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Directive to the Editor-in-Chief of *Rodong Sinmun*
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Today's issue of *Rodong Sinmun* carries the news of the conclusion of the South Korea-US Military Agreement. It is too late for the Party organ. Today, 20 days after the conclusion of the agreement, the newspaper is carrying an article about it; this shows that *Rodong Sinmun* is not sensitive to the situation.

Rodong Sinmun should carry a good editorial revealing and denouncing the reactionary nature of the South Korea-US Military Agreement. This will give Party members and the other working people a correct understanding of the reactionary nature of the agreement concluded between the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, and encourage them to take an active part in the struggle against them. It will also help people around the world oppose and denounce more vehemently the US imperialists' schemes for aggression in Korea and the south Korean puppet clique's treachery against the country and nation.

The South Korea-US Military Agreement is an out-and-out aggressive and treacherous pact aimed at justifying the US army's command over the south Korean puppet army and police forces, and enabling it to keep its troops stationed in south Korea for a long time and strengthen its military domination there.

The South Korea-US Military Agreement entitles the commander of the US army in south Korea to command the ROK Army, the Coast Guards and the police, to reinforce and mobilize the puppet army and police forces according to his military objectives, and to build and use military bases in south Korea at will. This proves that it is an aggressive agreement designed to justify the occupation of south Korea by GIs and the US imperialists' military domination there. The agreement stipulates that it shall be valid until the US army should withdraw from south Korea, but it does not specify the date of this withdrawal.

This bears clear testimony to the malicious intention and aggressive nature of the US imperialists who are scheming to turn south Korea into their permanent colony. Based on this agreement they will, in the future, suppress the south Korean people's patriotic national salvation struggle more heinously, throw more serious obstacles in the way of our people's struggle for the complete reunification and independence of the country, and reduce south Korea to a supply base and bridgehead for their aggression upon the northern half of Korea, and further, in the rest of Asia.

Today, when all the people in south and north Korea are waging a vigorous struggle to have all foreign troops pulled out of the country and achieve its reunification and complete independence and sovereignty, the Syngman Rhee puppet clique has committed a grave, indelible crime by concluding a traitorous military agreement with the US imperialists in the face of the nation's demand and aspiration for independence.

Rodong Sinmun, based on a deep analysis of every article of the South Korea-US Military Agreement, should reveal its reactionary nature and state that the government of our Republic and the people will never recognize it. The south Korean puppet regime has no legitimacy at all as it is a dummy fabricated and maintained by the US imperialists. Therefore, the south Korean puppet regime is not eligible to sign an agreement or treaty with a foreign government and any such agreement or treaty it does sign is null and void.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, established by the general will of all the south and north Korean people, is the one and only legitimate government of the Korean people, representing their interests and aspirations. The government of our Republic and the people will never approve any of the agreements and treaties that are signed between the south Korean

traitors to the nation, who have no right to represent the will of the Korean people, and other countries. The US imperialists must cease striving for permanent occupation of south Korea and withdraw their troops from it at once, as is demanded by all the Korean people. The Party organ should write convincing editorials about these issues.

The situation in south Korea is becoming more complex with the conclusion of the South Korea-US Military Agreement. *Rodong Sinmun* should promptly grasp the ever-changing situation and clarify the attitude of our Party and the government of our Republic towards such important socio-political matters, so as to ensure that Party members and the other working people understand our Party's stand correctly and act accordingly.