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CLAIMS COLONEL IGNATOV KILLED ON 38TH FRONT -- Pusan, Kukche Sinpo, 12 Feb 51

Ch'oe Chong-chin, leader of the Red cultural infiltration agents recently arrested by the Joint Investigation Headquarters of the Republic of Korea Army and Attorney Caneral's Office, confirmed the report that the Soviet military advisers directly supervised the North Korean invasion of 25 June 1950. In a press interview on 10 February, Ch'oe disclosed that Colonel Ignatov, who was chief counse or of the Soviet Embassy in P'yongyang, was killed in the vicinity of Kiyang near the 38th Parallel while personally directing the invasion.

Ch'oe further stated that at the time of one invasion, there were about 3,000 Soviet troops in Songch'on (northeast of P'yongyang in P'yongan Namdo), and 3,000 more in Yonghung (northwest of Wonsan, in Hamgyong Namdo) besides about ten Soviet military advisers attached to each regiment of the North Korean People's Army. Ch'oe said that the preparations for invasion were completed in 1949, and at that times more than 1,000 "large-size" Soviet tanks were concealed along the 38th Parallel. He added that the USSR was reported to have received rice, gold, and industrial products from North Korea for these tanks. The North Korean tankmen were trained to operate these tanks, usually in Siberia but sometimes in North Korea in secrecy.

Asked to describe briefly the circumstances leading up to the 25 June invasion, Ch'oe stated:

"In the latter part of May, Kim Il-song was in Moscow and received final approval for the invasion of South Korea. He returned from Moscow on 2 June by plane. (It was his custom to fly to Moscow about once every 2 months very secretly.) On 3 June, he called a secret meeting of the North Korean leaders at the home of Hong Nam-p'yo, vice-chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly. About 80 official cars were seen outside Hong's residence that day. The logistics and troop mobilization problems were reportedly discussed at the meeting. Hong Nam-p'yo died at this meeting due to cerebral anemia.

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"From 20 June until the day of invasion, no civilian passengers were allowed on the Seoul-Wonsan and Seoul-Sinuiju railroad lines, for these lines were transporting military freight at an average of one train every 30 minutes, or from 40 to 50 freight trains daily. At 1000 hours, 25 June, Kim Il-song broadcast from P'yongyang charging that 'the South Korean puppet government has at last embarked on a long-prepared invasion of the North. The enemy has penetrated 3 miles north of the 38th Parallel, and Hasju has fallen to the enemy.' Thirty minutes later, he broadcast again, saying 'No longer able to endure the situation, we have ordered our people's armed forces to launch decisive counterattacks and march south of the 38th Parallel in pursuit of the enemy.'"

NURSE SAYS KIM IL-SONG SUFFERING FROM HEART AND VENERFAL DISTANCE Sinpo, 1 Mar 51

Cho Ok-hui, a 25-year old former private nurse of Kim Il-song, disclosed in a press interview on 28 February 1951 in the office of Col Kim Ch'ang-yong, director of the Joint Investigation Headquarters, that Kim Il-song is suffering from a heart ailment as well as from "various kinds" of venereal diseases.

The nurse asserted that Kim Il-song is a feminist in his own way and, vehemently advocating the "equal rights for both sexes" which he incorporated in the constitution of North Korea, takes liberty of "any woman that comes in his sight." The puppet premier is being treated with pencillin and "Gatupelson" [Solverson?] injections. He has been regular patient of the P'yongyang Central Hospital.

Kim Il-song has an ll-year old son, Kim Yu-na, and a 5-year old daughter, Kim Kyong-cha.

NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT GOES UNDERGROUND -- Pusan, Tong-A Ilbo, 26 Feb 51

It has been disclosed by a member of a group of Communist spies now under investigation by the Intelligence Section of the Republic of Korea Public Peace Bureau, that Kim Il-song, who is now in Kanggye, P'yongan Pukto, lives 123 feet underground to protect himself from UN bombings. His entire government staff has moved and governs the people from 37 feet underground. According to the spy, when Kim was in P'yongyang last year he used to work only from 1600 to 0100 or 0200 o'clock.

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