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**Summary:**

Kim Il Sung describes the seizure of South Korean fishing boats and how the fishermen were brought to Pyongyang for a May Day demonstration.

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Pyongyang

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2 May 1958

I held a comradely lunch at my dacha at which Kim Il Sung and all KWP CC Presidium members were present and also Counsellors V. I. Pelishenko, M. I. Kryukov, and N. M. Shesterikov, Military Attaché A. A. D'yakonov, Trade Representative I. A. Gladkov, and Deputy GKEHS Representative M. G. Botsin.

The lunch went in a cordial, friendly atmosphere.

Kim Il Sung said that they are very glad that for a number of years they have held the May 1st holidays together with the Soviet comrades in a simply, family atmosphere. In his toast Kim Il Sung noted the enormous daily aid of the Soviet Union, the attention and concern for the DPRK from the CPSU, and proposed a toast to the CPSU, its Central Committee, the Soviet government, and Cde. N. S. Khrushchev personally.

Kim Il Sung and Kim Il said that in the last days of April several South Korean fishing boats had been detained which had violated DPRK territorial waters. A total of up to 50 fishermen were seized. Kim Il Sung said that all the fishermen were brought to Pyongyang and invited to the square where they viewed the demonstration of

workers in honor of May 1st, and they were also afforded an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the city, after which we will release the fishermen and allow [them] to catch fish in DPRK territorial waters.

The guests were at the dacha from 2 to 10 P. M.

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