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A.M. Puzanov and Kim Chang-man discuss on the possible arrival of a Soviet Army ensemble to the DPRK next year. Puzanov and Kim Il exchange opinions on the development of agriculture in North Korea.

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of Soviet Ambassador in the DPRK Cde. A. M. PUZANOV
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I was on an official trip in Moscow from 10 November through 3 December 1960. I returned to Pyongyang with the DPRK Party-government delegation headed by Kim Il which took part in the celebration of the 43rd anniversary of Great October and in the work of the Conference of representatives of Communist and worker's Parties.

Speaking of the upcoming talks concerning the plan of cultural and scientific cooperation between the USSR and DPRK for 1961, I asked Kim Chang-man how they regard the possible arrival in the DPRK next year of the Soviet Army ensemble consisting of approximately 180 people.

Kim Chang-man replied that they are ready to receive the Soviet Army ensemble. I again directed his attention to the large size of the ensemble.

Kim Chang-man said in response that the size does not bother them, they are able to receive [it], and will be happy if the Soviet Army ensemble will be able to come to the DPRK as cultural cooperation.

In a conversation with Kim Il we exchanged opinions in detail about the prospects for the development of the republic's agriculture.

For my part I touched on some practical issues, and on the basis of the available experience in the Soviet Union expressed ideas about the ways and methods of mechanization of agricultural work, the creation of a firm forage reserve, directing special attention in the process to the cultivation of corn and harvesting of it for silage in milk-wax ripeness, to the cultivation of sugar beets and the need for the accelerated construction of a plant to reprocess sugar beets, to taking a number of steps to create a material and technical base to store and reprocess milk, and to a number of other issues.

Kim Il expressed agreement with the wishes [I] stated about the ways and methods of increasing agricultural production and in turn reported that the KWP CC and DPRK government intend to considerably increase allocations for the development of agriculture in 1961. He also reported that this year for the first time, after the rice harvest winter rye will be planted on approximately 190,000 jeongbo of land as an experiment. This means that in the spring of next year these plants will yield good herbage, which will be used for forage purposes, before the beginning of the transplanting of the rice seedlings. He also said that, as the experience of this year has shown, the winter rye crops are inadvisable for grain on large plots since, although the harvest prospects are usually good, as a consequence of the heavy precipitation during the harvest the wheat harvest turned out to be low (approximately 8-10 centners per jeongbo this year).

Kim Il provided information that in December it is proposed to convene a KWP CC Plenum at which the economic plan for 1961 will be considered and a report will be heard about the results of the Moscow Conference of Communist and worker's Parties.

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