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3. **KOREA: North Korea in chaotic condition**--According to US Ambassador Muccio in Pusan, Pyongyang radio treatment of a recent North Korean Cabinet decision indicates that chaotic conditions exist in North Korea, including defeatism among the civil population, a serious food shortage, and almost complete disruption of agriculture because of a shortage of both manpower and seed. The radio commentary

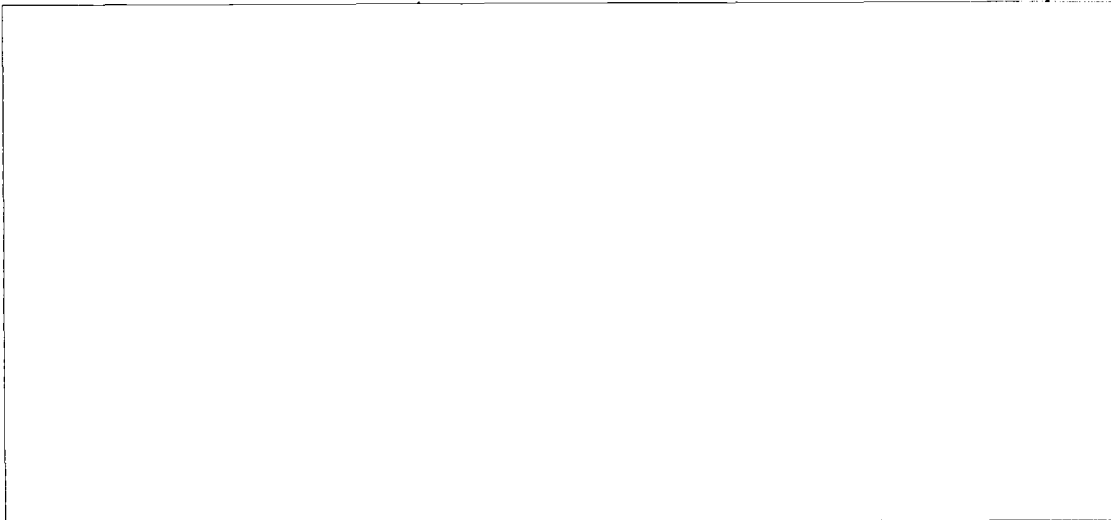


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spoke of the "agrarian economy destroyed by the enemy" and mentioned a village in south Pyongyang province where one young man remains out of eighty farm families. The Cabinet decision revealed that 610,000 factories, houses, and other buildings have been destroyed and 80 percent of domestic animals lost.



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