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Letter dated 16 December 1950 from the Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, Mr. Pak Hen-En, which he transmitted to the heads of foreign legations and missions on 12 December 1950, concerning the brutal annihilation of the Korean population and the barbarous destruction of towns and villages in Korea by American and Syngman Rhee troops.

Please distribute this statement as an official document of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(signed) Y. MALIK

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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MR. PAK HEN-EN, TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONCERNING THE BRUTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE KOREAN POPULATION AND THE BARBAROUS DESTRUCTION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN KOREA BY AMERICAN AND SYNGMAN RHEE TROOPS.

The troops of the Anglo-American invaders and their hirelings, the mercenary Syngman Rhee clique, in retreating southward before the onslaught of the Korean People's Army, are carrying out a deliberate mass annihilation of the peaceful civilian population, burning and destroying towns and villages and blowing up buildings and constructions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea possesses evidence which shows that the Minister of Defense of the puppet government of Syngman Rhee, Sen-Mo Sing, at the bidding of his foreign masters, issued an order to the retreating troops to shoot all civilians who support and sympathize with the People's Democratic Government, irrespective of their sex or age. This order has now been enforced. It is being carried out by all Syngman Rhee and American military units. The People's Democratic Government of Korea daily receives reports of the brutal slaughter of members of the Labour Party, of the families of soldiers of the People's Army, and of all persons sympathizing with the People's Democratic Government. Moreover, the American and Syngman Rhee troops are sparing neither pregnant women nor children and old people.

According to incomplete reports over 15,000 civilians have been shot in the Kang Won-do province alone; in the same province, in the small village of Oktonrhee in the Pyonggang district, 32 families of soldiers serving in the People's Army were shot, including pregnant women and small children. The roads along which the American invaders and the Syngman Rhee troops hastily retreated are littered with thousands of corpses of perfectly innocent, peaceful and unarmed citizens, women, children and old people, who were brutally slaughtered and tortured by these frenzied maniacs.

The retreating troops of the American invaders, who are masking their banditry in Korea under the banner and authority of the United Nations, are leaving a desert behind them, burning towns and villages and blowing up and destroying all large houses, public buildings and constructions. On 5 December 1950, the American Commander of the First Corps cynically reported on the radio

the activities of the special demolition units, included in the so-called United Nations forces, and praised their "success" in destroying towns and villages, and razing to the ground schools, hospitals, children's homes and theatres.

It is well known that the Hitlerite fascist cannibals also tried to annihilate whole peoples by such brutal methods when they sought to realize their feverish dream of establishing world domination. History knows the end of the Hitlerite adventure. It would be advisable for the Wall Street bosses and their creatures in the White House to remember this. It is impossible to annihilate a people which is defending its independence against invaders and is fully determined to bring that struggle to an end. The time will come when the instigators of these unprecedented brutalities against the Korean people will stand their trial before history and answer for the crimes they have committed.

Gentlemen, I appeal to you to inform the Governments of all countries and world public opinion of these facts of monstrous brutality and of the barbarous annihilation of the civilian population of Korea. I am convinced that world public opinion will share our indignation at the above-mentioned fascist methods of destroying unarmed civilians, whose only fault consists in wishing to live in their own free and independent country. I hope that your Government will raise before the United Nations the question of putting an immediate end to these crimes, which have already been condemned by all progressive humanity, and of bringing these criminals to justice

(signed) PAK HEN-EN

Minister of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Democratic
Republic of Korea

12 December 1950

