATEMENT

of the D.P.R.K. Government

On July 17, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement denouncing the armed intervention in the internal affairs of the Lebanon and Jordan by the United States and British imperialists, who, with an aggressive intention, landed their armed forces in these countries.

The United States, with an aggressive intention, landed on July 15 its armed forces in the Lebanon and embarked upon an open armed intervention in the internal affairs of this country.

The aggressive act of the U.S. imperialists against the Lebanon constitutes an outrageous violation of the fundamental principles of international law and a grave challenge to peace in the Asian and African area and the whole world.

The U.S., British and other Western imperialists have long been attempting to carry out an armed intervention against the Lebanon and other Arab countries with a view to strangling the national liberation movement of the Asian and African peoples, maintaining their colonial rule and recovering from the failure of the notorious "Eisenhower Doctrine".

In a flurry at the historical victory won by the Iraqi people in the struggle for national independence against the foreign imperialists and their lackeys, the United States has launched an armed intervention against the Lebanon under such worn-out pretexts of imperialists for aggression as "protecting American lives" and "being asked" by the Chamoun government which has been forsaken by the Lebanese people.

Keeping in step with this, on July 17, Britain perpetrated an armed invasion of Jordan.

The armed invasion of the United States and Britain against the Lebanon and Jordan cannot be justified with any excuse, nor can it be tolerated.

The Arab people have the full right to choose their government at their own will, not under interference from outside, and to safeguard their national independence.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people trenchantly denounce and protest against the aggressive acts of the United States and Britain against the Lebanon and Jordan and extend full support and encouragement to the Lebanese, Jordanian and other Arab peoples in the righteous struggle for safeguarding their national independence and sovereignty against imperialism.

The Korean people who experienced in their life the cruel aggression of the U.S. imperialists and are struggling against the establishment of a guided missile base in South Korea and for compelling the U.S. army to withdraw from South Korea and for the peaceful unification of their country strongly demand that the United States and Britain immediately discontinue their aggressive acts against the Lebanon and Jordan and withdraw their armies.

The United States and Britain must draw lessons from the shameful defeats the U.S., British and other imperialists met in the recent period in their adventurous aggressive acts.

Should the United States and Britain refuse to withdraw their forces from the Lebanon and Jordan and continue their aggressive acts, they will surely get a fatal burn from the fire they themselves kindled.

July 17, 1958

STATEMENT

of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the D.P.R.K.

In connection with the unjust measure of the Japanese government which is forcibly repatriating the Korean citizens, detained unlawfully in the Omura Camp in Japan, to South Korea, Nam Il, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, issued a statement on July 8.

Following is the foreign minister's statement.

As a result of the unreasonable steps persistently taken by the Japanese government for forcibly sending to South Korea the Korean nationals illegally detained in the Omura camp, Japan, and particularly of its machinations which have become still more outrageous in the recent period, a grave situation is now being created among the detained Korean nationals.

In this connection, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has authorized me to state as follows:

We have clarified our stand already on several occasions with regard to the question of the Korean nationals illegally detained in Japanese camps.

Through my statement of January 4, 1958, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea demanded the Japanese government to unconditionally and immediately release the Korean nationals illegally detained in Japanese camps, ensure their right to choose residence at free will and facilitate the entry into Japan of representatives of our side for rendering assistance in their return home on the basis of their free will.

The entire Korean people and the broad public opinion of Japan manifested full support of this just demand of ours.

However, the Japanese government, with a view to pushing ahead with the "ROK-Japan talks" contrived by the U.S. imperialists, has forcibly sent already more than one thousand

Korean nationals against their will to South Korea on four occasions, thereby flagrantly violating publicly recognized principles of international law and humanitarian norm.

In collusion with the traitorous Syngman Rhee clique, the Japanese government is still suppressing in every way the expression of free will of the Korean nationals remaining in the camp and is forcing them to go to South Korea through all sorts of wily machinations.

Recently, the Korean nationals in Japanese camps have even launched a death-defying hunger strike against the inhuman step of the Japanese government and the forcible repatriation to South Korea and in demand of their return to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and, according to foreign press reports, one of them committed suicide. The entire Korean people cannot restrain surging indignation at this grave situation caused by the hostile attitude of the Japanese government towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The hostile attitude of the Japanese government towards the Korean people and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has become all the more unscrupulous around the opening of the "ROK-Japan talks" which is being held under the manipulation of the U.S. imperialists.

Following the aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists against Korea, the Japanese gov-

ernment is hampering by every means the realization of the desire of the peoples of the two countries for the establishment and development of economic and cultural relations between Korea and Japan and is discussing questions related to the entire Korean people with the Syngman Rhee clique who have been completely forsaken by the entire Korean people.

The recent provocative utterance of Renzo Sawada, chief delegate of the Japanese side to the "ROK-Japan talks," that "the object of the ROK-Japan talks is to push the 38th parallel borderline back to the Yalu river with the cooperation of the Republic of Korea" patently proves that certain reactionary ruling elements in Japan have not yet given up their aggressive dream against the Korean people.

The so-called "release on parole" measure being taken recently by the Japanese government in connection with the hunger strike of the detained Korean nationals is nothing but an attempt to cover up before public opinion the consequences of the machination of the Japanese government which has persecuted the detained Korean nationals, violating even the rights publicly recognized by international law and the elementary norm of humanism.

The Government of the Democratic Peo-

ple's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the unlawful attempt of the Japanese government continuously to send to South Korea by force the Korean nationals in the Omura camp, particularly those who desire to return to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and strongly holds that their immediate return to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea must be realized.

We demand the Japanese government to adopt a practical measure for sending them home at an early date and to provide necessary facilities for the entry into Japan of representatives of our side for helping them return home.

If the Japanese government, refusing to give up its unreasonable stand, continues to try to use the detained Korean nationals as a lever for its political bargaining with the Syngman Rhee puppet authorities, it will not be able to escape the trenchant denunciation not only of the Korean and Japanese peoples, but also of the unbiased public opinion of the world.

And if the Japanese government continuously maintains its hostile attitude towards the Korean people and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, it will be held entirely responsible for all the consequences arising therefrom.

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