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ROLE OF PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION AGENTS IN EXECUTION OF NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Propaganda and agitation agents play an important role in the execution of government policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by explaining government policies and have them "saturate" thoroughly in the minds of the people. They have been instrumental in the execution of the following government policies adopted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the year ending 11 February 1952:

1. Stabilization of wartime livelihood.
2. Execution of seeding operation for 1951.
3. Establishment of orphanages for the orphans of soldiers of the People's Army, partisans, and patriots.
4. Implementation of food economy.
5. Establishment of schools for soldiers of the People's Army and partisans disabled in the fatherland liberation war.
6. Preparations for opening of schools for the 1951 academic year.
7. Relief of flood-stricken people.
8. Organization of winter epidemic-prevention campaign and intensification of sanitation work.
9. Implementation of state-sponsored social security program.

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Today, under war conditions, the responsibilities of the propaganda and agitation agents in the implementation of government policies are becoming increasingly important. To explain government policies more accurately and have them impressed thoroughly in the minds of the people, the propaganda and agitation agents must do the following:

1. Explain to the people the meaning and purpose of a policy and explain how it benefits them. Merely reading government laws and decisions to them is not enough.
2. Explain the fundamental differences of our policies with those of the American imperialists and those of Syngman Rhee, and point out the superiority of the government and social systems of our Democratic People's Republic.
3. Explain clearly, point by point, the most important sections of the government directive; refuse to be satisfied with merely a general explanation of the directive. Try to interpret the directive in the light of local conditions and peculiarities.
4. Find out whether or not the people have thoroughly understood the policies, and whether or not they are carrying them out correctly.
5. Find out what difficulties the people face in carrying out government policies, and help them surmount such difficulties.
6. Exhort individually those who lack enthusiasm in carrying out government policies, stress that it is the privilege and duty of a citizen to obey government policies faithfully.
7. At village mass rallies, review the manner in which government decisions or decrees have been put into effect; cite the villagers who carried out government policies in an exemplary manner, and praise them as patriots.

For example, Cabinet Decision No 322 concerning social security should be carried out as follows:

This decision was adopted to give government assistance to disabled soldiers, families of the war dead, the homeless, and the aged, and to find suitable employment for them so that they could be included in the "fighting column." The propaganda and agitation agents must first stress to the people the basic purpose of the decision, and then carefully explain the contents of the provisions.

In the course of the explanation, the following points should be stressed adequately:

1. Cabinet decisions such as this present concrete evidence of the superiority of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
2. No such benevolent government policies are found in the imperialistic countries and in South Korea where people are always suppressed and exploited.

For further contrast, expose and cite the antinationalistic and traitorous acts being committed by Syngman Rhee and his country-selling lackies.

Propaganda and agitation agents must themselves become exemplary workers in the execution of government policies. If the agents demand that the people carry out policies while the agents themselves are not carrying them out, then the people might not readily respond to future "appeals" of the agents.

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All propaganda and agitation agents must intensify their interest and effort in implementing government policies to make them more effective, to exhort the people toward greater war efforts, and to assure a quick victory for our fatherland.

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