THE KOREAN WAR: Causes of the War

North Korea (Senior High):

"Upset by the fast and astonishing growth of the power of the Republic, the American invaders hastened the preparation of an aggressive war in order to destroy it in its infancy. [...]"

The American imperialists furiously carried out the war project in 1950, the 39th year of the Juche calendar. The American imperialist called the traitor Sungman Lee to Japan and gave him the order to hurry the war, while frequently sending warmongers to the South in order to survey the preparation of the war. [...]"

The American invaders who had been preparing the war for a long time, alongside their puppets, finally initiated the war on June 25th of the 39th years of the Juche calendar. That dawn, the enemies unexpectedly attacked the North half of the Republic, and the war clouds hung over the once peaceful country, accompanied by the echoing roar of cannons.

Having passed the 38th parallel, the enemies crawled deeper and deeper into the North half of the Republic. A grave menace drew near our country and our people. His Excellency, the great leader of the Republic, had a crucial decision to make—the invading forces of the enemies had to be eliminated and the threatened fate of our country and our people had to be saved."

*The Juche calendar uses the year of Kim Il-Sung's birth as its starting point (1911). The calendar was implemented on September 8, 1997, three years after the leader's death.


North Korea (Junior High):

"The American invaders who had been preparing the war for a long time, accompanied by their puppets, finally waged the war against the North half of the Republic on June 25th of the 39th year of the Juche calendar (1950). The bastards who crossed the 38th parallel at dawn were stoking the flames of war, jumping around like mad men, yearning to invade the North under any pretext. And so our peaceful homeland was surrounded by the roar of cannons and the clouds of war.

His excellency, the great leader Kim Il-sung, summoned immediately an emergency council of the Cabinet. The great voice of his Excellency echoed in the room:

'...Those bastards are unparalleled in their ignorance. The American bastards were mistaken regarding the Chosen People.** [..]

'The American bastards look down upon the Chosun People. As the saying goes wolf-dogs** should be conquered with clubs, we should show to those ignorant invaders what our true color is.' [..]

Actually, the war between our newly founded country and the US—recognized worldwide as the world's most powerful country—was a tremendously unfair conflict. So the people around the world worriedly watched us, wondering how our people would fight against the US.

'We have to fight firmly against our enemies in order to defend the independence of our country, the freedom and honor of our people. We have to respond to their barbarous invasion by a war of independence. Our People's Army will have to disable the attacks of the enemies and set out immediately a defense combat in order to get rid of the forceful invaders.'

*The term Chosun People comes from the Choson Dynasty, which ruled from 1392 to 1910, the year of the Japanese occupation. North Korea's use of the title intends to show their heritage rooted in this deep history.

**'Wolf-dogs' is another name used to refer to Americans in North Korea. It is an insult because of the hybridity of the animal, which is why the adjective "bastard" most often precedes the substantive "Americans."