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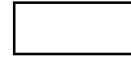
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1. In April 1952 the North Korean Central Urban Trest¹ business office (Puk Chosŏn Chungang Tosi Trest Saŏp So) (0554/2600/7639/0022/1135/6757/1579/Treat/0057/2814/2076), with headquarters in P'yŏngyang, was under the jurisdiction of the North Korean Supreme Military Committee acting through the North Korean Ministry of Industry. The Trest was mobilizing laborers, technicians, and mechanics for the construction of public works, defense installations, and underground shelters accorded building priority by the North Korean government. This office handled the payment of workers' salaries, procured supplies, and transported laborers to the construction sites.
2. Branch offices of the syndicate throughout North Korea were recruiting men and women between the ages of 17 and 50, sometimes forcibly, for the rehabilitation program. Generally, recruitment was not difficult because of the large number of persons seeking employment. Persons once recruited had great difficulty in leaving their jobs. The daily wage of common laborers, 30 North Korean won, was scarcely equivalent to the price of the daily ration of 4 hop of rice or cereal and vegetables.
3. South Koreans of military conscription age who had retreated with the North Koreans in September 1950 were being mobilized for this work by the syndicate.
4. In April the syndicate's P'yŏngyang office was providing manpower for underground structures at Koin-dong (126-23, 40-30) (BU-7886), Sinŭiju, and Kusŏng (125-15, 39-59) (XE-9228). The underground factory at Kusŏng, on the south bank of the Tepamdae River, which runs in an east-west direction immediately south of Kusŏng, had entrances through a former Japanese flax plant on the northern slope of a mountain.² The former flax plant had a gray-slate roof and three cement chimneys each 40 meters high and one cement chimney 15 meters high. After construction was authorized in February 1952 the P'yŏngyang office

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dispatched five teams of approximately 450 laborers each to the three areas.

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1. Comment. Presumably trust or syndicate and reported as a Russian word. 25X1

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2. Comment. Possibly Hill 169, Sheet 6233 I, AMS L751.

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