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Talk to the Chairman of the Association for the Promotion  
of Korea's Reunification in the Commonwealth  
of Independent States and His Party

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I am very glad to meet you again after the interval of one year. During this time, you have conducted various activities for national reunification, resolutely struggling against reactionaries. I am delighted at the fact that you have achieved a great success in your efforts for national reunification and in your work with our compatriots who are living in the Commonwealth of Independent States, and highly appreciate it.

You must consolidate the success you have already attained and conduct the national reunification movement more vigorously.

The present situation of our revolution at home and abroad is very complicated and our people are still confronted with many obstacles and trials on their way to national reunification.

As you know, in recent years, due to the manoeuvres of the imperialists and renegade socialists, an abnormal situation was brought about, a situation in which socialism collapsed and capitalism revived in the former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries.

The former Soviet Union was ruined by Gorbachev, but it began to be undermined from the time of Khrushchev. Khrushchev viciously vilified Stalin, allegedly to oppose the “personality cult” and denied the role played by the leader in the revolutionary struggle. Since then, the Party of the Soviet Union has lost the centre of its leadership. If a working-class party loses the centre of its leadership and is not guided by the leader, its fighting efficiency will be paralysed, and thus it will not be able to lead the revolution and construction correctly.

These days I meet those who were active in the former Communist Parties of the European countries. Whenever I meet them, I explain to them the correlation between the leader, the party and the masses by comparing it to a peach, greatly

emphasizing the role played by the party and the leader in the revolution and construction. I tell them: The external part of the peach consists of flesh, and inside the flesh there is a stone which contains the seed. The seed of the peach can be likened to the leader, the stone to the party and the flesh to the masses. In order to strengthen the party, you must rally the masses firmly around the party centred on the leader. Our Party has been able to become the powerful party we see today because it has achieved the unity and cohesion of the entire people with the leader as the centre.

Negating the role of the leader is aimed, in the long run, at destroying the party and making a mess of the revolution. As Khrushchev denied the leader's role after he came to power, the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union gradually became impotent and people opposed the party's leadership, claiming "democracy." The party almost neglected ideological education among its members and the working people. Instead of doing this, it only emphasized material incentives, with the result that people became miserly. They cared nothing for the party, the country and the people. They only gave thought to how they could make money and live in comfort by buying cars and villas, and girls wanted to marry only those men who had cars or villas. As the people's ideological and mental state came to such a deplorable pass, they could not distinguish the reactionary nature of the "new way of thinking" put forward by Gorbachev. The "new way of thinking" means that one should join hands with the imperialists, too, because there is no more enemy at present. When Gorbachev was loudly advertising "glasnost" (openness) and "restructuring" under the fraudulent slogan of the "new way of thinking," the people of the former Soviet Union accepted them meekly. As a result, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union with a membership of 18 million was ruined overnight and the Soviet Union collapsed.

The people of the former Soviet Union who have learned a

lesson from the collapse of its Communist Party and the Soviet Union are now fighting to reconstruct socialism. It seems that they have realized that capitalism is good only for the capitalists but bad for the people, because they have experienced a good deal of the bitter taste of capitalism. If they are to restore socialism, they must make vigorous efforts, rallied in the same ranks.

These days, many people from the Commonwealth of Independent States visit our country and they ask us to defend socialism unfailingly. Whenever they ask us, I tell them that we will not abandon the banner of socialism, and that we will continue to advance under the red banner of socialism, singing loudly the revolutionary song which reads in part, "Let cowards flinch and traitors sneer; we will keep the Red Flag flying here." I think that they will be able to accomplish their aim before long if they make energetic efforts.

The present situation at home is also very tense. The US imperialists and their stooges are trying all means and ways to stifle our Republic regarding it as a thorn in their flesh, as we are defending the banner of socialism without any vacillation even under the grave circumstances when socialism has collapsed in the former Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries. The United States is now making the situation extremely tense by instigating some undesirable forces in the International Atomic Energy Agency to impose a "special inspection" upon two of our military sites. We have not yielded to the unreasonable demands and pressure of the United States and the IAEA, which follows its dictates. We declared a state of semi-war throughout the country and took a decisive measure to declare our withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in order to safeguard the sovereignty of the country and the supreme interests of the nation. The United States has brought our "nuclear issue" to the UN Security Council and is threatening that it will take sanctions

unless we rejoin the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. However, we are not afraid of any pressure, intimidation or blackmail on the part of the United States. The DPRK-US talks are now being held on the “nuclear issue” and we will never make any concession on the principle.

Adhering to the revolutionary principle is the firm conviction which we have been maintaining for a long time. In the past a paean dedicated to Lenin was sung frequently in the Far East of the Soviet Union and in Northeast China, a song which read in part that Lenin was loved by the workers, but hated by the capitalists. I started singing the song when I was 12, and was resolved to start a revolution. It is good to be loved by the workers and hated by the capitalists. We are not in the least afraid of being hated by the enemy, nor do we make any concession on the principle by yielding to the pressure of the enemy. The United States and its satellites are now viciously manoeuvring to stifle our Republic under the pretext of the “nuclear issue,” but they will never bring our people into submission. We will firmly defend the people-centred socialism of our own style, resolutely countering the manoeuvres of the enemy.

We are now living in the era of revolution, in the era of struggle. There may be temporary difficulties and trials on the road of the revolution. Therefore, you must not hesitate in the face of temporary obstacles and difficulties, but should conduct the national reunification movement more dauntlessly among our compatriots.

To this end, you must, before anything else, closely unite all compatriots living in the Commonwealth of Independent States behind the Association for the Promotion of Korea’s Reunification. It is a good thing that you have established your own newspaper office even under difficult conditions. In order to rally the compatriots around this association by awakening them, you must

ensure that all of them read the newspaper by building a newspaper office and increasing its circulation. A considerable number of Koreans are living in the Commonwealth of Independent States, so publishing the newspaper in large numbers will be of great effect in educating the compatriots.

In order to vigorously conduct the national reunification movement among the compatriots, it is necessary to organize various functions including art festivals. You have said that you intend to hold the Second Conference of the Association for the Promotion of Korea's Reunification in the conference hall in the centre of State Duma in Moscow. I think it will be very good to do so. If you do so, this will enhance the prestige of the association among the compatriots and also raise their spirit.

You must efficiently work with the young compatriots. You have said that you will convene a rally of young compatriots in Moscow in September to form their organization. It will be good to do so. If you form an organization of young people in future and unite all of them behind it, they will play a great role in the struggle for national reunification.

Since you are conducting the national reunification movement while living in the Commonwealth of Independent States, you must establish close relations with the Communist parties, the young communist leagues and other progressive political parties and social organizations there and vigorously wage a joint struggle.

We are now fighting to reunify our country under very difficult conditions. However, the just cause of our people for national reunification will surely emerge victorious.

I believe that you will conduct the national reunification movement more vigorously in the Commonwealth of Independent States in future.