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Summary:

A short note on the anti-Chinese propaganda in North Korea, which is done in a restricted manner.

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"The Korean leadership has recently taken a number of steps to keep the country's population from being influenced by Chinese propaganda. Sino-Korean cultural exchanges have been reduced to zero. The exchanges of other delegations have been sharply reduced. Almost no materials from China are published in the Korean press. The 30-minute Korean language program of news from China on the radio rebroadcasting network has been halted [50].

The main feature of the anti-Chinese propaganda in the DPRK is that it is done in a restricted manner and evidently primarily among cadre. The Korean leaders do not permit open criticism of events in China [50]".

"The impression is formed from observations by Embassy officials that it is not recommend for officials of Korean institutions who have contact with members of the diplomatic corps to enter into conversations with foreigners on the topic of Sino-Korean relations and events in China. So far, only Cde. Kim Il Sung has discussed the actions of the Chinese leaders in conversations with the Ambassador." [51]

"The Korean leadership, on the one hand, refrains from open condemnation of the actions of the Chinese ruling group and, on the other, does not permit the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang to wage propaganda denouncing Mao Zedong and his group". [51]