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## **1. The Leader, the Party and the Masses**

“The leader, the party and the masses form a common entity sharing a life-and-death destiny.”

“The leader is the top brain of the revolution, the party is the General Staff of the revolution, and the masses are the masters and executors of the revolution.”

“With a great leader, a great party and a genuine motherland, the nation is exalted, and so are the life and honour of the individual.”

“To expect victory in a revolution without a leader is like wishing for a flower where there is no sun.”

“If its leader is great, even a small country can spread its brilliance across the world as the motherland of the great idea of the times, and as an ideological and political power.”

“A great leader and a great party produce a great people.”

“The greatness of a nation is dependent on the greatness of its leader, and the future of its people is dependent on his sagacity.”

“The masses who are not led by a wise leader can be likened to a body without a brain.”

“The plight of a people without an outstanding leader is no different from that of an orphan.”

“A great statesman and great general should first be a true man.”

“If a leader is not possessed of unshakeable faith and will, the people will waver, and if the people waver, revolution cannot be assured.”

“The founding father of our nation was Tangun, and the founding father of socialist Korea was the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.”

“When the party is sound ideologically, the masses can be sound in their ideology, but when the party suffers from an ideological malady, it spreads to the masses.”

“The look of a party is accurately reflected in the look of the people it has nurtured.”

“A party without a sound foundation is like a castle built on sand.”

“Like a tree that has sunk its roots deep in the earth, which does not fall no matter how fierce the storm may be, the party can remain firm in any circumstances only when it has sunk its roots deep in the broad masses.”

“The invincibility of a party is guaranteed by its sinking its roots deep in the masses and its forming an integral whole with the masses.”

“Our Party is a genuine motherly party that leads and takes care of the people through the benevolent politics of love and trust.”

“The revolutionary sense of organization and discipline is the lifeline of the working-class party and the source of its strength.”

“When work with people is done well, even a mountain can be removed and the sea filled up.”

“Party work is one thing that cannot be solved by means of formulas.”

“There is no panacea for work with people.”

“A man with illusions in his approach to others will inevitably fail.”

“There are superiors and inferiors in work, but not in party life.”

“The masses are the teachers of everything and the creators of everything.”

“If there is an omnipotent entity in this world, it is none other than the masses.”

“The strength of individuals is limited, whereas the strength of the masses is inexhaustible.”

“There can be no party or leader separate from the masses. The leader and the party exist for the masses.”

“A leader acquires wisdom, leadership and virtue from the masses.”

“When the masses’ yearning and demand for independence are incorporated and systematized, they become an ideology, a line and a policy.”

“The greatest strength of all is in the hearts of the masses.”

“A miracle is not an accidental gift from Heaven; it is something inevitable bestowed by the people.”

“Real human talent is to be found only among the masses.”

“Ingenious schemes for solving knotty problems are to be found in the minds of the masses.”

“It is the masses who are the ones to spot the nature of a mistake.”

“The eyes of the masses are always full of wisdom.”

## **2. Motherland and Nation**

“One’s motherland is not simply a place where one was born and grew up; it must be a place which guarantees genuine life for the

people and happiness for posterity.”

“The motherland is the true mother of all people, and the cradle of life and happiness.”

“The destiny of the nation is precisely the destiny of the individual and the individual’s life is rooted in the life of the nation.”

“There is no such thing as true life separate from the motherland and nation, nor can the destiny of an individual exist separate from the destiny of that person’s country and nation.”

“The greatness of a nation is not defined by the vastness of its territory, nor by its time-honoured history, but by the greatness of the leader who leads the nation.”

“Loving the nation and defending the country is an important attribute of a social being.”

“Love for one’s family and for one’s own flesh and blood—this is precisely love for one’s motherland.”

“Patriotism means devoting oneself wholeheartedly to one’s motherland and people.”

“Patriotic spirit and the determination and faith to dedicate even one’s life without hesitation for the sake of one’s motherland and people grow from loving even a single tree or a blade of grass in one’s motherland.”

“Only a man who has felt in his heart how precious the motherland is can dedicate his youth and even his life without hesitation for its sake.”

“A man who does not treasure, love and feel pride in his own things and who does not strive to develop them further cannot become a true patriot.”

“To the call of the motherland and people, one should not answer in mere words, but by dedicating one’s whole being. This is the proper stance of a patriot towards the motherland and people.”

“Those who neither love their motherland nor fight for it, nor have contributed anything to it cannot speak about the motherland, nor can they be called true sons and daughters of the motherland.”

“A man who has done nothing and left nothing behind for the motherland is a wretch who has wasted his life.”

“The title of patriot is an honourable one the motherland and people confer on their finest sons and daughters.”

“A valuable life dedicated to the motherland lives forever with the motherland.”

“Just as when there are patriotic ancestors there are patriotic descendants, where there are revolutionary forerunners there are revolutionary successors.”

“Korea is like an organism that can survive only when whole, and cannot when chopped in two.”

“Genuine patriotism is manifested in the struggle for national reunification.”

“National reunification is patriotism pure and simple, and the struggle for national reunification is the highest form of patriotic struggle.”

“A man who aspires after great national unity becomes a patriot, while a man who impairs it becomes a traitor to the nation.”

“The motive power that would bring the dawn of national reunification earlier is our wisdom, will and strength.”

“The road of defending independence is the road of patriotism.”



“Independence is the lifeline of a country and nation; it is the first and foremost distinguishing feature of a sovereign state.”

“Any country that acts under the baton of a great power will end up as a colony of the modern type.”

“Sycophancy and reliance on foreign forces is the road to national ruin.”

“Living with the spirit of another and dancing to another’s tune means that one is a mere political servant of another.”

“If one makes a habit of relying on others in consideration of the immediate situation, one can never cast off the yoke of reliance.”

“A scrap of iron in your own house is better than a lump of gold in your neighbour’s.”

“Live in our own way; fight in our own way; create in our own way.”

### **3. Socialism and Revolution**

“Socialism is a science.”

“The socialist movement is a great movement of the masses to create an independent new world.”

“Socialism will surely emerge victorious since it is the aspiration and will of the people.”

“Socialism belongs to the people. Betrayal of socialism means betrayal of the people.”

“The main thing in socialist society is not money; it is man and his ideology.”

“Socialist ideology is vital to socialism.”

“Socialist society is a society that is guided by the socialist ideology and propelled mainly by this ideology.”

“It is a truth confirmed by history that socialism wins victory when it holds fast to its ideology, and it goes to ruin when it loses hold of its ideology.”

“The degeneration of socialism begins with the degeneration of ideology, and the disintegration of the ideological front leads to the disintegration of all fronts of socialism, and in the end to the total collapse of socialism.”

“The degeneration of socialism is the degeneration of the working-class character.”

“The foundation of socialism is to all intents and purposes collectivism.”

“The struggle between socialism and capitalism is the struggle between collectivism and individualism and the superiority of socialism over capitalism is the superiority of collectivism over individualism.”

“Introducing individualism into socialism, which is based on collectivism, is tantamount to taking poison.”

“While socialism can be said to be the life of our people, the Juche idea is the life of our socialism.”

“Socialism as elucidated by the Juche idea is socialism centred on man, people-centred socialism.”

“The deformity of material life, the poverty of mental and cultural life, and the reactionary nature of political life—these can be said to be the main characteristics of capitalist society, and they show the reactionary character and corruption of modern imperialism.”

“Capital cannot be anything but capital however international it becomes.”

“Aggression and war are synonymous with imperialism.”

“The brigandish nature of imperialism can never change, any more than a wolf can change into a sheep.”

“Frantic indeed are the death throes of those who defy history.”

“Revolution is a struggle of the masses to meet their demand for independence and to liberate themselves.”

“The driving force of the revolution is the leader, the party and the masses as an integrated whole.”

“The question of the leader is the nucleus of the revolution.”

“The aim of revolution is to bring love for the people into bloom.”

“Revolutionary struggle produces a human being of a new type, and creates a new life.”

“Revolution starts, advances and wins victory by struggle.”

“The birth of something new and its victory are always attended by labour pains.”

“A man who is not ready to recognize with equanimity the difficulties attendant on the road of revolution cannot wage revolution.”

“Betrayal and surrender on the road of revolution is death, and hoping for pardon from the enemy is a miscalculation.”

“Even though generations change, revolution must go forward and struggle must continue.”

“Revolutionary traditions are the historical roots of revolution and its bloodline that links one generation with another.”

“Revolutionary traditions are the eternal cornerstone of revolution, and priceless ideological and spiritual wealth.”

“Just as a tree becomes sick when its roots get rotten, if the purity of revolutionary traditions is not ensured, the party will become sick and subsequently the revolution will go to ruin.”

“Negating revolutionary traditions is the same as abandoning the revolutionary ideology and spirit and giving up revolutionary struggle, and in the end it leads revolution to a state of collapse.”

#### **4. Community and Organization; Struggle and Unity**

“The social community is the parent body of socio-political life of man.”

“An individual can become a master of the revolution and play his role as such only when he is a member of the social community.”

“The most precious thing for man is life, but socio-political life is more precious than that of the physical body, and the life of the social community is more precious than that of individuals.”

“The physical life of individuals is finite, but the life of the masses rallied as an independent socio-political organism is infinite.”

“The human relationship in the socio-political community in which people share a common destiny is a completely equal and independent relationship, and at the same time a relationship of comradely love, helping one another with devotion.”

“Discipline is the lifeline of an organization.”

“Insistence on organizational discipline shows true love for the collective.”

“There can be no development without struggle, and advance devoid of innovation cannot be expected.”

“The process of creation is a process of struggle. There can be no creation without struggle.”

“Where there is struggle, there is life; and where there is life, there should be emotion and cheerfulness.”

“Life emerges from struggle, and struggle emerges from life.”

“A life lived in struggle is most ennobling and beautiful.”

“For man, one day lived fighting devotedly for the revolution is more valuable, precious and brilliant than one hundred or one thousand days spent worthlessly.”

“Those who only pursue their own pleasure cry and laugh because of money, but those who wage revolution seek their self-worth, pleasure, happiness and honour and feel dignity and pride in devoting themselves to the benefit of their community and posterity.”

“Unity is strength and the key to victory in the revolution. United, we win, but divided, we lose.”

“Unity is a precondition for victory, and division is a factor in failure.”

“Unity is a way to prosperity for a nation, while division leads to national ruin.”

“Just as there is no matter without its core, so there cannot be unity without its centre.”

“Single-hearted unity is the revolutionary philosophy of our Party and the great foundation of the revolution.”

“The single-hearted unity of the leader, the party and the masses is a source of boundless strength that cannot be shattered even by a nuclear bomb.”

“The imperialists’ strategy of defeating other nations one by one must be countered with the strategy of unity.”

## **5. Idea and Theory**

“A great idea gives birth to a great era.”

“The tenor of times is imbued with the spirit of the times and the soul of man embodying that spirit.”

“A great idea produces a great reality.”

“It is not money or a nuclear weapon that moves the world, but a great idea.”

“People’s thought, not their social origin, is what carries out a revolution.”

“A revolution not guided by a correct idea, theory and method is doomed to go off course and wander like a ship without a compass.”

“Only a party guided by a great idea can become a great party.”

“Its ideology is the only and the most powerful weapon of a working-class party.”

“Only a people guided by a great idea can become a people with dignity who create a great history.”

“Intelligence is what makes a great man a great beacon.”

“Ideas decide everything.”

“When an idea is put into effect, everything goes smoothly, but when an idea lies dormant, even a wide-open road becomes blocked of its own accord.”

“Just as a car can only move after its engine has been started, so can a man obtain his objective only after his idea has been put into effect.”

“Treasuring and respecting man is the philosophical content of Juche.”

“There can be no midway point in the problem of ideology, and the demarcation must be made clear between what is working-class and what is non-working-class.”

“Compromise and concession in the field of ideology means degeneration and defeat.”

“Stagnation in ideological life is nothing less than retreat.”

“Ideological degeneration entails the degeneration of the party, and leads the revolution and construction to ruin.”

“If the ideological stronghold crumbles, even great economic and military strength proves feeble, and the socialist system collapses.”

“If ideological work is done sloppily, the fruits of hard work may come to naught overnight.”

“A tower, though hard to build, easily collapses.”

“An outdated idea does not yield to a superior idea of its own accord.”

“The remnants of outdated ideas tend to spring back to life like grass growing out of cracks in an asphalt road if a man fails to study and temper his ideology.”

“As all sorts of bacteria thrive in stagnant water, outdated ideas of various types are rampant in an atmosphere of inertia.”

“Individualism and selfishness are like mind-numbing drugs for a revolutionary.”

“Libertarianism is like an invisible moth gnawing away at the people’s political integrity.”

“Living with abandon is not freedom; it is debauchery.”

“Worship of great powers is a carrier of revisionism and other opportunistic ideas of every description.”

“Defeatism and capitulationism form a hotbed for factionalism to thrive.”

## **6. Man and Life**

“In this world, there is nothing more precious and more powerful than man.”

“The view of and attitude to man is the criterion that decides the scientific character and correctness of an idea, theory, line and policy.”

“No man is more dignified and honourable than one who fights for independence.”

“What is most valuable for man is neither social position nor wealth; it is political independence and the dignity as an independent man.”

“Beauty can be found in the independent man.”

“Self-knowledge makes one a revolutionary; lack of it makes one a slave.”

“A man is strong if he relies on himself; weak if he relies on others.”

“He who relies on his own strength will prosper; he who relies on other’s strength will perish.”



“A man feels wisdom and courage coming out in every undertaking so long as he takes the stand and attitude that he will do it by himself.”

“The value and quality of a man is decided not by his property, appearance or job, but by his ideology.”

“The beauty of a man lies not in his looks but in his ideological and moral traits.”

“A man who has excellent ideological and moral traits is a beautiful man though his looks and dress are not gorgeous.”

“A man’s height is the height of his thought.”

“Noble ideas and aims bespeak a noble character.”

“A great personality shines out of a simple and frugal life.”

“The more modest a man is, the more outstanding he looks.”

“He who solves problems with a high sense of self-restraint is a cultivated man.”

“A person who tags along after the fashion, who mindlessly follows the general trend, the trend of the times, is a mental cripple.”

“He who slanders others or is jealous of others is a snob and a fiend who gnaws away at comradesly unity.”

“A true life starts in labour, and finds its worth in labour.”

“A true life emerges from the struggle of the people to create what is new, advanced and beautiful.”

“Revolution can be called a supreme form of life.”

“Where revolution is waged, there is rich emotion; where emotion is overflowing, there is seething life and struggle.”

“Just as beautiful flowers or rich fruit cannot be expected from barren land, a life devoid of emotion and optimism lacks richness, and one cannot feel the pleasure of life and the zeal of struggle in this life.”

“A man who does not lead a life full of optimism and emotion cannot taste the pleasure and happiness of the true life of a human being; moreover, humane feelings and warm love for revolutionary comrades cannot be expected from him.”

“More things than the eye perceives form the basis of life.”

“Without seeing how a man lives, one cannot know him; without understanding human life, one cannot speak about it.”

“Life is precisely the interconnection of human feelings.”

“Live a worthwhile life, though it be only a moment.”

“Living a dignified life without feeling regret and a beautiful life without feelings of shame is the true life of our times.”

“If the beginning of life has been beautiful, its end must also be beautiful.”

“Just as a work of art or literature has a greater lingering effect when its last part is touching, so life is more beautiful when its end is worthwhile.”

“To live a life faithful to one’s fellow countrymen and humanity is the way to live most faithfully for oneself.”

“To work tenaciously for the revolution with dignity and devotion to duty is a great service and honour.”

“It is the steps that are made with great effort that are more worthwhile.”

“The harder one works, the more worthwhile one’s life.”

“The more arduous the task, the more pride in its performance.”

“A man who does not remember the past cannot have a beautiful tomorrow.”

“A life lived only for today’s enjoyment and with no thought for tomorrow is a degenerate life and cannot be a happy one.”

“If debauchery is what is called freedom of the individual, such freedom is no more than the life of an animal.”

“Man must live heroically, though he is to live but a moment.”

“The hero is a prototype of true men.”

“He who is exalted in his lifetime and is immortal after his death is a hero.”

“True heroism is not in the momentary exploit, but in the eternal exploit.”

“A man who feels satisfied with the life he is given cannot create a new life, a more abundant and civilized life.”

“Every great and beautiful thing created is a product of labour.”

“An undertaking devoid of creativity is not worth calling an undertaking.”

“Creation is discovery, imitation is repetition.”

“Without independence of mind one can create nothing new.”

“Empty words without creation are like thunder without rain.”

“Man’s greatest joy comes from creation.”

“Do not wait for others to create something; present them with your own creations.”

“A product reflects the appearance of the producer.”

“A flaw in a creative work remains an eternal blot on the creator’s life.”

“To avoid regret after creating something, think twice before you create it.”

“The only way to measure the value of something new is to use a new yardstick.”

“For a skilful rider, a Chollima steed covers a thousand miles at a gallop; for a poor rider it plods at a donkey’s pace.”

“What a man says shows what he is.”

“Language can be called a ‘window’ through which a man’s innermost world can be seen and through which that innermost world shines.”

“One word of great substance, spoken after deep thought, is more powerful and impressive and has greater impact than ten or a hundred casual words.”

“Words that are apt and logical are true; otherwise they are false.”

“Even a single word spoken casually can contain a worthwhile meaning.”

“One boastful word can ruin everything and incur an irretrievable loss.”

“A man must have many friends to help him in his work, but he needs few in his life.”

“A person who is happy does not really feel that he is so.”

“You have to experience hunger before you can know when your stomach is full.”

## **7. The Traits of a Revolutionary and Officials' Style of Work**

“A revolutionary is a fighter who took the road of revolution voluntarily after becoming aware of the righteousness of the revolutionary cause, not out of any sense of obligation or by being forced by others.”

“Consciousness and voluntariness are the real nature and basic stance of revolutionaries.”

“Whether one is forced to follow or follows willingly is the criterion that distinguishes a revolutionary from a breadwinner.”

“To be boundlessly frank and honest with the party and the revolution is the most important trait of a revolutionary.”

“It is easy to say the word ‘revolutionary,’ but hard to actually perform the task of a revolutionary.”

“Just as there are no born revolutionaries, there can be no perfect revolutionaries.”

“If revolutionaries are to bear up against the grim trials of revolution, they must have mental guidance.”

“A man who continues to advance singing the song of revolution, the song of struggle, and holding aloft the red flag as the struggle gets increasingly difficult is a true revolutionary.”

“A man who follows the road of revolution to the end, rising up again one hundred times if he falls down one hundred times, is a true revolutionary.”

“A revolutionary must live today not for today’s sake, but for

tomorrow's. Let us live today not for today's sake but for tomorrow's—this is faith and view of life revolutionaries should acquire.”

“The spirit of a revolutionary must be constantly pure, clean and full of vigor as long as he lives.”

“Revolutionaries might become senile physically, but they must not become senile ideologically.”

“The most dreadful thing in life for a revolutionary is not physical hardship, but ideological vacillation and degeneration.”

“For a revolutionary principle is life.”

“What must not be abandoned is the principle of the revolution, and what must not be stopped is the revolutionary struggle.”

“A man must be as uncompromising as rifle in the matter of principle.”

“One step of concession and retreat from the revolutionary principle brings with it ten or even one hundred steps of concession and retreat.”

“Lack of revolutionary principle and consistency in lines and policies is a characteristic of opportunism of every description.”

“Being praised by the enemy is a sign that degeneration has already set in.”

“A revolutionary must have a big heart.”

“A revolutionary is never self-satisfied in his work.”

“Revolutionaries must discover what is great in ordinary life, and create a noble life style from it.”

“No principle can exist separate from concern for man.”

“A true servant who is needed by the masses and serves them is a

genuine official.”

“Only an official trusted by the masses and favoured by them can be called faithful to the party.”

“The life of a true official consists in knowing more, seeing more, experiencing more and working more than others.”

“For officials a worthwhile life is the life lived enjoying the love and trust of the people while serving them.”

“A man who is always griping about his food, clothes and treatment is not an official, but a wage earner.”

“Greed is the first step towards ideological degeneration.”

“An official whom others call an easygoing man is an idler.”

“Devoting oneself heart and soul and looking after oneself first can be called the criteria with which to distinguish a self-sacrificing spirit from a cowardly one.”

“Doing the duty of a mother means in the long run knowing how to take pains for one’s children.”

“The slogan for party workers should be ‘We serve the people.’ ”

“He who serves the people faithfully and enjoys their trust and love is a true party worker.”

“If it is the wish of the people, flowers must be grown on rocks.”

“The more party workers exert themselves, walking more and sleeping less, the happier the people will be.”

“There can be no leniency for those who infringe upon the people’s interests.”

“A pioneer who carves out the future will always tread a thorny path unprecedented in history.”

“A man who works at the things he is enthusiastic about won’t feel tired even if he goes ten nights without sleep working at them.”

“The art of leadership is the knack of knowing how to get the people to give full rein to their creativeness and initiative.”

“The first and foremost practical attribute of a revolutionary is the ability to know the masses and to arouse their strength and wisdom.”

“Without knowing the mind of a man, one cannot say one knows him, and without knowing him, one cannot motivate him.”

“The people’s minds cannot be motivated simply by issuing orders and directives.”

“Motivating man through money is a capitalistic method that runs counter to his intrinsic nature.”

“The knack of motivating a man lies in that man’s mind.”

“In mobilizing the people and arousing them there is no weapon more powerful than political work that strikes their heartstrings.”

“The reserves for success are in organizational work and the strength for this lies in the masses.”

“One must take the initiative to create possibilities and bring opportunities to fruition.”

“If a man makes a resolute decision to develop his work in a bold way, closed doors will open and what was out of reach will appear at hand.”

“Just as if a man gets into the habit of sleeping he always feels sleepy, so if he gets into the habit of delaying his work, the work ends up always being delayed.”

“An official with a proper mass standpoint approaches his subordinates with more reserve and prudence than he does his



superiors.”

“A man who works with no knowledge of the mentality of the masses cannot truly mix with them even though he is among them.”

“A party worker who has lost the trust of the masses is like oil floating idly on water.”

“If a party worker lends his ears only to words pleasing to hear, he might become a deaf party worker.”

“A man who is given to assuming an air of importance is an immature man who enjoys lording it over the masses by flaunting his position.”

“A flower attracts bees and butterflies only when it sends forth fragrance, and people flock to an official only when he is full of human feeling.”

“Setting a personal example has an influence more powerful than ten or one hundred words in educating and arousing the masses.”

“Setting a personal example is a political undertaking which has more power than one hundred words.”

“A demand which the masses do not accept is without exception a subjective desire and bureaucracy.”

“Bureaucratism produces flattery, and the latter encourages the former.”

“Abusing one’s authority and resorting to bureaucratism is like poisoning oneself.”

“The man who believes in the people gets to drink the elixir of life, while the man who turns his back on them gets to drink poison.”

“If a party worker makes decisions arbitrarily, he is no better than a general without soldiers.”

“Arbitrary decisions and actions are the hotbed from which springs knavery.”

“Human insight is an important specialty for party workers who do political work.”

## **8. Young People and Youth**

“Love the young people!”

“Young people are the precious flowers of a country and nation, the most vigorous of the social forces and the masters of the future.”

“Passion is a symbol of youth, the source of creation and great exploits, and an expression of a high sense of consciousness and responsibility towards one’s duties.”

“The most precious asset the preceding generation of the revolution must hand down to the coming generations is a mental and moral one.”

“In other work, what we have not fulfilled can be finished by the coming generations, but if we fail to bring up the rising generation properly, no one can finish it for us, with irretrievable consequences.”

“The mental and moral traits of the new generation bespeak the future of the country and nation.”

“ ‘Let us live our young days with honour!’—This is a slogan and view of life young people must maintain.”

“The power of youth is that the more it is used the more strength is pumped out, like a spring which, the deeper it is dug, the more powerfully the water gushes out.”

“Youth is an emotion-filled period, when one is sensitive to the

new, when one's heart burns with a sense of justice and when one aspires after what is beautiful, and a passionate period when one feels the vigorous desire to learn and study springing out, and proposes and creates new things."

"A flower which has faded may blossom again, but once youth has gone it never returns."

"One day idled away in one's youth is difficult to retrieve in ten or one hundred days when one has grown old."

"The true ideals of young people lie in struggle, and it is in struggle that they are able to come into bloom."

"Youth devoid of aspirations and ideals is not true youth."

"The worthwhile life of youth must shine with creative labour and innovative exploits."

"Young people can feel the worth of living when they live proposing new things that no one else has conceived and creating miracles and innovations that would startle the world."

"Where young people work, there must be singing and dancing, and in a workplace where there is singing and dancing, innovations are wrought."

"A life without song, and youth bereft of song, are like a flower without fragrance or vitality."

## **9. Loyalty**

"If a man preserves the faith and obligation demanded by loyalty, he is a loyal man; if he does not he is a treacherous man."

"Loyalty to the party and the leader should, before being a duty, be

an honour, matter of conscience, obligation and practice.”

“Only loyalty which springs from the root of faith can become absolute loyalty.”

“True loyalty is consolidated by a true mind, while false loyalty disintegrates into degeneracy.”

“Loyalty to the leader must be kept as one’s faith, matter of conscience, moral obligation and everyday concern.”

“It is said that love goes down and loyalty goes up; true love and loyalty are unique ethics that exist between the leader and his fighters and between the leader and his people.”

“Between the leader and his fighters and between the leader and his people there exists not a relationship of domination and obedience, but only the duty of love and return for that love.”

“A seed, wherever it strikes root, spreads its branches and puts out its flowers towards the sun.”

“A man who is infinitely honest before the party and the revolution and who does not try to hide his inmost thoughts is a faithful man.”

“A loyal person stands out not in a good situation but in a difficult one.”

“The man who follows even at a slack pace is better than the man who follows only when he is pulled.”

“Loyalty expresses itself in conscientious work, not in fine words.”

“Vacillation is the first step to degeneration and treachery.”

“Degeneration and treachery stem from the cowardliness of yielding in the face of trials and difficulties, vacillation of wavering in the face of appeasement and enticement, and the baseness of giving up will and principle at the critical moment.”

“A man who figures his private interests too much is likely to become degenerate.”

“Following this road on favourable days and that road on unfavourable days is treachery.”

“Turning one’s back on the people’s will and not trusting their strength is when a traitor shows his true colours.”

“A knave is despondent facing a strong power, but when that power declines he rears up in fury.”

“The loyal man’s mouth is in his heart, while a knave’s heart is on the tip of his tongue.”

“To talk about loyalty from a selfish motive is nothing but honeyed words.”

“A knave has a honeyed tongue and carries a knife in his bosom.”

“A loyal man opens his heart; a knave keeps his closed.”

“Both loyal and knavish men are all around us.”

“A loyal man lives forever, but a knave is soon forgotten.”

“The country with many loyal people thrives, while the country with many knavish people goes to ruin.”

“Sycophancy and conspiracy are the mode of existence of knaves.”

“What comes from a true heart is loyalty, but what is produced on the surface is flattery.”

“It is guilty men who flatter.”

“Selfish interests and fame-seeking are followed by falsehood and flattery.”

“Toadyism and flattery are vices that make a person waver easily

in the face of difficulties and trials, appeasement and enticement, and induce him to bend the knee to power.”

“While criticism from subordinates can be considered a tonic, flattery from them can be considered sugar-coated poison.”

## **10. Faith and Will; Conscience and Fidelity**

“Faith is the fundamental core that determines the value of life.”

“Faith and conscience are more precious than life.”

“Faith is the secret of a valuable life, and the lifeline of the revolutionary party and people.”

“For a man to become a master of the revolution and of himself he must have his own view and faith.”

“Revolution is carried out by the force of faith and obligation, thanks to which the life of revolutionaries is a brilliant one.”

“In the steadfast character that cannot be melted even by fire nor can fade with the passage of time lies the true value of a revolutionary, his life and his beauty.”

“Faith in the greatness of one’s leader and party, and faith in one’s own people and in oneself can be called strength, passion and the foundation of revolutionary optimism.”

“The revolutionary faith is a cornerstone for changing adverse circumstances into favourable ones and misfortune into blessings, and an ideological guarantee for conceiving revolutionary stratagems.”

“There is no one in this world who can match the man who is ready to lay down his life—this is the faith and courage our revolutionaries must acquire.”

“If a man yields in the face of difficulties, he cannot rise again, but if he braves them through, with the confidence that, even though Heaven might collapse, there is always a way out, he can tide them over.”

“Without faith, one cannot preserve conscience and morals, and without conscience and morals, one cannot stick to faith.”

“A man without faith bends the knee to power, and a man who curries favour with power inevitably goes astray.”

“The faith that once one is determined, one can do everything, does not fall from the sky; it comes from believing in one’s own strength, wisdom and ability.”

“A man can see the future only when he has knowledge, and he can cherish faith in sure victory of the revolution and firm determination for the revolution only when he has grasped the principles of the revolution.”

“For people, faith is verified not by their words but by their actual work, and it is tested not in favourable conditions but in days of trial.”

“The life of a revolutionary who has cherished his faith shines forever, even after his death.”

“A man must have a high aim and a strong will.”

“What cannot be broken is the will of a revolutionary, and what cannot be halted is the struggle of a revolutionary.”

“The body of a revolutionary may be chained, but not his noble ideals.”

“A piece of white jade may be shattered, but it still does not lose its brilliance; a pine tree may be buried in snow, but it still does not lose its verdure; and a bamboo may be burned with fire, but it still does not bend.”

“Nothing is impossible for a man with a strong will. The word ‘impossible’ is not to be found in the Korean vocabulary.”

“A man with a strong faith and will is always yearning for the future.”

“Conscience and sense of obligation are a virtue peculiar to man and a source of spiritual strength that spurs people to perform voluntary and beautiful acts.”

“Conscience is not a private feeling, but a moral sense of responsibility for the society and people. A man who does not feel this moral sense of responsibility is one who has lost the value of man as a social being.”

“Conscience and heart are one and the same thing.”

“What cannot be abandoned lightly in this world is conscience, and what cannot be obtained easily in this world is likewise conscience.”

“Conscience mirrors one’s behaviour, and is the standard for telling truth from falsehood.”

“A man who feels easy after doing a thing that outrages his conscience is a man who suffers from a serious mental sickness.”

“A man who has a guilty conscience always feels ill at ease.”

“A tranquil mind can be brought about only by the pure, upright conscience of a revolutionary.”

“A revolutionary conscience is a precious spiritual treasure cherished in the course of cultivating oneself ceaselessly.”

“A true mind is perceptible only in a man who not only regards others’ affairs as his own responsibility but also devotes his all for the benefit of others.”

“Moral obligation is a basic symbol that determines the personality



of a revolutionary.”

“Through the feeling of obligation the prestige of man shines, true human relationship is established and harmonious human life arises.”

“If remaining steadfast is the highest virtue of a revolutionary, what is most despicable and shameful for him is treachery and degeneracy.”

“Respect for the revolutionary pioneers is demanded by the revolution, and a noble moral obligation for revolutionaries.”

“The highest representative of the revolutionary seniors is the leader, and loyalty to the leader is the highest expression of the sense of revolutionary obligation.”

“Vilifying revolutionary seniors and defaming their ideas and accomplishments is tantamount to disgracing the revolution and grovelling at the feet of the enemies of the revolution.”

“In its moral hypocrisy the exploiting class shows its true colours, and moral corruption is an inevitable product of bourgeois society.”

## **11. Trust and Love; Comrades and Comradeship**

“Trust is the spiritual source of love and obligation.”

“Repaying love with love is a human virtue.”

“Trust and love are inevitably followed by loyalty and obligation.”

“Flattery tags along in the wake of abuse of power, whereas sincerity follows trust and love.”

“There is love only when there is trust, and a comradesly relationship is established only when there is love.”

“Trust produces loyalty, mistrust betrayal.”

“Trust produces unity, mistrust betrayal and division.”

“A man is worthy of trust only when he is honest and sincere, and only when he is worthy of trust can he be a part of comradely unity.”

“Trust is love.”

“The greatest love a revolutionary can give his comrade is trust.”

“Trust is itself an effective education.”

“Being given a task is an expression of trust.”

“Trust nurtures people.”

“Only when you fully trust others can you win trust from them.”

“If one has human love, one has love for the nation, and if one has love for the nation, one has love for humanity.”

“Both patriotism and revolution start with love for people.”

“A revolution that realizes man’s independence can be called the greatest love, a love that makes man perfect. This is the philosophy of love.”

“The greatest love for people is shown by equipping them with the consciousness of independence and awakening them ideologically, and the greatest crime against people is paralyzing their consciousness of independence and making them degenerate ideologically.”

“Only a great man can have great love.”

“A man with no love for people can never make revolution.”

“Human feeling is in the warm hearts of people who boundlessly cherish and love others.”

“A man with no human feeling is no different from a flower

without fragrance or a tree without leaves.”

“A stiff and cold-hearted person cannot love people warmly.”

“No love, no hatred; no spirit of treasuring, no spirit of self-sacrifice.”

“Love that proceeds from a selfish motive is not love, but hypocrisy.”

“In criticism there is true love.”

“Criticism is love and trust.”

“As fire tempers steel, so criticism trains and fosters people.”

“Iron can only be transformed into steel in a raging furnace, and a flowering plant bears tough and yet beautiful flowers only when it is exposed to the weather in an open field.”

“A man who does not feel heartache over a mistake cannot warmly accept success and protect that success.”

“If human feelings are shared between people, they can confide in one another; if they can confide in one another, they become comrades.”

“No one in the world is more precious than a revolutionary comrade and no strength is greater than the strength of unity formed through revolutionary comradeship.”

“There is an old saying that 800 *ryang* of gold will buy a house and 1 000 *ryang* a neighbour, but even 1 000 *ryang* cannot buy a revolutionary comrade.”

“A revolutionary gains friends and comrades through purpose and humanity.”

“A revolutionary feels happiest when he has found a true comrade,

and unhappiest when he has lost such a comrade.”

“Revolutionaries can live separate from their parents, but they cannot live a moment separate from their comrades.”

“A man who does not love his comrades wholeheartedly and does not treat them honestly cannot be faithful to the party and the revolution.”

“Love for revolutionary comrades is the acme of love for mankind and its highest form.”

“What cannot be bought even with a heap of gold is the love of a comrade and what cannot be exchanged even for the world is the trust of a comrade.”

“He who does not love his comrades cannot be loved by them.”

“In the world of comradeship there is only the faith that I am you and you are me, together with love and loyalty.”

“Our comradeship is a flower of love and loyalty blossoming in the land of unity.”

“He who boundlessly loves and treasures his revolutionary comrades is the one who can gain true comrades and be blessed forever with their love and care.”

“For us, assistance is not something like charity; it is a concrete expression of comradeship and how a revolutionary helps his revolutionary comrades is a yardstick for measuring his personality, and furthermore for measuring his stand and attitude concerning the revolution.”

“Odious indeed are relations between people marked by becoming brothers when it is advantageous to do so and strangers when it is disadvantageous to be brothers, becoming friends when the situation is favourable and enemies when it is unfavorable.”

## 12. Thinking and Passion; Time and Endeavour

“Thinking is the mother of invention.”

“Think, think and think again! Then you will succeed.”

“He who neglects to think is nothing but a great loafer.”

“Poverty of philosophy results in poverty of thought, which in turn ends in poverty of creation.”

“The more the brain is used the more fertile it becomes; the less it is used the rustier and duller it becomes.”

“Think one hundred times before you make a decision.”

“Improvisation leads to error.”

“Find a great thing in the commonplace, see a great thing in the small.”

“Weak in judgment, strong in prejudice.”

“Dim eyes miss the target.”

“When passion accompanies thinking, thinking gives rise to passion, producing inexhaustible creative strength.”

“Passion is the source of great creation.”

“Without sympathy, the heart cannot be moved, and without heart, no passion can be aroused.”

“Oratory lacking passion cannot cause the people’s heartstrings to vibrate.”

“The easiest thing to lose in the world is time.”

“Only he who knows how precious time is can scale the fortress of science.”

“Seize time by all possible means, and don’t pause in the endeavour to build the tower of scientific knowledge.”

“The broad future demands great efforts.”

“What is more precious than talent is passionate effort.”

“In this world no fruit can be plucked without exertion, and no undertaking can be completed without effort.”

“When a man is aware that he does not know, he will be determined to learn; and when he realizes that his experiences are outdated, he will conceive the firm intention of acquiring new ones.”

“Satisfaction presupposes failure.”

“Self-complacency produces idleness, ennui and irresponsibility.”

### **13. Politics and the Economy; Foreign Relations and Diplomacy**

“Politics is an art.”

“Political philosophy is the compass of leadership.”

“Poverty in philosophy breeds poverty in politics.”

“The appeal of genuine politics is in keenly grasping the objective situation and, by taking advantage of it in time, creating a new phase of the situation.”

“If the country is good because of its excellent people, and if the

public sentiment is good because of laudable politics, then prosperity results.”

“The politics that people demand and sympathize with in every civilized society is democratic politics.”

“Trusting and giving more attention to what the masses say is truly democratic politics.”

“Human rights are national rights.”

“Love and trust comprise the essence of politics in socialist society, in which the masses of the people have become the masters of politics from being the objects of politics.”

“Political independence not supported by economic self-sufficiency is no more than an empty phrase.”

“The whistling of the locomotive is the breath and pulse of the country.”

“Economy is production.”

“Embezzlement and wastefulness are twins.”

“The independence of a country and nation is the basis of solid international relationships, and independent foreign policies are the most just and principled ones.”

“Foreign activities are very delicate political activities that demand keen political insight, the greatest prudence and a rich knowledge of etiquette.”

“Friendship is needed for independence, but genuine friendship can be ensured only on the stand of independence.”

“In diplomacy, one must smile even while swallowing something bitter.”

“In diplomacy, too, passiveness is taboo.”

“Today’s diplomacy is a battle of brains.”

“A diplomat is like the face of his country.”

“Officials in the field of external work must have knowledge as wide and deep as a lake, not as shallow as a stream.”

## **14. Science and Education**

“The present era is one of science and technology, which is the basis of economic advance.”

“The view of, and attitude to, science and technology are the view of, and attitude to, the revolution, and despising science and technology is tantamount to being unwilling to wage revolution.”

“Practical production is the source and motive force of the development of science and technology, and the best yardstick for estimating the results of scientific research.”

“Without scientific vision and imagination firmly planted in reality, one cannot picture the future of science and spur the development of science itself.”

“Our science must be science for the people and science for the prosperity of the motherland, not science simply for the sake of science.”

“The key to success in scientific research is burning passion and tireless efforts.”

“There is no puzzle in the world that cannot be solved.”

“A man who is determined to devote his life to science must



become an ardent patriot before becoming a scientist.”

“There is no border in science, but our intellectuals have their socialist motherland of Juche.”

“Principle itself is profound as well as simple and clear truth.”

“Fashion is seasonal, but truth is eternal.”

“Truth can be neither eclipsed nor obliterated.”

“The real truth remains the truth no matter how grim the trials or the storms of the times.”

“The simpler and easier to grasp the truth is, the more brilliant it is.”

“Education is a long-term undertaking for the everlasting prosperity of a country.”

“A school is a nest for the future of the country.”

“Slowing down one step in the education of the younger generation means a ten-step delay in the advance of the country.”

“Our students must first learn about their country, their revolution, their society and their fellow people before learning technology.”

“Like gardeners who raise flowers and trees, teachers are revolutionaries who tend and bring up the future of the country.”

“To teach others one, you must know ten or a hundred.”

“The measure of a teacher’s worth is the quality of education and academic attainment of his students.”

“Studying is an important undertaking to acquire the truth of revolution and the first process in establishing a revolutionary outlook on the world.”

“More important than learning by heart ten words uttered by someone else is learning to speak one correct word of one’s own.”

“Professionalism is the fruit of strenuous and energetic studying.”

“Practical experience is a form of studying.”

“A book is a silent teacher, and a precious and indispensable companion in life.”

“An excellent book is part of the common wealth of humanity.”

“The present era is one of a war of brains, of a war of knowledge.”

“Knowledge is strength, and the more society develops and the more the times advance, the greater the strength of knowledge.”

“Knowledge is a gemstone that makes the value of man shine out.”

“Talent is an asset more precious than any material wealth.”

“As a house on a weak foundation cannot last long, a fantasy, however good it is, becomes an absurd daydream if it is supported by weak basic knowledge.”

“A man sees, hears, feels and absorbs as much as he understands.”

“Knowledge produces knowledge.”

“Self-confidence comes only from understanding.”

“A man with a wide knowledge is flexible in work and life and modest in his personality.”

“Pretending to know is as foolish as cheating oneself and stabbing one’s own foot.”

“A wise man is not one who fancies he knows everything, but one who keenly realizes that he does not know.”

“A learned man is not one who uses complicated and difficult

words in spoken and written language, but one who uses words that are easily understood by ordinary people.”

“Self-admiration is always followed by arrogance, which in turn entails idleness, slackness and ennui in work.”

“Genius is a wealth of the country.”

## **15. Art and Literature**

“Art and literature are products and weapons of politics.”

“Art and literature can make their way into places where politics cannot, and win what cannot be won with weaponry.”

“An excellent work of art or literature is a product of great struggle, a product of great times.”

“Life can be described in depth only in the context of human relations, and human relations can be portrayed in bold relief only in the context of life.”

“The standard of beauty is the aspirations and demands of the masses.”

“What the masses say is good is good, and what they say is beautiful is beautiful.”

“Art loved by the common people is the most ennobling and genuine art.”

“The people are the genuine masters of language, creating and developing the most beautiful, elegant and forceful words.”

“It is in real life that literature and the arts are to be found.”

“The essential characteristics and basic features of a masterpiece

lie in the philosophical depth of its ideological content, not in its scale and form.”

“A work of art or literature that presents a problem of social significance sharply and vividly through individualized portrayals of living people is more valuable and precious than one hundred stereotyped and monotonous works of art or literature which follow a formal approach and rigid pattern.”

“What is produced in a stereotyped format is not an artistic work, but a commodity, and the man who produces it is not a writer, but a producer of commodities.”

“Originality is the intrinsic nature of creation.”

“Creation springs from the heart.”

“Creative passion is the very life of a creative worker.”

“If a work is full of philosophy and life, it is a successful work.”

“Literature is a type of humanics.”

“Literature is the art of language.”

“Literature is a philosophy of life that gives an answer to the problem of man’s destiny through artistic images.”

“The strength of artistic generalization lies not in making people understand one hundred things by showing them one hundred things, but in making them understand one hundred things by showing them one thing.”

“The strength of portrayal lies in its being true to life and philosophy.”

“Ideas that are not portrayed artistically only lead literature to its demise.”

“The Juche character is the face and spirit of our national literature.”

“National literature devoid of the spirit of national independence is nothing more than a body bereft of soul.”

“Stereotyping is a barrier between literature and the reader.”

“Imitation will result in formal writing and the following of patterns, and this spells the death of art.”

“The writer must become a standard-bearer who takes the lead in life, in the van of the times.”

“A writer who is not a patriot cannot produce a patriotic work, and a writer who is not a revolutionary cannot produce a revolutionary work.”

“A writer must become a philosopher, an ardent researcher of life and a master of artistic language.”

“Only a true man can say true words and only a true writer can produce true works.”

“In a work of art or literature written by the writer who has not acquired sincere experience of life, the technical skill can be felt, but not the author’s warm, pulsating heart with which he should respond affirmatively to life.”

“Creating a portrayal that shows unaffectedly the philosophical part of vivid and impressive life is the writer’s skill.”

“Real life is an inexhaustible source of knowledge for writers, and fertile soil on which they can make their creative skills bloom.”

“A revolutionary poem can take the place of millions of spears and swords.”

“Poems can be true to life and move people only when they flow

from stimulated emotion.”

“True poems and lyrics, without exception, are found among the masses and created in the course of their actual lives.”

“True poetic words are found in the speech of ordinary people.”

“The life of a poet loved by the people is immortal.”

“Solving significant problems and clarifying ideas through life is the essential nature of art.”

“Art that moves the people’s thoughts and hearts is a powerful weapon of the revolutionary struggle that transforms the world.”

“The level of art of a country and nation is an important criterion for measuring the level of politics, the economy, ideology and morality of that country and nation.”

“Naturalism is anti-realism in the guise of realism.”

“Art is a product of ideas and passion.”

“Creative workers and artistes are spokesmen of the times and the conscience of the masses.”

“Drama is the art of speech, while cinema is the art of action.”

“Good words can be found in the lives of the people.”

“The best words are full of meaning and easy to understand.”

“The actor is the face of the film and stage.”

“Realistic acting is the life of the actor.”

“The acting of the actor must always be creative—different in each work and new on each stage.”

“Directing is the art of creative work as well as the art of leadership.”

“What is captured by the cameraman’s eyes is the scene and the scene reflects life.”

“Music is the art of melody.”

“Where there is labour, there is song; where there is song, there is the romance of life.”

“Life goes hand in hand with music and song.”

“Life without music is like a garden without flowers.”

“A revolutionary song is a marching song resounding in the ranks of fighters and an anthem of the advance of the times.”

“The text of a song must be a refined poem.”

“A song with unfailing appeal, a song that people love and enjoy singing, is a true masterpiece.”

“A musical masterpiece is a song which the more one listens to it, the better it sounds, the more one thinks over it, the more profound its meaning becomes, and the more one sings it, the more one wants to sing it.”

“Only the songs which people love and enjoy singing are masterpieces.”

“Musical masterpiece of the times can emerge only from reality pulsating with the spirit of the times.”

“However excellent they are, world masterpieces cannot take the place of our songs that express the ideas and emotions of our people.”

“A prosperous country is always filled with songs.”

“Opera is the art of song, the art of action and the art of life.”

“The truthful reflection of life and formative truthfulness are the

life of the realistic fine arts.”

“A man who does not appreciate the beauty of flowers can neither love them nor draw them beautifully. A picture painted without love for the mountains and rivers of the motherland cannot pluck the heartstrings of the people.”

“Sometimes a painting plucks the heartstrings of the people more than one hundred words.”

“Fine art leaves landmarks of beauty in history.”

“Architecture is a composite art.”

“The masses are the most perceptive critics.”

“Reality is a strict judge.”

## **16. Publishing and News, Physical Culture and Medical Services**

“A revolutionary publication is a silent teacher that leads people along the road of revolution, and a textbook of life.”

“Newspapers, broadcasting and information service are powerful weapons of the revolutionary struggle.”

“Being opportune and timely is the life of publications and news items.”

“A newspaper is a silent informant and motivator.”

“Newspapers must respond to the requirements and aspirations of the readers, and serve as a kind educator, enlightener and guide of the masses.”

“Our newspapers are people’s newspapers serving the masses.”



“The editorial is the banner of the newspaper.”

“The editorial of the party newspaper is a directive from the party.”

“Plagiarized writing has no face of its own.”

“Articles written as if dancing to the tune of others could make people senseless mental cripples.”

“The dignity of a journalist lies in walking ahead of others.”

“Distribution of news is the basic mission of news items.”

“The press is a pioneer that rouses public opinion.”

“Broadcasts are the voice of the country.”

“Broadcasting is an important political instrument and a powerful means of communication.”

“Good health can be called wealth for a revolutionary.”

“A strong physique is a source of the mettle and vitality of youth, and a guarantee for creative labour and heroic struggle.”

“The sturdy physiques of young people who are growing up to be pillars of the country are the strength of the country.”

“Just as a piano is basic to music, so track-and-field events are basic to sport.”

“Medical services for the people are not simply technical tasks, but important political tasks as well.”

“There is no incurable disease for a doctor who cherishes love for mankind.”

“The best medicine is the doctor’s devotion.”

## 17. The Army and Military Science

“The People’s Army is a university of the revolution.”

“An army does not simply fight; it is an excellent school for ideological, mental and physical training.”

“The army is discipline and discipline is the army.”

“Resting on the force of the arms of the People’s Army are peace and the victory of socialism.”

“It is not the weapon but man that fights.”

“A rifle that is held carelessly without working-class, revolutionary consciousness to guide it is even more useless than a stick.”

“If a man becomes enamoured of a peaceful atmosphere, he is apt to become slack; if he is too slack, he might undermine a great event at any time.”

“Sentries are the vigilant eyes of the country.”

“A rifle is an eternal companion and comrade of a revolutionary.”

“If you want to know the conscience of a soldier, look at his weapons.”

“A soldier who does not love his country does not know how precious his weapons are.”

“For a soldier who has shouldered the destiny of war, training is the satisfaction and honour of his life.”

“The main key to becoming a match-for-a-hundred combatant lies in intensifying training.”

“Resorting to form for form’s sake and expediency in military training is flirting with death.”

“The true life of a soldier begins with training, pulsates on the sweaty training ground and proves its worth in the meaningful days of military service and on the shell-pounded battlefield.”

“Shooting is a science.”

“The main skill a soldier must acquire is the marksmanship of a crack shot.”

“When a soldier seizes a rifle he must always shoot straight through the enemy’s heart.”

“A soldier’s feet are his wings.”

“Frustrating in advance the enemy’s attempt to attack is active defence.”

“In modern warfare, a battle is a battle of commanders, which is in turn a battle of brains.”

“The enemy must be defeated first of all by means of brains, not weaponry.”

“Without scientific judgment, reasoning power and rich imagination, one cannot map out a daring strategy, and, without a daring strategy, one cannot defeat the enemy.”

“If one knows oneself and the enemy, one can win every battle; if one does not know oneself and the enemy, one can lose every battle.”

“The intelligence of a general can prove its worth in the fight for the country only when it is combined with the patriotic spirit of the masses.”

“Unity between officers and men and between the army and the people are proud traditions of our revolutionary army, its trait of nobility and the source of invincible strength that no aggressor army can have.”