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We should feel great pride and dignity in the fact that our Party and people achieved a brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung led our Party and people to victory in the war with his outstanding and refined guidance. It marked the beginning of the downfall of US imperialism and rendered an immortal contribution to the development of the world revolution.

The US imperialists started the Korean war, and they are the sworn enemy of our people.

They are attempting to shift the responsibility for starting the war onto us, but they cannot possibly distort the stark truth of history.

Having occupied south Korea in the place of the Japanese imperialists after the Second World War, they frantically set about preparing for a war against the northern half of Korea. They pushed ahead with their preparations from the first days of their occupation of south Korea, and at dawn on June 25, 1953—a Sunday—together with their south Korean puppets, they launched an all-out surprise armed invasion of the northern half of Korea.

This posed a grim danger for our country and people.

When war broke out in Korea, many people around the world were deeply concerned for the Korean people. They doubted whether the young Democratic People's Republic of Korea would be able to defeat US imperialism, which boasted of being the "strongest" in the world.

The Fatherland Liberation War was a grim fight that was decisive to the destiny of our Party and people; it was the period of their harshest trials. The US imperialists made desperate efforts to crush our Republic in its cradle—hurling huge forces and colossal amounts of the latest combat equipment to the Korean front and resorting to every conceivable method and means with a barbarity that was unprecedented in the history of warfare. But whatever they tried, they could not bring our people, who were firmly convinced of the validity of their cause and solidly united around their Party and leader, to their knees.

The heroic Korean people and the Korean People's Army, by giving full play to their mass heroism under the wise guidance of the great leader, repulsed the brigandish armed invasion by the US imperialists and won a brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation

War. It was a miracle without any precedent in the world history of warfare that such a young and small country, which had been liberated no more than five years before, won a war against the allied imperialist forces headed by the United States.

Our people's historic victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War was the great fruition of the outstanding guidance of the respected leader.

In achieving victory in the war, the great leader, with his outstanding and refined leadership, rallied the entire Party and all the people into a single political force.

An army and people firmly united around their party and leader are decisive to achieving victory in a revolutionary war. Unity means certain victory and division leads to defeat.

The great leader, considering invincible unity and cohesion of the Party and the people to be the key factor for winning the war, strengthened the Party organizationally and ideologically and, based on this, rallied all the people and the entire army closely around the Party in a single political force. Then he roused them for the fight to defend the sovereignty of the country and nation.

Immediately after the outbreak of the war, he sent a

letter on behalf of the Party Central Committee to all Party organizations and their members, calling on them to reform the Party's work system as appropriate to the wartime environment, consolidate the Party organizationally and ideologically, and enhance its leadership role in all units and at all posts.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee held during the war under the wise guidance of the leader were of radical importance in safeguarding and steadily strengthening the unity and cohesion of the Party. Several plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and the struggle to implement their decisions served as occasions for further raising the Party spirit of its members, and for overcoming factionalism, the tendency to liberalism, the worship of big powers and dogmatism. They strengthened the ties between the Party and the masses of the people, and brought about a significant advance in the endeavour to establish a Juche orientation. As a result, our Party was further strengthened organizationally and ideologically, and its might and combat efficiency were decisively increased.

While strengthening the Party organizationally and ideologically, the great leader ensured that the officials

of Party and government organs launched a powerful struggle to carry out the class line and mass line and improve their method and style of work. His wise leadership served to further strengthen the worker-peasant alliance, rally broad sections of the masses from various social strata around the Party, and make the unity and cohesion of the Party and the people invincible.

The following happened at the time of our temporary strategic retreat during the Fatherland Liberation War. One night the leader, on his way to the front line, happened to meet an old man. He asked the old man where he was going so late at night. The old man answered that he was going to General Kim Il Sung. When the leader asked him why he was going to General Kim Il Sung, the old man said: I cannot see your face in this darkness, but we have no one else but him to turn to; we can have a way out and survive and win this war only when we follow him, isn't that right?

The leader often remembers him. This story clearly shows how genuine and solid was the iron faith of our people who, having entrusted their destiny entirely to the leader, believed in and followed him alone, as well as the unity and cohesion of the masses of the people

who were firmly rallied behind him.

All our people and service personnel fought heroically, united around him with one mind and purpose and with a conviction that they were sure to win the war as long as they were led by him, a legendary hero and ever-victorious, iron-willed commander. Herein lies the secret of our victory in the war.

The great leader led our army and people to defeat the US imperialists and achieve a brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation War by dint of their politico-ideological superiority and strategic and tactical supremacy.

The decisive role in a war is played not by weapons or military technology but by the ideological consciousness of the masses of the people and soldiers, who are its direct executors.

To frustrate the numerical and technical superiority of the imperialist aggressors by dint of the politico-ideological superiority of his service personnel and people—this is a basic principle the leader has consistently maintained in his military leadership. As required by the wartime environment, he ensured that the cultural departments in the army were reformed into political departments and that Party organizations

were established in all army units, thereby intensifying the Party's leadership of the People's Army. In particular, he made sure that powerful politico-ideological education was conducted so as to give full play to the politico-ideological superiority of the People's Army. Thanks to the powerful politico-ideological education conducted among the service personnel under his leadership, they were able to display to the full the lofty revolutionary spirit of fighting for the Party and the leader, the country and the people, even at the cost of their lives.

Our service personnel and all the people, cherishing boundless loyalty to the Party and the leader, gave full play to their unyielding revolutionary spirit and unexcelled mass heroism in battle, thus performing immortal feats that will shine for ever in the history of our country.

The heroic struggle waged by the soldiers of the coastal artillery company on Wolmi Island and the defenders of Height 1211 clearly shows how lofty was the revolutionary spirit of our People's Army soldiers. Although the enemy continuously and barbarously bombed and bombarded their height and launched scores of assaults a day against them, the defenders of Height 1211 defended every inch of the country's land

at the cost of their blood, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The hearts of the People's Army soldiers pulsed with the iron faith that the motherland is the leader, and with the undaunted revolutionary spirit of dedicating their lives without hesitation to their one and only motherland. Because they cherished this revolutionary spirit, they could create a great miracle without precedent in the history of human warfare.

Our people demonstrated mass heroism also in the rear during the Fatherland Liberation War. Our people, including the ten Party members of Ragwon, who were filled with an unyielding revolutionary spirit and firm confidence in victory, even under the indiscriminate bombing by enemy aircraft produced hand grenades, rifles and shells and fought on burning hills and in trenches alongside the soldiers.

It is because they displayed to the full an unyielding revolutionary spirit in faithful support of the guidance of the leader, that our people and army could overcome the grim trials of war and achieve victory. A foreigner who was visiting our country during the war said that he could not distinguish who was a soldier and who was a civilian, and that the US imperialists would never bring the Korean people,

who were fighting, united as one, to their knees.

The great leader defeated the numerically and technically superior enemy by dint of his outstanding military strategies and tactics, and unique art of command.

It is only by fighting with scientific strategies and tactics and an adroit art of command that one can defeat invaders by effectively mobilizing the inexhaustible might of the army and people.

Based on the Juche standpoint, the great leader constantly created original strategies and tactics and a novel art of command, and skilfully applied them.

He dealt the aggressors annihilating blows at every stage of the war, while maintaining a firm hold on the initiative by always applying offensive strategies and tactics. In this way, he completely frustrated the enemy's numerical and technical superiority and their reckless attempts at blitz warfare.

With a keen insight into the shifting military and political situation and the enemy's weak points and insidious attempts, he always led our army and people to victory by dint of his outstanding wisdom, adroit strategies and tactics, and original art of command.

As early as the first days of the war, he saw through the enemy's insidious attempts and devised a military

strategy for annihilating the enemy in a short time by dint of high mobility and regular strikes, so as to liberate south Korea as a whole before the US imperialists could throw huge forces in. This was a wise strategic policy which was based on a correct analysis and assessment of the prevailing situation, the balance of forces between us and the enemy, and the enemy's weaknesses.

Through his outstanding military strategies and tactics and refined art of command, he transformed misfortune into blessing also in the most testing periods. In this way he opened up the phase of victory in the war on his own initiative. When a highly unfavourable situation was created due to a considerable difference in strength between us and the enemy, he advanced the extraordinary policy of executing a temporary strategic retreat in a short span of time and then rapidly switching over to counterattack. This was a positive, offensive policy that succeeded in promptly reorganizing our forces while preserving and strengthening them, and in delivering a renewed, decisive blow to the enemy.

While organizing and commanding the strategic retreat, he took the bold and wise measure of forming a second front behind enemy lines, which would

disperse and weaken the enemy's forces and strike them powerfully from both the front and the rear. The formation of the second front was a truly outstanding military strategy which allowed us to tip the situation in our favour and firmly maintain the initiative in the fight against the incomparably superior enemy forces.

All the military strategies, tactics and art of command advanced by the leader were completely original and bold ones that could not be fathomed through any existing military knowledge and formulas.

On the basis of a full calculation of the requirements of modern warfare and the actual situation in our country, he created and employed many original tactics. These included combined operations by regular army units and guerrillas and by large units and small units, assault, encirclement and annihilation, mountain warfare, night operations, active positional defence based on tunnels, and tank and aircraft hunting team operations. All these tactics proved highly effective in crushing the enemy's numerical and technical superiority.

Our historic victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War demonstrates that consolidating the rear and enlisting a country's entire material and economic potential is a major guarantee of success.

Consolidating the rear and enlisting the country's entire material and economic potential is a law-governed requirement of modern warfare and a major factor in victory. Modern warfare can be called a process of consuming colossal quantities of materiel. Victory cannot be guaranteed without supplying huge quantities of materiel required in the war promptly and by one's own efforts. How the country's material forces are mobilized has a major impact on the war's outcome.

The great leader advanced wartime economic policies which embodied the revolutionary principle of self-reliance, and he inspired the entire Party and all the people to enlist all the material and economic potential of the country for the war effort.

Under his wise leadership, our people placed all the sectors of the national economy on a war footing in a very short period, created powerful munitions industry bases, and ensured smooth wartime production and transport.

In hearty response to the leader's militant appeal, our working class heroically struggled even under the enemy's indiscriminate bombing to meet the demand of the front and the rear for materiel and daily necessities. The various emulation drives for

increasing wartime production, such as the front shock brigade movement and movement for producing two or three times their norms, clearly reflect the revolutionary spirit of our working class and their efforts for wartime production.

The peasants, cherishing the slogans advanced by the leader “The struggle for food is a struggle for the country and for victory at the front!” and “Sowing is also a battle!” turned out enthusiastically in the effort to increase the wartime production of grain, and the transport workers devoted themselves heart and soul to ensuring wartime transport.

The leader saw to it that the work of supporting the front was conducted dynamically as an all-people drive. The policy of an all-people movement for supporting the front put forward by the leader was a wise policy that created a situation in which we could tap all the reserves and potential of the country by relying on the patriotism and revolutionary zeal of the people, and to meet the material demands of the front through the efforts of the country itself.

Our people, in hearty response to the leader’s call, turned out as one and conducted the movement of donating funds for arms, the patriotic movement for donating cereals, and other movements to support the

front. The people in the rear sent gifts and letters to the front, encouraging the People's Army soldiers in their fight. The people in the frontline areas, such as the famous women of the Namgang Village in Kosong County, Kangwon Province, transported ammunition by carrying it on their backs under a hail of bullets and gunfire, and defended the transport routes linking front and rear at the cost of their blood.

By consolidating the rear and enlisting all the material and economic potential of the country under the wise guidance of the leader, we could achieve a brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The brilliant victory in the Fatherland Liberation War achieved by our people under the wise guidance of the great leader was a historic event which smashed the myth of the US imperialists' "overwhelming might" and started their downfall.

Witnessing the US imperialists' first-ever defeat at the hands of the DPRK in the Korean war, the revolutionary peoples around the world hardened their conviction that they were fully able to win in a fight with the US imperialists. With the Fatherland Liberation War as the momentum, their struggle against imperialism and the United States entered the era of a fresh upsurge.

The immortal exploits performed by the great leader for the times and history by leading us to victory in the Fatherland Liberation War will shine for ever in the history of the struggle of our people and the world's revolutionary peoples.

We should cherish great pride and dignity in waging the revolution under the guidance of the respected leader, an ever-victorious, iron-willed commander and great military strategist. In this way, during our military training here, we can arm ourselves more firmly with his outstanding military ideas and art of command.

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