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# Congratulatory Speech of Vice-Premier KIM IL

## AT THE MAY DAY CELEBRATION IN PYONGYANG

Dear comrades!

Entire working people headed by the heroic Korean working class!

Heroic citizens of Pyongyang, our democratic Capital!

Esteemed foreign comrades and friends!

On the occasion of May Day, an international festival demonstrating the united forces of the world working people, permit me on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic to extend my warm felicitations to you.

On this significant red-letter day, permit me to extend my warm greetings and congratulations to our working class and the entire working people who, in response to the decisions of the historic Third Congress and of the First Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea, are achieving brilliant successes in the struggle for the country's peaceful unification and for socialist construction in the northern part of the Republic.

I also extend my sincere congratulations and support to the entire working people in the southern part of the Republic who are fighting for the freedom and independence of the country and against the American imperialists and the terrorist rule of their lackeys, the traitorous Syngman Rhee clique.

Never since its first debut in the world political arena has the working class observed this May Day festival as today, with such pride and glory in its world-historic victories, demonstrating its firmly rallied might in the whole course of history.

Already one billion people on this globe have confidently chosen the road to socialism and are building a socialist paradise for happiness and prosperity of the people.

Since World War II, 1.3 billion people, having freed themselves from the colonial yoke of imperialism, are marching along the road of consolidating national independence, whereas

the final liquidation of the imperialist colonial system is placed on the order of the day.

The political and economic might of the socialist countries has grown in strength by leaps and bounds, and the welfare of the people is improving day by day. But in the capitalist world of today, unrest and apprehension rule supreme in face of recurring economic crisis. With the rapid increase of unemployment, the working masses are condemned to poverty and non-rights. Large-scale strikes of the working class and working people against the oppression and exploitation by monopoly capital are surging like angry billiows everywhere in the capitalist world.

The countries of the socialist camp headed by the great Soviet Union are rallied steel-like under the banner of indestructible Marxism-Leninism and the international Communist and Workers' movement is entering a new phase of development.

The cause of Marxism-Leninism is triumphing in the world arena and there is no force on earth today that can block its onward march.

Today the international socialist forces not only constitute the guarantee for the class liberation of the working masses and national independence of small nations, but also are being turned into the most mighty and reliable peace-loving forces capable of delivering mankind from the threat of a new war. The recent decision of the Soviet Government to stop unilaterally nuclear weapon tests is a manifestation of its unshakable belief in preventing a new war and maintaining and consolidating peace in our present era.

This bold, humanitarian step taken by the Soviet Union is arousing an ardent welcome and response of the entire people of the world and has completely revealed the true colour of the U.S. and British imperialists who are

gabbling about "peace" only in words but in actuality are intensifying the cold war, frantically preparing for a nuclear war.

Today, the peace-loving peoples of the world demand that the U.S. and Britain stop their useless, empty talk and political juggling and show by practical deeds their attitude toward the struggle for peace by responding immediately to the Soviet proposal on convening a top-level conference and ending nuclear weapon tests.

Dear comrades and friends!

Today our working people are observing May Day amid high political and labour enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the historic First Five-Year Plan.

Thanks to the correct policy of our Party and Government and to the labour struggle of the entire working masses, great changes have taken place in all our political, economic and cultural spheres, and the socialist forces are rapidly growing in strength in the northern part of the Republic.

We are successfully crossing the most difficult ridge in the First Five-Year Plan.

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of our glorious fatherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the increased production drive among the working people is developing into a nation-wide mass movement and the consistent labour struggle for economization and increased production is being unrolled throughout the country. Industrial gross output of state and cooperative organizations for the first quarter of 1958 was overfulfilled by 7 per cent, or by 31 per cent compared with that in the corresponding period of last year.

Thanks to the assistance of the fraternal Soviet people and the heroic labour struggle of the workers, technicians and office-employees of the Heungnam Ammonium Nitrate Factory, the factory started operating a short time ago, with the goal of supplying annually 136,000 tons more of chemical fertilizers to our agriculture.

The heroic workers, technicians and office-employees of the Hwanghai Iron Works carried out with honour the directive of the Party Central Committee which instructed them to complete the construction of the blast furnace and coke-oven by May Day this year relying on the domestically-produced equipment and on their own blue-prints, and observed its grand commissioning yesterday

amid the excitement and joy of the mass of the entire working people.

This significant celebration of May Day serves as a demonstration of the great creative power, talent and indefatigable labour struggle of the Korean working class, and deals another powerful blow at the enemy.

Our patriotic peasants are successfully carrying out spring farming in full scale to achieve the target they themselves set for increased production. They are already engaged in rice transplanting, bringing about an epoch-making improvement in agro-technique never seen in ordinary years.

The unity of the Workers' Party of Korea, the headquarters of our revolution, and the tie between the Party and the masses are stronger than ever and the entire people are rallied steel-like around the C.C. of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Today our people, filled with great pride, are vigorously marching toward the morrow of a great hope and happiness.

But the people in the South are in a position quite different from ours.

South Korea under the U.S. occupation and the Syngman Rhee rule has been turned into a living hell. The beautiful land of South Korea and all its resources are being trampled upon and plundered, and murderous atrocities are being openly committed throughout South Korea by the U.S. gangsters against our parents, brothers and sisters. The national industry and rural economy are completely ruined. The unemployed, peasants out of provisions and starving children are roaming in groups about the streets and villages. Elections to the so-called "House of Representatives" are being concocted through terrorism, threat and trickery in a horrible atmosphere created by the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique. Needless to say, such "National Assembly" without any representative of workers, peasants and other labouring masses which occupy an overwhelming majority of the population, can never represent the interests of the people.

The root of all this misery and unhappiness is in the aggressive U.S. army occupying South Korea — the sworn enemy of the Korean people.

As long as the aggressive U.S. army occupies South Korea, it is impossible to put an end to the tragedies and sufferings of the South Korean people and attain the peaceful unification of the country.

In such situation as that created in North and South Korea, our Party and Government have consistently worked for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and the peaceful unification of the country by the Koreans themselves.

The Chinese People's Volunteers took the initiative in withdrawing completely from Korea by the end of this year, and their first stage withdrawal has already been completed. There is no ground whatsoever for the American imperialist occupiers to remain in South Korea, and their military-colonial occupation of South Korea cannot be justified by any pretext.

The American imperialists, nevertheless, have not taken any measures to withdraw their armed forces. What is still worse, they continue to reinforce their armaments in South Korea. They have shipped atomic weapons into South Korea, conducted atomic manoeuvres, and are frantically engaged in perpetrating a series of provocation along the military demarcation line.

Such provocative manoeuvres on the part of the American imperialist aggressors which threaten peace in Korea must be stopped unconditionally, and the U.S. army and all other foreign troops must get out of South Korea immediately.

The entire Korean people will continue to wage a persistent struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist occupiers from South Korea and to attain the cause of peaceful unification of the country.

For the promotion of the country's peaceful unification, we must strengthen in every way the democratic base in the northern part of the country.

Our entire working people are convinced that the successful carrying out of the socialist construction in the northern part of the country will not only improve the material and cultural standards of the people, but also will constitute a decisive guarantee for accelerating the peaceful unification of the country. It is for this reason that in response

to the slogan issued by the Workers' Party of Korea: "Let us practise economy and increase production," they are firmly determined to fulfil successfully the tasks of the First Five-Year Plan.

The greater our achievements, the more heinous will become the enemy. We must further heighten our revolutionary vigilance and firmly defend our socialist gains from the encroachment of the enemy.

Strengthening of friendship and solidarity with the peoples of the socialist countries constitutes a cardinal factor for the victory of our people.

Our entire working people will further strengthen the internationalist solidarity with the peoples of the socialist countries headed by the great Soviet people and with the working masses in all countries headed by the working class, and will continue to wage struggle over the principles — defend the purity of Marxism-Leninism against the infiltration into our ranks of any venom of bourgeois ideology and elements of revisionism.

Holding further aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and uniting closely around the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, let us march forward ever more vigorously for the peaceful unification of the country and socialist construction in the northern part of the country!

Long live May Day, the international holiday demonstrating the united forces of the working people all over the world!

Long live the indestructible unity and solidarity of the socialist camp headed by the great Soviet Union!

Long live the heroic Korean people!

Long live our glorious country, Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

Long live the Workers' Party of Korea, the organizer and inspirer of the victory of the Korean people!

Long live world peace!

# STATEMENT

## of the Government of the D.P.R.K. on Indonesian Situation

Owing to the open intervention of the United States imperialists in the internal affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, a grave danger has been created recently on the road of the struggle of the Indonesian people for national sovereignty and territorial integrity and a tense situation has been caused in the Southeast Asian area.

In this connection, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea states as follows:

As a result of the national liberation struggle that surged high after World War II, many peoples in the Asian and African areas who had been groaning under the imperialist colonial rule for centuries have founded new independent states, casting off the yoke of colonial slavery, and embarked upon the road of consolidating their political and economic independence.

However, the Western Powers with the United States imperialists as their ringleader are running wild to maintain their crumbling colonial system and place the liberated people again under the yoke of colonial slavery.

The United States is perpetrating open intervention in the internal affairs of the countries of the Asian and African areas which have embarked upon the road of independent development and even making no scruples of hatching anti-government intrigue for framing up in these countries puppet governments which will follow the war policy of the United States.

The present open intervention of the United States in the internal affairs of Indonesia is also aimed at turning Indonesia aside from the road of independent development and inducing her to follow the war policy of the United States imperialists by whipping together the reactionary forces opposed to the legitimate government of Indonesia and concocting a puppet government.

It is already many years that the United States has been scheming to overthrow the legitimate government of Indonesia. The Western Powers headed by the United States imperialists have supplied large quantities of weapons, ammunition and other military goods through military bases of Seato member states near Indonesia to the "government" of rebels framed up in northern Sumatra in February 1958.

When the last stronghold of the rebellious army units fell before the decisive action of the Indonesian government army and they were faced with complete debacle, the United States imperialists took the road of open intervention in the internal affairs of Indonesia.

American officers are teaching the use of American-supplied weapons to the rebels and airmen of the United States and the Chiang Kai-shek clique are bombing towns and rural villages of Indonesia and Indonesian and foreign merchant ships. At the same time, the United States imperialists are scheming to use the Seato aggressive bloc against the Indonesian people and instigate their followers in Asia to help the rebels of Indonesia.

Such outrageous intervention of the United States imperialists infringing upon the sovereignty of Indonesia not only constitutes a challenge to the Indonesian people, but also a grave menace to peace in Asia.

The Korean people are well aware, through their practical experiences, of what consequences such aggressive machinations of the United States imperialists are liable to bring about.

The United States imperialists concocted a puppet government right in South Korea, instigated it to provoke an aggressive war against the Korean people and, even after the attainment of the Korean armistice, they

have persistently opposed the repeated initiatives of the Korean-Chinese side for the peaceful unification of Korea and the relaxation of tension in the Far East area. And even at this moment when the Chinese People's Volunteers are taking the lead in withdrawing from Korea, they are trying to perpetuate the occupation of South Korea by their army and turn South Korea into an aggressive atomic war base.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people who are striving for peace and friendship among nations and consistently supporting the struggle of the people for national independence and freedom resolutely denounce the criminal act of the United States imperialists of intervening in the internal affairs of Indonesia.

The American imperialist aggressors must not forget the bitter historical lessons given to the aggressors by the Korean war and the

armed intervention against the Egyptian people.

If the United States imperialists, defying the resolute opposition of the Indonesian people and the honest-minded peoples in Asia and throughout the world, do not stop their intervention in the internal affairs of Indonesia, they will again suffer an irretrievable defeat.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people warmly support the struggle of the Indonesian people for national sovereignty and territorial integrity and express full solidarity with them.

The Indonesian people are not alone in their struggle against the foreign interventionists. We are convinced that the Indonesian people who are enjoying the powerful support and encouragement of the peace-loving people of the whole world will certainly win victory, repulsing the aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialists with further united might.

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