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REMOVAL OF SUP'UNG DAM GENERATORS
 BY SOVIETS CAUSES POWER SHORTAGE

The Sup'ung Dam crisis is not a problem that concerns only the North Korean puppet regime but it is also a serious economic threat to Korea as a whole. At the time of liberation, there were three 60-cycle, 100,000 kilovolt-ampere generators and three 50-cycle 100,000 kilovolt-ampere generators, but immediately after the liberation, the Soviet Army removed three generators.

North Korea alone used to produce 1,260,000 kilowatts but the removal of generators from Sup'ung Dam by the Soviet Army has deprived North Korea of about 300,000 kilowatts of electricity. Another reduction of 100,000 kilowatts was caused by the disability of thermal plants. Thus, North Korea's present power production is about 860,000 kilowatts. Of this 150,000 kilowatts must be delivered to Manchuria and another 500,000 kilowatts must be delivered to Vladivostok. What North Korea can distribute for her domestic consumption is approximately 200,000 kilowatts, and this is far from sufficient.

Since North Korea stopped sending electricity to South Korea, the officials of the North Korean puppet government began heating their official quarters with electricity. All of a sudden, however, the USSR decided to rush the reconstruction work in Siberia, and North Korea was ordered to send the necessary amounts of electric power to Siberia and to construct a gigantic transforming station in Vladivostok. The Soviet Union is now pushing forward her Eastern defense system in preparation for a third World War. In the meanwhile, North Korea is having a great deal of difficulty in trying to meet her domestic need of electricity.

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