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West Power Distributing Bureau, P'yongyang Area

1. On 10 March 1952, the West Power Distributing Bureau, which had been distributing power to northwest Korea under the direction of the Electric Power Control Department of the North Korean Industrial Ministry, began functioning under an agency which is independent of any ministry. This new agency is the Electric Power Department of the North Korean Cabinet.
2. The West Power Distributing Bureau, which has 80 employees, is at Munsu-ri (approximately 125-47, 39-02; YD-419227).¹ The organization of the bureau is as follows:

a. Officials:

Bureau Chief

Chief Director

Head of P'yongyang Branch Office²

Head of Pyongch'on-ri Transformer Sub-Station



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Chairman of the
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b. Main Office:

Supply Section.
Accounting Section.
Business Management Section.
Transformer Section
Power Distribution Section.
Power Transmission Section.

c. East P'yongyang Branch Office,² which controls the following transformer sub-stations:

Munsu-ri¹
Pyongch'on-ri (approximately 125-43, 38-09; YD-3619).
Nangnang (approximately 125-42, 38-07; YD-3517).

d. West P'yongyang Branch Office,² which controls the following transformer sub-stations:

Imwön-myön (125-48, 39-04) (YD-4227).
Inhūng-ri (125-45, 39-03) (YD-3825).

3. The two sources of power for these transformer sub-stations are the Sup'ung (124-57, 40-27) (XE-6579) dam and the Changjin dam.³ Each of these sources produces a volume of 150,000 kilowatts. If one of these power sources fails, the other is capable of producing the amount of power needed. The Munsu-ri transformer sub-station receives power from both of these sources and transmits it through two different channels as follows:

- a. Through the transformer sub-stations at Imwön-myön and Inhūng-ri to West P'yongyang City. Each of these sub-stations has a power transmission capacity of 60,000 kilowatts.
- b. Through the transformer sub-stations at Nangnang and Pyongch'on-ri to West P'yongyang City. The sub-station at Nangnang has a power transmission capacity of 60,000 kilowatts, and the one at Pyongch'on-ri has a capacity of 20,000 kilowatts.

Plans for New Power Installations between 38th and 39th Parallels

4. In late June 1952, the Electric Power Department of the North Korean Cabinet was planning to establish three new power distribution stations in undetermined places in the area between the 38th and 39th parallels. Cables and other materials were to be obtained by dismantling the existing power transmission facilities between the Sup'ung dam and Hūngnam.
5. Since 10 June, 100 trucks, 1,000 electricians and 2,000 civilian laborers have been sent to the area to take part in the new construction.
6. On 3 July, North Korean authorities conscripted electricians in Kaesong to work on the new projects. On the same day, job notices were posted in Kaesong, calling for electricians for the Hwanghae Province Power Supply Bureau.

1. Comment. Munsu-ri, presumably a suburb or a part of P'yongyang, is unlocated; the source located the Munsu-ri sub-station at YD-419227. The main office of the West Power Distributing Bureau is probably here.

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2.  Comment. Presumably YUN Ki-hun is head of the two branch offices, listed in this report as the East P'yongyang Branch Office and the West P'yongyang Branch Office.

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3.  Comment.  the coordinates for the Changjin dam as CV-5976.

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