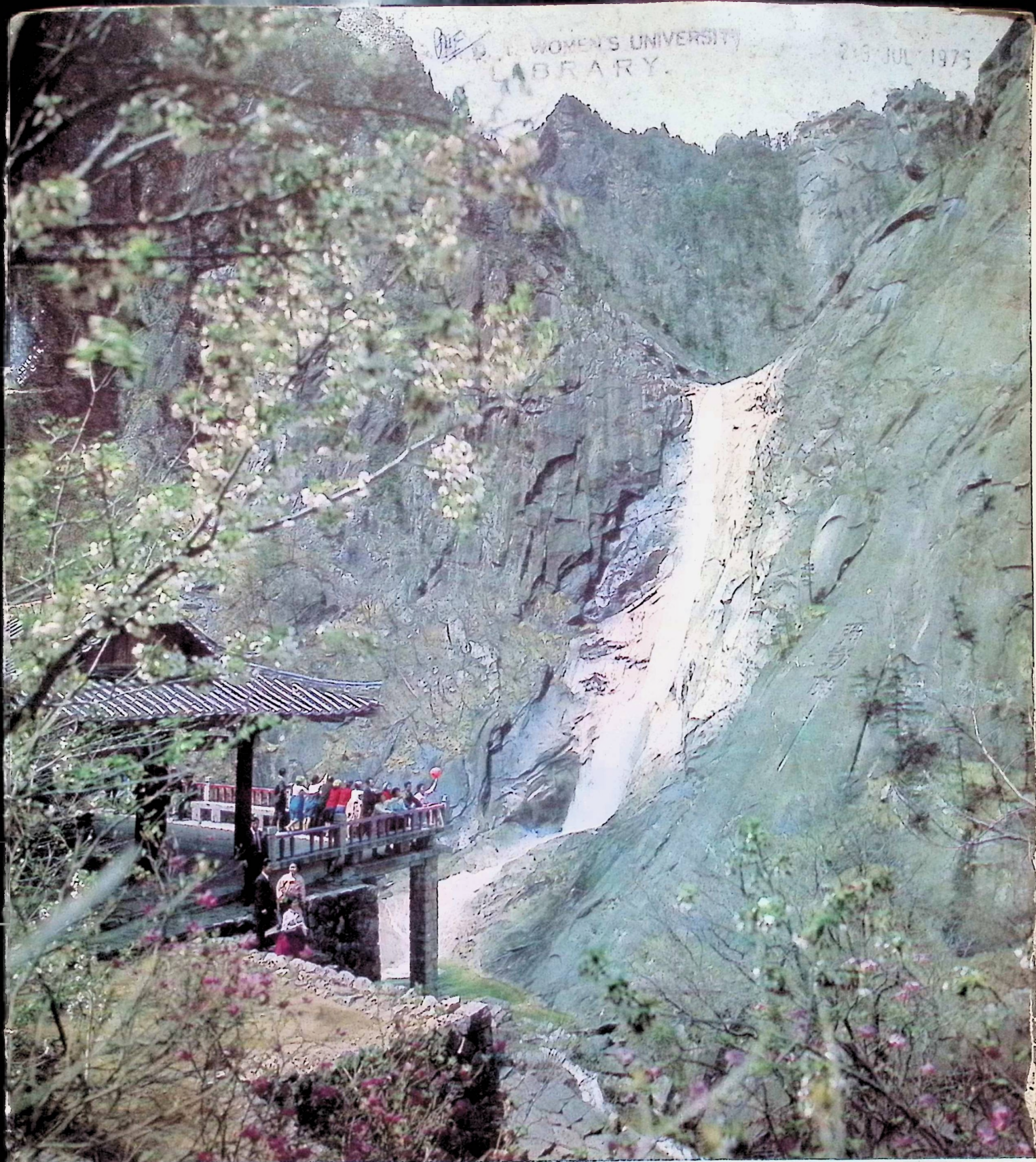


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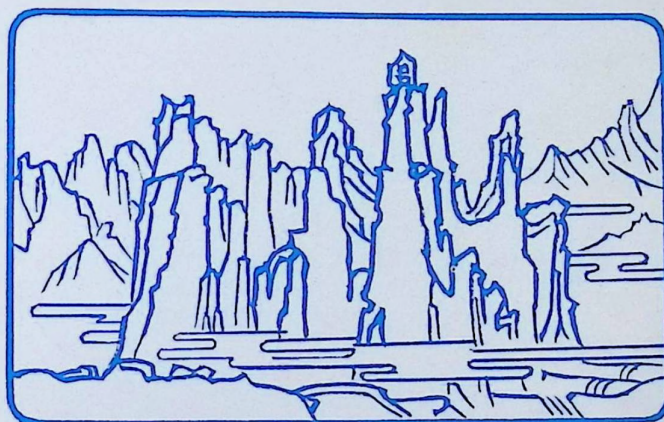
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Korea, a land of morning calm, has been called a gold-brocaded land from ancient times for it has a superb natural beauty as well as rich natural resources.

The resourceful Korean people, who have lived in this country of lovely scenery stretching for over 3,000 ri, have minds as beautiful as its nature. They have recorded down the brilliant pages of wisdom and courage in its long history of five thousand years.

Korea is rich in natural resources and its fertile land yields bountiful crops of all kinds of cereals and fruits. And the seas around it abound with fishes.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"Our country is not only abundant in natural resources, but in beautiful natural scenery. Everywhere we can see hills and mountains and clear rivers, presenting a picturesque view. Beautiful mountain ranges—the sky-kissing Mt. Paekdu-san in the north, then Mt. Kumgang-san and Mt. Taebaek-san, and Mt. Halla-san in Cheju-do Island! Vast plains stretch endlessly, drained by the rivers of Amnok-gang, Tuman-gang, Taedong-gang, Han-gang, Rakdong-gang, Kum-gang and many others that wind their way to the east, the west and the south! And the wonderful landscape along thousands of miles of coastal lines! Korea is, indeed, a beautiful land of 3,000 ri."

Ours is a picturesque country surrounded by seas on three sides. On the northern border soars high Mt. Paekdu-san, the holy mountain of revolution, with perpetual snow on its crest. On its top is Lake Chonji the raging waves of which are said to swallow up even clouds. Commanding a vast sea of forests shrouded by cotton-like clouds and mist, Mt. Paekdu-san symbolizes the spirit of the revolution, with its roots struck deep throughout 3,000 ri. This holy mountain of the revolution is associated with the immortal history of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle, and from its roots rise Mts. Kumgang-san, Myohyang-san and Chilbo-san, and Mt. Halla-san in Cheju-do Island across the Tadohae (archipelago) on the southern tip.

The scenery of our fatherland is even more beautiful, when you view its landscape at sunrise on the East Sea from the Piro-bong Peak, the highest peak of world-famous Mt. Kumgang-san.

This mountain has twelve thousand peaks of multifarious fantastic rocks looking like cut diamonds. It presents kaleidoscopic sceneries according to seasons. In spring it is clad in all kinds of flowers; in summer it is robed in verdure; in autumn it is tinged with crimson foliage; and in winter it is covered with snow. In addition to numerous beautiful legends, it has many water-falls, and medicinal herbs including wild *Insam* which has been widely known from remote days as an elixir of life.

Mt. Myohyang-san also presents an unrivalled beautiful scenery. One of the eight best sceneries of Korea, it embodies the majesty of Mt. Chiri-san and the marvelous sculpturesque beauty of Mt. Kumgang-san.

Mt. Chilbo-san, along with Mts. Kumgang-san and Myohyang-san, is a place of superb scenic beauty. No wonder that it is called the "Second Mt. Kumgang-san."

These noted mountains have many places of historical interest.

Our country has also underground "Kumgang-san," the world-renowned cavern with charming scenes.

Rivers and seas add beauty to our gold-brocaded land. The Taedong-gang River rises in the Rangrim Mountains soaring in the central part of the country and flows down through Pyongyang with its history of over 1,500 years. Pyongyang was called the "most picturesque place" from old times, but it has become a city truly beautiful in the service of the people only after it was made the capital of the D.P.R.K., a new glorious landmark of its annals. Pyongyang spreads far and wide with Moran-bong Hill in its heart. This hill is called a gold-brocaded hill because it miniatures the natural beauty of our country. The city has many monumental architectures scattered harmoniously. In this city of the world's first grade is historic Mangyongdae where Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary leader, was born and grew up.

Today people in the world sing of scenic Mangyongdae, calling it the spiritual birthplace of the Korean people and the cradleland of the revolution.

The beautiful scenes of the East, West and South Seas are also beyond description—the one-thousand-ri long white sandy beach along the east coast ablaze with wild roses; the green tidal waters of the West Sea; and the scenery of the Tadohae of the South Sea looking like floating jades....

However, the southern land of our country, a homogeneous nation, is trodden underfoot by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops.

In the northern half of the country the people have become its masters under the wise guidance of the great leader. Here holiday homes, sanatoria, the summer camps of the Juvenile Corps and bathing resorts have been set up—in mountains, by the seaside and in all other scenic spots—for the recreation of the working people.

Many recreation centres have also been set up on the shores of the Yonpung, Taesong, Sogam Reservoirs and other man-made lakes.

Our country is rich in hot and mineral springs which appeal to public interest.

Large industrial cities in different places demonstrate the great strength of our socialist state; the rich, modern countryside yields a bumper harvest every year; and the fishing ports are always alive with boats returning with a full load of fish caught. Our land is fertile and beautiful, indeed.

This gold-brocaded land is so dear to the Korean people that they defended it with their blood in the Fatherland Liberation War and are now striving to make it more beautiful while defending it impregably.

Our people feel the great honour and national pride in that they were born and are living happily in the silk-embroidered land, fine to live and work in, under the wise guidance of the great leader.

Our intelligent people in the Juche era, who advance to build a communist paradise on earth, are embroidering their beautiful land with the unprecedented brilliant results. They work hard with loyal heart to reunify their fatherland, looking forward to the day when the fellow countrymen in north and south will live happily together in the embrace of the leader attending him till the end of the sun, singing loudly of his great favour.



Mt. Paekdu-san

*Mt. Paekdu-san, the ancestral mountain,
Symbolical of the wisdom and valor of the nation
That boasts of a history of five millennia.
Crossing and recrossing its steep range,
General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation,
Defeated the Japanese imperialist robbers,
And brought a new morn of national liberation,
A new glorious history of the fatherland of Juche.*

*O, the chain of Mt. Paekdu-san mirrored in
The limpid water of Lake Samji-yon
Which filled the fighters' hearts with a warm love
In those days of anti-Japanese struggle!
Inspiring the spirit of revolution o'er the land
of 3,000 ri,
It will tell the General's immortal revolutionary history
From century to century.*



On the ancestral mountain Paekdu-san,
The holy mountain of revolution
towering high majestically
Caped with eternal snow, lies Lake
Chonji,
Its angry waves in a snowstorm gulping
down clouds.

From this kaleidoscopic lake, 45 ri
round,
Start the Amnok-gang and Tuman-
gang Rivers.
The long rivers on the northern border
line.
Their blue water flows down forever
Relating the history of the country.

Lake Chonji viewed from the Changgun-bong
Peak, the highest peak of Mt. Paekdu-san rising
2,750 metres above sea level





Korean youth and students in Japan on a visit to their homeland are collecting flowers and pumices on Mt. Paekdu-san to bear the spirit of the mountain and the natural beauty of the country forever in their hearts



Manbyongcho (*Rhododendron Fauriei* Franchet)
of Mt. Paekdu-san



Chananghwa (*Cypripedium Thunbergii* Blume) of
Mt. Paekdu-san

Aegi Chananghwa (*Cypripedium ventricosum*
Swartz) of Mt. Paekdu-san

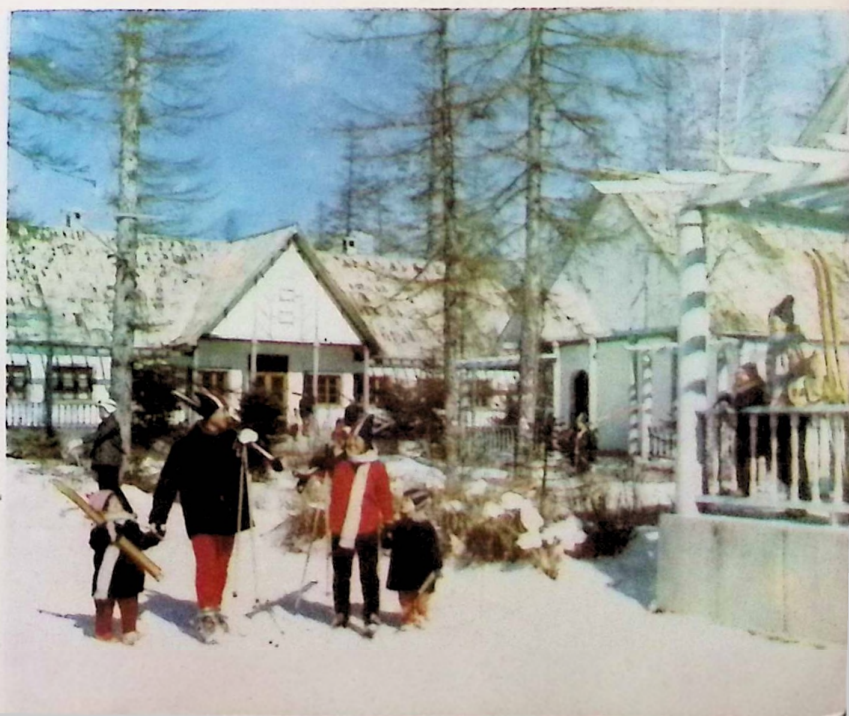




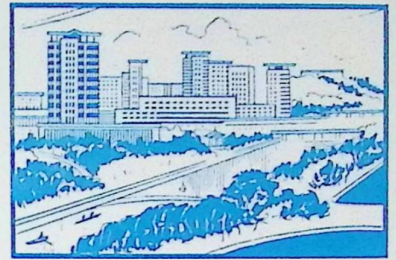
Lake Samji-yon, where General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero, had a short rest after he advanced into the homeland in command of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army. Its clear water ripples immortalizing the glory and emotion of that day



Lake Samji-yon, the old revolutionary battle site, is a good recreation centre







Pyongyang

The historic straw-thatched house at Mangyongdae where the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born and nourished the aims for the revolution in his childhood. People visit the house with a feeling of boundless respect for him





The People's Palace of Culture in Chollima Street

Working people enjoying their holiday on Moran-bong Hill





Working people enjoy a happy and full life in the leader's warm heart



Moran-bong Hill, a park for the people, rises in the heart of Pyongyang, the capital of revolution. The hill is washed by the clear waters of the Taedong-gang River flowing gently



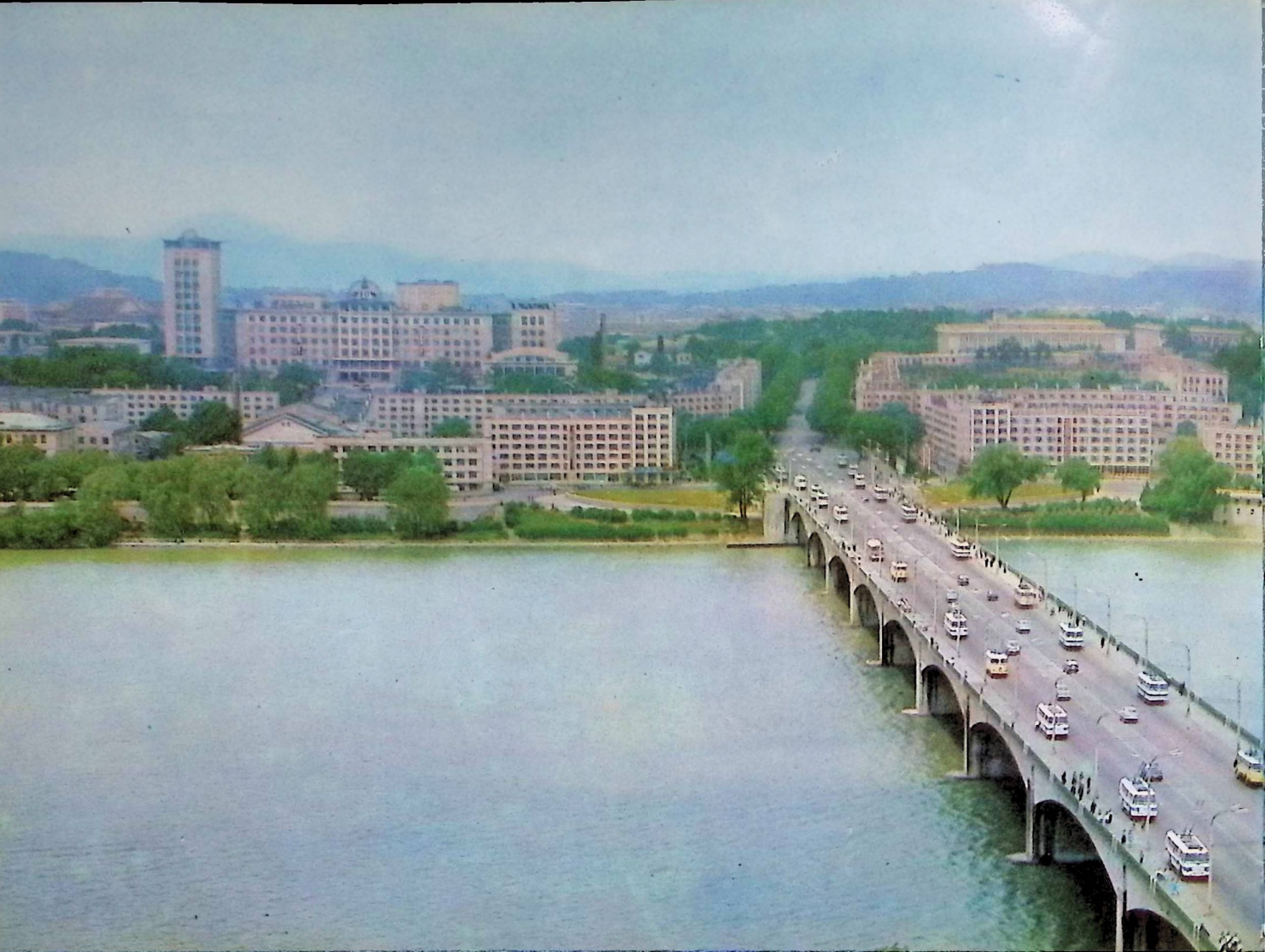
The picturesque promenade along the Taedong-gang River is always filled with songs of happiness, of paradise



Places of historic interest tell of the long history of the Korean people. These relics, well harmonized with the beautiful scenery of Moran-bong Hill, accentuate their national flavour



Moran-bong Hill has fine scenery everywhere



Part of Pyongyang, the capital of revolution



A raft on the upper reaches of the Tae-dong-gang River



Pyongyang in winter



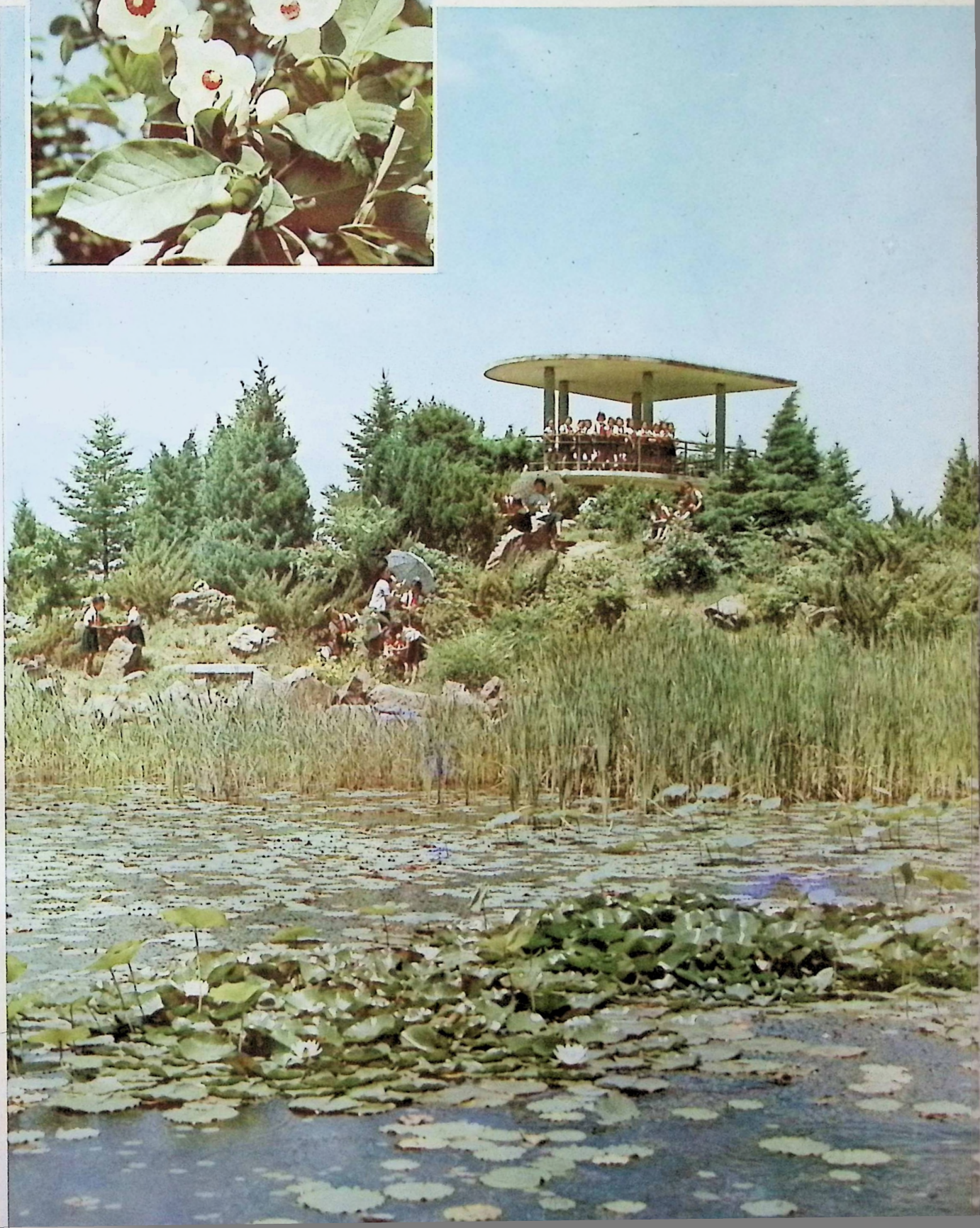


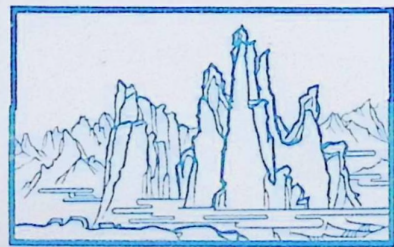
Working people visiting the zoo



Beautiful and graceful magnolia of Korea symbolic of the spirit of the Korean people (At the Pyongyang Botanical Garden)

By a pond in the Pyongyang Botanical Garden





Mt. Kumgang-san



Mt. Kumgang-san, the scenic spot of Korea, is world-famous from old times. It was vitiated by the exploiting classes for many years. But, today it has become the mountain of the people, the recreation ground of the working people, under the warm care of the leader and this adds beauty to it



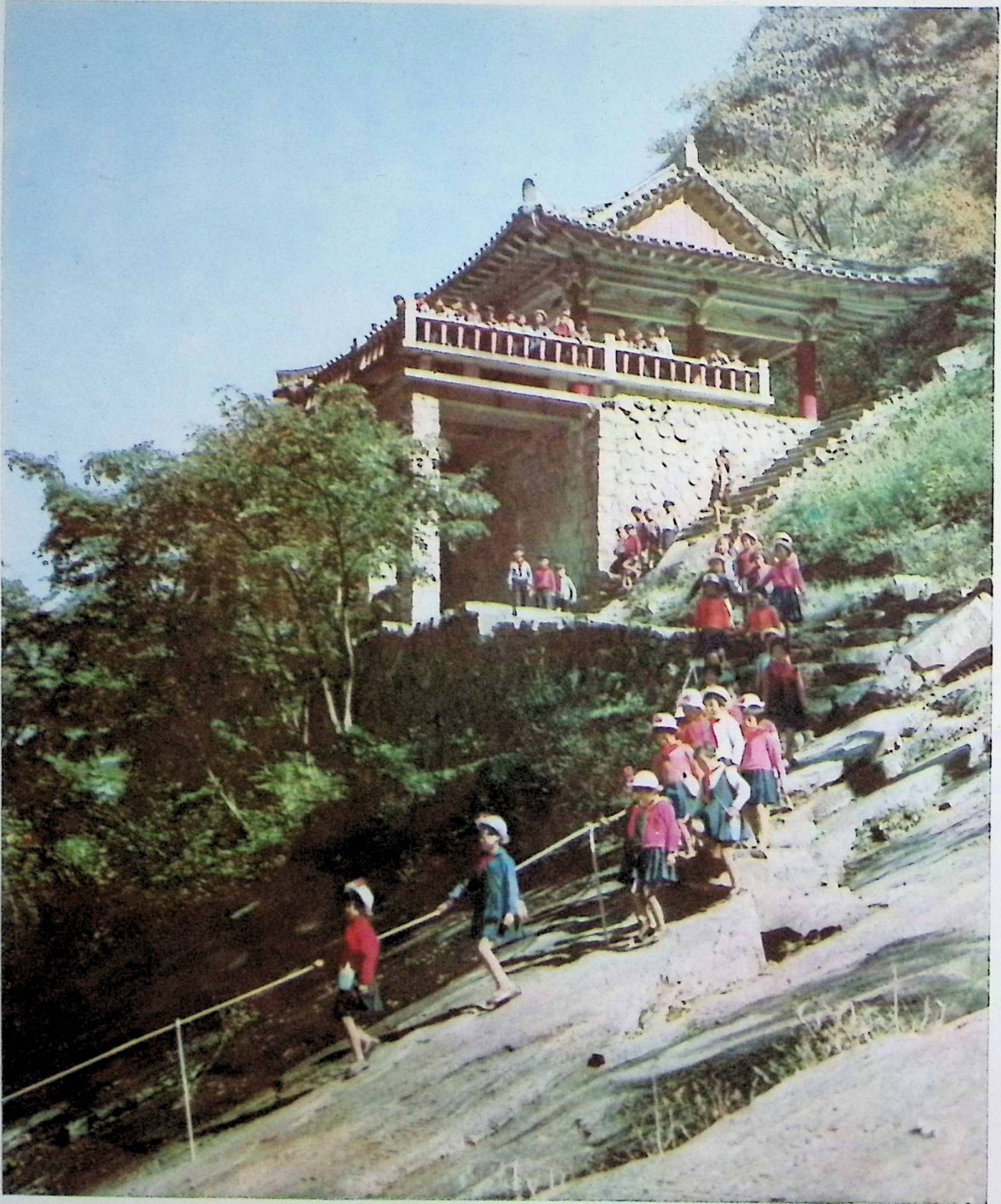
From the Mangyang-dae Rock one can have a bird's eye view of Mt. Kumgang-san which symbolizes the spirit of the industrious, resourceful and courageous people of this country



The Kuryong Falls noted for its magnificent view,
telling of the heroic stamina of Chollima Korea

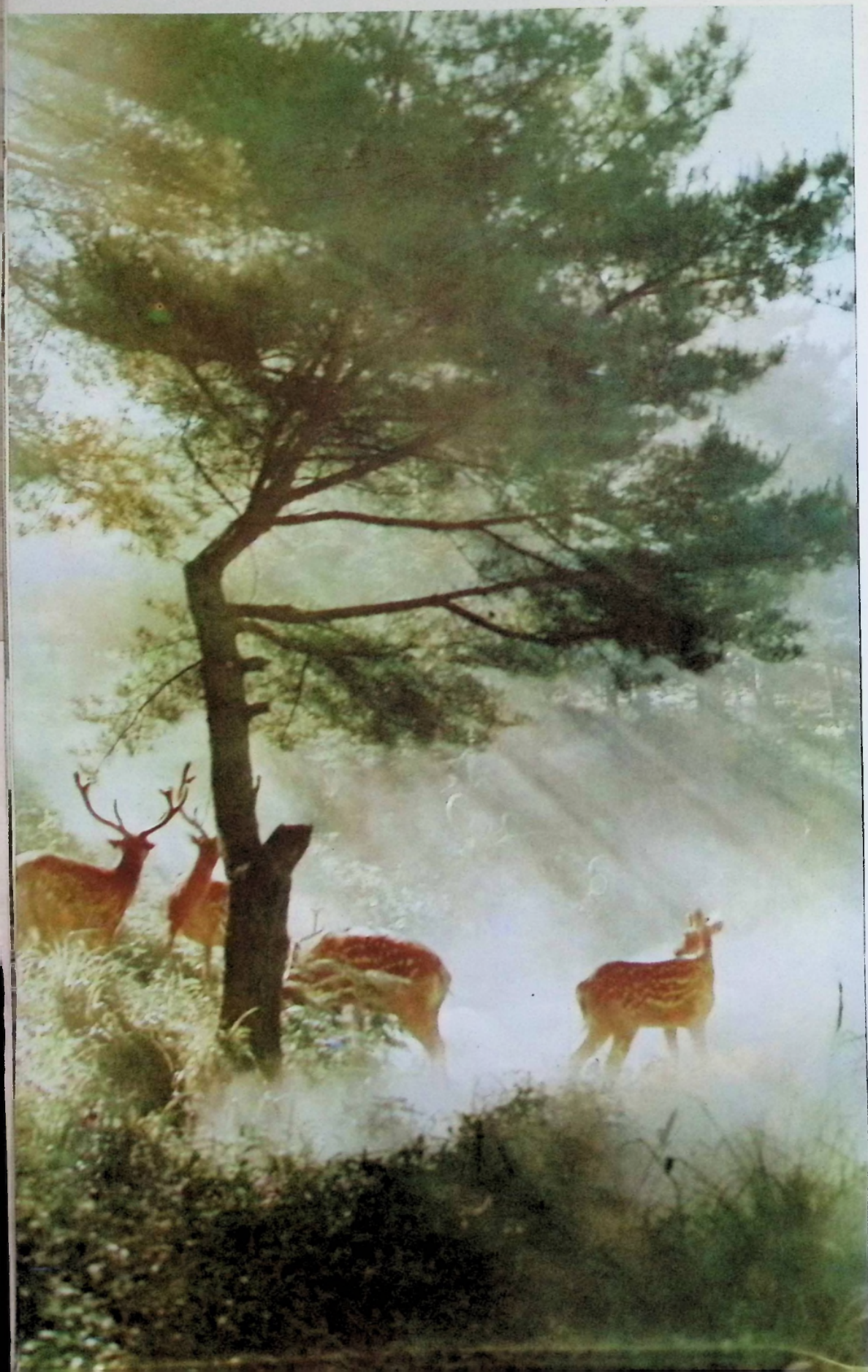
Mt. Kumgang-san in autumn. What a fine scene it is!





The beautiful scenery of the country imbues the rising generation with the love of their fatherland





In Mt. Kumgang-
san there are many
wild *Insam* and
deer whose young
antlers are used as
the elixir of life

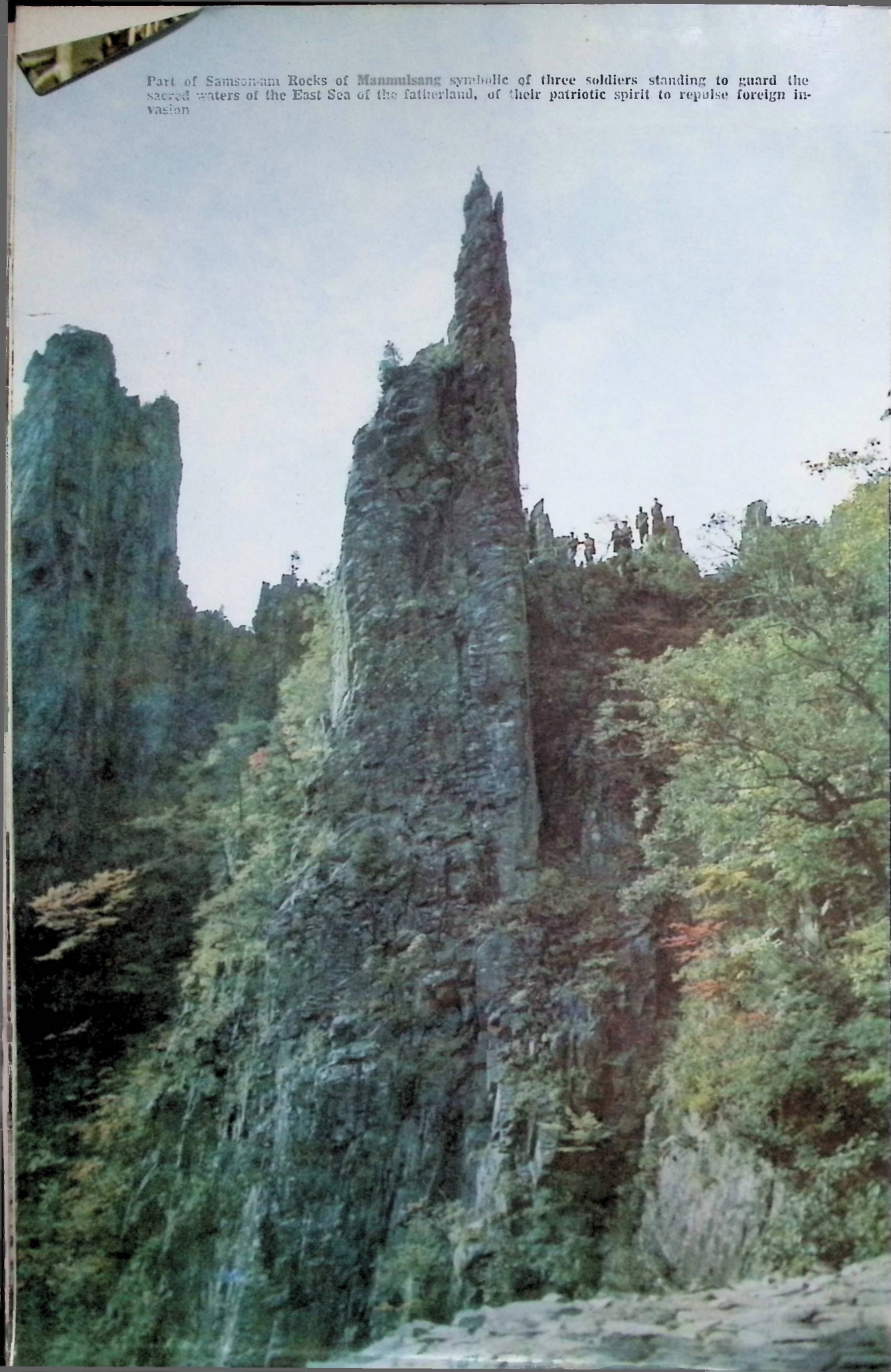
A migratory grosbeak, one of the rare birds called "a nice singer" in Mt. Kumgang-san



Mt. Kumgang-san in autumn



Part of Samsen-am Rocks of Mannulsang symbolic of three soldiers standing to guard the sacred waters of the East Sea of the fatherland, of their patriotic spirit to repulse foreign invasion



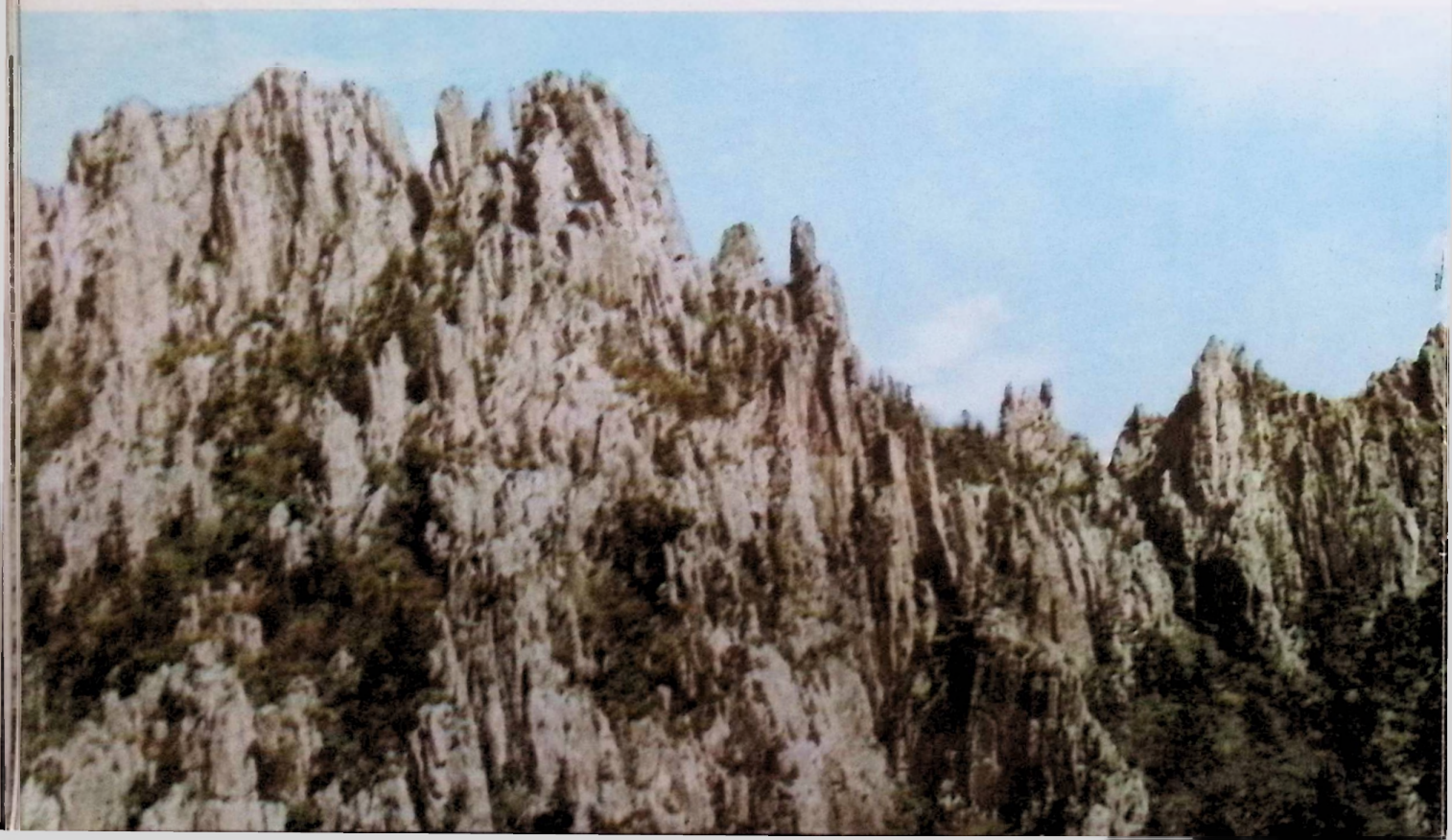
Singing of the socialist fatherland, farm girls from the Kumgang village, the "fairies" on the earth, are dancing in the valley of Okryudong (Stream of Jade). The legend says that in days gone by fairies came down from Heaven to enjoy dancing here



Viewing Manmulsang from the Chonson-dae Rock, working people enjoy the beauty of the country to their heart's content



A glorious view of Manmulsang—myriad-shaped rocks suggestive of the elaborate workmanship of scores of thousands of sculptors







The waterfalls of Mt. Kumgang-san are no less attractive than rich autumnal tints



The Pal-dam or Eight Ponds. The legend goes that eight fairies from Heaven bathed here



From the Piro-bong Peak, the highest peak of Mt. Kumgang-san, one can command a view of its 12,000 peaks

Vacationers on their way to Manmulsang





A rainbow over Mt. Kumgang-san

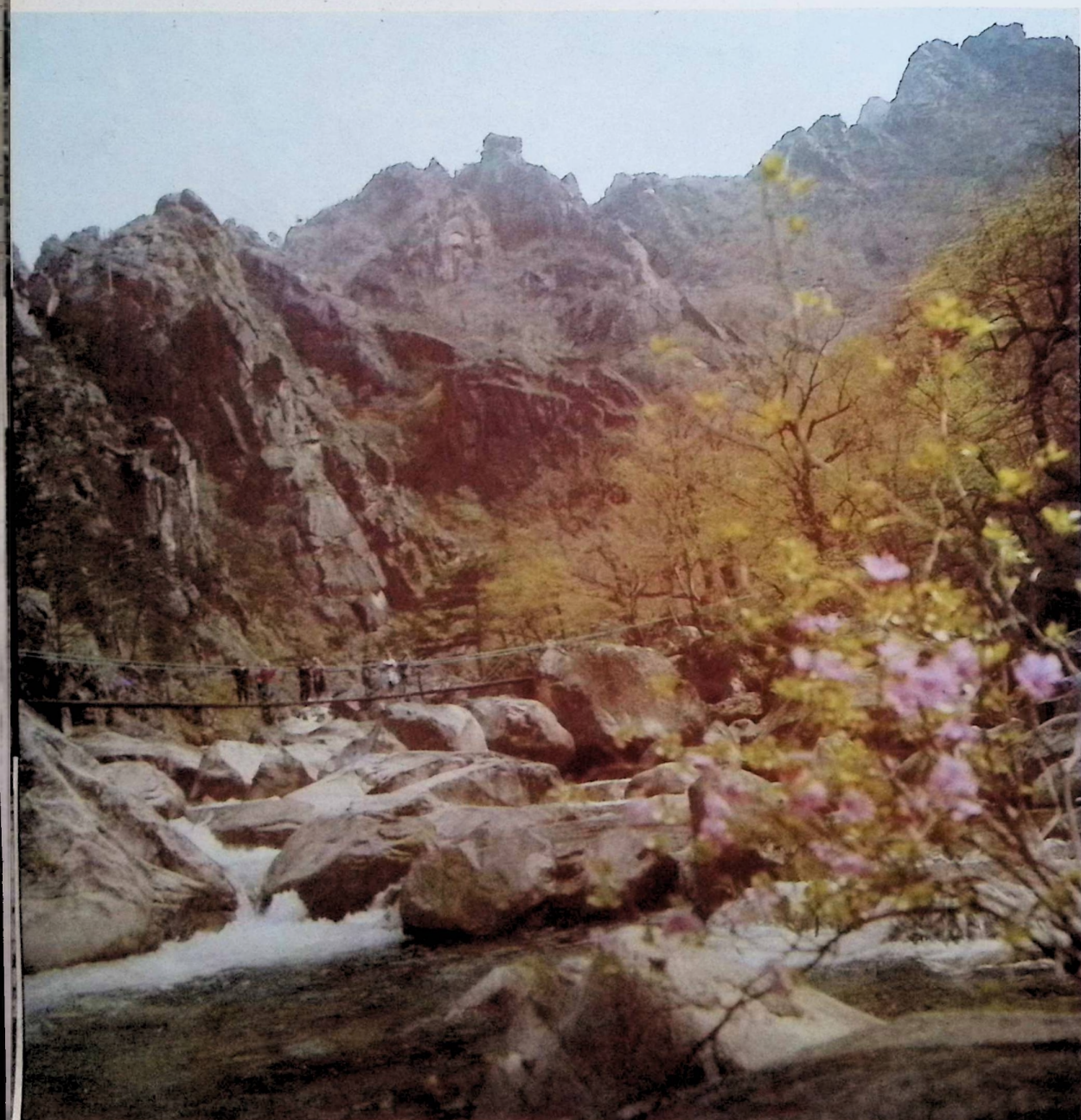
The famous "Kumgang Kuksu" (*Pentactina rupicola* Nak.), one of the five noted plants of our country



A part of inner Kungang



Holiday-makers on a suspension bridge

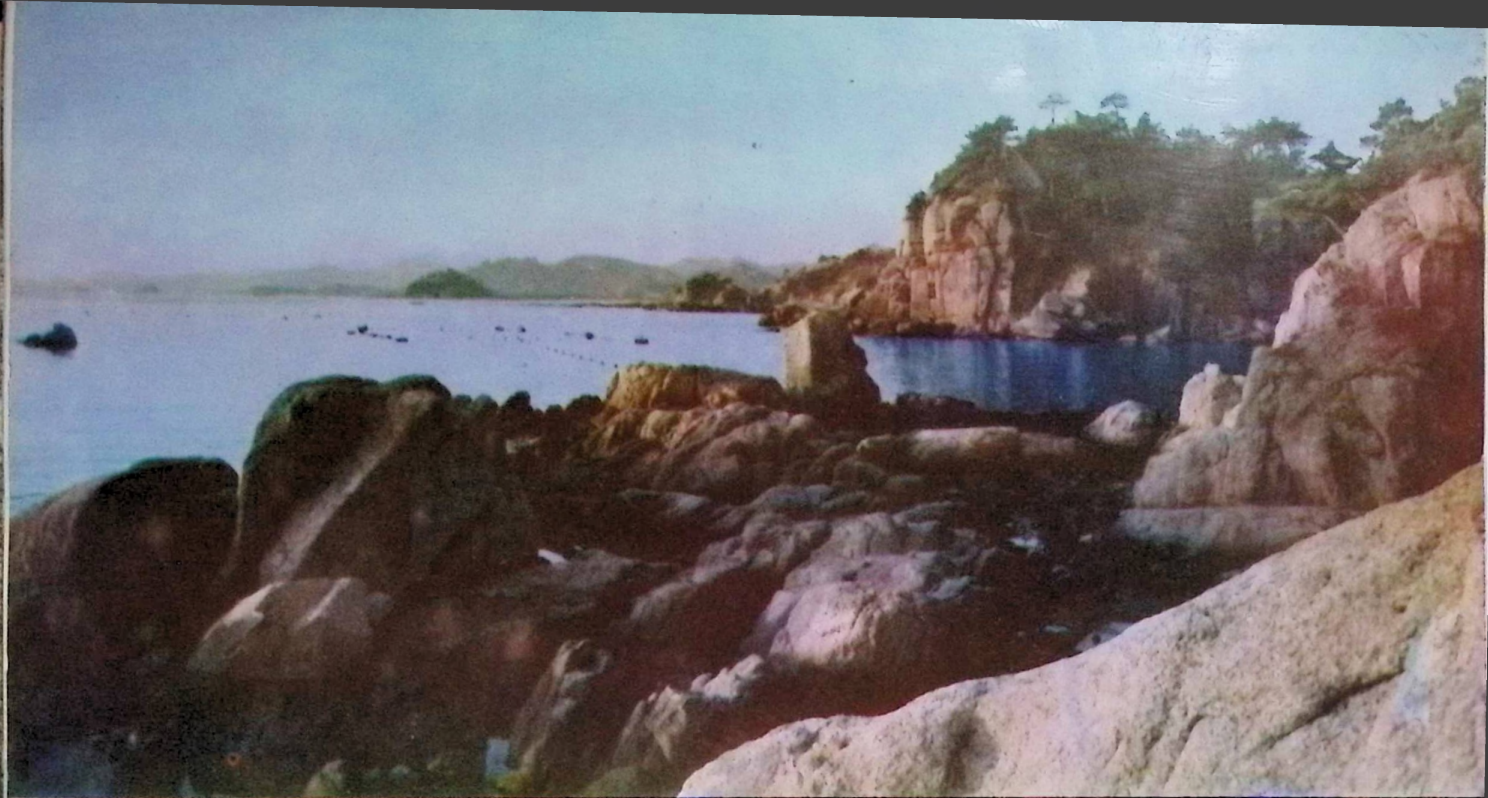




Foreign tourists visiting world-renowned Mt. Kumgang-san



Car service for vacationers



Part of Manmulsang on the sea

Working people enjoying recreation at Samil-po Inlet

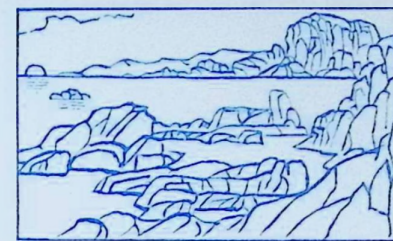




Vacationers are entranced at the beauty of Chongsokjong

Chongsokjong is called the gateway to Mt. Kumgang-san

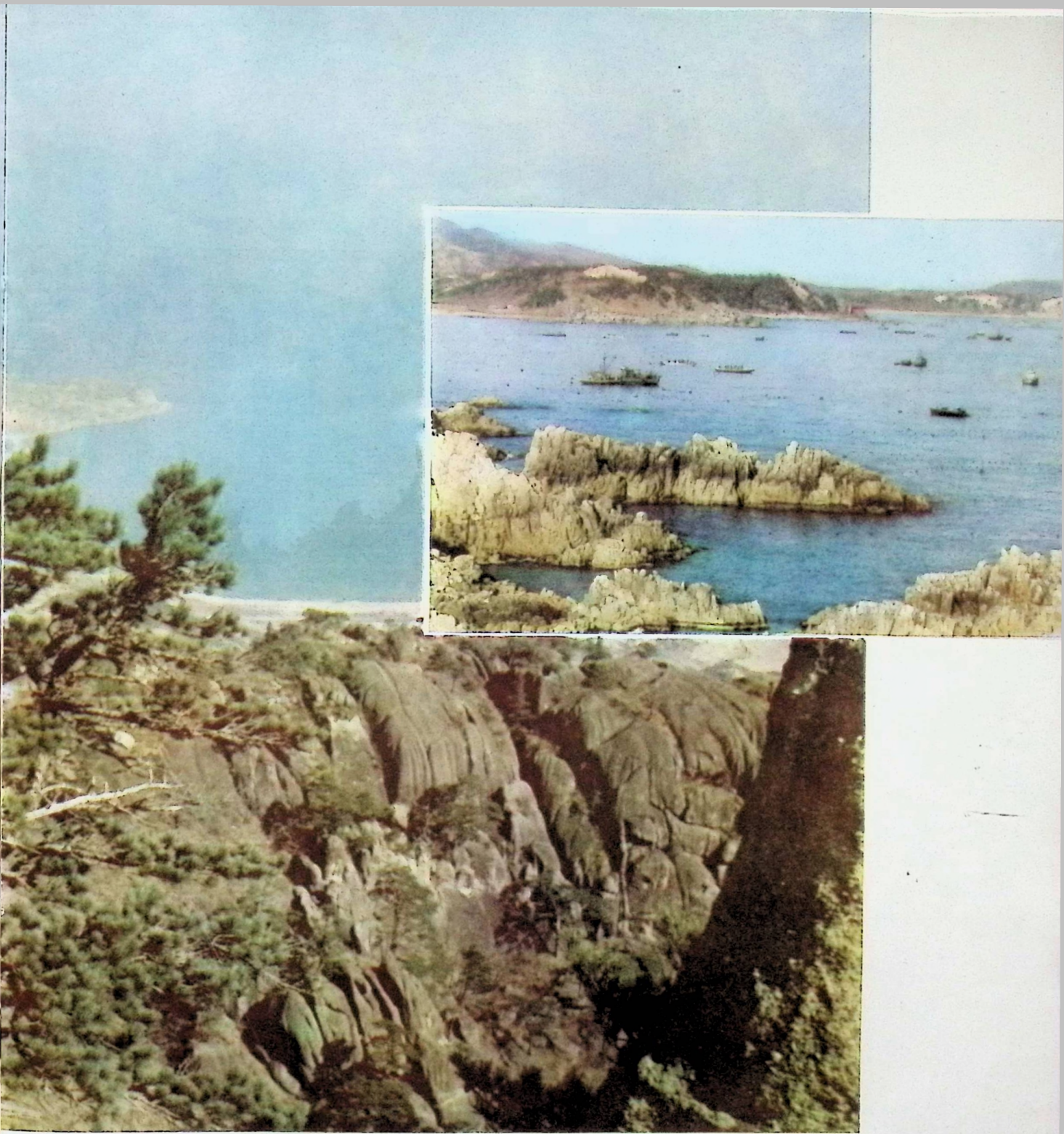
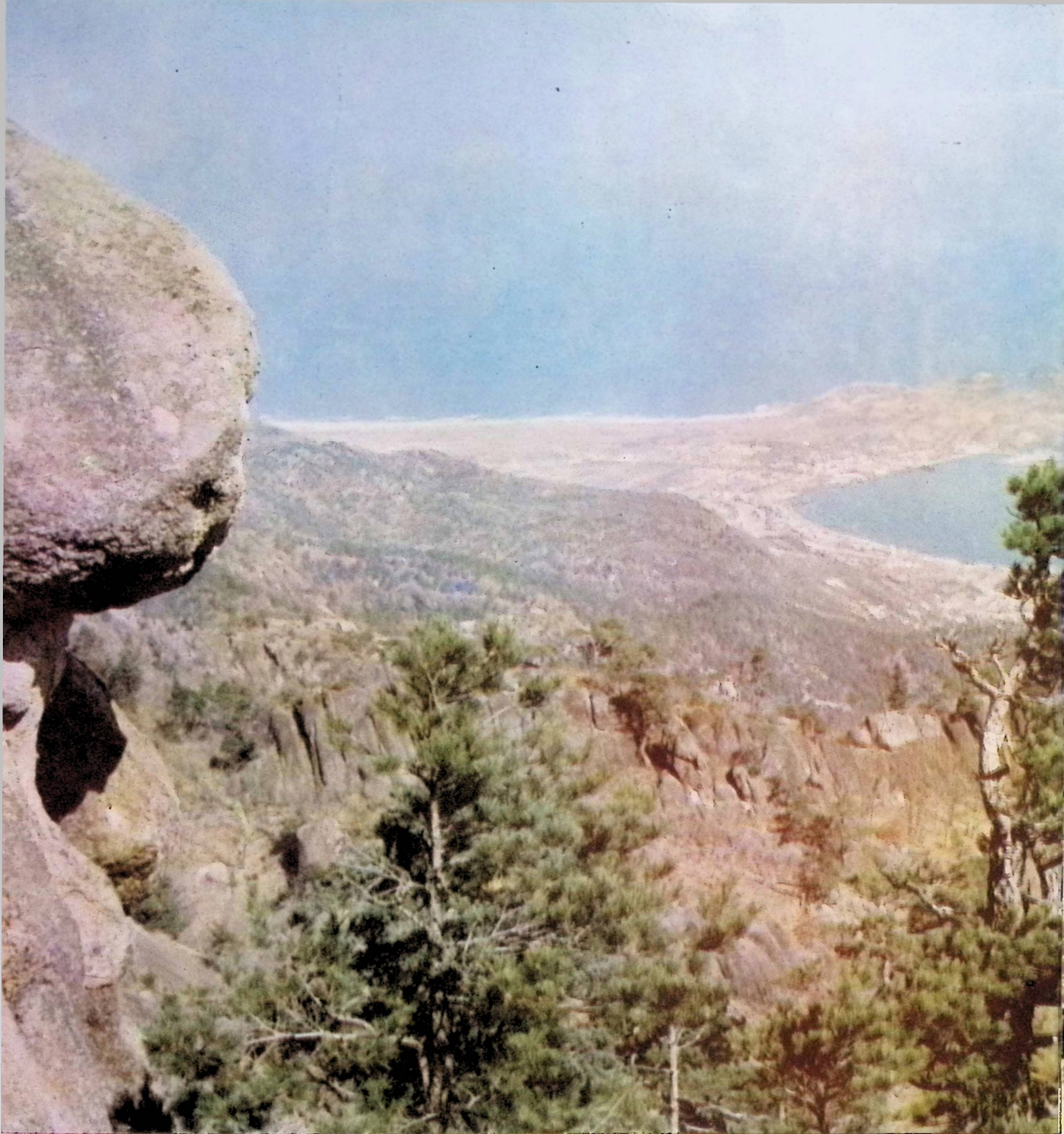




The East Sea

*The silk-embroidered land of 3,000 ri
Rich in natural resources.
People sing loudly of Chollima Korea,
The country of eternal youth,
With self-confidence and high pride
In their birth in this land,
In their construction of a prosperous —
country
Under the guidance of the great leader.*

**The fascinating sunrise
on the land of morning
calm**



The scenic sea off Mt. Kumgang-san teems with fish

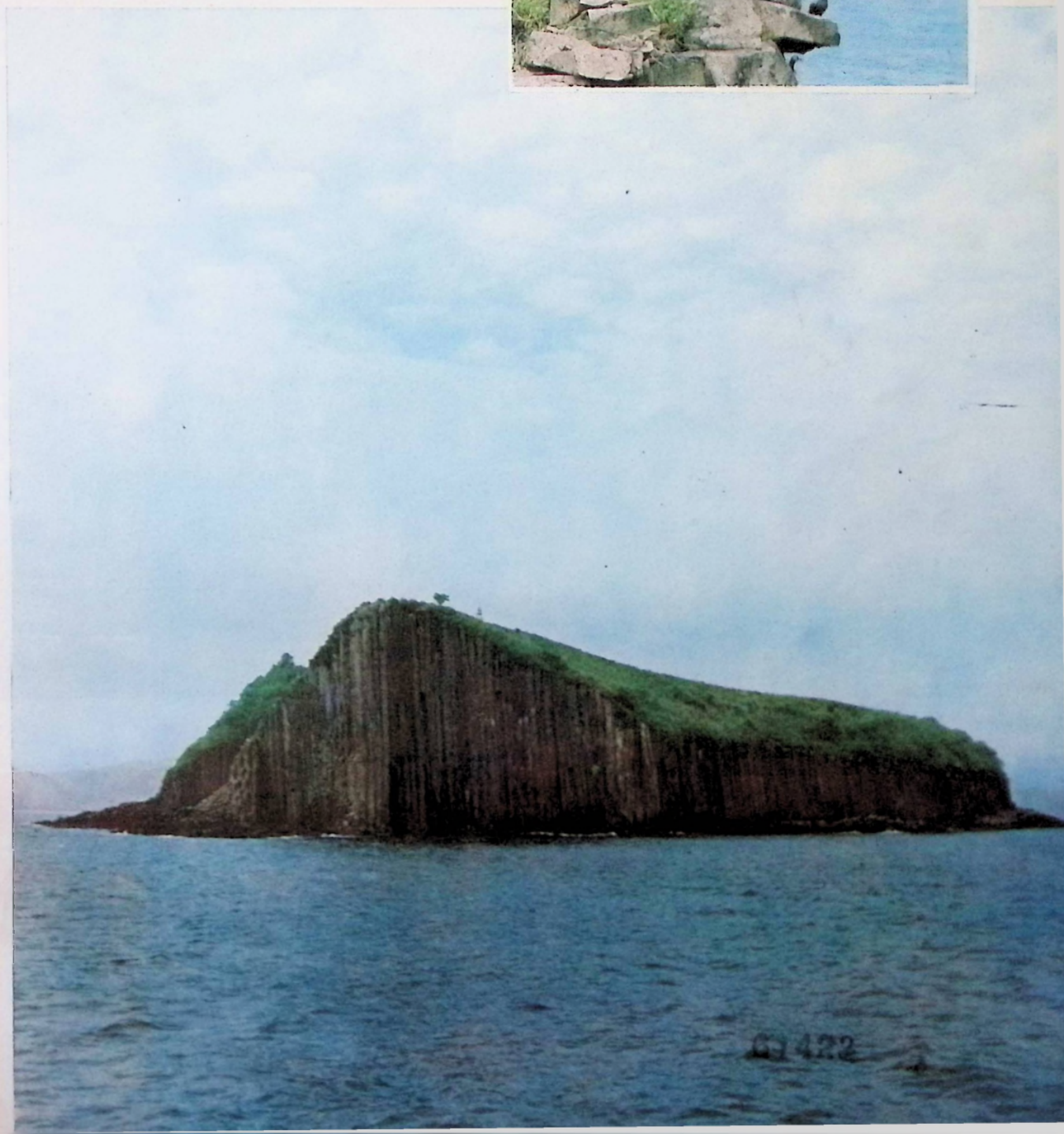
The lake brings joy to the breeders



Kalboji (Sooty guillemot) inhabiting
on the coast of the East Sea



The Island of Kuk-do floating on the sea



Yachting on the sea off Wonsan





Part of Wonsan, a large city for cultural recreation



Songdowon, a recreation ground distinguished for its wide sandy beach, grove of pine trees and red wild rose

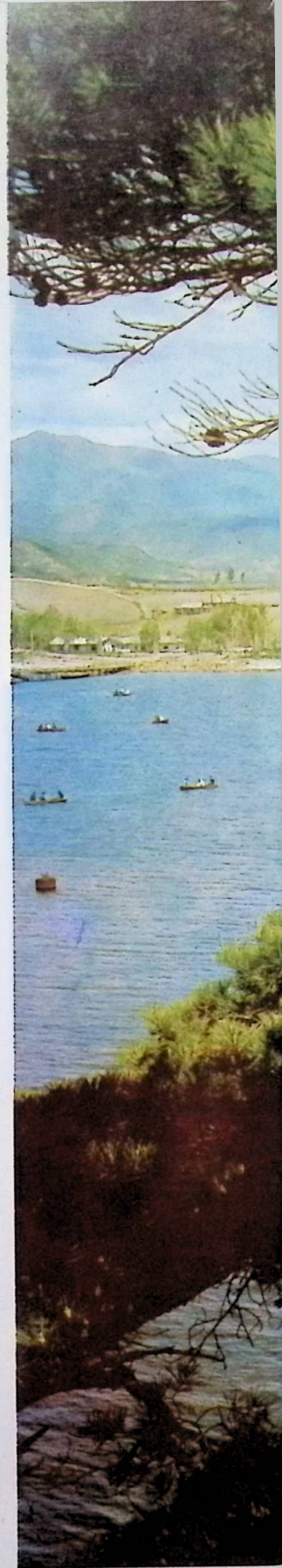
In Songdowon there are well-furnished rest-homes and public service establishments





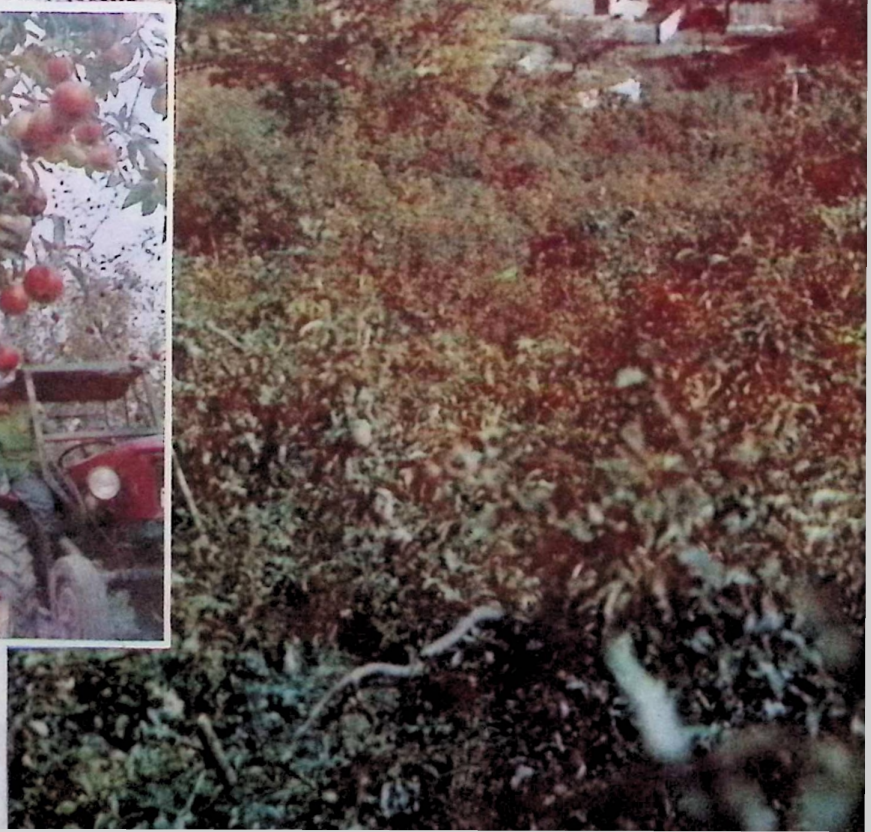
A morning in Hungnam, a large centre of the Juche-based chemical industry

In Korea health resorts and holiday homes provide free accommodation. Holiday homes for the working people are found in all scenic spots





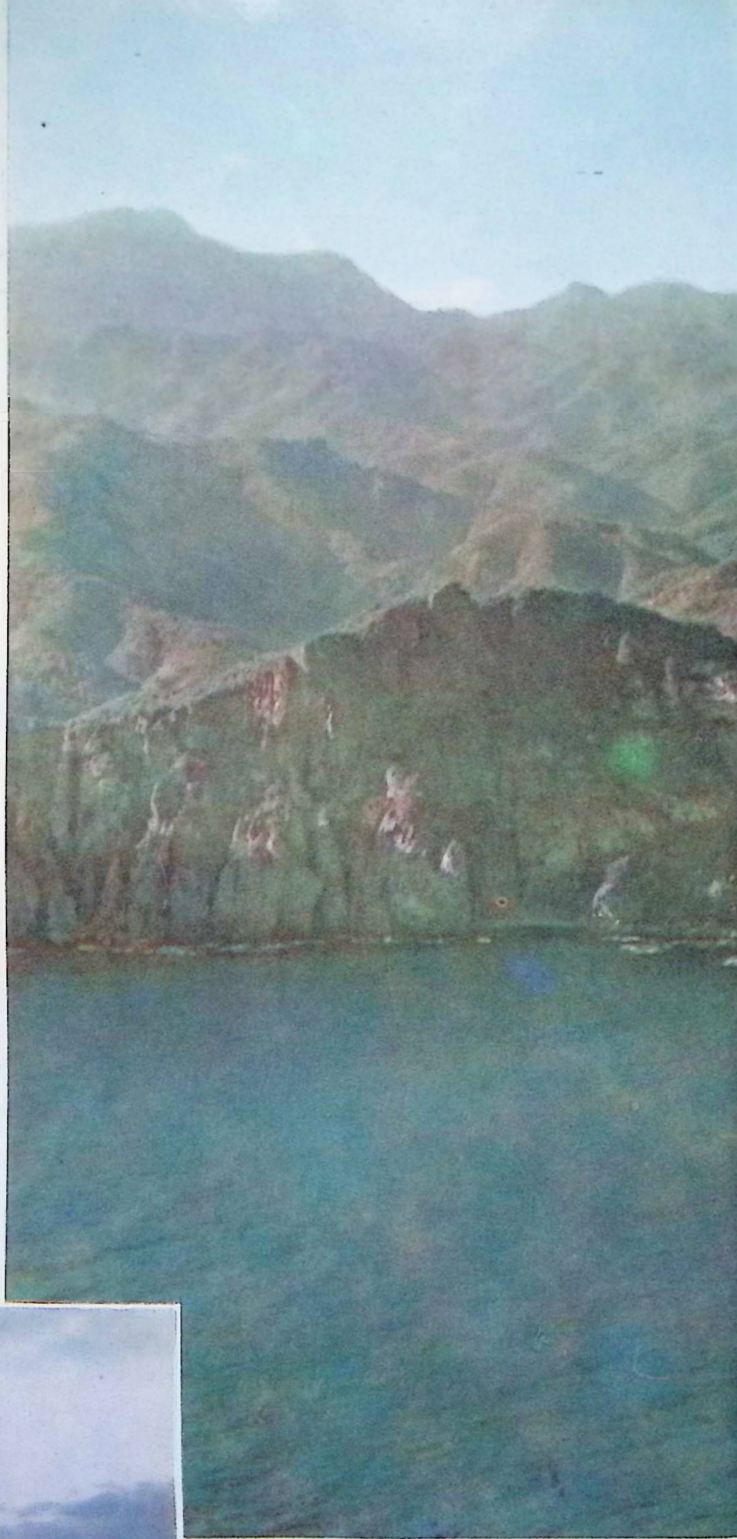
The historical land of Pukchong where the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung unfolded a blueprint for the conversion of all hills of the country into orchards



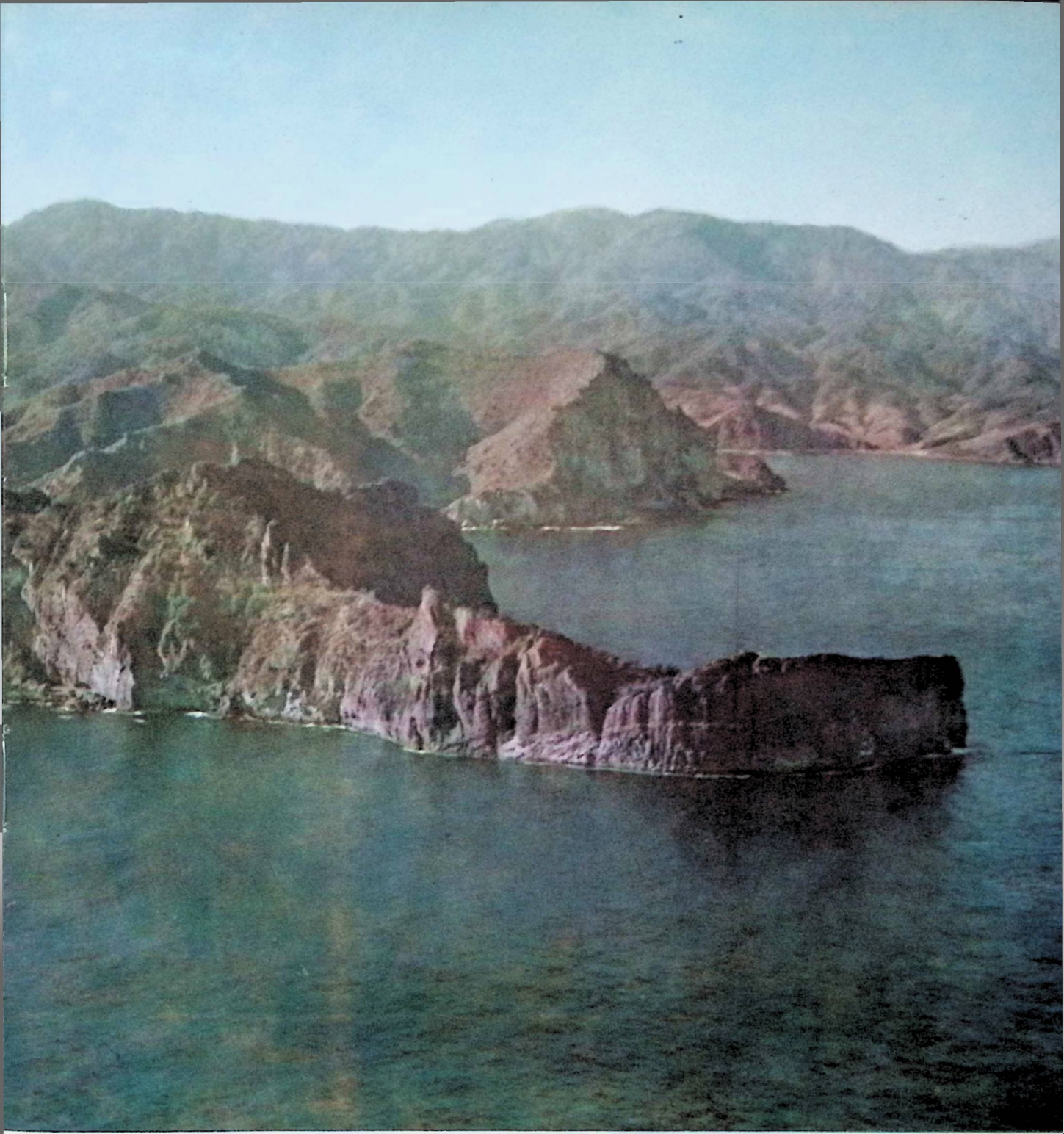




Mt. Chilbo-san



**Rainbow Rock at
Hae (sea)-Chilbo**



Mt. Chilbo-san. This mountain which commands a view of the blue waters of the East Sea is so picturesque that it is called the "Kumgang-san" of North Hamgyong Province, the northernmost province of this country

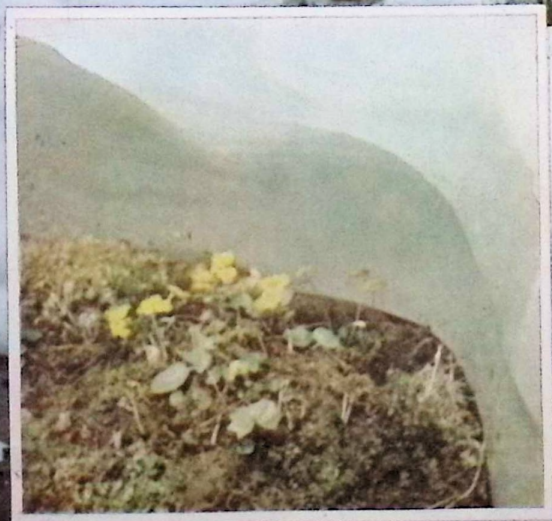
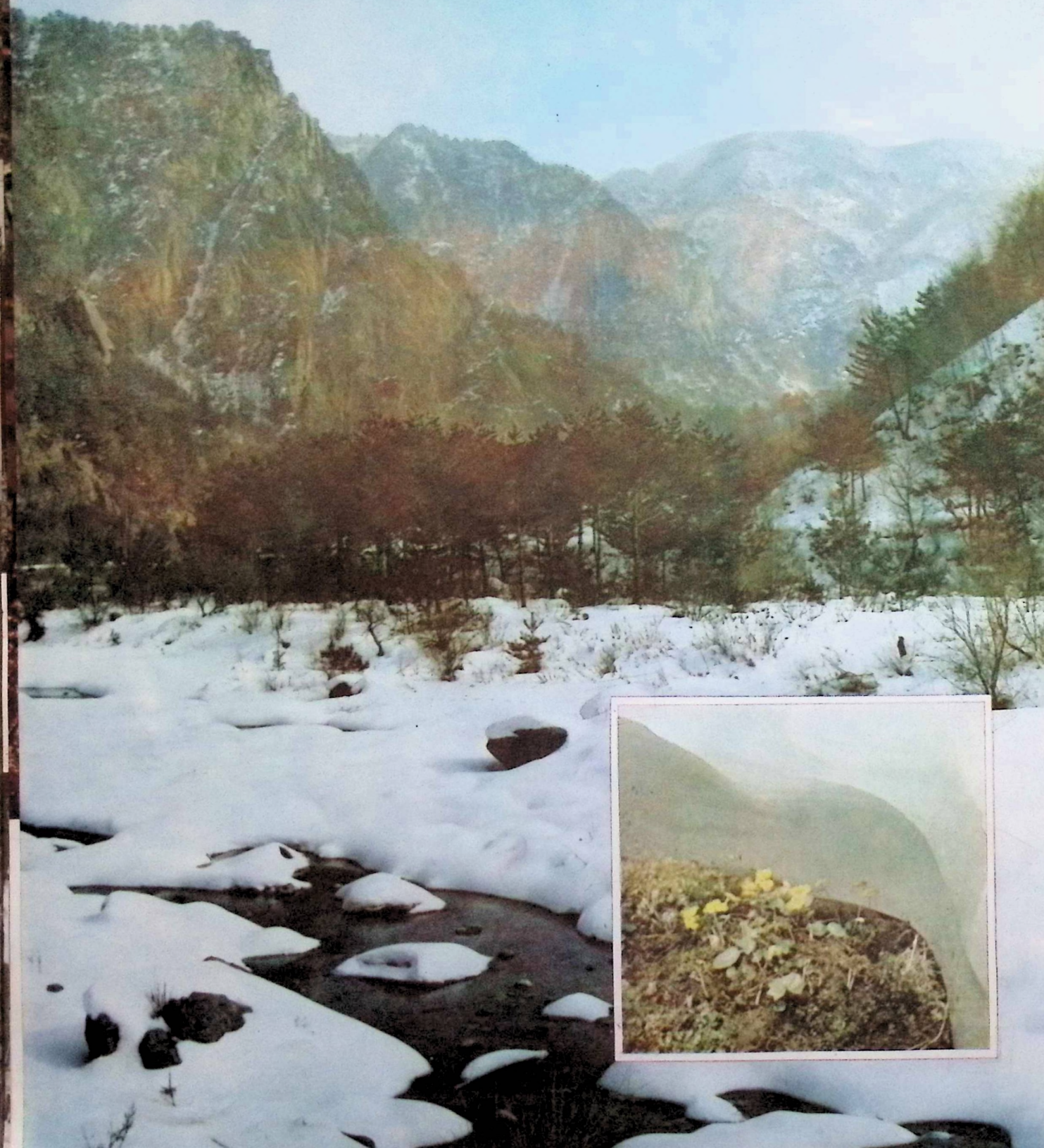


The Kungang-bong Peak presents the most beautiful scene in Mt. Chilbo-san

Mt. Chilbo-san in rich autumnal tints



Mt. Chilbo-san in winter





Chuul

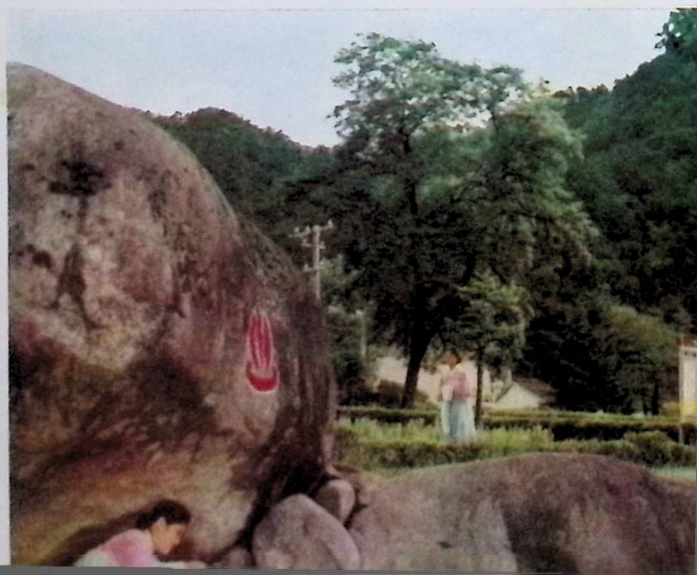


The Chuul Spa, one of the best in Korea which has a large number of hot springs

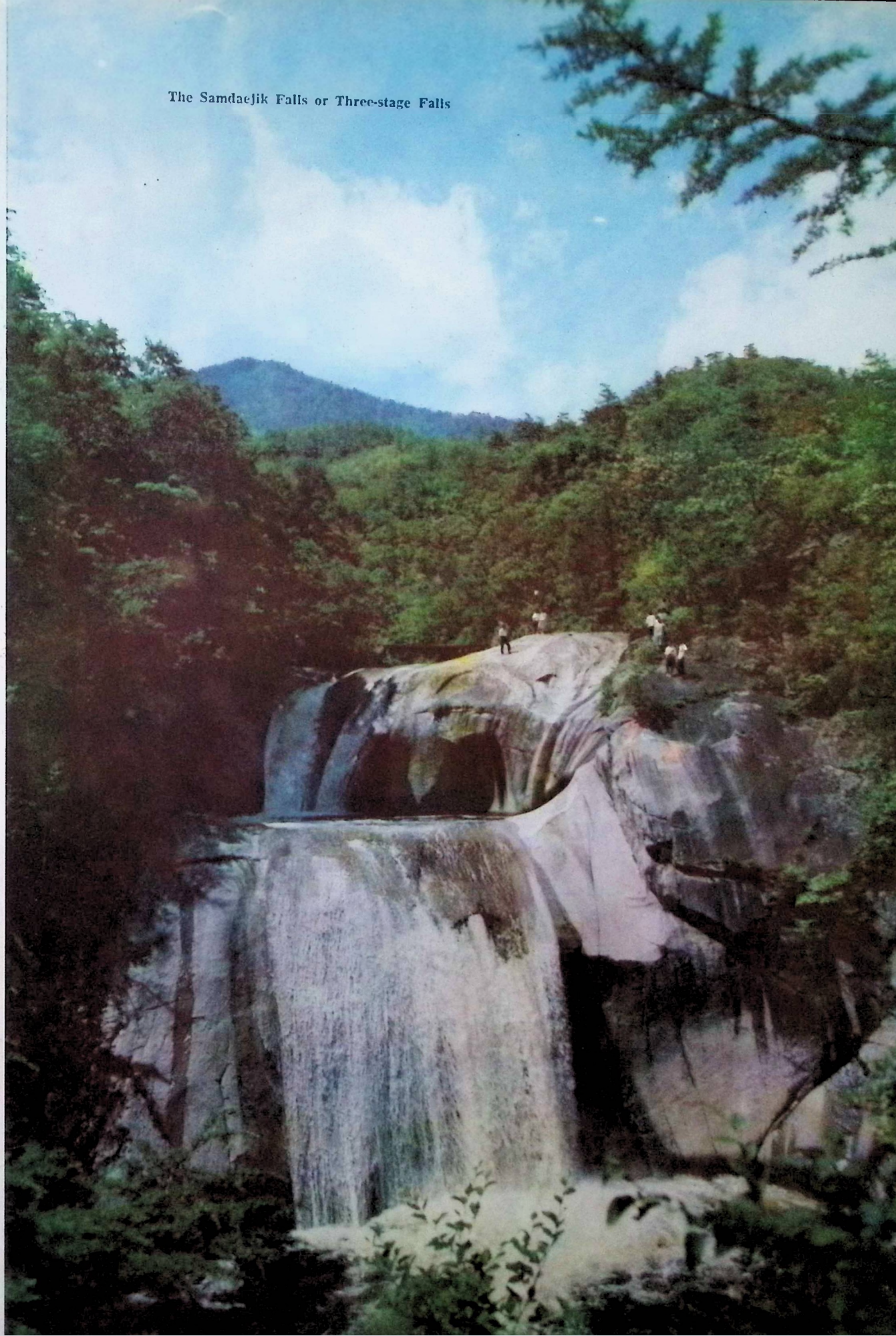




The Chuul Spa which was discovered more than 500 years ago is famous as the recreation ground and health resort for its scenic landscape and peculiar quality of mineral waters



The Samdaejik Falls or Three-stage Falls

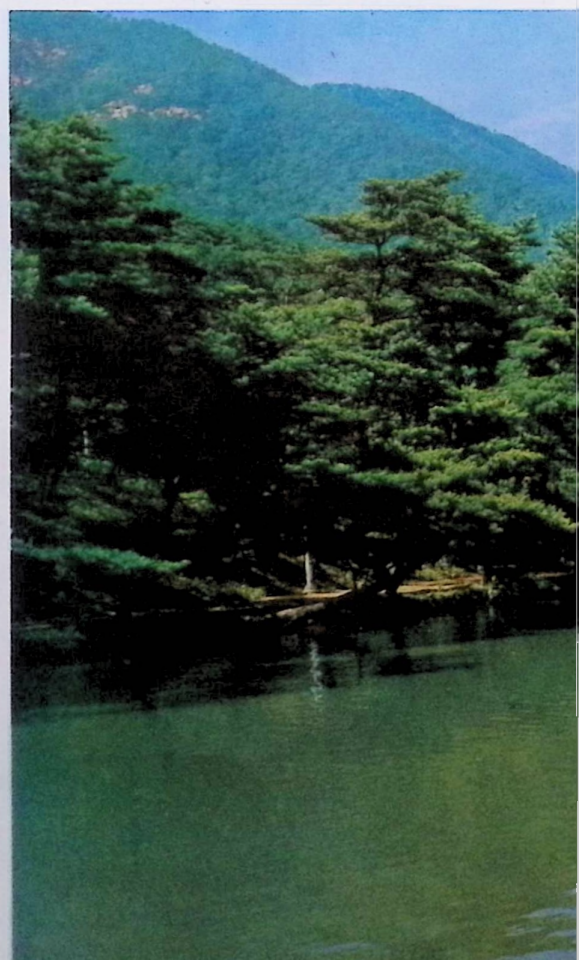
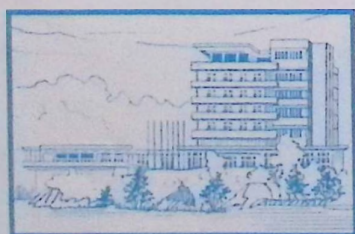




The man-made Lake Yonpung-ho provides working people with a good recreation ground

The Usanjang Rest-home

West Korea







Autumn visits Mt. Changsu-san which is called the "Kumgang-san" in Hwanghae Province

The Pagon Falls, one of Korea's three biggest falls whose waters do not dry up all the year round

Tristram's woodpecker, a useful bird preserved and propagated in Korea alone





The Central Camp of the Juvenile Corps
in Sogam





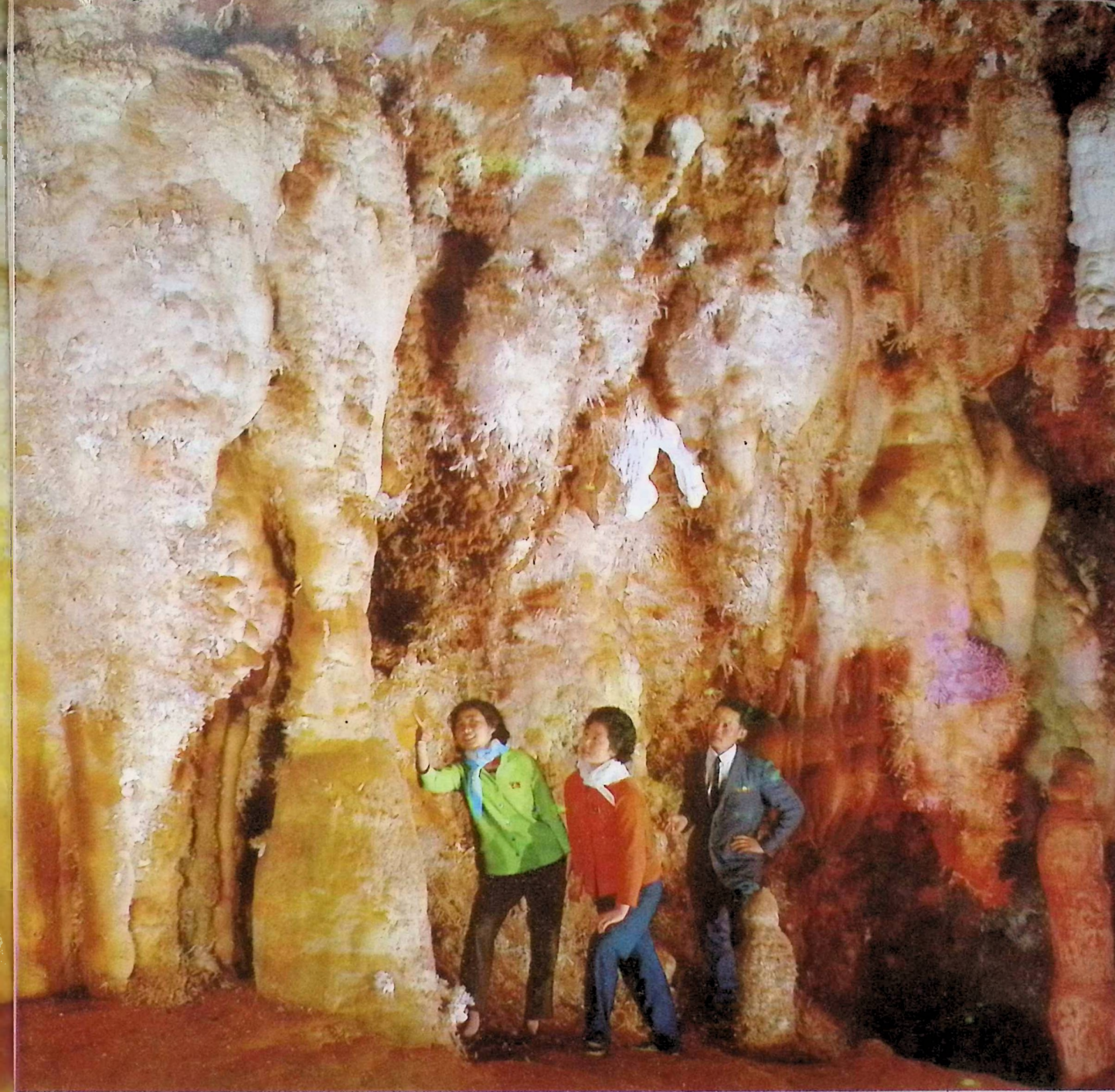
The Suyang Falls in Haeju

A joyous life at a camping ground

An elephant-shaped rock in the Kaecheon grotto, an underground palace, which is one of natural wonders

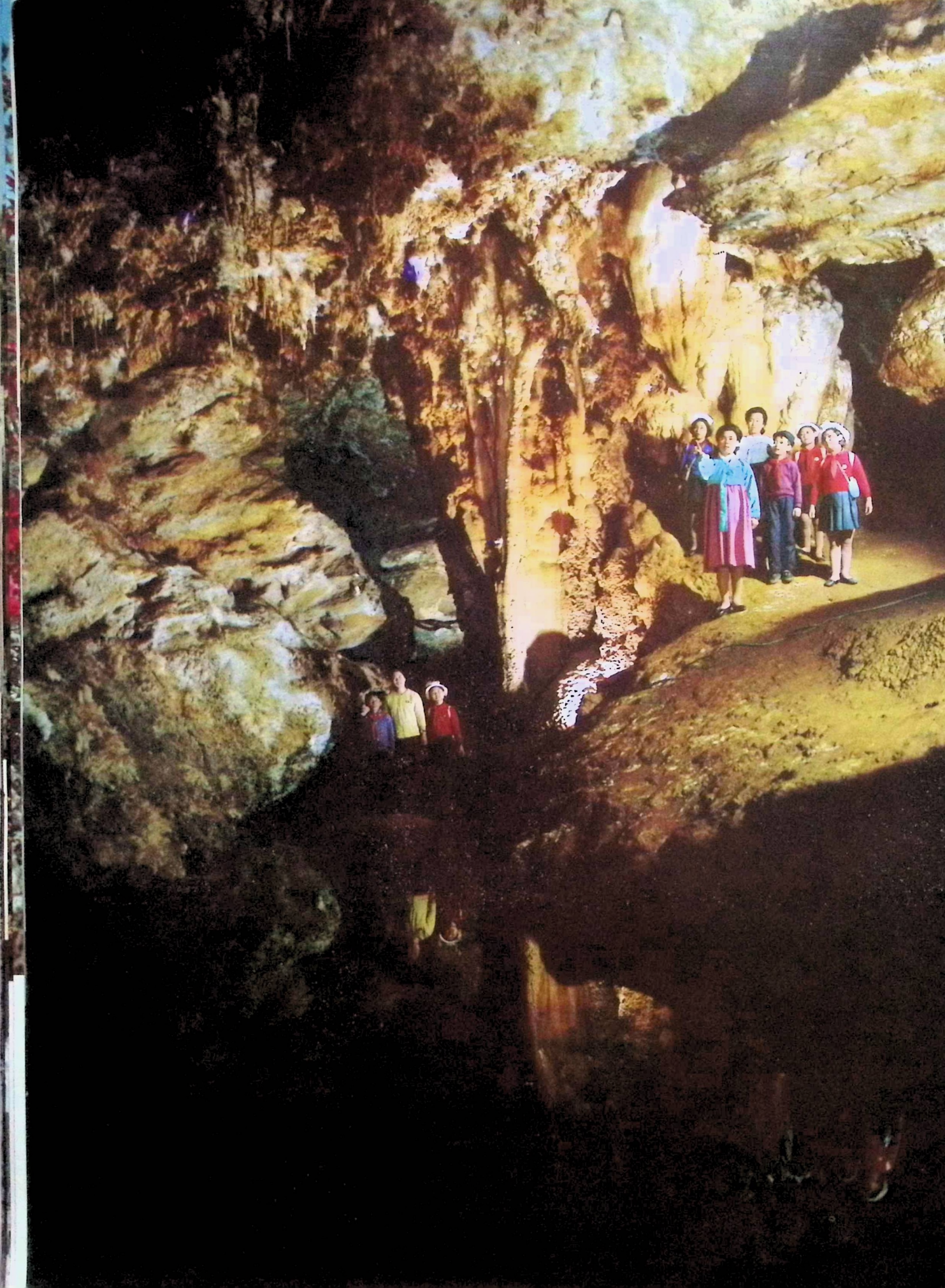


The more one looks at it, the more it looks mysterious



Stalactitic sprouts grow



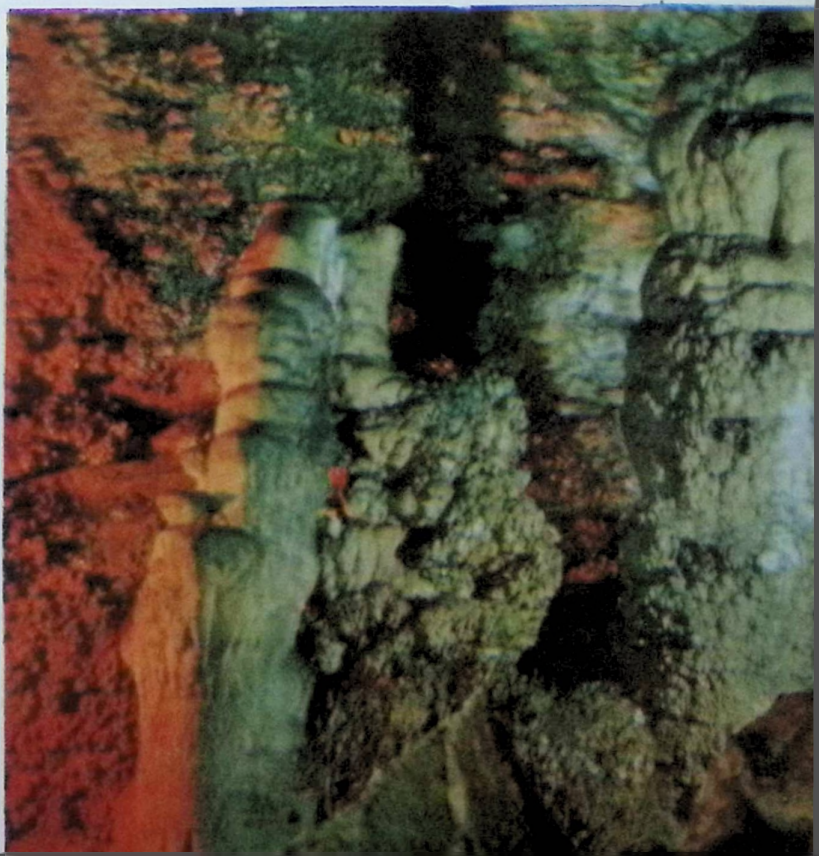




Multifarious stalactite shoots are as white as snow and glisten like diamonds

Part of the Paekryong cavern

By a lake in the Kaechon grotto





Charming scenery of Mt. Chonghang-san
on a balmy spring day



Egrets propagated in large numbers
in the region of western Korea

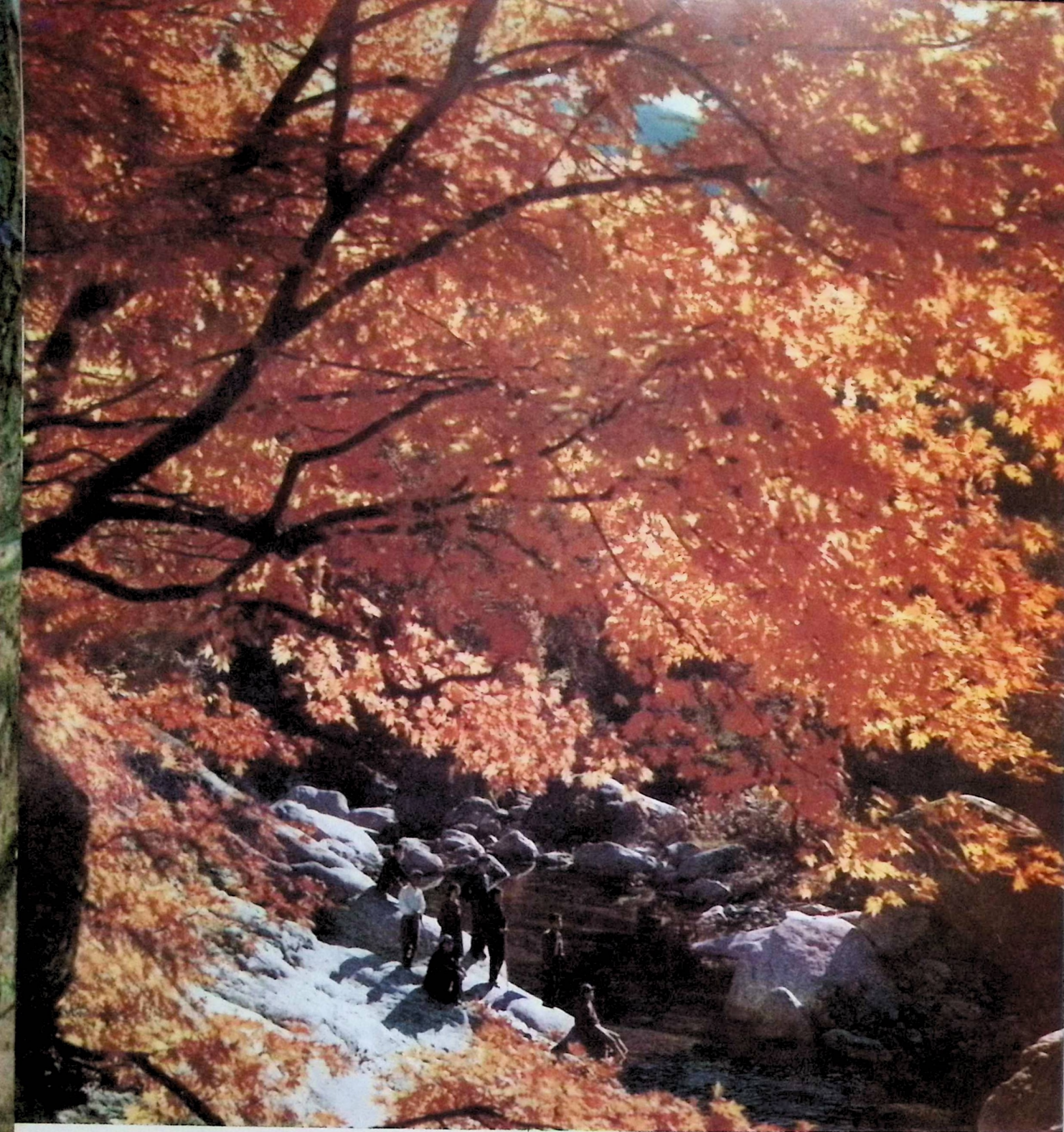
Yaksandongdae, a scenic spot noted for its red azaleas





Mt. Myohyang-san, along with Mts. Kumgang-san, Chiri-san and Kuwol-san, is one of Korea's four noted mountains. Its beauty compares quite well with that of Mt. Kumgang-san. The mountain, with its historic relics and spots telling of the long history and brilliant culture of this country, has many splendid stories about the courageous struggle of our people against foreign invaders

Mt. Myohyang-san



Foliage in autumn tints in Mt. Myohyang-san



The Pohyon-sa Temple (built in 1042) and its 13-storey stone pagoda are noted for their architecture and sculpture



The beautiful Hyangsan-chon rivulet

Mt. Myohyang-san presents beautiful sceneries all around but the scene of this Sangwon-am Rock is the best

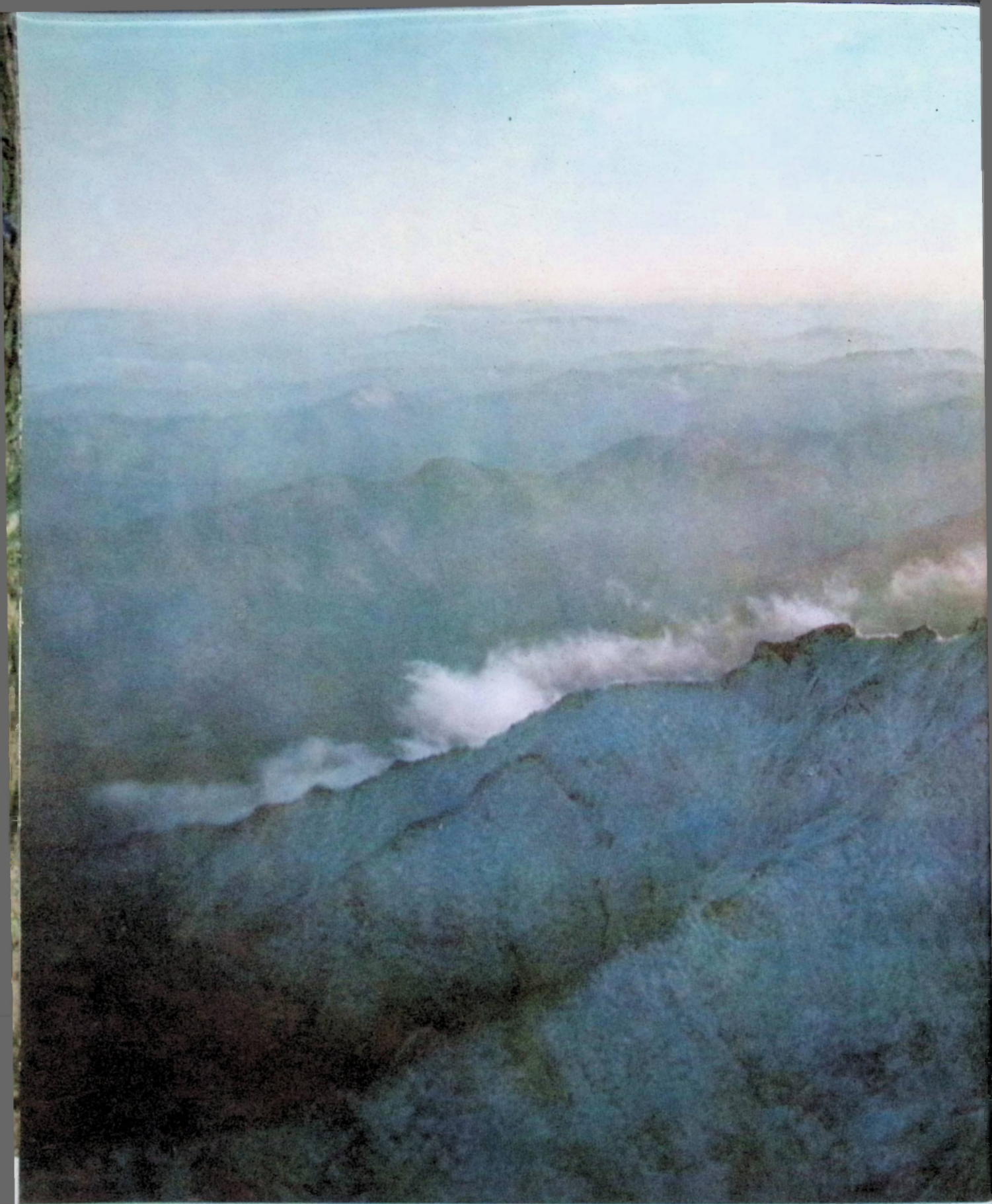


The Sanju Falls where waters fall down in the shape of myriads of gems

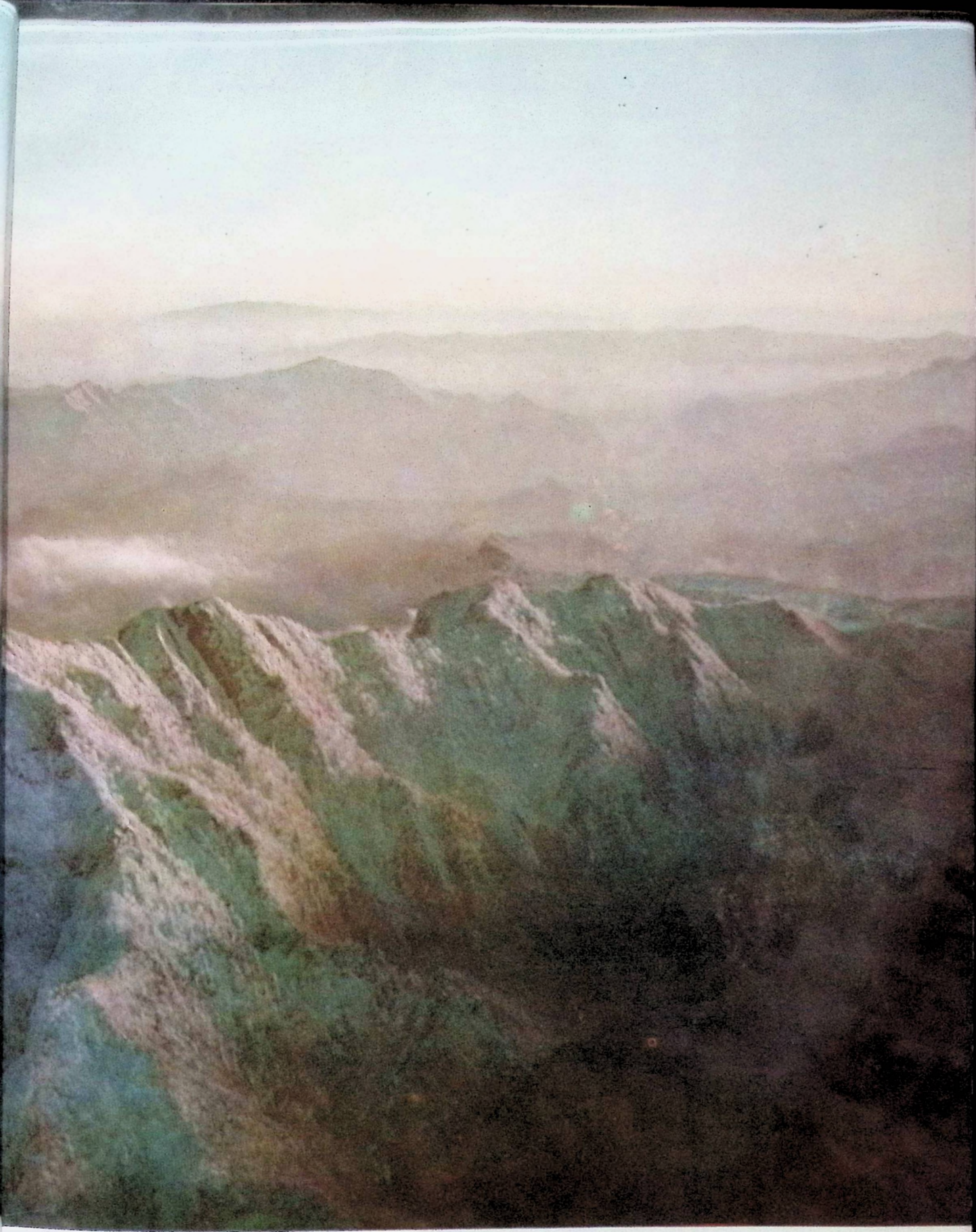
Flower beds in Mt. Myohyang-san

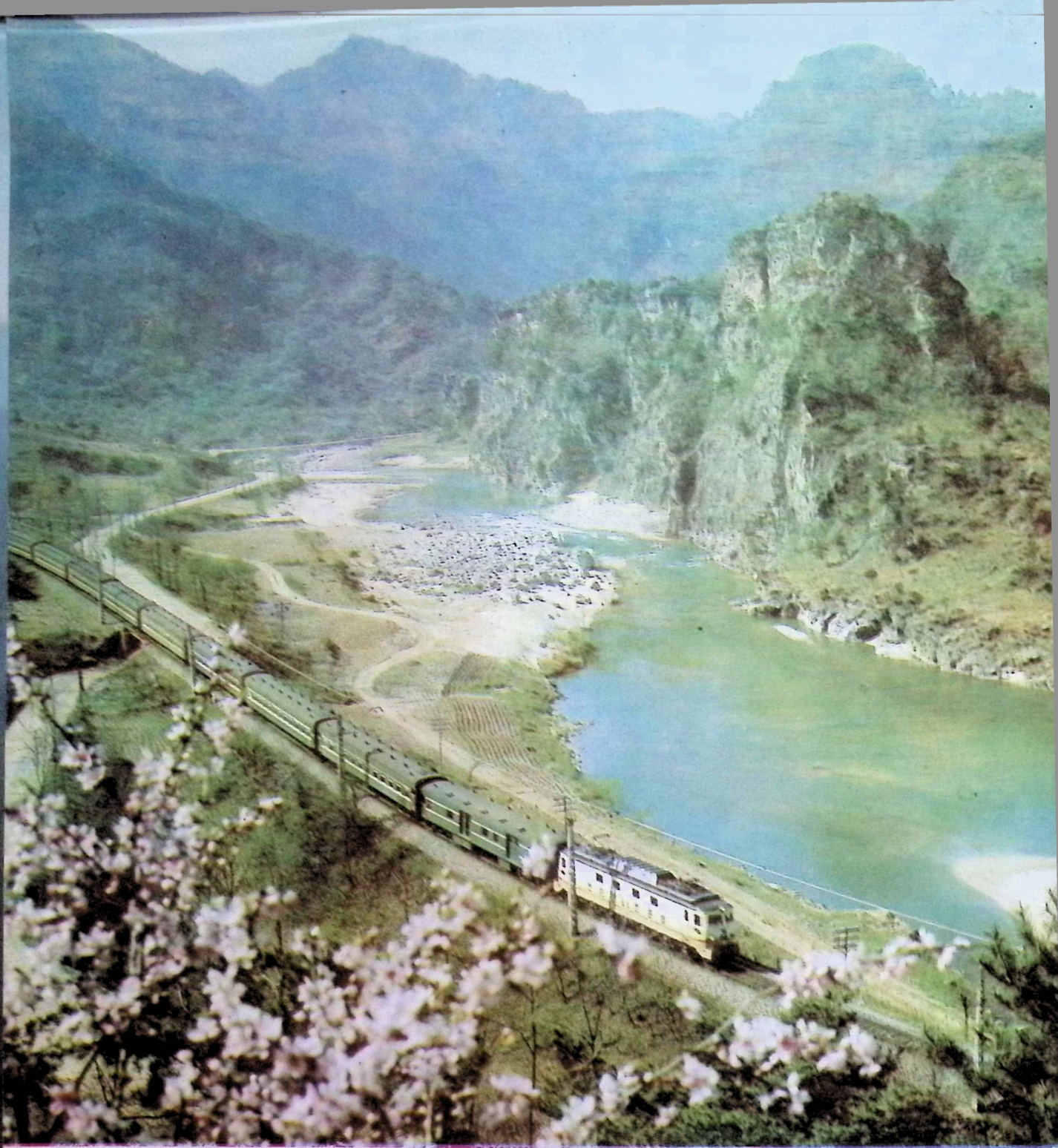






The evening glow over the gold-brocaded land of 3,000 ri, majestic and beautiful





An electric train runs on carrying with it the ardent aspiration of the entire nation for leading a happy life together in the silk-embroidered land of 3,000 ri, the people's paradise, under the wise guidance of the leader

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