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In a meeting with the PRC military delegation, Kim Kwang-hae gives a report to express gratitude on military, economic and technical aid from China and confirms the mutual friendship between PRC and DPRK.

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I took part at a ceremonial meeting devoted to the 10th anniversary of the entry into the war of the Chinese People's Volunteers. The meeting was held in the Bolshoi Theater. Kim Il Sung and all KWP CC Presidium members were present. Minister of National Defense Kim Kwang-hae [sic], recently appointed a Deputy Chairman of the DPRK Cabinet of Ministers, gave a report.

In his report Kim Kwang-hae said, "In the name of the Korean Worker's Party and government of the republic, in the name of all the Korean people I express deep respect and praise the valiant sons and daughters of the Chinese people who made their contribution to the common cause of a just struggle against American aggression.

With all my heart I thank the Communist Party of China headed by Cde. Mao Zedong, all the Chinese people, and all the soldiers and officers of the Chinese People's Volunteer detachments who shed blood in helping the Korean people".

The report stressed that "the American imperialists mobilized an enormous military force and modern equipment on the Korean front, raged, using various barbaric methods, but suffered an ignominious defeat before the heroic struggle of the Korean People's Army and the detachments of the Chinese People's Volunteers, before a united strength, and they were finally left with nothing to do but bend their knees before the peoples of Korea and China and sign the armistice agreement" (my stress).

The report notes that "the peoples and armed forces of Korea and China with the moral support and aid of the peoples of the fraternal countries of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union and the peace-loving peoples of the entire world won a victory over the American aggressors, ruined the vile aggressive designs of the American imperialists who were trying to conquer all of Korea, and made an enormous contribution to the great cause of peace in the Far East and in the entire world".

The speaker then stressed that the fraternal Chinese people gave enormous economic and technical aid after the war and that mutual cooperation between the Korean and Chinese peoples in the cause of socialist development is steadily expanding and developing. It says in the report,

"the recently concluded agreement between our government and the PRC government about the granting of credits, the agreement to supply complete equipment and extending technical aid is clear evidence of the ever-growing mutual cooperation and friendship between our countries".

Marshal He Long, head of the PRC military delegation, spoke at the ceremonial meeting.

In the beginning of his speech He Long said, "The Chinese and Korean peoples, who fought shoulder to shoulder, inflicted a defeat on the aggressors, who could not fail to admit their defeat and not sign the armistice agreement. It was thereby shown that American imperialism is a "paper tiger", and the myth of its might was dispelled" (my stress).

The representation of the Chinese military delegation stands out. The delegation was headed by Deputy Chairman of the State Defense Committee and Deputy Premier of the PRC State Council Marshal He Long. Members of the delegation were: Deputy Premier of the State Council and Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army Luo Ruiqing; General-Colon and Chief of the PRC Air Forces Liu Yalou; General-Colonel Yang Yong (former Commanding General of the Chinese People's Volunteers); General-Colonel Chen Xiliang (former Member of the Military Council of the Chinese People's Volunteers); General-Lieutenant Qiao Xiangrong; and Vice Admiral Zhou Xixang.

The delegation arrived on Pyongyang on 23 October. On the same day a 20-person ensemble of the People's Liberation Army of China arrived by special train.

A report of the visit of the military delegation of the People's Republic of China to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was published in Rodong Sinmun on 17 October, that is, right after the publication of a 12 October report that the visit of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to the DPRK was being postpone for some time. In the report about the military delegation it said that it was invited by Deputy Chairman of the DPRK Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of National Defense Kim Kwang-hae.

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