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Kim Il Sung congratulates all Koreans – “revolutionaries, democratic patriots, studious youth and the other social classes,” and the 600,000 fellow countrymen that live in Japan, and the fellow countrymen outside of Korea’s borders - that fight the reprisals of American imperialism and its lackeys, [to promote] democratic liberties and the unification of the country.

In 1976 the Six-Year Plan’s tasks were completed and [the quotas] were exceeded in all the economic sectors, including the production of steel, 4 million tons, and concrete, 8 million tons. Remarkable results were obtained in agriculture: over 8 million tons of cereal; the internal situation was very tense after the incident caused by the American imperialists in August 18th 1976 in Panmunjom.

For the first time the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea decided that 1977 will be a buffer year in order to solve some difficulties in the transportation and extraction industries, the planning of the next six year plan, and the necessary preparations for starting a new long-term plan. Adequate measures were adopted.

The situation in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea remains tense.

Kim Il Sung mentions that with the passing of the years the reunification of Korea is more and more necessary.

In 1976, relations with the Third World countries improved. Participants of the fifth high-level conference at Colombo expressed solidarity for Korea’s reunification. Many committees that are united with the fight of the Koreans have been formed. There is more support for South Korea in its fight for democracy against fascism.

Regarding the tasks assigned for 1977, efforts will be made to improve relations with socialist countries, Third World countries and the progressive countries of the world. All the citizens should intensify their fight for the reunification of the country.

An emphasis is put on the task to get the USA to sign a peace agreement, which would lead to a more auspicious phase for reunification.

Regarding the message’s content, we noticed it dealt primarily with internal economic problems – accomplishments and tasks.

Our attention was drawn to the fact that, compared to last year, there are no assessments of the political situation in the region as well as no mention of international issues. At the same time, time after time and on various occasions, the leadership cadres of the DPRK mention that the Korean question is poorly known in Europe and that there is insufficient support for the cause of the reunification of Korea.