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(TEXT) IN THE UNITED NATIONS A LARGE GROUP OF SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE PROPOSED TO INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA OF THE COMING 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEM ON MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT IN KOREA. OUR OBSERVER VLADIMIR KOROLEV COMMENTS:

THE TRAGEDY OF DIVISION HAS BEEN PART OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S LIFE FOR OVER 30 YEARS NOW. THE (CONSENSUS) OF OPINION IS THAT THE CHIEF BLAME FOR THIS SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS GOES TO THE PRESENCE OF 40,000 AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE SOUTH OF THE PENINSULA. THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS LATELY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THESE TROOPS BEING MOVED AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND EVEN THEIR USING NUCLEAR ARMS. AS SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, THIS HAS ENCOURAGED THE PUPPET REGIME IN SEOUL TO COMMIT NEW PROVOCATIONS.

THE HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, PAK SONG-CHOL, ADDRESSING THE NONALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY IN KOREA AND OF THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL STOCKPILED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE SOUTH OF THE PENINSULA.

THE SITUATION IN KOREA FILLS THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WITH APPREHENSION. YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER THAT THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED FOR URGENT MEASURES TO SOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM. IT APPROVED A RESOLUTION, TABLED (I.E. PROPOSED--FBIS) BY A LARGE GROUP OF NATIONS INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. BUT THE SEOUL REGIME, WHICH RELIES ON AMERICAN BAYONETS FOR SURVIVAL, HAS BEEN RESISTING THE DECISION.

THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEMANDS THAT ALL THE NEW TYPES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARMS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ONES, BE REMOVED FROM SOUTH KOREA WITHOUT DELAY. IT CALLS FOR AN END TO ALL ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE (REST OF THE) PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES PREGNANT WITH GREAT TENSION AND THREAT OF A NEW WAR IN KOREA.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND ARMS FROM SOUTH KOREA IS A LONG PRESSING PROBLEM. ITS SOLUTION WILL ENABLE THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO SETTLE THEIR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS THEMSELVES WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, TO ENSURE PEACE AND THE REUNIFICATION OF THEIR COUNTRY. THE CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TAKEN BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THIS END MEET THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS INVARIABLY SUPPORTED THE REPUBLIC IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA ON A DEMOCRATIC BASIS. IT MAINTAINS THAT A SETTLEMENT ALONG THESE LINES CORRESPONDS TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR IMPROVING THE SITUATION IN ASIA AND REINFORCING GENERAL PEACE.

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