Revolutionary Friendship, Militant Unity

July 11 this year was the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Sino-Korean Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance. The people of the two countries held grand, enthusiastic celebration activities to mark this event.

China and Korea Exchange Party and Government Delegations

China and Korea exchanged Party and Government Delegations to take part in each other's celebration activities. The Party and Government Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with Kim Jung Rin, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party, as its head and Kim Man Gum, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Vice-Premier of the Cabinet of the D.P.R.K., as its deputy head arrived in Peking on the morning of July 10 by special plane at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government. Members of the delegation were: Kim Chol Man, Member of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and First Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army; Li Bong Gil, Member of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Chief Secretary of the Chagang Provincial Committee of the Korean Workers' Party; Han Yong Hak, Member of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Political Commissar of the First Army Group of the Korean People's Army; Kim Gil Hyon, Deputy Director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party; Kim Jae Bong, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the D.P.R.K.; and Hyun Jun Keuk, Ambassador of the D.P.R.K. to China.

The Chinese Party and Government Delegation with Li Hsien-nien, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Vice-Premier of the State Council, as its head and Li Teh-sheng, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, as its deputy head arrived in Pyongyang by special plane also on the morning of July 10, at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and the Government of the D.P.R.K. Members of the delegation were: Keng Piao, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Head of the International Liaison Department of the C.P.C. Central Committee; Pai Hsiang-kuo, Minister of Foreign Trade; Li Yao-wen, Vice-Foreign Minister; Han Tsung-cheng, Vice-Minister of Economic Relations With Foreign Countries; and Li Yun-chuan, Chinese Ambassador to the D.P.R.K.

When the Korean Party and Government Delegation arrived in Peking and the Chinese Party and Government Delegation arrived in Pyongyang they were warmly received by the Chinese and Korean Party and government leaders respectively. The 4,000 revolutionary people gathered in Peking Airport to welcome the Korean comrades-in-arms from the forefront of the struggle against U.S. imperialism carried huge streamers inscribed with "Learn from the heroic Korean people! Salute the heroic Korean people!" and "Long live the militant friendship between the Parties and peoples of China and Korea!" Pyongyang Airport that day had a festive look as thousands of people braved the rain to welcome the Chinese comrades-in-arms.

Grand Banquets

In Peking and Pyongyang on the evening of July 10, grand banquets were held by the Parties and Governments of the two countries to warmly celebrate this festive day. Party and government leaders of China and Korea as well as the two Party and Government Delegations were present at the banquets.

At the banquet held in the Banquet Hall of the Great Hall of the People in Peking, Comrade Huang Yung-sheng, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, first of all extended festive greetings to the Korean Workers' Party, the Korean Government and the Korean people, and a warm welcome to the Korean Party and Government Delegation on behalf of the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese Government and the Chinese people.

Comrade Huang Yung-sheng said: The history over the past ten years has proved that the signing of the Sino-Korean Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance was most timely and necessary.
It has played a very important role in further enhancing the militant friendship between the two peoples, strengthening the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism and ensuring the security of the two peoples, and its great might has become increasingly apparent.

After speaking about the present excellent international situation, and the militant friendship sealed in blood between the Chinese and Korean peoples who have gone through thick and thin together and shared weal and woe, Comrade Huang Yung-sheng said: The U.S. and Japanese reactionaries are now reviving Japanese militarism and intensifying their military collusion in a wild attempt to take the old path of aggression against Korea and China. However, gone for ever are the days when they could ride roughshod and do whatever they pleased. Today, as China and Korea are more powerful and the two peoples are united still more closely, it can be said with certainty that should they, blinded by their lust for gain and out of their minds, dare to launch a new war of aggression against the Chinese and Korean peoples, they will only suffer an even more disastrous defeat.

Comrade Kim Jung Rin said at the banquet that the conclusion of the Korean-Chinese Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance was an epoch-making event.

With inseparable ties of militant friendship, he said, this treaty has even more closely bound together the Korean and Chinese peoples who have all along fought shoulder to shoulder as revolutionary comrades-in-arms and class brothers. It has shown more and more clearly its great vitality in the present situation in Asia in which U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism, working hand in glove, are intensifying their scheming activities of aggression and war on an unprecedented scale.

Reviewing the solidarity and militant friendship of the Korean and Chinese peoples, Comrade Kim Jung Rin said: It is our firm conviction through practice that so long as we get united and carry out struggles, we are able to defeat any enemy however powerful it may be. Should U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism launch a new adventurous war of aggression in disregard of the lessons of history, they will perish in the flames kindled by themselves.

He pledged: In the struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys, the Korean people will closely unite and advance with all the revolutionary people in Asia and make all-out efforts to give active support and assistance to the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia in their heroic struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

At the banquet held in the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang, Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers’ Party and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet of the D.P.R.K., first of all extended, in the name of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers’ Party, the Government of the Republic and the entire Korean people, warm militant regards to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese Government and the entire Chinese people, and warmly welcomed the visiting Chinese Party and Government Delegation.
He said: The present visit of the Chinese Party and Government Delegation to our country specially for celebrating together with our people the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Korean-Chinese Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance demonstrates clearly once again the unbreakable militant friendship and unity between the people of our two countries.

He declared: In the days to come, we will remain loyal to the profound revolutionary friendship formed in history and to the fundamental spirit of the Korean-Chinese Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance and strengthen with all our efforts our friendship and unity with the fraternal Chinese people.

Comrade Li Hsien-nien said at the banquet: The ten years since the signing of the Sino-Korean Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance have witnessed a tremendous all-round development in the fraternal friendship and friendly co-operation between our two peoples. Our two countries have supported and assisted each other and worked together in close co-ordination in our struggle against the common enemies; we have helped each other and marched forward together in the cause of building socialism. Particularly in recent years, the exchange of visits between the leaders of our two countries has made new important contributions to the further strengthening and development of the militant friendship between our two peoples. At present, U.S. imperialism and the Japanese reactionaries, working hand in glove, are stepping up their military collusion and the revival of Japanese militarism. In face of the new aggression and war threats by the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, it is all the more necessary for our two peoples to closely co-ordinate with and support and assist each other in the common fight against the enemies. In these circumstances, the exchange of Party and Government Delegations between our two countries for the solemn commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Sino-Korean Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance is of great significance both to the further strengthening of the fraternal alliance between China and Korea and to the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism.

Both banquets were filled with the warm atmosphere of the sincere friendship and militant solidarity between the people of the two countries.

**Grand Rallies in Peking and Pyongyang**

On July 11, Peking and Pyongyang held impressive rallies to celebrate this important occasion.

The big rally in Peking was sponsored by the Peking Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee.

On the rostrum were Kim Jung Rin, head of the Korean Party and Government Delegation; Kim Man Gum, deputy head of the delegation; and members of the delegation: Kim Chol Man, Li Bong Gil, Han Yong Hak, Kim Gil Hyon, Kim Jae Bong, Hyun Jun Keuk and the wife of the Korean Ambassador Madame Hyun Jun Keuk and the Minister-Counsellor of the Korean Embassy in Peking Kim Jai Suk.

Also on the rostrum were Cambodian, Vietnamese and Laotian comrades-in-arms:

Chan Youran, Minister of Popular Education and Youth of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Ker Meas, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to China.

Peking Review, No. 29
Nguyen Van Quang, Ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam to China;

Nguyen Tien, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Peking; and

Sone Khamvanvongsa, representative of the Lao Patriotic Front.

Leading Chinese Party and government comrades attending the rally were: Chou En-lai, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Premier of the State Council; Huang Yung-sheng, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army; Chang Chun-chiao, Yao Wen-yuan and Yeh Chun, Members of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee; Wu Fa-hsien, Li Tsopeng and Chiu Hui-tso, Members of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Deputy Chiefs of the P.L.A. General Staff; Chi Teng-kuei, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee; and Kuo Mo-jo, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

After the rally was declared open by Wu Teh, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Second Secretary of the Peking Municipal Committee of the C.P.C. and Vice-Chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, Comrade Yao Wen-yuan and Comrade Kim Jung Rin addressed the rally (for excerpts of their speeches see pp. 12 and 14). They spoke highly of the new and greater development of the militant friendship and revolutionary unity sealed in blood between the Chinese and Korean peoples in the past decade. They expressed the iron will and firm determination of the two peoples to carry the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism through to the end.

Amid thunderous applause, the rally and the Korean Party and Government Delegation exchanged silk banners. The banner presented by the rally to the delegation read: “Long live the revolutionary friendship and militant unity between the Parties and peoples of China and Korea!” The banner presented by the delegation to the rally read: “Long live the militant friendship and unity sealed in blood between the Korean and Chinese peoples!”

The mass rally in Pyongyang was sponsored by the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Korean Workers' Party, the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee and the Central Committee of the Korea-China Friendship Association.

On the rostrum were Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Senior General O Jin U, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army; So Chol, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and Vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Yang Hyong Soo, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party; and Ho Dam, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Kim Gyong Ryon, Minister of Finance and Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korea-China Friendship Association; Kim Yong Nam, Deputy Director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party; Kye Ung Tae, Minister of Foreign Trade; Kong Jin Tae, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Economic Relations; Colonel-General Kim Dae Hong, Vice-Minister of National Defence; Pak Yong Sin, Minister of Culture; Chon Chang Chol, Chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions; Li Rim Su, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Agricultural Working People's Union; and Han Byong Hui, Secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Korean Workers' Party.

Also on the rostrum were Li Hsien-nien, head of the Chinese Party and Government Delegation; Li Teh-sheng, deputy head of the delegation; and delegation members: Keng Piao, Pal Haixiang-kuo, Li Yao-wen, Han Tsung-cheng and Li Yun-chuan.

Comrade Pak Sung Chul spoke first at the rally (see p. 18). Then Li Chang In, Vice-Chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, presented a banner to the Chinese Party and Government Delegation in the name of the rally. The banner was inscribed with the words: “Long live the unbreakable militant friendship and unity cemented in blood between the people of Korea and China!”

Comrade Li Hsien-nien then delivered a speech (see p. 20). After his speech, the Chinese Party and Government Delegation presented the mass rally with an embroidered portrait of Premier Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, shaking hands with Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the great leader of the Chinese people.

The rally vehemently denounced the policies of aggression and war of the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries and fully demonstrated the revolutionary friendship and militant unity of the people of Korea and China on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.