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NORTH KOREA: 1981 DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES

North Korea continued its intense diplomatic activity throughout 1981. DPRK diplomatic delegations headed by party or state leaders visited 109 countries, including repeat visits. Pyongyang's major goal remained the same: achieving international support for its own unification policy while attacking South Korea's proposals and combating what gains Seoul had made. With the non-aligned movement (NAM) summit conference set for Baghdad in September 1982, the DPRK is certain to maintain its flow of official delegations at a high level.

In 1981, both North and South Korea continued their fight for diplomatic recognition, mainly among the non-aligned countries. Pyongyang established diplomatic relations with Vanuatu and Lebanon. Both of these countries, however, also

1/ This report is intended as a base for yearly comparisons and analyses of North Korean diplomatic activity. To simplify data gathering, all information on diplomatic travel was extracted from the unclassified Foreign Broadcast Information Service Daily Report. As a result, however, some delegations reported in other media may be omitted.

The criterion for counting envoys as diplomatic delegations for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was that the leader of each delegation had to be either a member of the Korean Workers Party (KWP) or a deputy in the Supreme People's Council (SPA). For a delegation to be considered "high level," the leader had to hold one or more of the following positions: premier, vice premier, vice president, minister, vice minister, chairman, vice chairman, or secretary. National Foreign Assessment Center's Directory of Officials of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was used to determine leader rank.

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Appendix C

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC TRAVEL

By Number of Diplomatic Envoys

	Percentage of total travels	Number visits	of
Asia and Pacific (including the PRC, 9 visits for 8.2%)	19.3	21	
Latin America	8.3	9	
Eastern Europe (including the USSR, 8 visits for 7.3%)	26.6	29	
Western Europe	12.8	14	
Africa	24.0	26	
Near and Middle East	$\frac{9.0}{100}$	109	
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By Number of High-	Level Delegations		
Asia and Pacific (including the PRC, 3 visits for 5.5%)	18.5	10	
Latin America	3.7	2	
Eastern Europe (including the USSR, 4 visits for 7.4%)	24.0	13	
Western Europe	15.0	8	
Africa	29.6	16	
Near and Middle East	$\frac{9.2}{100}$	54	

established relations with South Korea, perhaps indicative of a trend by Third World countries toward a dual recognition policy on the Korean issue.

Pyongyang also stepped up its efforts to improve relations with the West. This interest focused on two areas: acquiring Western technology to boost trade and buoy up a troubled economy, and separating Western countries from South Korea.

North Korea sought in 1981 to prepare the ground for invitations to foreign dignitaries to attend the 70th birthday celebration of President Kim Il-song in April 1982. Pyongyang also attempted to counter diplomatic momentum gained by Seoul from its successful bid to host the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympics. In addition, Pyongyang conducted overseas seminars as a tool for exporting the chuche (self-reliance) idea and for building exposure for Kim Chong-il, the President's son and designated successor.

One area reflecting definite change from 1980 to 1981 was the leadership composition of DPRK delegations. In 1980, the four most traveled dignitaries were Kim Kyong-yon (Vice Premier), Ho Tam (Foreign Minister), Yi Chang-son (special envoy), and Kim Chung-il (Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs). In 1981, Kim Yong-nam (Chairman of Foreign Policy Commission), Yi Chong-ok (Premier of State Administration Council), Yun Ki-pok (Vice Chairman of Economic Committee), and Paek Hak-nim (Vice Minister of People's Armed Forces) were the four most traveled dignitaries. Foreign Minister Ho Tam, who visited at least nine countries in 1980, was much less active in 1981.

The travels of Paek Hak-nim are particularly noteworthy. Prior to 1980, Paek rarely traveled abroad. In 1981, however, as Vice Minister of the Armed Forces, he visited five African countries (see Appendix A). Throughout 1981, North Korea showed increased interest in the developing countries, both in military and diplomatic endeavors; and it maintained military and/or economic assistance programs with some 16 African countries. Prior to Paek's end-of-the-year military visits, Prime Minister Yi Chong-ok made visits to many of the same countries, building economic and diplomatic relations.

Fifty-four of the 109 visits in 1981 were by 15 major delegations, i.e., led by individuals with a rank of vice premier, vice president, vice chairman, secretary, or higher. (See Appendix B.)

During the first quarter of 1981, travel climbed from 7 visits in January to 12 visits in March, possibly reflecting North Korean preparation for a NAM conference on food and agriculture which was held in Pyongyang in August. Travel during the first

two months of the second quarter leveled off, then declined in June, accounting for 30 percent of 1981 travel activity.

Only 13.5 percent of the year's travel occurred during the third quarter, with eight trips in July and two trips in August. At the end of the NAM conference, the diplomats returned to the road; five trips took place in September. A flurry of travel activity marked the fourth quarter, perhaps in an effort to counter South Korea's sports diplomacy. Fifteen visits occurred in October, 12 in November, and 6 in December. The fourth-quarter total equalled the second-quarter peak.

A geographical breakdown of the 109 separate trips (see Appendix C) indicates that Africa and Eastern Europe (including eight visits to the USSR) received almost the same number of North Korean delegations—29 and 26, respectively—for a combined 51 percent of Pyongyang's efforts. Asia (with nine visits to the People's Republic of China) followed with 19 percent. Western Europe had 13 visits for 13 percent of total travel, the Near and Middle East had 10 visits for 9 percent, and Latin America had 9 visits for 8 percent.

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Appendix A

The following shows the 54 countries visited by high-level North Korean delegations in 1981 and the dates of each visit. Delegations are listed by frequency of travel, with the most active appearing first.

Destination	Date	Leader of Delegation
Peru Algeria Malta Hungary Portugal USSR Yugoslavia Romania Spain France West Germany Austria PRC	1/20 3/29 3/30 5/5 5/6 5/10 5/15 7/3 7/28 10/20 11/2 11/7	Kim Yong-nam: Chairman of Foreign Policy Commission, SPA Standing Committee member, KWP Central Committee member
PRC Burma Tanzania Madagascar Zimbabwe Syria Malaysia Nepal Bangladesh	1/10 1/14 6/8 6/9 6/10 8/31 10/22 12/2	Yi Chong-ok: Premier of State Adminis- tration Council, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member
Congo Congo Angola Spain Portugal	7/12 7/21 8/3 10/17 11/3	Yun Ki-pok: Vice Chairman of Economic Committee, SPA Standing Committee member, KWP secretary
Rwanda Tanzania Mozambique Zambia Madagascar	10/22 11/8 11/17 11/24 12/2	Paek Hak-nim: Vice Minister of the People's Armed Forces, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member

Ethiopia Sudan Mongolia Nicaragua	2/4 2/9 5/23 7/14	Chong Chun-ki: Vice Premier of State Administration Council, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member
Bangladesh Yugoslavia Romania	5/26 11/17 11/19	Hwang Chang-yop: Chairman of SPA and of SPA Standing Committee
PRC Syria Algeria	2/10 9/3 9/5	Choe Chong-kun: Minister of Foreign Trade, KWP Central Committee member
Bulgaria Indonesia Malaysia	2/3 5/30 6/9	<pre>Kye Ung-tae: Vice Premier of State Administration Council, SPA Central People's Committee member, KWP Central Com- mittee member</pre>
Czechoslovakia Mongolia	4/21 7/8	Kim Kyong-yon: Minister of Finance, Vice Premier of State Administra- tion Council, SPA deputy
Bulgaria USSR	10/17 10/24	Kang Song-san: Vice Premier of State Admin- istration Council, Minister of Railways, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member
Mexico	10/27	Hyon Chun-kuk: Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member
Japan	9/21	Kim Pong-chu: Chairman of Federal Trade Unions of Korea, SPA Standing Committee member, SPA deputy

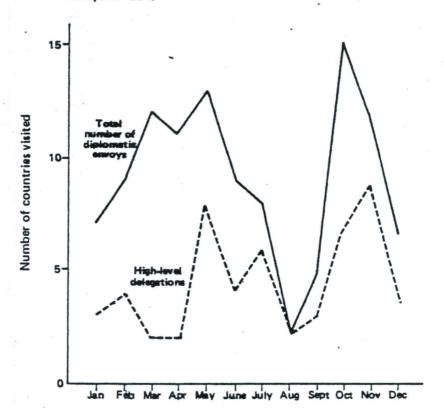
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East Germany	4/9	Kim Hwan: SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee secretary, KWP Political Committee member
USSR	12/15	Kong Chin-tae: Vice Premier of State Admin- istration Council, SPA deputy, KWP Central Com- mittee member
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USSR	5/9	Kim Si-hak: Chairman of Korean Central Broadcasting Committee, SPA deputy, KWP Central Committee member

APPENDIX B

Quantitative graph showing, by months, the number of countries visited by high-level North Korean delegations and total diplomatic envoys in 1981.



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