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Telegram

Date: 29 October 1957
From: Nam Il, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Democratic People's Republic
of Korea, P'yongyang
To: Sir Leslie Munro and Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General,
United Nations, New York

Text of Telegram:

On 25 October 1957, the United Nations General Assembly in plenary session again adopted an unfair resolution asserting that only South Korea was "fully qualified for ... membership in the United Nations". In this connexion, I am authorized by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to send you, and through you to all representatives of the Members of the United Nations, the following letter.

It is well-known that at present the solution to the Korean problem lies not in the illegal admission to the United Nations of merely one part of divided Korea, but in the unification of a divided country by peaceful means on democratic principles.

The unilateral admission to the United Nations of South Korea alone would mean that Korea, which should be united, would on the contrary remain for ever divided.

For this reason, the Security Council on 9 September 1957 again rejected the proposal for the unilateral admission of South Korea to the United Nations.

In contrast, the representatives of certain States Members of the United Nations continue to press for the unilateral admission of South Korea in the United Nations. It is particularly intolerable that these actions are inspired by United States ruling circles.

As a result of such a state of affairs, not only the authority of the United Nations being undermined but the Organization is being increasingly deflected from its original noble Purposes and principles.

Syngman Rhee's authority is confined to the territory of South Korea. Notonly does it not represent the will of the whole Korean people, but even in South Korea it does not enjoy the people's support and is maintaining itself with the aid of the bayonets of foreign occupying armies.

In violation of the United Nations Charter the Syngman Rhee authorities are calling for a new war. They are calling for a denunciation of the Korean Armistice Agreement and for a new "campaign against the North". What is more, the Syngman Rhee authorities not only do not recognize the United Nations Charter but are furiously attempting to undermine it.

In view of the above-mentioned facts, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regards as completely unjustified the resolution adopted on 25 October 1957 by the United Nations General Assembly in plenary session asserting that only the Syngman Rhee authorities are qualified for unilateral admission to the United Nations.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea emphasized that this decision will prove to be merely a stumbling block to the solution of the Korean problem. It considers that a meeting of the States concerned, including representatives of North and South Korea would promote a just settlement of the Korean problem, which has now reached an impasse owing to the intrigues of the United States Government.

Through this message I am transmitting to you the will of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and of the whole Korean people. Will you kindly circulate this letter among the representatives of the States Members of the United Nations.

I hope that you will accede to my request without delay and express my profound gratitude to you.

Nam Il, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Democratic People's
Republic of Korea
