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Note from the Embassy of the Polish Republic in Korea

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Summary:

The Polish Embassy in DPRK reports on the intensification of US bombings in North Korea.

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□The intensification of the bombing of North Korea has recently been growing v. significantly, and the air raids are usually taking place at night. The number of USA airplanes that appear over North Korea reaches 2,500 per 24-hour period.

□The powerful hits are still directed against cities, rail hubs and warehouses, but the imperialists' main air forces are trying to disturb the system of fortifications at the front, near the front and on the coast, and to destroy the military units of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Chinese volunteers. Furthermore, air raids against the North Korean villages are becoming more frequent. Thus, for example, on 8 February at 1 a.m., the USA air force completely destroyed a village 4 km. away from the Hungarian hospital. Using fragmentation bombs, firebombs and napalm, they leveled the village in 1 hour, and of the 340 inhabitants none came out alive, 300 were killed and 40 were grievously wounded. This is thus not only an effort to terrorize the Democratic People's Republic of Korea but a planned and executed physical destruction of the population of North Korea.

□Korea's Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are appealing to and organizing the population to increase their vigilance in the fight against epidemic diseases and to speed up the work on air-raid shelters.

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