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REPORTAGE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ousted Students Seek Reinstatement

SK140104 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 14 Feb 84 p 8

[Text] More than half of 1,031 ousted college students have completed procedures for reinstatement or are hoping to return to school, Ministry of Education officials said yesterday. Those who completed the reinstatement procedure included 10 students who were expelled from Chongbuk University for involvement in campus disturbances during the recent years, said the officials. Five other students ousted from the university for similar reasons have expressed hope for reinstatement through their individual interviews with school professors, the officials said.

The government took a measure in December to allow 1,363 ousted students to seek reinstatement to 63 universities or colleges. Some of those former students later made political demands as a precondition for reinstatement, and the ministry warned that such activities were intolerable.

Of those pardoned and eligible to return to their school, 332 are in the military. Forty-eight of those eligible were released from prison February 9.

Ministry officials made it clear again that those eligible to return to school can seek reinstatement through individual interviews with consulting professors.

Three Students Freed After Charges Dropped

SK230038 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 23 Feb 84 p 8

[Text] The prosecution yesterday freed three Seoul National University students, suspected of violating the law banning illegal assembly and demonstration, after dropping charges against them.

The three are Kang Sung-ku, 22, a law student, Kim Tae-uk, 22, an atomic engineering major and Paek Il-hyon, 22, a materials science major.

The three students were arrested on January 19 for attempting to incite a demonstration during a meeting of some 200 Christian leaders at Yongdong (Presbyterian) Church in downtown Seoul.

Prosecutors said they decided to drop charges against the students and free them because they showed repentance for their misdeed.

During their imprisonment, the three students sent statements to prosecutors saying they would not repeat the same mistakes in the future.

Prosecutors said they would take similar lenient actions against other students suspected of inciting illegal demonstrations if they show good behavior and repentance.

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S.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

SEOUL PROSECUTOR RELEASES PASTOR, PROFESSORS

SK141207 Seoul YONHAP in English 1202 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 14 Feb (YONHAP)--The Seoul District Prosecutor's office Tuesday released a Protestant clergyman and two former professors who had been arrested January 10 on charges of violating the National Security Law by sympathizing with North Korea's unification policy.

The three are the Rev Cho Sung-hyok, director of the Christian Social Problems Research Institute; Yi Yong-hi, former mass communications professor at Hanyang University; and Kang Man-kil, formerly professor of history at Korea University in Seoul.

The three wrote statements repenting their violations of the law before their release, prosecution said.

Evidence indicates that the trio violated the National Security Law by supporting North Korea's unification formula and its national orthodoxy and by denying that North Korea's initial attack led to the outbreak of the 1950-53 Korean War, the prosecution said. Repenting their law-breaking acts, and "correcting their misled views of the national security and unification policy, they promised to join the people in leading anti-communist moves," the prosecution said.

The arraignment, the prosecution said, was "withheld," in order to give them opportunity to work for the country.

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S.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

PLANS TO 'PURIFY' POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE

SK210313 Seoul YONHAP in English 0259 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 21 Feb (YONHAP)--South Korea plans to "purify" the nation's political atmosphere as hot political battles are expected to be waged this year to gain the support of the electorate during the coming general elections, First Minister of State for Political Affairs Yi Tae-sop said Tuesday.

The four-year tenure of incumbent lawmakers expires in March 1985.

In a policy briefing to President Chon Tu-hwan, the top liaison official between the ruling Democratic Justice Party and the administration said his office will encourage political parties to produce platforms other than those based on popularity-oriented tactics.

Criticizing lawmakers for repeating floor speeches aimed at gaining popularity rather than discussing policies, Yi called on the National Assembly to convene when major controversies occur and to drop its inclination toward gaining popularity.

He also predicted that political dissidents will stir up campus unrest and that politicians bent on being reelected will cause political instability instead of national harmony.

He said his office will promote dialogue with political dissidents.

Saying the administration lacks consistency in its policies and is poorly prepared to discuss major issues at the National Assembly, Yi called for the executive branch to show a positive attitude toward the parliament and maintain closer cooperation with the ruling party.

The administration and the ruling party have maintained a generally smooth relationship, he said. However, the party has not had enough time to review the administration's major policies before they are laid before the National Assembly.

In addition, Yi said his office will continue to look for unrealistic laws and regulations to improve for the convenience of people.

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S.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

YONGDONG HEAD SENTENCED TO 15-YEAR JAIL TERM

SK220045 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 22 Feb 84 p 8

[Text] The Seoul District Criminal Court sentenced Yi Pok-ye, Yongdong Development Co chairwoman, to 15 years in prison yesterday for her involvement in a company loan scandal. The court also found 29 codefendants guilty of involvement.

The prison term against Mrs Yi is the maximum penalty under law. The defendant was convicted of circulating promissory notes with forged bank payment guarantees totaling 149 billion won over a three-year period.

The sentencing took place at the grand courtroom, with about 150 people watching from the gallery.

The court handed down prison terms ranging from one to 12 years to Yi's 28 codefendants. It fined the 29th defendant, the Seoil Development Co, 2 million won for evading corporate taxes.

Kwak Kun-pae, 43, Yi Pok-ye's son and president of the Seoil Development Co, an apartment builder, received a 12-year prison term for obtaining bogus payment guarantees from officials of the Chohung Bank.

The defendants include 18 former officials and employees of the bank.

Yi Hon-song, 56, former president of the bank, was sentenced to five years in prison for taking 200 million won in bribes from Yi Pok-ye. The court ordered him to forfeit the amount. The prosecution had demanded seven years' imprisonment for Yi.

Among the other former bank employees is Ko Chun-ho. Ko, 54, former general manager of the bank's Chungang Branch, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for advancing excessive loans to the company.

Yu Kyong-ku, 35, former assistant manager at the bank branch office, received a 10-year term while two other ex-employees at the bank, Kang Hui-chang and Kim Yong-ho, drew seven-year terms each.

Meanwhile, the court ordered a stay of execution for sentences given to six defendants, including two female secretaries to Yi Pok-ye.

The two are Yi Sun-sil, 30, and Pak Hyon-suk, 25, who received three-year prison terms from the court.

The court found the pair guilty of taking part in producing bogus payment guarantees in a conspiracy with bank officials.

Senior Judge So Song, handing down the sentences, said he decided to give lenient penalty to the six people as evidence showed that they acted under instructions from their seniors in their companies.

"There are no excuses the key defendants in this organized crime can offer," the judge said.

He was referring to Yi Pok-ye and several ranking officials at the Chohung Bank who conspired to misuse their posts for their personal gains.

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S.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

LAWMAKERS URGED TO BE SINCERE AT HOUSE SESSION

SK220024 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 22 Feb 84 p 1

[Text] President Chon Tu-hwan instructed the cabinet members yesterday to answer questions in a positive and sincere manner and with firm conviction during National Assembly interpellation sessions.

"The National Assembly is a good arena for publicizing government policies not only to lawmakers but also to the people. In this regard, answers at the parliaments should never be perfunctory and stereotyped," the chief executive said.

While receiving a briefing from Minister of State for Political Affairs Yi Tae-sop at Chongwadae, the president said the National Assembly should be where policy programs directly related to the welfare of the people are presented, instead of an arena for demagogues.

In the afternoon, he received a similar briefing from the Office of Legislation.

The president emphasized that the Office of the Minister of State for Political Affairs should double its efforts to play the role of a bridge between the government and the parliament.

He also instructed the office to see that politicians refrain from influence peddling and seeking favoritism.

The president said it is fortunate that a politics of dialogue has been introduced following the inauguration of the Fifth Republic, in place of the extreme political confrontations of the past.

In his instructions to the Office of Legislation, the chief executive emphasized that "penalties" should be imposed on offenders as much as possible instead of physical punishment.

He instructed the office to translate trade-related laws and regulations of countries with which the nation has large economic transactions for the benefit of Korean businessmen and residents in those countries.

Saying that out-dated or incomplete statutes should be steadily "streamlined," the president said legal terminology and laws should be rewritten in easier terms for the general public.

He told the office to reconsider its plan to computerize statutes in consideration of its efficiency against investments.

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BRIEFS

AUDIT, INSPECTION BOARD FAIRNESS URGED--Seoul, 17 Feb (YONHAP)--South Korean President Chon Tu-hwan Friday called for the Board of Audit and Inspection (BAI) to administer its policy in fair manner with the determination to ease people's difficulties. Receiving briefings from BAI Chairman Chon Hui-taej on the board's 1984 guidelines at the presidential mansion Chongwadae, Chon said, "the board should try its best to encourage every civil servant to be straight and upright in order to uproot irregularities and corruption in officialdom." Chon said the BAI should make efforts to sift out easy-going civil servants and to protect government officials from ungrounded frame-ups and slander. Chon pointed to several past instances when officials were needlessly daunted by auditing and said "each government organization should expand its self-regulatory and self-auditing function to prevent civil servants from being unduly dispirited." He also said the BAI should confirm and inspect to see that each government organization is faithfully carrying out its policy in line with presidential administrative ideals, not merely conducting administrative auditing and inspection. Chon also said the emphasis of auditing job should be placed on preventive consideration rather than on a post-auditing punishment. [Text] [SK171115 Seoul YONHAP in English 1028 GMT 17 Feb 84]

ASSEMBLY LAW REVISION DISCUSSION--Bipartisan negotiations over proposed revisions of the National Assembly Election Law are expected to start during a special house sitting late this month or early next month. Floor leaders of the three major parties are scheduled to meet this afternoon to discuss the timetable for the upcoming extraordinary assembly session. The sitting is expected to last for at least two weeks. Yi Chong-chan, floor leader of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) told reporters yesterday that his party wants to call a specail house session beginning February 27. He said he will negotiate the date with opposition party floor whips. Yi said the DJP does not want to revise the law "drastically." He did not elaborate further. The opposition Democratic Korea and Korean National Parties have called for revisions of the present parliamentary proportional representation system. Under the measure, the ruling party is entitled to get two-thirds of the 92 seats reserved under the system. They have claimed that the seats should be shared in proportion to the number of votes each party wins in the general elections. [Text] [SK170158 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 17 Feb 84 p 1]

STUDENTS SENTENCED TO JAIL TERM--The Seoul District Criminal Court convicted five university students yesterday of violating the law banning illegal assembly and demonstrations. Two Songkyunkwan University students--Chong Chong-sung, 21, and Hwang Un-song, 23, both seniors--were sentenced to one and a half years in prison each. The court handed out one-year prison terms for three Yonsei University students--Chon Ho-son, 21, a senior, Kim Po-han, 20, a sophomore, and Kim Tok-hyon, 22, a junior. The two Songkyunkwan University students had been indicted for allegedly inciting 500 students to participate in an antigovernment demonstration on the university campus November 9 last year. The Yonsei students allegedly instigated an antigovernment demonstration on the campus on November 22 last year. [Text] [SK220715 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 22 Feb 84 p 8]

UNIVERSITIES TAKE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES--Seoul National University yesterday took disciplinary measures against 1,226 students for their poor academic performance. Of them, 246 were expelled. Of those disciplined, 597 were freshmen, 380 sophomores, 206 juniors and 43 seniors. Those expelled and warned accounted for about 6 percent of the total enrollment, about the same as last year's. Meanwhile, Chungang University expelled 48 students and issues academic warnings to 962 others. Cheju National University reported that three were dropped from school and 134 others were warned for poor academic records. [Text] [SK140108 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 14 Feb 84 p 8]

POLITICAL PARTIES SEEK CONSTITUENCY DIVISION--The ruling and opposition parties feel the need to divide some electoral districts with excessive large population in comparison with other districts. At present, some districts in rural areas have about 300,000 in population while some in Seoul as many as one million. In order to achieve some level of equilibrium in voter numbers across the electoral districts, rearrangement of the districts is necessary, said both the ruling and opposition camps. While the opposition camp is hoping for whopping increases in electoral districts, the ruling camp is planning on limiting the increase only to areas having "excessive" large populations and to areas subject to the reorganization of administrative regions. The districts to be divided due to heavy population size include Tongdaemun, Tobong, and Eunpyong in Seoul. Others are Tongnae in Pusan, Chunggu in Taegun, Namgu in Inchon, Tonggu in Taejon, and Chongju. Districts liable for division to adjust to administrative rezoning are Chungju, Chechon, and Tanyang. [Text] [SK202335 Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 21 Feb 84 p 1]

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PLANNED FACILITIES INVESTMENTS DETAILED

SK170734 Seoul YONHAP in English 0714 GMT 17 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 17 Feb (YONHAP)--South Korean private enterprises plan to invest nearly five trillion won (6.3 billion U.S. dollars; one dollar is worth 800 won) in establishing new production facilities and expanding existing facilities this year.

The figures show an 8.6 percent rise from the level of a year before, the Korea Development Bank said Friday.

The government-funded special bank recently surveyed 1,368 major industries across the country and found that facility investments in the manufacturing sector would amount to 2.8 trillion won, up 34.7 percent, but those in the non-manufacturing sector would drop 13.1 percent to 2.2 trillion won.

Rubber production facilities will see a 108.2 percent rise in investments, the highest increase rate for a single business line, followed by oil refineries (up 91.3 percent), iron and steel facilities (77.7 percent), plants to produce transportation equipment (71.2 percent) and electric appliance factories (19.9 percent).

Investments in printing and publishing, however, will decline 44.6 percent from the previous year, those in drinks and beverages will dip 33.1 percent and those in chemical products will slip 29.6 percent, according to the survey.

Investments in textiles, a key export industry, this year will increase 16.6 percent, compared with 1983's 28.9 percent gain.

Although investments to augment production capacity have increased year after year, those for pollution prevention, facility maintenance and energy conservation have slowed.

Of the total five trillion won investments, 3.4 trillion won will come in the form of bank loans, foreign funds, stocks and debentures, and the remaining 1.6 trillion won will come from enterprises' own funds.

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BRIEFS

PROSECUTION URGED IN CRIME PREVENTION--Seoul, 21 Feb (YONHAP)--Justice Minister Pae Myong-in Tuesday called on the prosecution to divise every possible measure to prevent crimes and large scandal, detrimental to social stability. Addressing the meeting of chiefs of the nation's high prosecutor's offices, Pae stressed they should place their priority on the maintenance of social security and order, and the elimination of all factors threatening national security. Pae urged them to take the lead in creating a just society by thoroughly blocking crimes against the nation and strictly keeping social irregularities and violence under control. Following Pae's address, chief prosecutor Kim Sok-hwi instructed the prosecution to strengthen its force to cope with the increasing number of juvenile delinquents, violent criminals, murderers and leftist radicals. The prosecution also discussed ways to realize the ministry's major policies and Kim's instructions. [Text] [SK210245 Seoul YONHAP in English 0230 GMT 21 Feb 84]

CHON CALLS FOR CRIME PREVENTION--President Chon Tu-hwan instructed prosecutors yesterday to make maximum efforts to prevent crimes, rather than to devote themselves to punishing offenders. While hosting a luncheon for 35 senior prosecutors and leading officials of the Ministry of Justice at Chongwadae, the President told the law-enforcing officials to be more concerned about juvenile delinquencies which he said are looming large as a social problem. He added that systematic ways should be introduced to keep younger persons from committing crimes and reeducate young prison inmates who are set to be freed so that they can become good citizens. "Prosecutors posted in local areas should have a sense of mission and continue to have close contacts with chiefs of regional public offices to help solve various social problems," Chon emphasized. He praised the prosecution for its efforts to establish social discipline last year. [Text] [SK220033 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 22 Feb 84 p 1]

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S.KOREA/SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DALIY STRESSES TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

SK230034 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 23 Feb 84 p 4

[Editorial: Promoting Technology"]

[Text] Korea's labor-intensive light industry, which has long been the driving force behind our economic growth, is now losing its international competitive edge. In order for Korea to join the ranks of advanced countries, it must overcome this serious challenge by further developing technology-intensive industries.

Promoting science and technology, therefore, is becoming increasingly crucial.

Bearing this in mind, the government did well to begin to address itself to advancing science and technology a few years ago. The technology promotion conference chaired by President Chon Tu-hwan at Chongwadae yesterday is one good example. Cabinet members and representatives from various walks of life attended the conference which has been held three times a year since 1982.

Such efforts have helped to direct the nation's potential toward technology-intensive industries. Yesterday's conference was especially noteworthy in that new ideas were produced by enterpreneurs themselves.

Combined with the government's sincere support, these efforts and ideas, we believe, will surely spur creativity on the part of businessmen engaging in high technology industries. Their business experience will be needed in exploring areas for technical cooperation.

The conferees agreed to invest more in developing technologies. An average 1.46 percent of their total sales revenue will be set aside for research and development.

They also agreed to make greater efforts to cultivate more technological experts through expanded institutional programs. These include providing more opportunities for studies overseas and establishing more research institutes at home.

We share the view of President Chon who told the converence that development of qualified manpower holds the key to whether or not a country can successfully

promote science and technology--a crucial factor, in his words, of determining whether or not it can emerge as a victor in fierce global economic competition.

We welcome the government plan to set up college degree courses at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology for students gifted in science. Presently, it offers only post-graduate courses. Besides, three more science high schools have been established following the one set up last year for talented students.

Nonetheless, our domestic efforts alone are not sufficient. We must keep ourselves abreast of up-to-date technologies overseas by broadening access to such sources. Joint ventures are one approach to this end.

Technological barriers, however, are growing for the protection of individual industries. This behooves us to join in more conventions for reciprocal protection of patents and trade rights.

Regrettably, we still lag in our ability to obtain overseas information. We must adjust ourselves to the ongoing international trade environment. To this end, more positive and creative efforts are in order such as attending more international conferences.

The nation needs to push full-steam ahead to improve its information gathering abilities. This requires a well-orchestrated national coordination. The government on its part needs to make its intercabinet coordination more effective. Medium-sized or small businesses must be encouraged to join in the drive as well.

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S.KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT BRUNEI SOON

SK150634 Seoul YONHAP in English 0253 GMT 15 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 15 Feb (YONHAP)--Prime Minister Chin Ui-chong will make an official visit to Brunei February 22-25 as a presidential envoy to celebrate the country's independence from Britain, the prime minister's office announced Wednesday.

After attending the country's independence celebration ceremony on February 23, Chin will make a courtesy call on Sultan Muda Hassanal Bolkiah and deliver South Korean President Chon Tu-hwan's personal message, the office said.

The prime minister also is scheduled to meet with leaders of the sultanate to discuss ways to promote bilateral relations, including economic cooperation between the two countries, the office added.

The South Korean president was to visit Brunei officially in October 1983 on his planned tour of six Asian and Oceanic nations, but canceled his plan immediately after the North Korean terrorist bombing in Rangoon, Burma, on his entourage.

Seventeen ranking South Koreans, including four cabinet ministers, and four Burmese were killed in the attack.

"The prime minister's visit to the resource-rich country will be a turning point in developing friendly relations between the two countries," a senior official at the office said.

Before flying to Brunei, Chin will visit Singapore to meet with South Korean residents and construction workers there. On his way home, he also will stop in Hong Kong.

The prime minister and Mrs Chin, accompanied by Construction Minister Kim Song-pae and other ranking officials, will leave here February 20.

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DJP OFFERS PLAN TO EXAMINE JAPANESE TEXTBOOKS

SK141131 Seoul YONHAP in English 1055 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 14 Feb (YONHAP)--South Korea's ruling Democratic Justice Party Tuesday came out with a plan to set up special research institutes in both Seoul and Tokyo to re-evaluate the part of the Japanese history textbooks which the Korean side regards as distorted. The plan came as part of the party's efforts to correct Japan's allegedly distorted historical descriptions in its high school history books of the past unhappy Korean-Japanese relations.

At a meeting of the party's national history re-evaluation committee, dissatisfaction was expressed at Japan's current efforts to rewrite the controversial parts of history involving the two countries. Japan's high school history textbooks allegedly glossed over Imperial Japan's colonial occupation of Korea.

Under the plan, the proposed research bodies will conduct joint historical research into past Korean-Japanese relations with financial support from the Korean-Japanese cultural exchange promotion funds and will be authorized to suggest that only results of the proposed joint researches be reflected in history textbooks of the two countries. The plan envisions the establishment of a textbook center or augmentation of the Korea Education Development Institute with regard to research manpower and budgets to correct the allegedly distorted historical descriptions on a long-term basis. The plan also calls for expanded exchanges of historians, history textbook writers and history teachers between Korea and Japan to help get the right view of the history involving the two countries.

At present, the Japanese Government is reviewing the manuscripts of history textbooks. It promised to correct the allegedly distorted historical descriptions on August 26, 1982, but has not honored its promise, a party official said.

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S.KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MEETS DOMINICAN PRESIDENT

SK170720 Seoul YONHAP in English 0710 GMT 17 Feb 84

[Text] Seoul, 17 Feb (YONHAP)--South Korean National Assembly Speaker Chae Mun-sik, now visiting the Dominican Republic, met with President Salvador Jorge Blanco of the Caribbean country Thursday (Dominican time) and discussed the promotion of friendship between the two countries.

Chae expressed gratitude to Blanco for his government's support of South Korea in the international community in connection with the Soviet downing of a South Korean civilian jetliner and the North Korean bombing of South Korean leaders in Rangoon, last year, according to a report to the National Assembly.

Showing satisfaction with the formation of a South Korean and Dominican parliamentary association during Chae's trip there, Blanco asked that the South Korean parliament work toward further cooperation between the two countries.

Late Thursday, Chae and his Dominican Republic counterpart Hugo Tolentino Dipp signed a statute for the inauguration of the bilateral parliamentary friendship association.

Chae is visiting the Caribbean country on the last leg of his three week tour of five Middle East and Caribbean nations.

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S.KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

REPORTAGE ON PRC-ROK SPORTS EVENTS

Hopes for Breakthrough in Ties

SK210010 Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 21 Feb 84 p 4

[Editorial: "Sports Exchanges"]

[Text] An eight-man Korean tennis team is to leave here today for mainland China to play in a round of matches with a Chinese squad late next week.

The event is the second-round East Zone preliminary of the Davis Cup, which will be played under the rules of the International Tennis Federation, and the venue is in Kunming, provincial capital of Yunnan bordering Vietnam.

The Korean national team is expected to reach the city in China's southernmost province Saturday via Hong Kong, where its members, consisting of two officials and six players, will receive Chinese entry visas.

What is particularly significant of their tour is the fact that they will be the first South Korean sportsmen ever to be formally admitted to--and for that matter to have public matches in--China, with which the Republic of Korea does not have diplomatic relations.

As for contacts between the two neighboring countries, a breakthrough was incidentally made in May last year, when a hijacked Chinese airliner made a forced landing in South Korea.

Upon the incident, a high-powered Beijing delegation led by the head of China's civil aviation administration flew into Seoul to hold negotiations with Korean Government quarters for the return of the hijacked plane and its passengers and crew members.

Following the epoch-making development, three Seoul officials were admitted to China for participation in two international workshops under the auspices of United Nations specialized agencies--one in the summer and the other in the fall of last year.

In the sports field, there have been numerous occasions in which South Korean players vied with Chinese in a wide range of events, though thus far matched in third countries.

Besides the upcoming tennis matches in Kunming, it has been reported that a few South Korean soccer officials would be invited to attend an Asian Football Confederation meeting in Canton in April and the Korean cagerettes would defend their title at the 11th Asian Women's Basketball Championships in Shanghai in October.

In return, China is reportedly expected to send a delegation to a conference of the Olympic Council of Asia in Seoul this year in its bid to stage the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.

Thus, the Korean-Chinese encounter for the Davis Cup preliminary may be hopefully taken as a major event or a milestone in the process of thawing relations between the two countries.

Whether the forthcoming tennis matches will ultimately develop along the line of the "pingpong diplomacy" in 1971, which heralded the historic rapprochement between the United States and China in the following year, is hard to foretell and indeed bars a wishful thinking.

Compared with the circumstances that governed Sino-American relations in the early seventies, there are many formidable obstacles lying between Seoul and Beijing, primarily stemming from North Korea with which the latter maintains a close relationship.

China's choice of Kunming for the game, a city which is far from Beijing and other major Chinese municipalities, is highly suggestive of the constraints and the sensitive situation prevailing over the Korean peninsula.

Then, it is to be acknowledged that the reality dictates a modest start--in the belief that a sober start, solid in substance rather than in outlook, will harvest good results in the long run.

In this connection, the Korean tennis team members are called on to display a high degree of sportsmanship, which is an essential ingredient in promoting international amity and peace.

And, if the matches in Kunming are ever to be called "tennis diplomacy," the event is hoped to make another breakthrough in improving Seoul-Beijing relations, even in non-political and non-governmental sectors.

China 'Officially' Announces Sending Delegates

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[Text] Tokyo, 22 Feb (YONHAP)--A Chinese sports spokesman Tuesday said that China's decision to send a delegation to South Korea to attend an Olympic Council meeting this September is a "definitely settled matter," KYODO NEWS SERVICE reported Wednesday.

In a dispatch from Beijing, KYODO quoted the spokesman for the All-China Sports Federation as saying: "China, as a member of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), will not fail to dispatch its delegation to the Seoul meeting.

Chinese Vice Minister of the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission Xu Yinsheng told KYODO in Sarajevo last week that he wants to participate in the upcoming OCA general meeting in Seoul. "It is considerably meaningful that China has officially announced its firm decision to send its delegation to the Seoul meeting through its sports spokesman," KYODO said. The Seoul meeting will decide the venue of the 1990 Asian Games.

China is competing with the Japanese city of Hiroshima to host the 11th Asian Games in Beijing. The OCA now has 36 member nations.

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S.KOREA/INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY

DAILY HOPES FOR EARLY END TO PERSIAN GULF WAR

SK202358 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 21 Feb 84 p 4

[Editorial: "Middle East Powder Keg"]

[Text] The war between Iran and Iraq has flared up again despite conflicting reports about the increasing possibility of a tentative truce to break the prolonged deadlock between the two adversaries.

The hostilities in and around the Arabian Gulf are compounded by the sizzling civil war in Lebanon to the west.

The continued fighting and consequent destruction in these sensitive parts of the Middle East hold the uneasy and watchful eyes of the world.

The casualties and horrors of war continue to mount. The prospects for peace are dim amid the unsettling impact as the possibility of war spreads to surrounding regions.

We are particularly worried about the fate of our 16,00 workers stationed in Iran and Iraq, working on construction projects. The supply of petroleum from the Gulf area is also likely to be affected.

The many causes of the 40-month-old Iran-Iraq war are hard for outsiders to fathom. Involved are deep-rooted historical, political, economic, religious and ethnic differences.

Many, however, agree on the senseless and disruptive nature of continuing military conflicts as a means of resolving, or even reducing, any of these diverse differences and animosities.

Last weekend a major battle between Iran and Iraq broke out. Casualty figures from two days of fighting have totaled over 4,000, according to reports. On Wednesday night Iran launched what it called a massive offensive against a fortified center in Iraq.

Observers were stunned to hear a statement by an American official that some 500,000 Iranian and Iraqi troops were massing on the central front, apparently poised for an all-out charge to engage in hand-to-hand combat.

The two warring countries have agreed to accept proposed United Nations fact-finding missions that will hopefully pave the way for a cease-fire.

Another report of renewed clashes and a threat of all-out invasion ensued. The overall situation is so unstable that the course of the Iran-Iraq war is highly unpredictable.

In spite of repeated Iranian threats to blockade the Hormuz Strait to prevent passage of "all hostile vessels," Iran would find it difficult to close the strait.

Washington, its Western allies and many Gulf states have a direct stake in protecting the vital passageway.

Nearly 9 million barrels of oil flow daily through the strait to most non-communist oil consumers.

Thus, the world, the Western consumers and Middle Eastern exporters can hardly afford to allow the sea route to be blocked without upsetting the international economy.

The United States has frequently made it clear that it will keep the strategic waterway open, by force if necessary. Interruption of oil supplies through the strait would likely bring about prompt American reaction.

The internal conflict in Lebanon is again boiling over with the Israelis stepping up raids on rebel forces.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union should strengthen their roles to defuse the entangled crises in the Middle East.

The Iran-Iraq war must end through efforts to establish a durable peace by all interested governments and competent international organizations including the United Nations.

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PAPER ON PARTY GUIDANCE IN REMODELING SOCIETY

SK190445 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0423 GMT 19 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 18 Feb (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today comes out with a signed article titled "The Cause of Modelling the Whole of Society on the Chuche Idea Is Being Brilliantly Accomplished Under our Party's Guidance" on the lapse of 10 years since the slogan of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea was set forth by our party.

The article reads in part:

The slogan of dyeing the whole of society with the chuche idea is a great programme for communist construction which our party advanced for the first time in the history of the revolutionary struggle of the working class. With the indication of this programme, our people were put in possession of a complete communist programme to capture the ideological and material fortresses of communism with a comprehensive application of the chuche idea.

Consequent upon a vigorous struggle for modelling the whole of society on one idea in our country, a great stride forward has been made in accomplishing this noble cause. Above all, remarkable success has been achieved in rearing all members of society to be communistic men of chuche type.

When setting forth the programme of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea our party had raised it as one of the main contents of this cause to bring up chuche-type communists.

The content and method of ideological eduation have been constantly improved in accordance with the party's policies and the struggle for revolutionization, working-classization and intellectualization of the whole society has been waged energetically in the past.

Today our people are defending and safeguarding our party politically and ideologically and with their own lives in any storm and stress, cherishing loyalty to the party and the leader as their revolutionary faith and duty, and are taking the chuche idea as their unswerving world outlook.

In order to dye the whole of society with the chuche idea, it is necessary to powerfully push ahead with economic construction while remoulding men.

Our party has brought about an uninterrupted upswing in economic construction, firmly maintaining the line of building an independent national economy which reflects the requirements of the chuche idea.

Following the fulfillment of the six-year plan, enormous successes have been achieved in the fulfillment of the second seven-year plan under our party's correct economic policy and energetic guidance, and so a definite prospect is opening for attaining the 10 long-range objectives.

Now in our country it stands out as a matured task of the developing revolution to convert the cooperative property into an all-people property. This proves how far our people have advanced in the struggle for the complete victory of socialism under the slogan of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea.

Through practical experiences our people have made this programme of the party their unswerving faith. This is an important factor helping accelerate more vigorously the struggle of our people for the final victory of the chuche idea.

Our party is a great guide leading the cause of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea to victory.

The sagacity of our party's guidance in trimphantly leading this cause is powerfully demonstrated in leading the three revolutions.

Our party, with a deep insight into thehistorical position of the three revolutions, laid them down as the basic strategic line of socialist and communist construction.

Our party indicated the three revolutions as the fundamental way of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea and defined education in loyalty as the main task of the ideological revolution, and the chuche-orientation, modernization and scientification of the national economy as the basic task of the technical revolution, and the intellectualization of the whole of society as the central task of the cultural revolution. The exposition of the tasks of the three revolutions in the period of modelling the whole of society on one idea made it possible to struggle with a higher goal in remoulding ideology, technology and culture as required by chuche.

In compliance with the requirements of the historical period when the whole of society is being modelled on one idea our party indicated a new method of revolutionary guidance by initiating the three revolution team movement and brought the mass movement to a new height by initiating the three revolution red flag movement.

The whole course of modelling the whole of society on the chuche idea convincingly proves that our party is a great organizer and leader capable of solving whatever difficult and complex problems arising in the building of communism and energetically leading the broad segments of the masses with its extraordinary organizational ability, the article stresses.

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N.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

PEOPLE VISIT HILL 'ASSOCIATED WITH' KIM CHONG-IL

SK201024 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1012 GMT 20 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 20 Feb (KCNA)--A daily increasing number of working people visit the Yongnam Hill, the glorious place associated with the immortal revolutionary feats of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

The dear leader spread a far-reaching plan to hasten the new bright morning of communism in this land on the Yongnam Hill in Pyongyang in the historic period when our revolution was vigorously advancing toward a higher peak of socialism.

He set forth the slogan "Let us learn from the great leader!" and performed brilliant feats in making the party members and the working people [words indistinct] defend the revolutionary idea of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song and inherit and develop through generations the glorious revolutionary traditions established by him.

Our people go to the Yongnam Hill with the unshakable faith that the happiness and bright future are in store in upholding with loyal hearts the great guidance of the dear leader who is brilliantly succeeding the revolutionary cause of chuche in the new generation and performing undying exploits for the time and revolution.

More than 12 million working people, youths and students and soldiers visited there to deeply engrave on their hearts the noble intention of the dear leader from that time when he unfolded a far-reaching plan to hasten the bright future of communism on this land, upholding the noble intention of the respected leader.

They covered the hill with azalea they brought into bloom earlier than its season and planted there with great care magnolia, azalea and thousands of trees including the pine-nut tree which they carried there with loyal hearts. Many foreigners also visit there. More than 4,000 foreigners inspected there last year.

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N.KOREA/ECONOMY

HWASAN FARM VIEWED ON RURAL THESES ANNIVERSARY

SK211158 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1016 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--The agricultural working people of the Hwasan cooperative farm, Sinchon County, South Hwanghae Province, are energetically hastening farming preparations with the resolution to bring about a new upsurge once again in agricultural production in significant this year in which falls the 20th anniversary of the publication of Theses on Socialist Rural Questions (February 25, 1964).

The farm is situated in a west valley of the Kuwol Mountain range in the western part of the country.

The tender love of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il reaches there, too.

Walking the snow-covered hillside lane of the farm in November, 1973, he acquainted himself with the conditions of farming and brightly indicated concrete ways of increasing grain production and the road to be followed by the farm.

Going around the fruit hill, he said that the orchard is a precious wealth to be handed down to the rising generation and so it should be cultivated into a youth orchard.

It was a shabby village with 20 odd farm houses in the preliberation days. But now modern dwelling houses for hundreds of families nestle cosily in the valley.

A senior middle school, a primary school, kindergartens and a people's hospital and well furnished public service establishments have made their appearance.

The fields have been rezoned into plots for mechanized farming and the hills once overgrown with weeds have been turned into fruit hills.

Every year a rich yield of rice, fruits and meat visits the village which was called "paupers' village" before liberation because the land there did not remunerate even the seeds sown.

The grain output has shot up nearly 4 times and fruit 6 times as against ten years ago and the production of vegetables, cocoons and tobacco also has grown markedly.

Tractors, rice-transplanting machines, rice-harvesters, maize-thrashers and many other modern farm machines operate on the farm.

The material and technical foundations of the farm have been strengthened five times as compared with those in 1973.

There are more than 120 technicians and specialists on the farm, Each farmer can operate one or more farm machines including tractor.

Now tens of farmers are growing into engineers or assitant engineers, enlisted in the study-while-working higher education system.

Like all other rural villages of Korea, Hwasan-ri has turned into a rich village under the loving care of the party. The villagers are leading a bountiful life to their heart's content today.

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KOREANS IN JAPAN PROTEST TAX INVESTIGATION

SK131116 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1106 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Tokyo, 11 Feb (KNS-KCNA)--These days Koreans in Japan continue their protest actions against the investigation carried out by the tax administration authorities of Japan into the business of a number of Korean traders and manufacturers in Tokyo metropolis including a member of the Taito-ku Association of Korean Traders and Industrialists under the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGNYON) with a wholesale mobilization of more than 170 inspectors on January 27 on unwarrantable charges of "violation of the law on income tax."

CHONGNYON functionaries and Koreans in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, Santama and other parts of Kanto District called on the Tokyo Tax Administration Bureau almost every day from January 28 to strongly protest against the investigation by the tax administration authorities. On February 7 over 150 CHONGNYON functionaries and compatriots waged a strong protest action at the Tokyo Tax Administration Bureau from morning.

That day the representatives of the association of traders and industrialists, on the basis of concrete facts, exposed the tax administartion authorities' investigation into the business of the Korean traders and industrialists for the purpose of political suppression and strongly demanded apology for this.

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REPORTAGE ON KIM CHONG-IL TREATISES

Foreign Media Publications

SK151040 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1027 GMT 15 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 15 Feb (KCNA)--"On the Chuche Idea", "The Workers' Party of Korea Is a Chuche-type Revolutionary Party Which Inherited the Glorious Tradition of the Diu" and "Let Us Advance Under the Banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Chuche Idea", treatises of Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, and secretary, of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, have been widely published and disseminated to evoke great repercussions among the world people.

Many countries of the world published the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il's treatises in booklet and carried them in publications, printing his portraits.

Yugoslavia, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Iran, Madagascar, Tanzania, Ecuador, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Italy and many other countries published the treatises in booklet in their national languages.

The Malagasy papers ATRIKA and PANDRIAM PAHAREMANA, the Canadian paper WINNIPEG FREE PRESS and many other foreign papers carried the full texts of the treatises.

The Indian paper PATRIOT, the Bangladesh paper NAYA JUG and the Ghanaian paper DAILY GRAPHIC, the Zambian paper ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, the Guyanese paper NEW NATION, the Costa Rican paper LA REPUBLICA, the Maltese paper IT-TORCA and other publications of tens of countries devoted much space to detailed summaries or parts of the treatises.

The Yugoslav News Agency TANJUG, the PRENSA LATINA News Agency of Cuba, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA, the MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY of Egypt, the NEWS AGENCY OF RWANDA, the NEWS AGENCY OF UPPER VOLTA, Radio "Voice of the Revolution" of Guinea, Malian Radio, Radio Santarosa of Peru, Sandinist Ragio of Nicaragua and other foreign news media reported the treatises.

While giving wide publicity to the treatises, foreign publications carried many articles explaing them.

The Egyptian magazine SAUT AL OURBAH, the YAR paper ADWA AL YEMEN, the Nepalese paper ASTITO and the Norwegian paper FIEHETEN carried articles explaining the treatises under the respective titles "The Chuche Idea Is Man-centered New Philosophical Idea", "The Chuche Idea Is Beacon Lighting the Path of Human Liberation", "Chajusong, Creativity and Consciousness Are Essential Characters of Man" and "The Masses of People Are the Motive Force of the Revolutionary Struggle."

Seminars on the treatises were held on a nationwide scale or at organizations in many countries.

National seminars on "On the Chuche Idea" were held in Nepal, Denmark, Portugal, Costa Rica and many other countries, and a national seminar was held in Japan on the first anniversary of a national seminar was held in Japan on the first anniversary of the publication of the treatise.

A seminar of Ghanaian social scientists on "Let us advance under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and the chuche idea" was held in Ghana.

Chuche idea study organizations in Bangladesh, India, Tanzania, Central Africa, Guyana, Portugal and other countries organized seminars, lectures, explanatory lectures on the treatises and other works.

Abdel Moneim el Sawi, president of the African Journalists' Union, Kamal Amer, editor-in-chief of the MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY of Egypt, W.A. Mushi, editor-in-chief of the Tanzanian paper DAILY NEWS, and other foreign public figures issued talks about deeply studying the treatises.

Seminars Held Overseas

SK160838 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0831 GMT 16 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 16 Feb (KCNA)--Seminars on treatises of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il were held in various countries.

A seminar on his treatise "On the Chuche Idea" was held on February 2 at the group for the study of the chuche idea of President Kim Il-song in Vienna, Austria.

Placed on the platform of the seminar hall was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

In his speech the deputy chief of the group said:

The chuche idea founded by respected President His Excellency Kim Il-song is a most scientific philosophical idea. The chuche idea is the greatest guiding idea founded in the flames of revolution, the truth of which has been tested in practice.

A seminar on his treatise "Let us advance under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and the chuche idea" was held on February 3 at the study center of the works of Comrade Kim Il-song in Peru.

After reviewing the overall content of the treatise, the secretary of the study center said:

The treatise is a scientific and programmatic work for building socialism and communism and a beacon of hope giving light to mankind.

Thanks to the outstanding ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader and his wise guidance, Korea is developing at fast pace along the most correct path in the world and the Korean people enjoy a happy life.

We should learn from the chuche idea and experiences gained in Korea.

A letter to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was adopted at the seminar.

Seminars on the treatise "On the Chuche Idea" were held on February 3 at the U.N. Namibia University committee for the study of the great chuche idea of Comrade Kim Il-song in Zambia and at the group for the study of the chuche idea of the Tanzaniadar-es-Salaam National Education College.

Praise of Kim Chong-il Published

SK160856 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0846 GMT 16 Feb 84

["Books Lauding the Dear Leader Comrade Kim Chong-il Published in Many Countries"--KCNA headline]

[Text] Pyongyang, 16 Feb (KCNA)--Progressive figures of the world published books carrying their boundless respect and reverence for the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Last year many books were brought out in various countries in their national languages--"Modern Korea and Secretary Kim Chong-il", "Paean of Great Love--Secretary Kim Chong-il and the People," "Secretary Kim Chong-il, Leader of the People" (1) and "Chuche Korea" in Japan; "Ever-shining Star of Korea" in Syria; "Historic Development of the Chuche Cause" in Nepal; "Country Under the Rays of the Sun and the Star" in Costa Rica; "Kim Chong-il, Great Leadership, Imperishable Feats" in Peru; and "Korea, the Leader and Inheritance of His Cause" in Upper Volta.

The books impressively describe the energetic ideological and theoretical activities, great leadership and noble virtues of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

In the book "Ever-shining Star of Korea", Hani al Chamaa, director of the magazine of the Syrian People's Army, noted that the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il formulated the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song as an integral system of the ideology, theory and metholodogy of chuche, and declared it Kimilsongism. This was an important event of weighty significance in the revolutionary struggle of the world people as well as of the Korean people, the author stressed.

In the book "Historic Development of the Chuche Cause", Manik Lal Shrestha, vice-chairman of the Nepal-Korea Friendship Association, said that the tireless efforts and outstanding and energetic guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il became a great factor of the development and strengthening of the Workers' Party of Korea into an ever-victorious steel-like party, and herein lies the invincible power of the Workers' Party of Korea. The dear leader is a great leader in the building of a chuche-type revolutioary party, he emphasized.

In the book "Country Under the Rays of the Sun and the Star", Mario Leon Rojas, chairman of the Costa Rica-Korea Association of Friendship and Culture, said that dear Comrade Kim Chong-il is a sagacious leader perfectly possessed of the qualities and traits that the successor to the revolutionary cause of the leader should have.

The dear leader is a great master of leadership of the 20th century who is wisely directing all affairs of the country, big and small, as well as the work of the party and government organs and working people's organizations and socialist economic construction, Mario Leon Rojas stressed.

Foreign Papers Carry Treatise

SK170448 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0353 GMT 17 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 17 Feb (KCNA)--Foreign papers carried historic treatises of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

The treatise "On the Chuche Idea" was carried by the Nepalese paper AKABAR January 22 and the Malagasy paper MATIN February 3, and the treatise "Let Us Advance Under the Banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Chuche Idea" serialized by the Malagasy paper ATRIKA February 7, 8 and 9.

The Sierra Leonean paper SUNDAY FLASH February 2 carried the treatise "The Workers' Party of Korea Is a Chuche-type Revolutionary Party Which Inherited the Glorious Tradition of the Diu."

In the preface the Malagasy paper MATIN said:

"On the Chuche Idea", a treatise of the dear leader, is an immortal encyclopedia which gave a new, scientific and comprehensive synthesization, systematization and consummation of the origin of the chuche idea, its philosophical principle, socio-historical principles and guiding principles and an immortal classic work which further developed and enriched the chuche idea with new ideological and theoretical wealth.

The publication of this historical treatise by the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was an epochal event in accomplishing the Korean people's glorious revolutionary cause of chuche and carrying out the world people's cause of chajusong.

The papers printed portraits of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Foreign Chuche Groups Mark Kim Chong-il Birthday

SK230435 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0359 GMT 23 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 23 Feb (KCNA)--A seminar on "The Chuche Idea and Self-reliance" was held at the Asian Regional Institute of the Chuche Idea on January 26 and a seminar on the outstanding ideological and theoretical activities, wise guidance and noble virtues of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was held at the Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, group for the study of Kimilsongism on January 29 in celebration of his birthday.

Portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il were placed on the platform of the hall where the seminar of the Asian Regional Institute of the chuche idea took place.

The reporter and speakers noted that the struggle of the Korean people advancing under the banner of the chuche idea is the model for the peoples struggling to build an independent and sovereign state.

Saying that the dear leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il conducts energetic ideological and theoretical activities to further develop and enrich the chuche idea, they stressed that his historic treatises are textbooks indicating the road ahead of the people who are struggling to build a new society.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was hung on the background of the platform of the seminar hall in Tanzania.

The secretary general of the study group said in his report:

Dear Comrade Kim Chong-il is the sagacious leader who wisely guides the Korean people to perform undying feats, with perfect grasps on the chuche idea of the great leader President Kim Il-song and his outstanding leadership art and lofty virtues.

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was performed immortal exploits for the development of the human thought by propounding and developing in depth original ideas and theories in all fields including the modelling of the whole society on the chuche idea, the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, party building and work, socialist economic construction and cultural construction.

As he is possessed of boundlessly modest and simple traits, deep love for the people and noble revolutionary sense of duty, the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il enjoys unquestioned trust and respect among all the progressive people of the world, not to speak of the Korean people, he declared.

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REPORTAGE ON KIM CHONG-IL'S BIRTHDAY

Message From Guyana

SK180511 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2213 GMT 17 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 18 Feb (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of greetings dated February 9 from the Central Executive Committee of the People's National Congress of Guyana.

The message said:

The Central Executive Committee of the People's National Congress of Guyana extends warmest congratulations to you on your 42d birthday and sincerely wishes you good health and a long life.

Our people's national congress cannot repress admiration for your tireless efforts made for the prosperity of the country, especially for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the urgent task whose implementation brooks not a moment's delay for the Korean people.

The independent and peaceful reunification of Korea will open up a broad avenue for the uniform development of the Korean nation.

Some time ago your country advanced a new proposal on holding tripartite talks between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United States and South Korea. This is a very important step for the solution of the Korean question.

The vigorous struggle of the Korean people for peacefully reunifying the divided country is a clear expression of their ardent desire for peace on the Korean peninsula.

The Central Executive Committee of the People's National Congress of Guyana in the message most sincerely wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il great success in the sacred work of leading the just cause of the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Exhibitions Overseas Mark Birthday

SK181014 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1003 GMT 18 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 18 Feb (KCNA)--Functions were held in foreign countries on the occasion of the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

A Korean book, photo and handicaraft exhibition was held in Vaasa, Finland, from January 14 to 27.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was put up in the exhibition hall.

On display were photographs showing the greatness and wise guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Immortal classic works of the great leader and historic treatises of the dear leader, Korean books and handicrafts were also on display.

After inspecting the exhibition, Pentti Suksi, chief of the Vaasa group for the study of the chuche idea in Finland, said:

The problem of inheriting the revolutionary cause of the leader has been solved most brilliantly in Korea.

Bright is the future of the Korean people who have the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il as the successor to the revolutionary cause of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Korean book, photo and handicraft exhibition opened on January 28 in Syria and on February 2 in Malmo, Sweden.

A lecture on the philosophical principle and socio-historical principles of the chuche idea was given in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on January 28 and a lecture on the subject "Warm congratulations to the dear leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il on his birthday" at the Chuche Idea Study Society of Delhi Women of India on February 2.

Lectures were given in Norway on February 2 and in Uganda and Togo on February 3.

Portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song were placed on the platforms of the lecture halls. Films were screened at the Porvoo group for the study of the chuche idea in Finland on February 1, at the Kabalega secondary school in Masindi of Uganda on January 27, at the Hoima Hall of Uganda on January 28, at the Lagos University of Nigeria and at the Bern branch of the Swiss Progressive Organizations on February 1, at the commune of Kanonbe in Kigali Prefecture of Rwanda on February 2, at the Rwanda sugar refinery on February 3 and at the Peruvian center of the works of Comrade Kim Il-song, the Manouba Youth Hall in Tunisia and Burundi University on February 3.

Korean films were screened at the Damascus Arab Cultural Hall in Syria on January 28, 30 and 31.

Exhibited in the film show halls were photographs showing the shining successes made by the Korean people in the grand socialist construction under the wise guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Austria Function Marks Birthday

SK192223 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2203 GMT 19 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 20 Feb (KCNA)--A function was held in Wiener Neustadt City, Austria, on February 3 in Celebration of the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

A photograph of the great leader Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il discussing work was hung on a wall of the function hall.

Hans Wagner, chairman of the Wiener Neustadt City Administration, said in his speech:

His Excellency Kim Chong-il is bringing about world-startling miracles and leaps by his tireless and energetic activities, succeeding the noble intention of respected President His Excellency Kim Il-song.

His Excellency Kim Chong-il enjoys deep respect of the entire Korean people and the world people.

Noting that the proposal for tripartite talks is a most just one which fully accords with the desire of the world people for peace, he expressed full support to it.

He wholeheartedly wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

A message of greetings to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was adopted at the function.

Then, a lecture was given.

In his lecture the councillor in charge of health services and environment protection of the city gave impressive accounts of the brilliant reality of our country, showing by magic-lantern the photographic pictures he had taken during his Korean visit in 1982.

Foreign Media Mark Birthday

SK190847 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0841 GMT 19 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 19 Feb (KCNA)--Foreign news media published articles on the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

The Indian paper INDIAN AND WORLD EVENTS January 31 edited a special write-up.

Printing a portrait of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il, the paper carried his treatise "On the Chuche Idea."

In an article titled "Leader of the People", it said that this treatise greatly encourages the Asian, African and Latin American peoples to the struggle against foreign interference and for peace, justice and chajusong (independence).

In an article on the wise guidance of the dear leader, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) on February 7 said that the great leap in Korea is a result of his rare and tested leadership.

The January issue of the Indian magazine NEW LEAP published an article titled "Kimilsongism Is a New and Unique Revolutionary Idea Reflecting the Demand of the Chuche Era."

The Guayanese paper NEW NATION February 5 carried an article titled "Constant Growth of Production in the DPRK", together with a portrait of the dear leader.

The paper said that the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il with this tested leadership and energetic practical activities spread a new history of the "speed campaign" in Korea and ushered in a great heyday of prosperity and development without precedent in the history of the country and the nation.

The Sierra Leonean paper SUNDAY FLASH on February 2 carried an article titled "Leader of the People, Winner of Gold Star."

Functions Abroad Observe Birthday

SK210410 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0338 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--Functions celebrating the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il were held in various countries.

A Korean film week was opened at the University of Burundi with the attendance of its teaching staff and students, more than 600 in all, on February 9.

The secretary in charge of information and culture of the student committee said in his speech:

Comrade Kim Chong-il is the successor to the revolutionary cause of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, who is performing undying feats by wisely leading the Korean people with perfect grasps on the chuche idea, the revolutionary idea of President Kim Il-song, and his outstanding leadership art and noble virtues.

By waging his energetic ideological and theoretical activities, he declared the great revolutionary idea of President Kim Il-song Kimilsongism, formulated it as an integral system of ideology, theory and method of chuche and has developed and enriched it.

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il has laid solid organisational and ideological foundations for carrying the revolutionary cause of chuche to accomplishment and strengthening and developing the Workers' Party of Korea to be a revolutionary party of chuche type for ever, achieved the unity and cohesion of the party ranks, united all people rock-firm around the party and is imbuing the whole of society with one idea, the chuche idea.

Boundlessly bright is the future of the Korean people who are powerfully advancing under the wise guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il, holding the great President Kim Il-song in high esteem.

A Korean film week took place in Akaki City, Ethiopia, from February 8 to 13 and an opening ceremony of the Korean film week was held at the Batan cinema house of Equatorial Guinea on February 10.

Lectures were given at the new town, Accra, branch of the Ghanaian National Institute of the chuche idea on February 5, the youth and sports ministry branch of the Ghanaian National Institute of the chuche idea on February 9 and the study group of the chuche idea of the teachers of Tamil higher middle school, New Delhi, India, on February 7 on the respective subjects "The leader of the people with noble virtue", "Birth of communist humanics" and "Warm congratulations to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il on his birthday."

"The Tower of Chuche Idea", "The Flower Girl", "The 35th Anniversary of the DPRK Founding" and other Korean films were screened during the Korean film week and at the film shows.

Indian Journalist Laud's Kim Chong-il

SK230507 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2217 GMT 22 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 22 Feb (KCNA)--O.P. Sabherwal, chief of the editorial department of the INDIAN PRESS AGENCY, issued a talk titled "His Excellency Kim Chong-il, the Dear Leader, Is the Outstanding Thinker and Theoretician of our Time" on February 12 on the occasion of the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il. He said:

His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il proclaimed the great revolutionary ideas of President Kim Il-song Kimilsongism and formulated them as an integral system of ideology, theory and method of chuche and is developing and enriching them with his energetic ideological and theoretical activities.

Indeed, it is a shining exploit in the ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il that he formulated the great President Kim Il-song's revolutionary ideas as Kimilsongism and defined its historic position.

It is only thanks to Kimilsongism that the revolutionary ideas of the working class have been given a new comprehensive [word indistinct] and systematization and become an integral and perfect scientific ideology.

His Excellency Kim Chong-il, the dear leader, expounded the philosophical principle of the chuche idea, the socio-historic outlook with the popular masses as the subject, and the guiding principle of the revolution and construction relying upon the popuar masses as the basic component system of this idea. This is a great feat, historic event which contributed to developing and enriching the treasure-house of Kimilsongism.

The truth and greatness of Kimilsongism have been well proved by the reality of Korea.

The Korean people and the world's revolutionary people know well through their practical experience that when they work as taught by Kimilsongism, they can smoothly solve all difficult and complex problems arising in the revolutionary struggle and socialist and communist construction.

Great Kimilsongism has become an irresistible, main trend of thought in our time for its truth and invincible vitality.

His Excellency Kim Chong-il, the dear leader, who formulated the revolutionary ideas of the great President Kim Il-song who founded the immortal chuche idea and perfectly illumined a genuine road for realising the chajusong (independence) of hundreds of millions of people the world over, as Kimilsongism and is continually developing and enriching its content, is the great teacher of mankind who enjoys boundless love and respect from the people all over the world.

Bright is the future of the Korean people who are dynamically advancing under the wise guidance of His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il, holding the great President Kim Il-song in high esteem.

O.P. Sabherwal sincerely wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

Congratulatory Messages

SK220527 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2213 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received congratulatory messages and letters from various countries on his birthday.

Messages or letters came to him from the chief of the youth and sports ministry branch of the Ghanaian National Institute of the chuche idea; the chief of the group for the study of the chuche idea of Comrade Kim Il-song in West Jutland, Denmark; the chairman of the group for the study of the chuche idea of Comrade Kim Il-song of Chileans, comrades-in-arms of Rodrigo Ambrosio, in Sweden;

the chief of the group for the study of the chuche idea in Medellin, Colombia; the chairman of the Algeria-Korea Freindship Agricultural Cooperative; the chairman of the Wiener-Neustadt branch committee of the society for the promotion of the relations between Austria and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

the chairman of the Senegal-Korea friendship parliamentary group' Teodore Jules Miesam Han, executive member of the international organisation of journalists;

the secretary general of the General Workers' Union of Malta; the president of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions;

Salim Tahir, acting president of the Pakistan organisation for Afro-Asia people's solidarity; the chairman of the Togolese association of social scientists; the president of the editorial council of the Mexcian paper EL DIA;

the editor-in-chief of the Syrian paper AL-RIVADA; the section chief of radio and television broadcasting of the Ministry of Telecommunications, Information and Transport of Equatorial Guinea;

artists of the Ministry of Information and Culture of the Yemen Arab Republic; and other chuche idea study organisations and friendship organisations in different countries and personnel of public circles and the press.

Extending warm greetings to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il on his birthday, the messages and letters wholeheartedly wished him good health and a long life.

Chuche Groups Abroad Send Letters

SK230440 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0406 GMT 23 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 23 Feb (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received letters from the organisations for the study of the chuche in various countries on his birthday.

A letter from the theory and practice centre of Kimilsongism in Zimbabwe which held a seminar on "On the Chuche Idea", a treatise of the dear leader, says that as he gave a scientific exposition of the philosophical principles of the chuche idea today the popular masses are turning world into one serving them better as true masters of nature and society.

A letter from the Peruvian centre for the study of the works of Comrade Kim Il-song which held a seminar on the same treatise points out that the treatise of the dear leader is a programmatic work consummating the theory, strategy, tactics and fighting policies put forward and applied by the Workers' Party of Korea with its originality in the building of communism and developing and enriching the communist revolutionary theory with a new idea and theory.

A letter from the chuche idea study society of India says that thanks to the devoted service of His Excellency Comrade Kim Chong-il Korea has turned into an earthly paradise of the people, and expresses the belief that he will continuously lead the Korean people along the road of victory and the Third World countries along the path of progress and prosperity.

A letter from the group for the study of the sun of chuche in Tunisia which held a seminar on "On the Korean people's struggle to apply the chuche idea", a classic work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, says:

With a thorough application of the chuche idea under your wise guidance, dear leader, Korea has turned into a powerful socialist state, "a model socialist country" and "an example for the world people" and this strikes world people with admiration.

Today the world people appraise the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song and your, dear leader, as the great leader and an outstanding leader of the world revolution and look up to Korea of chuche and the happy Korean people guided by the respected leader and you, dear leader, with envy.

The letters wholeheartedly wish good health and a long life to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

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KOREAN SCIENTISTS IN GHANA THANKED BY KIM IL-SONG

SK151021 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1014 GMT 15 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 15 Feb (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song sent a message of thanks to Korean scientists working at the chuche experimental farm in Ghana.

In his message the great leader extended warm thanks to them for their creditable implementation of the honorable task assigned by the party and said that they have achieved great successes in research in a matter of one year.

He said in the message: You have carried out your revolutionary task in a responsible manner by giving full play to the high revolutionary spirit and the lofty spirit of internationalist cooperation and thereby helped Ghana well in her agricultural development and made a great contribution to developing the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Ghana.

Noting that the Korean scientists working at the chuche experimental farm in Ghana are workers dispatched by our party to help the people of a newly-independent country on the spot to build a new society and pioneers in realizing South-South cooperation, the great leader stressed:

You should repay the trust and expectation of the party with loyalty by achieving excellent successes in the work.

A meeting for conveying the message of thanks from the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was held on February 14 at the academy of agricultural science of our country.

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PDRY LEADER MEETS DPRK ECONOMIC DELEGATION

SK160902 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0853 GMT 16 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 16 Feb (KCNA)—'Ali Nasir Muhammad, secretary general of the Central Committee of the Yemen Socialist Party and chairman of the Presidium of the People's Supreme Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, on January 24 met the government economic delegation of our country headed by Yi Yong-un, vice-minister of external economic affairs.

The head of the delegation conveyed cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the chairman.

Expressing deep thanks for this, the chairman asked the head of the delegation to convey the heartfelt greetings of the party, government and people of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and his own to the great leader.

Referring to the favorable development of the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Democratic Yemen, he expressed full support to the Korean people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country on behalf of the party, government and people of the PDRY.

The conversation took place in a friendly atmosphere.

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NICARAGUAN GROUP FLAYS U.S. N-WAR MOVES IN KOREA

SK160505 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0401 GMT 16 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 15 Feb (KCNA)--Major Olga Aviles Lopez, president of the Nicaraguan Peace Committee and vice-president of the World Peace Council, sent a letter to the secretariat of the World Peace Council on January 28 in denunciation of the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres to provoke a nuclear war in Korea.

The letter says:

The Nicaraguan Peace Committee denounces the U.S. imperialists' moves to provoke a nuclear war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Driven by filthy desire for Asian and world supremacy, the U.S. imperialists have converted South Korea into their forward nuclear base in Asia.

Large quantities of strategic nuclear weapons are deployed in Guam and South Korea and vast tracts of arable land of South Korea have been turned into military bases, notes the letter.

The letter points out that many 155 mm howitzers capable of firing neutron shells are deployed in South Korea.

The U.S. imperialists continue shipping modern destruction weapons into South Korea and warmaniacs show [word indistinct] in South Korea use on the heels of the other and overtly threaten that they will use nuclear weapons, it says.

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DPRK, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATIONS HOLD TALKS 16 FEB

SK170552 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2207 GMT 16 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 17 Feb (KCNA)--Talks between the government educational and cultural delegations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Socialist Ethiopia were held in Pyongyang on February 16.

Present at the talks on our side were chairman of the Education Commission Choe Tae-pok, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Yong-sop, Vice-minister of Culture and Art Chang Chol, Vice-minister of External Economic Affairs Om Tok-hwan, Vice-chairman of the State Scientific-Technical Commission Yi Kon-sik and Vice-chairman of the Korean Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee Kim Tuk-chun. Present on the opposite side were head of the Government Educational and Cultural delgation of Socialist Ethiopia Bililign Mandefro, member of the Central Committee of the Commission for Organising the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia and minister of education; and members of the delegation--Girma Yilma, member of the Central Committee of the Commission and Minister of Culture and Sports Affairs; Fasika Sidelil, member of the Central Committee of the commission and acting head of the economic and social affairs department of the commission; Taye Gulillatpn, commissioner of commission for higher education; Haile-lul Tabicke, commissioner of science and technology commission; Tsegaw Ayele, commissioner of sports and physical culture commission; and others.

The talks proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

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FOREIGN FIGURES VOICE REVERENCE FOR KIM CHONG-IL

SK170816 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0804 GMT 17 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 17 Feb (KCNA)--The world revolutionary people and public circles boundlessly respect and revere the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il and highly praise his noble communist virtues and popular traits.

B. Ousmane, member of the organizing committee of the Central Committee of the Party of the People's Revolution of Benin, said:

Dear Comrade Kim Chong-il's revolutionary comradeship is warmest and boundless in width and depth; it is composed of his tender-hearted personality, burning affection for people and sea-like magnanimity.

Regarding his revolutionary soldiers as valuable beings that can be changed with nothing, he gives them the most precious political life, leads them to glorify it forever and takes meticulous and constant care of their work and life as well as their health.

Anil Gupta, chairman of the chuche philosophy study committee of India, said in an article titled "Comrade Kim Chong-il, the Sagacious Leader of the Korean People":

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il pays particular attention to the life of the working people.

With warm love of the people, he visits all parts of the country including a solitary island and a remote mountainous village and makes sure that all people are given daily necessities and goods of cultural use.

As they enjoy his great love, the people of the DPRK deeply revere him as the "dear leader" and hold him in high esteem.

In an article titled "Bosom of Great Love", the Indian magazine INDIA-KOREA FRIENDSHIP said:

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il's love knows no bounds; it makes its way into the hearts of all Korean people.

The footmarks he left to lead to brilliant victory the revolutionary cause started by the great leader President Kim Il-song who founded the immortal chuche idea expounding that man is most valuable and most powerful in the world are a path of noblest love dedicated to the Korean people.

He regards people as the most valuable beings and deems it a duty and the principle of life to devote everything to them.

People's Radio of Egypt said that dear Mr Kim Chong-il is the dependable successor to the revolutionary cause of chuche who is wisely directing all affairs of the party and the state, and a true leader of the people who enjoys unquestioned respect of the Korean people.

Malagasy television said that bright is the future of the Korean people who are wisely guided by the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il in the bosom of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Mohamad Said al Nahlawi, general manager for the Ahlan Special Association of Kuwait, said that thanks to the great bosom of the dear leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il, all the Korean people are leading an eternal life, the most brilliant life, taking the worthiest path of life with the high honor of being a revolutionary.

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JAPANESE CREWMEN PRAISE KIM CHONG-IL LEADERSHIP

SK210610 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2200 GMT 20 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--The crewmen of the Japanese ship "Kindao" held a round-table conversation at Nampo port on February 15.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was hung on a wall of the conversation room.

Speaking there Master Tsukio Hamazaki said that the revolutionary cause of chuche started by the great President Kim Il-song is being brilliantly carried forward and Korea has become a model for the world thanks to sagacious His Excellency Kim Chong-il. He went on:

The sagacious leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il is a great man wholly personifying the noble intention of respected President Kim Il-song and his rare wisdom and outstanding leadership ability. World-startling miracles are being wrought in all domains of the revolution and construction in Korea under his wise leadership.

The Korean people who have their sagacious leader in the person of His Excellency Kim Chong-il soaring high as the lodestar of the present era enjoy unbounded happiness and the future of Korea is bright, indeed, he noted.

He wholeheartedly wished good health and a long life to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Radio Chief Jiro Anto stressed that dear His Excellency Kim Chong-il possessed of most illustrious leadership ability and brilliant talent is the lodestar brightly illumining the road ahead of the world people and an outstanding thinker and theoretician and a genuine leader of the people possessed of noblest personality and virtues.

He has unbounded love for the people and is devoting his all to the work for the happiness of the people, Anto noted, and said: this greatly moves world people.

He recited a poem carrying deepest respect and reverence for the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

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SUDANESE, GHANAIAN PRAISE OF KIM CHONG-IL

SK220603 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2200 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--A mass meeting was held on February 11 in Korean village in Barari District, Khartoum, under the co-sponsorship of the Sudanese National Committee of Friendship, Solidarity and Peace; the Sudanese-Korean Friendship Society and the Council of the Sudan-Korea Friendship Club on the birthday of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Hung on the background of the platform of the meeting hall were portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il and Sudanese President Ja'far Muhammad Numayri.

Speaking at the meeting, the executive director of the Sudanese National Committee for Friendship, Solidarity and Peace said:

Today the Korean people under the wise leadership of the great leader His Excellency President Kim Il-song and the dear leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il are registering success startling the world people in political, economic, cultural, military, foreign affairs and other fields.

The dear leader made an imperishable contribution to the development of human thought by propounding ideas and theories in all fields with his originality and developing them in depth.

The speaker wholeheartedly wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

A meeting was held by the Ghanaian National Institute of the chuche idea on February 8.

A portrait of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was hung on the background of the platform.

The vice-chairman of the institute said in his speech:

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il is a great thinker and theoretician.

He is possessed of rare intelligence and distinguished art and method of leadership.

He is a leader of the people who has performed undying exploits in the development of the human thought with his original ideological and theoretical activities.

The Ghana Journalists Institute Branch of the Ghanaian National Institute of the chuche idea held a meeting celebrating his birthday on February 8.

A message of greetings and letters to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il were adopted at the meetings.

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XINHUA REPORTER, OTHERS DO KOREAN TRAVELOGUES

SK221210 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1022 GMT 22 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 22 Feb (KCNA)--Figures of various countries published travelogues on Korea.

The January, 1984, issue of the Chinese magazine GLOBE carried a travelogue on Korea by a XINHUA reporter.

Noting that over 40,000 U.S. troops entrenched in South Korea for a long period are obstructing the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, the travelogue wrote: Though U.S. Presidents have changed several times, there is no change in the U.S. interference in the internal affairs of Korea.

Referring to the reinforced concrete wall built by the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique, it stressed that it is for perpetuating the division of Korea and blocking North-South exchange.

The people in the northern half of Korea, it noted, not only defended the independence and sovereignty of the country but also rehabilitated and built the country on the ruins by displaying the spirit of self-reliance.

The Bulgarian paper IMPULS January 10 carried an article by Lyubomir Koralov, deputy editor-in-chief of the Bulgarian paper OTECHESTVEN FRONT.

He pointed out that the Korean people fought, courageously defending the beautiful mountains and rivers of the country at the cost of blood in the period of the fatherland liberation war and has constructed a socialist Korea after the war.

Recalling that during his trip to South Korea last year Reagan whipped up war fever, prowling about the military demarcation line area, he declared: the bellicose utterances of Reagan, the reinforced concrete wall built by the South Korean puppet clique and provocations such as the Rangoon bomb blast can never frighten the Korean people.

Granville V. Stone, secretary general, and Esme Stone, literary secretary, of the British committee for supporting Korea's reunification, published a travelogue titled "Surprising Fact."

They introduced various places they had visited, saying that Korea has turned into a people's paradise under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Noting that to divide Korea into two is an act going against history, they held that the U.S. occupation forces must be withdrawn from South Korea.

In his travelogue published on January 20 Thomas Ronstrom, secretary of the Ministry of Education in Stockholm, Sweden, introduced the development of Korean education.

Korea, he said, has constantly developed education with an optimistic view of the future to reach the height today. Successes achieved in education are entirely a fruition of the brilliant embodiment of the education theses, he noted.

The Finnish paper HAMEEN YHTEISTYO serialized in several installments from January 16 to 26 a travelogue on Korea by its editor-in-chief. It printed pictures showing Korea's development and the happy life of the Korean people.

It also introduced the system of nursing and upbringing children and educational system of our country.

The GDR paper NEUES DEUTSCHLAND February 2 introduced the developing coal industry of our country and the Bangladesh paper BANGLA BANI January 30 wrote that preventive treatment in Korea is firmly guaranteed by the complete and universal free medical treatment system.

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REPORTAGE ON SOVIET ARMY ANNIVERSARY

Soldiers Meeting

SK210404 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0337 GMT 21 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--A soldiers meeting was held at the unit of Korean People's Army to which Comrade Chon Mun-uk belongs on the occasion of the 66th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Army on February 20.

G.S. Bulanov, military attach, and officials, of the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang were invited to the meeting attended by soldiers of the unit.

Speeches were exchanged at the meeting.

Soviet Attache Hosts Press Conference

SK221004 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0806 GMT 22 Feb 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 22 Feb (KCNA)--G. S. Bulanov, military attache of the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang, held a press conference at the embassy on February 21 on the occasion of the 66th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Army.

Present on the occasion were newspaper, news agency and radio reporters in Pyongyang.

Speaking at the press conference, Military Attache G. S. Bulanov referred to the 66 year long militant course of the Soviet Army and laid bare the arms buildup of the U.S. imperialists.

He said that the Soviet people express invariable solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the struggle for forcing the U.S. troops to withdraw from South Korea and achieving the peaceful reunification of the country and support the DPRK proposal for tripartite talks.

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BRIEFS

FOREIGN LEADERS GREET KIM CHONG-IL--Pyongyang, 22 Feb (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received messages of greetings from Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar; Muhammad Husni Mubarak, president of the Arab Republic of Egypt; and Vassos Lyssarides, chairman of the Socialist Party of Cyprus; on his birthday. In his message the Malagasy president extended congratulations to the Workers' Party of Korea which is highly proud of having dear Comrade Kim Chong-il as its leader. The message expressed the hope that the desire of the valiant Korean people for the peaceful reunification of the country would be realised in accordance with the just and realistic proposal advanced by President Kim Il-song. In his message the president of the Arab Republic of Egypt wished the friendly people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea greater progress and prosperity. The chairman of the Socialist Party of Cyprus in his message expressed the belief that the Korean people would win victory in their just struggle for national reunification under the wise guidance of the sagacious leader Comrade Kim Chong-il. The messages sincerely wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life. [Text] [SK230210 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2231 GMT 22 Feb 84]

GAMBIAN NATIONAL DAY--Pyongyang, 18 Feb (KCNA)--Papers here today dedicate articles to the 19th anniversary of the independence of Gambia. The author of the NODONG SINMUN article refers to the enormous achievements made by the Gambian people since independence in the efforts for clearing away the consequences of the colonial rule and consolidating the national independence. It says: Pursuing a non-aligned policy, the Gambian Government opposes colonialism and racism and develops friendly and cooperative relations with the peoples of many countries of the world. The Korean people will in the future, too, actively strive to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries under the banner of independence, friendship and peace. Our people sincerely wish the Gambian people greater successes in their struggle for building a prosperious new Gambia. MINJU CHOSON says that the independence of Gambia was a single event marking the occasion of a new turn in the history of her people. [Text] [SK181052 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1044 GMT 18 Feb 84]

GREETINGS TO GAMBIAN MINISTER--Pyongyang, 18 Feb (KCNA)--Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam sent a message of greetings to Gambian Minister of External Affairs L. C. Jabang on the 19th anniversary of the independence of Gambia. The message wished the minister of external affairs greater success in his responsible work. [Text] [SK180513 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2221 GMT 17 Feb 84]

GUYANA PRIME MINISTER GREETED--Pyongyang, 23 Feb (KCNA)--Comrade Kang Song-san, premier of the Administration Council, sent a message of greetings to Ptolemy Alexander Reid, prime minister of the cooperative Republic of Guyana on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the proclamation of the republic. Expressing the belief that the friendly ties closely linking the two countries will grow stronger in the common struggle against imperialism and for peace, the message sincerely wishes the Guyanese prime minister greater success in his responsible work to defend the sovereignty and dignity of the country. [Text] [SK230217 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2201 GMT 22 Feb 84]

DELEGATION IN PRC--Beijing, 21 Feb (KCNA)--Comrade Wan Li, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-premier of the State Council, met with the educational delegation of our country headed by Kim Il-san, first vice-minister of higher education, on a visit to China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on February 21. Present on the occasion were Zhang Wensong, vice-minister of education of China, and Sin In-ha, Korean ambassador to China. The talk took place in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK231042 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1008 GMT 23 Feb 84]

GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER GREETED--Pyongyang, 23 Feb (KCNA)--Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam sent a message of greetings to Rashleigh Esmond Jackson, minister of foreign affairs of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the proclamation of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. The message reads in part: Believing that the fraternal friendship formed between the two countries will expand and develop further in all fields in future, the message sincerely wishes the Guyanese foreign minister fresh success in his work. [Text] [SK230417 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0331 GMT 23 Feb 84]

DELEGATION TO GUYANA--Pyongyang, 9 Feb (KCNA)--A government economic delegation of our country headed by Chong Song-nam, minister of external economic affairs, left Pyongyang yesterday by air for a visit to Guyana. It was seen off at the airport by Minister of Foreign Trade Choe Chong-kun, Vice-minister of External Economic Affairs Chon Il-chun and Charge d'Affaires ad Interim of the Cuban Embassy Petro Moran Tapanes and officials of the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [SK090501 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2203 GMT 8 FEb 84]

VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT MEETS SPA DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 17 Feb (KCNA)--Jaime Lusinchi, president of Venezuela, on February 2 met a delegation of the Supreme People's Assembly of our country headed by Son Song-pil, vice-chairman of its standing committee, who had attended the presidential inaugural ceremony, according to a report. The head of the delegation conveyed a personal letter and cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president expressed deep thanks for this and asked the head of the delegation to convey his warm greetings to the great leader. The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK171040 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1031 GMT 17 Feb 84]

LETTER FROM UGANDA--Pyongyang, 20 Feb (KCNA)--A letter of solidarity came to Yang Hyong-sop, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, from Francis Butagira, speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Uganda, in support of the appeal sent by the SPA session of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the parliaments and governments of all countries of the world on January 25. The speaker of the National Assembly said in his letter: I show interest, as you do, in the work of guaranteeing peace in Korea and accelerating her independent and peaceful reunification. Our National Assembly has already paid attention to the appeal of the Supreme People's Assembly and I assure you of the support of the National Assembly of our country to the peaceful initiative. [Text] [SK201017 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1010 GMT 20 Feb 84]

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N.KOREA/INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEMANDS U.S. PULLOUT FROM KOREA

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[Text] Pyongyang, 17 Feb (KCNA)--The Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America resolutely supports the struggle of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the reunification of the country and demands that the U.S. Administration replace the 30 odd year long Korean armistice agreement with a peace agreement, put an end to all forms of interference in the internal affairs of Korea and immediately withdraw its aggression forces from South Korea so that the Korean people may realize the country's reunification by a peaceful means through dialogue.

Dr Rene Anillo Capote, secretary general of the Tri-Continental People's Solidarity Organisation, said this in his message of solidarity sent to the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

Noting that the Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America follows with deep concern the schemes of the United States to continue its military presence in South Korea and form an aggressive military bloc in the Far East, the message said that the United States uses the whole area of South Korea as a nuclear forward base and persistently infringes upon the sovereignty of Korea, staging the "Team Spirit 84" joint military exercises.

The message stressed: The Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America reclarifies to the government and the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK its invariable stand supporting the Korean people's cause of achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country without foreign interference.

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MPR-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC TALKS HELD

OW171055 Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English 1742 GMT 16 Feb 84

[Text] Ulaanbaatar, 16 Feb (MONTSAME)--The questions of developing and extending all-round cooperation between Mongolia and Hungary have been discussed at the regular session of the Mongolian-Hungarian Inter-Governmental Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation held in Budapest. The sitting was attended by Politbureau member of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP CC), first deputy chairman of the MPR Council of Ministers and chairman of the Mongolian part of the Inter-Governmental Commission T. Ragchaa.

The participants in the session noted with satisfaction in particular, the extension of trade, scientific and technical and cultural contacts between the two countries. With the help of People's Hungary a big bio-preparation combine, a sewing factory in Ulaanbaatar, a meat packing plant in Darhan, northern Mongolia and other modern enterprises, manufacturing essential consumer goods, have been constructed in Mongolia.

The protocol of the 17th sitting of the Mongolian-Hungarian Inter-Governmental Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation envisages the measures on reconstructing the Ulaanbaatar sewing factory and re-equipping the bio-preparation combine in Songino in the vicinity of the capital city.

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NODONG SINMUN ON RECENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA

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[Text] Pyongyang, 21 Feb (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today deals with the recent Nigerian situation.

Noting that Major General Mohammed Buhari, head of state and commander-in-chief of the army of the newly-established military regime, on January 5 said he staged a military coup because the former Shagari government caused political confusion and economic bankruptcy for its corruption and incompetency, the paper says:

According to foreign press reports, the corrupt and incompetent politics and pro-U.S., pro-Western policy of the defunct government which undermined the independence and security of the country and fomented and furthered economic crisis and corruption, gave rise to discontent among people of broad strata in Nigeria and finally led to a military coup.

The military government of Buhari who took office is taking a series of steps to attain self-sufficiency in food and develop industry in the grip of crisis, saying it will give top priority to reviving the economy on the point of bankruptcy and bettering people's living.

The present military government is also carrying on campaigns to sweep away corruption and irregularities.

It is advocating an independent policy externally.

In January Major General Buhari stressed that the present military government would neither make a sacrifice of the national economy for the interests of foreign countries, nor welcome foreign aid which impairs the independence of Nigeria.

The U.S. ruling quarters are discontent with the appearance of the Buhari military government and its policies, saying they "considered" the military coup in Nigeria "unfortunate."

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COSMONAUT GURRAGCHAA OPENS DEFENSE MONTH--Ulaanbaatar, 17 Feb (MONTSAME)--A traditional month of propagating the tasks of mass-defense work has started in People's Mongolia. At a press conference held in Ulaanbaatar in this connection, chairman of the Central Council of the Society of Assistance to Defence of the MPR, Pilot-Cosmonaut of Mongolia J. Gurragchaa said that under the present international situation sharply deteriorated owing to the imperialist circles of the U.S. and its NATO allies, the all-round intensification of military-patriotic and internationalist education of the working people, enhancing of their vigilance is of particular significance and topicality. During the month, 19th to date, numerous meetings between youth and noted military leaders, servicemen and veterans of the Mongolian People's Army, massive competitions in military-technical kinds of sport and other measures will be organized. [Text] [OW181039 Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English 1701 GMT 17 Feb 84]

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